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Academic Experience

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH

Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts, July 2008-present

Professor of Law, September 2005-present

Associate Professor of Law, August 2003-August 2005

Affiliate Professor, Department of Women's Studies, 2004-present

Courses taught: Contracts, Sales, Payment Systems, Critical Race Theory, Advanced Topics in Critical Race Theory (Economic Justice).

College and University Service: Co-Director (with Kristin Kalsem and Verna Williams), Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice (2009-present); Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee (2009-10, 2008-09, 2005-06); Committee on Committees (2009-10, 2007-08); Self-Study Committee (2009-10); Library Director Search Committee (2008); Faculty Development Committee (2008-09, 2007-08, 2006-07); Faculty Appointments Committee (2007-08, 2006-07 (Chair), 2004-05, 2003-04); Decanal Search Committee (2004-05); Decanal Review Committee (2004); Student Petitions and Scholastic Review Committee (2003-04); Department of Women's Studies, Graduate Admissions Committee (2004-06); Faculty Advisor, FREEDOM CENTER JOURNAL (2009-10, 2008-09, 2007-08, 2006-07); Faculty Advisor, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, (2009-10, 2007-08, 2006-07, 2005-06, 2004-05).

Honors and Awards: Nominee, 2010 Mrs. A.B. Dolly Cohen Award for Excellence in Teaching; Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching (2006).

Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2001-July 2003

Courses taught: Contracts I and II, Corporations, Race and Racism, and Gender and the Law.

College and University Service: Faculty Appointments Committee (2002-03, 2001-02); Faculty Development Committee (2002-03, 2001-02, 2000-01).

Honors and Awards: Black Law Students Association "Keeper of the Dream" Award (2003).

Education

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

J.D., May 1996. *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*, Founding Member and Article Editor, 1994-96; Graduate Student Instructor in Women's Studies, 1994-96; Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, 1993-96; Graduate Employees Organization, 1994-96

Brown University, Providence, RI

A.B., *magna cum laude*, in American Civilization, May 1993.

Scholarly Publications

Cracking the Egg: Which Came First – Stigma or Affirmative Action?, 96 CAL. L. REV. 1299 (2008) (with Angela Onwuachi-Willig and Mary Campbell).

Toward Praxis, 39 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 905 (2006) (symposium).

Still, at the Margins, 40 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 481 (2006) (book review).

Critical Race Realism: Re-Claiming the Antidiscrimination Principle through the Doctrine of Good Faith in Contract Law, 66 U. PITT. L. REV. 455 (2005).

The Doctrine of Good Faith in Contract Law: A (Nearly) Empty Vessel?, 2005 UTAH L. REV. 1.

Critical Interventions: Toward an Expansive Equality Approach to the Doctrine of Good Faith and Fair Dealing in Contract Law, 88 CORNELL L. REV. 1025 (2003).

Living "Off-Stage": The Semiotic Potential of Narrative in Paula Johnson's Inner Lives: Voices of African American Women in Prison, 16 INT'L J. FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW 317 (book review) (2003).

Works in Progress

'A Redemptive Theory of Contract Law'

'A Study of Payday Lender Customers: From the Ground Up'

'Action Research and Legal Scholarship'

Service Publications

Symposium: From Proposition 209 to Proposal 2: Examining the Effects of Anti-Affirmative Action Voter Initiatives – Panel: Ending Affirmative Action, 13 MICH. J. RACE & L. 461 (2008) (with Matthew Fletcher, Martha Kim, and Mark Rosenbaum).

"Rejoice and Refuel: Reflections on *Grutter*," SALT Equalizer 7 (August 2003).

Presentations, Conferences, Meetings, and Symposia

Panelist, "Race and First-Year Courses: Contracts, Torts, and Civil Procedure," at the Association of American Law Schools 2010 Mid-Year Meeting, Workshop on "post Racial" Civil Rights Law, Politics, and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama, New York, NY, June 8-10, 2010.

Presentation, "Action Research and Legal Scholarship," The Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, May 3, 2010.

Panelist, "Intersectionality in Action," Intersectionality: Challenging Theory, Reframing Politics, Transforming Movements, Fourth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, March 11-13, 2010.

Panelist, "Breaking Into Academia," Seventh Annual LatCrit-SALT Junior Faculty Development Workshop, American University - Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, October 1-2, 2009.

Presentation, "Contracting Identities: The Antisubordinating Potential of Contract Law," CRT Workshop Series, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, April 15, 2009.

Panelist, "Reflections on CRT: Comments on *A Critique of 'Our Constitution is Color-Blind'* by Neil Gotanda," Conference: CRT 20, The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, April 2-4, 2009.

Presentation, "Contracting Identities: The Antisubordinating Potential of Contract Law," Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA, March 24, 2008.

Panelist, "Ending Affirmative Action," Symposium: From Proposition 209 to Proposal 2: Examining the Effects of Anti-Affirmative Action Voter Initiatives, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, February 9, 2008.

Panelist, "Beyond the Program at the Annual Meeting: Other Functions and Roles for AALS Sections," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2-6, 2008.

Panelist, "'In the Name of Love': What Does Martin Luther King Mean on the 40th Anniversary of His Assassination?," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2-6, 2008.

Moderator, "Law and Order: SVU - Sexuality, Videos and You," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2-6, 2008.

Moderator, "Raising Historical Consciousness," Symposium: Reconstructions: Historical Consciousness and Critical Transformation, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH, October 26, 2007.

Panelist, "On Scholarship: What to Write, How to Finish," Fifth Annual LatCrit-SALT Faculty Development Workshop, Miami, FL, October 4-5, 2007.

Presentation, "The Antidiscriminatory Impulse of Contract Law," University of Iowa College of Law, March 23, 2007.

Presentation, "The Antidiscriminatory Impulse of Contract Law," Suffolk University Law School, March 9, 2007.

Presentation, "The Antidiscriminatory Impulse of Contract Law," University of Pittsburgh School of Law, February 8, 2007.

Panelist, "Racial Triangulation and Identity Performance," Conference: Makeup, Identity Performance, and Discrimination, Duke Law School, Durham, NC, October 20, 2006.

Panelist, "Contract Law as a Source of Antidiscrimination Law," Conference: Economic and Social Inequality, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, March 24, 2006 (co-sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center and The Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School).

Presentation, "Why Bargaining Matters in Identity Matters: A Critical Race Approach to Contract Law," Conference: Power, Inequality and the Bargain – the Role of Bargaining Power in the Law of Contract, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, March 31, 2006.

Chair and Moderator, "Bringing Interdisciplinary Work to the Classroom," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3-7, 2006.

Panelist, "Surviving and Thriving Tenure: Concrete Steps for People of Color and Their Law Schools to Take to Successfully Complete the Tenure Process," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3-7, 2006.

Panelist, "Cross-Examining Law's Boundaries: An Interdisciplinary Exploration," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 5-8, 2005.

Panelist, "Pedagogy, Theories, and Perspectives," 11th Annual Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, September 24-25, 2004.

Commentator/Reviewer, "Author Meets Reader": ROBIN PAUL MALLOY, LAW IN A MARKET CONTEXT: AN INTRODUCTION TO MARKET CONCEPTS IN LEGAL REASONING (Cambridge University Press 2004), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 27-30, 2004.

Chair and Panelist, "Deconstructing the 'Image Repertoire' of Women of Color in the Law," Ninth Annual Latina/o Critical Race Theory Conference, Villanova Law School, Malvern, PA, April 29-May 1, 2004.

Presentation, 'The Implied Obligation of Good Faith in Contract Law: An Empty Vessel?,' St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, MO, February 11, 2004.

Presentation, "The False Dichotomy of the Justice and Economic Approaches to Contractual Good Faith," DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL, October 20, 2003; 10th Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Boston College Law School, Newton, MA, October 17-18, 2003.

Panelist, "Critical Feminist Theory and the Place of Objectivity in the Law," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, June 5-8, 2003.

Moderator, "Culture, Subordination, Resistance: Arts and Literature in LatCrit Theory," Eighth Annual Latina/o Critical Race Theory Conference, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, OH, May 1-4, 2003.

Chair, Discussant, and Panelist, "Antiessentialism and Affirmative Action," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, March 6-9, 2003.

Chair and Panelist, "Invisible Women: Identity and Meaning in Poverty Law," Law and Society Association and Canadian Law and Society Association Joint Meetings, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 30-June 1, 2002.

Panelist, "Antiessentialism in Affirmative Action Discourse," Seventh Annual Latina/o Critical Race Theory Conference, University of Oregon Law School, Portland, OR, May 2-5, 2002.

Moderator and Panelist, "Affirmative Action: Legal or Illegal? Good or Bad?," Cincinnati Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program, Cincinnati, OH, November 1, 2001.

Moderator, "The Arguments Developed by the Student Intervenor Defendants in *Grutter*," Beyond *Bakke*: Integration as a Compelling State Interest: A Conference on Affirmative Action in Legal Education & the Case Against the University of Michigan Law School, University of Cincinnati College of Law (sponsored by Society of American Law Teachers and Clinical Legal Education Association), Cincinnati, OH, October 6, 2001.

Panelist, "Screening Contracts Through Law and Market Economy and Critical Race Theories," Southwest/Southeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR, June 7-9, 2001.

Panelist, "Putting an End to Discriminatory Contracting Through the Implied Obligation of Good Faith: Applying Malloy's 'Law and Market Economy' Theory to Contract Law," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 8-11, 2001.

Professional Affiliations and Admissions

Law and Society Association – 2011 Program Committee

Association of American Law Schools Section on Law and the Humanities – Chair (2007), Annual Conference Program Chair (2005)

Association of American Law Schools Section on Minority Law Professors

Society of American Law Teachers – Board of Governors (2003-06), Secretary (2004-06)

State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Illinois

Eastern District of Michigan

Northern District of Illinois

Judicial Clerkship and Practice Experience

Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan

Law Clerk, 1996-1998

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, MI

Associate in Commercial Litigation, 1999-2000

Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Staff Attorney, 1998-1999

Other Teaching Experience

Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Student Instructor, September 1994-May 1996

Taught (lecture and discussion group) intermediate level undergraduate course, "Women and the Law." Developed syllabus and reading materials covering topics including, but not limited to: constitutional law (fourteenth amendment), Title VII and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, feminist legal theory, family law, domestic violence, reproductive rights, welfare law, immigrant and refugee law, women in prison, and sexuality and the law.