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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, **Harvard University** 2017 – present

J.D., **Yale Law School** 2015

Activities: *Yale Journal on Regulation*, Senior Editor; *Yale Human Rights & Development Journal*, Editor

B.A., Economics (*with Honors*), **Stanford University** 2007

Thesis: *Degrees of Separation: An Alternative Cause of Discrimination*

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate at Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University 2019 – present

Senior Resident Tutor at Leverett House, Harvard College 2019 – present

▪ (*Resident Tutor at Leverett House, 2018 – 2019*)

Mentee in Pipeline Mentoring Program, American Economic Association 2017 – present

POLICY EXPERIENCE

♦ LOCAL POLICY:

Chicago Public Schools 2014

Education Pioneers Fellow (Developed first district-wide College Persistence Toolkit)

Chicago Public Schools 2009 – 2010

Project Manager, “Culture of Calm” (Violence Prevention Initiative)

▪ *The New York Times* profile ([link](#)); NPR story ([link](#))

♦ U.S. POLICY:

NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (LDF) 2012

Legal Intern (Washington, D.C.)

Capitol Hill, Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin 2009

Appropriations Subcommittee Intern (Washington, D.C.)

♦ INTERNATIONAL POLICY:

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 2016 – 2017

Tom & Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellow (Washington, D.C.)

▪ Yale Law School profile ([link](#))

Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School 2014 – 2015
Team Member (New Haven, CT)

- Amicus brief ([link](#))

European Court of Human Rights 2012
Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellow (Strasbourg, France)

Peking University (北京大学) 2006
Exchange Student (Beijing, China)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP 2015 – 2016
Attorney (London, United Kingdom)

McKinsey & Company 2007 – 2009
Management & Strategy Consultant (Chicago, IL)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Voting Matters: The Impact of Elections on Prosecutorial Discretion.” *Manuscript in preparation*

“Compelling Interest in Diversity: Social Networks as a Driver of Discrimination.” *Manuscript in preparation*

“No More Misbehaving: Optimizing School Choice Mechanisms for Behavioral Agents.” (with Duarte Gonzalez, R.; Macke, J.) *Manuscript in preparation*

“Returning to Eden: Toward a Faith-Based Framing of the Environmental Movement.” *Villanova Environmental Law Journal*. 26 Vill. Envtl. L.J. 215. 2015.

“Black & Blue Matters: The Impact of Police Incident Media Coverage on Police Behavior.” (with Agnes, I.) *Manuscript under revision*

- **Samuel L. Myers Research Award** (*prize for best research project in the Advanced Level of the American Economic Association Summer Program*)

“Degrees of Separation: An Alternative Cause of Discrimination.” Stanford Undergraduate Honors Thesis. Advisor: Kenneth Arrow.

- **Firestone Medal recipient** (*prize for best theses*)

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Program 2018
Teaching Fellow for ECSP 818 (Econometrics), Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge

Harvard Education Innovation Laboratory
Research Fellow

2016

Yale Law School
Research Assistant, Prof. Michael Graetz

2012 – 2013

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

2019 – 2023	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow
2019 – 2023	James M. & Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University
2019 – 2020	Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School
2019	Partnering in Education Research (PIER) Fellowship, Harvard University (<i>declined</i>)
2019	Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago
2018	Teaching Fellow, American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Award for Outstanding June Teaching Fellow (<i>prize for best fellows</i>)
2018	Harvard Graduate School Leadership Institute (HGSLI) Fellow
2017 – 2019	Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University
2017	Samuel L. Myers, Jr., Award, AEA Summer Program (<i>prize for best research</i>)
2016 – 2017	Tom & Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellow, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
2014	Education Pioneers Fellow
2012	Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellowship, Yale Law School
2007	Rhodes Scholarship (<i>Finalist</i>)
2007	Graduation Speaker, Stanford Black Graduation Ceremony
2007	Firestone Medal, Stanford University (<i>prize for best theses</i>)
2005	Chappell Lougee Research Scholarship, Stanford University

GRANTS

2018 – 2019	Institute for Quantitative Social Science Travel Grant; AEA/NSF Travel Grant
2017 – 2018	AEA/NSF Travel Grant

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED SEMINARS

Okafor, C. “Black & Blue Matters: The Impact of Police Violence Public Awareness on Police Behavior.” 2019 University of Chicago HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality (Bergen, Norway)

Burns-Wallace, D., Hewitt, K., Okafor, C. & Osborne, A. “Blacks in Academia.” 2019 Stanford University Black Alumni Summit (Los Angeles, CA)

Agnes, I. & Okafor, C. “Black & Blue Matters: The Impact of Police Incident Media Coverage on Police Behavior.” 2017 American Economic Association Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference, Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

Okafor, C. Experiences and reflections on 2nd generation American upbringing, immigration, and human rights. 2017 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Panel (Washington, D.C.)

Okafor, C. “Degrees of Separation: An Alternative Cause of Discrimination.” 2007 Honors Thesis Presentation, Stanford University (Stanford, CA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2015 – present Member of the Bar, State of New York (*current status: Active*)

2015 – present Member of the Bar, State of Illinois (*current status: Inactive*)