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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF LAW, Memphis, TN

FedEx Professor of Law, September 2019 – present

Director of Faculty Development, August 2022 – present

Professor of Law, September 2018 – August 2019

Associate Professor of Law, September 2012 – August 2018

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2008 – August 2012

- Classes: Constitutional Law; Property I & II; Education & Civil Rights; Voting Rights & Election Law; Remedies; Legal Methods
- Research Focus: Race and Education; Supreme Court transitions; Death Penalty

UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE, Bloemfontein, South Africa

Fulbright Core Scholar, July – December 2015

- Research Project: “A Comparative Analysis of Educational Remedies in De-stratifying Societies” utilizing the experience of post-apartheid public education in South Africa as a case study
- Worked with UFS’s Institute for Social Justice and Reconciliation

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Transition: Interpreting Justice from Thurgood Marshall to Clarence Thomas (2023, Stanford University Press)

Every Supreme Court transition presents an opportunity for a shift in the balance of the third branch of American government, but the replacement of Thurgood Marshall with Clarence Thomas in 1991 proved particularly momentous. Not only did it shift the ideological balance on the Court; it was inextricably entangled with the persistent American dilemma of race. In *The Transition*, this most significant transition is explored through the lives and writings of the first two African American justices on Court, touching on the lasting consequences for understandings of American citizenship as well as the central currents of Black political thought over the past century.

Documentary

The Memphis 13 (2011) (stream online at www.thememphis13.com)

Wrote, directed, and executive produced a 35-minute documentary building on my scholarship on school desegregation in Memphis. The project began as an oral history research project documenting the stories of individuals involved in the 1961 desegregation of the Memphis City Schools. Those stories, including the stories of the families of all 13 pioneering first-grade students, were the heart of this film. The film premiered at the National Civil Rights Museum on the 50th anniversary of Memphis school desegregation and has been screened at schools, museums, and community events across the country in the years since.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

Articles

Justice Thurgood Marshall's Last Stand
47(2) *Journal of Supreme Court History* 197 (2022)

A Bolt of Lightning: Measuring the Impact of Modern Transitions on the Supreme Court
42 *Cardozo Law Review* 2813 (2021) (invited commentary for emergency volume surrounding replacement of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

Debt to Society: The Role of Fines and Fees Reform in Dismantling the Carceral State
54 *Univ. of Michigan Journal of Law Reform* 857 (2021) (co-authored with Wesley Dozier)

Annulment: Inside the Largest – and Briefest – School District Consolidation in American History
50 *Univ. of Memphis Law Review* 887 (2020)

Avoiding Atkins: How Tennessee Is On The Verge of Unconstitutionally Executing an Individual with Intellectual Disabilities
Law & Inequality (Inequality Inquiry), <https://lawandinequality.org/2020/11/18/avoiding-atkins-how-tennessee-is-on-the-verge-of-unconstitutionally-executing-an-individual-with-intellectual-disabilities/>
(2020)

Where Do We Go From Here? Memphis and the Legacy of Dr. King's Unfinished Work
49 *Univ. of Memphis Law Review* 1 (2018) (co-authored with Demetria Frank)

No Caste Here? Toward a Structural Explanation of American Education Disparities
119 *Penn State Law Review* 611 (2015)

Lessons of the Memphis 13: What 13 First Graders Have To Teach About Life, Law, and the Legacy of Brown
39 *Thurgood Marshall Law Review* 63 (2014)

The Enduring Power of Milliken's Fences
45 *Urban Lawyer* 137 (2013)

The Endangered School District: The Promise and Challenge of Redistributing Control of Public Education
22 *B.U. Public Interest L.J.* 341 (2013)

A Memphis Dilemma: A Half Century of Public Education Reform in Memphis and Shelby County
41 *Univ. of Memphis Law Review* 787 (2011) (symposium edition)

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure: Reframing the Debate About Law School Affirmative Action
88 *Denver Law Review* 791 (2011) (invited commentary in response to piece by Professor Richard Sander studying “mismatch theory” and law school admissions)

Accepting Justice Kennedy's Dare: The Future of Integration in a Post-PICS World
78 *Fordham Law Review* 2873 (2010)

Articles (cont.)

It Takes a Hurricane: Might Hurricane Katrina Deliver for New Orleans What Brown Once Promised?
40 *Journal of Law & Education* 105 (2011)

Exploded Dream: Desegregation in the Memphis City Schools
26 *Law & Ineq.* 261 (Summer 2008) (lead article in *University of Minnesota Journal of Law & Inequality*)

Book Chapters

“Liberty, Equality, and Education,”
in *Oxford Handbook of U.S. Education Law*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK (2019)

“Beauty and Bitterness: Two Centuries of Memphis Education,”
in *Memphis: 200 Years Together*, Schadt Press, Memphis, TN (2019)

“How School Autonomy Restricts Equitable Access for South African Learners,” co-authored with Kevin Teise,
in *Transforming Education in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Middle East*, Information Age Publishing, Charlotte, NC (2019)

“Two Attempts, One Fate: Desegregation and Consolidation as Strategies for Reducing Educational Inequality in Memphis”
in *The Dynamics of School District Consolidation: Race, Economics, and the Politics of Educational Change*, University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, TN (2018)

“Still a Dilemma: Structural Explanations for the Disconnect between Ideals and Practice in Education”
in *School Integration Matters: Research-Based Strategies to Advance Equity*
Teachers College Press, New York, NY (2016)

“Equity Through Differentiation: The Paradoxical Quest to Make Education Equal for Everyone by Making it Different for Everyone”
in *Law and Educational Inequality: Removing Barriers to Educational Opportunities*, Information Age Publishing, Charlotte, NC (2015)

Other Writing in National Media

The Washington Post
“Obama’s Subtle Hurdle,” Sept. 28, 2008

USA Today
“NCAA Tournament Reflects a Cinderella Nation,” Mar. 22, 2006

Bloomberg Law
“Tennessee Must Nix System Allowing for Execution of Intellectually Disabled Defendant,” Nov. 17, 2020

Fulbright Scholar Program Blog
“Creating Cultural Connections as a Fulbright Family,” January 17, 2017

Other Writing in National Media (cont.)

MLK50: Justice Through Journalism

“Where Do You Send Your Kids to School?” March 27, 2019

LitHub

“Mythologized Impartiality: A Conversation about the Supreme Court’s Checkered Past and Future,”
December 20, 2023 (co-authored with Lori Ringhand)

The Conversation

“Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas Moves to Reverse the Legacy of His Predecessor, Thurgood
Marshall,” April 20, 2023

Stanford University Press Blog

“Racial Equality, Affirmative Action, and the Supreme Court,” September 13, 2023

“Presidential Immunity and the Supreme Court,” August 25, 2024 (co-authored)

Interviews & Podcasts

“The Sidebar,” *The Daily Memphian*, September 10, 2024

“A Discussion with...”, Touro Law School (podcast), March 6, 2024 (60 minutes)

“The Last Negroes at Harvard” (podcast), September 28, 2023 (60 minutes)

“The Tavis Smiley Show,” KBLA radio, April 26, 2023 (60 minutes)

“Show Cause,” Univ. of Memphis (podcast)

The Long and Winding Road of the Pervis Payne Case, Dec. 9, 2021 (50 minutes)

The Transition, March 31, 2023 (60 minutes)

“Memphis School Desegregation at 50,” C-SPAN, air date August 21, 2011 (60 minutes)

“CrossTalk,” Germantown Community Television, air date Jan 16, 2012 (30 minutes)

“A Conversation With...”, WKNO-TV (Memphis), air date Feb 15, 2012 (30 minutes)

Policy Papers

“COVID-19 Reveals the Power – and Limits – of Collective Will,” *Hooks Institute Policy Papers Series: Race in the Time of COVID-19*, November 2021

“The Dangers of a Fragmented Educational Landscape in Shelby County,” *Hooks Institute Policy Papers Series: Climbing Out from Under the Rock: Restoring Civil Rights, Economics, and Social Justice in Memphis and the Nation*, November 2018

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., June 2004

Activities: The Civil Rights Project, Student Fellow, 2001-2004

- Drafted portions of amicus brief submitted for Univ. of Mich. affirmative action cases at Supreme Court (*Gratz v. Bollinger*, *Grutter v. Bollinger*)
- Provided legal analysis for journal article authored by education researchers on the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision

Founded a creative writing workshop for law students, 2003-2004

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, B.A. with High Honors, Special Honors in History, May 2001

Honors Thesis: *Shook Up the World: Muhammad Ali's Impact on Black America, 1964-1971*

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, 2001;
Normandy Scholars Program, Spring 1999
M.E. Stell Endowment Scholarship, 1997-2001

Study Abroad: Syracuse University in Florence, Fall 1999; Obirin University, Tokyo, Summer 1998

AWARDS & HONORS

Fulbright Core Scholar Fellowship, Fall 2015

Martin Luther King, Jr., Human Rights Award, Univ. of Memphis, April 2013

University Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award, April 2017

Unity in Diversity Award, Univ. of Memphis Black Law Students Association, Feb. 2017

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change Distinguished Service Award, April 2018

Farris Bobango Faculty Scholarship Award

The Memphis 13, 2011

The Transition, 2023

Memphis Business Journal, "Top 40 Under 40," 2011

University of Memphis Law Alumni Pillars of Excellence Faculty Award, August 2018

National Association for Multicultural Education Film Award, November 2018

Memphis Business Journal, "Best of the Bar: Public Service," 2020

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Presentations of *The Transition: Interpreting Justice from Thurgood Marshall to Clarence Thomas*

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, March 22, 2023
Novel Bookstore, Memphis, TN, April 11, 2023
Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 14, 2023
University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, MO, October 25, 2023
University of Memphis School of Law (w/ Judge Bernice Donald), November 6, 2023
Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA, February 13, 2024
Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 25, 2024

Presentations of *The Memphis 13* Documentary Film (selected)

Colleges and Universities

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, Feb. 16, 2012
Howard Law School, Washington, DC, Feb. 28, 2012
Univ. of Memphis Law School, Memphis, TN, multiple screenings
Univ. of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN, March 13, 2012
Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA, Feb. 12, 2013
Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR, Feb. 19, 2013
Texas Southern Univ. Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX, Feb. 28, 2013
Univ. of Mississippi School of Law, Sept. 10, 2013
Univ. of Iowa School of Law, Sept. 10, 2013
Univ. of Pennsylvania Screening Scholarship Media Festival, Philadelphia, PA, March 2, 2014
Michigan State Univ., *Brown* at 60 Symposium, East Lansing, MI, April 10, 2014
Univ. of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, Oct. 7, 2015
Univ. of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, MO, Feb. 16, 2018
Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, Oct. 22, 2019
Univ. of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, multiple screenings

Museums and Film Festivals

National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN, October 3, 2011
The Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA, January 21, 2013
San Diego Black Film Festival, San Diego, CA, Feb. 1, 2013
Little Rock Reel Civil Rights Film Festival, Little Rock, AR, Sept. 23, 2013

Multiple Screenings at Local Memphis High Schools

Multiple Screenings for Local and National Community Organizations

Scholarly Presentations

Keynote Address, National Foundation for Judicial Excellence Annual Conference, Washington, DC, July 26, 2024

Presenter, Congresswoman Barbara Jordan Speaker Series on Race, Law, and Inequality
Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 25, 2024

Panelist, *Brown v. Board of Education at 70*

Hooks Institute for Social Change, Memphis, TN, April 11, 2024

Scholarly Presentations (cont.)

Presenter, *Measuring the Impact of Supreme Court Transitions*
Federal Bar Association National Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN, September 22, 2023

Presenter, *Supreme Court 2021-22 Term Overview*
Federal Bar Association, Memphis, TN, October 21, 2022

Panelist, *The Role of Law in Education (In)Equity*
AALS Annual Meeting Discussion Group, New Orleans, LA, January 6, 2019

Presenter, *The Dangers of a Fragmented Education System*
Hooks Institute Policy Papers, Memphis, TN, November 15, 2018

Panelist, *School Choice*
The University of Memphis Federalist Society, Memphis, TN, November 7, 2017

Presenter, *The Choice-as-Remedy Fallacy*
International and Comparative Urban Law Conference,
Fordham Urban Law Center/Univ. of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, July 18, 2017

Panelist
“Schooling, The American Dream, and the Price of Integration”
Dubin Leadership Service Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, March 23, 2017

Panelist
“Implicit Bias: Where do we go from here?”
Implicit (Unconscious) Bias: A New Look at an Old Problem, Univ. of Memphis School of Law, Nov. 18, 2016

Panelist, *Before I am a Law Professor, I am a Memphian*
“The Ethics and Practice of Community Engagement,”
AALS Annual Meeting Discussion Group, New York, NY, January 7, 2016

Moderator
“Beyond Cellphone Evidence: Video Advocacy in Criminal Proceedings,”
AALS Annual Meeting, Hot Topic Program, New York, NY, January 9, 2016

Convener & Presenter
Working Group of Law Professors involved in Production of Visual Advocacy and Scholarship (PVAS)
Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 24, 2014

Presenter, *No Caste Here?*
“Education and Civil Rights: Historical Legacies, Contemporary Strategies, and Promise for the Future,”
Penn State Univ. Symposium, State College, PA, June 7, 2014

Presenter, *A Case Study from Memphis: A Community at the Crossroads of the Past and Future of Education Reform*
Education and Civil Rights: Historical Legacies, Contemporary Strategies, and Promise for the Future,”
Penn State Univ. Symposium, State College, PA, June 7, 2014

Scholarly Presentations (cont.)

Presenter, *Impact of the Civil Rights Act on School Desegregation: A Look Back*
“The Civil Rights Act 50 Years Later: Legal Implications of Voter Rights, Desegregation & Immigration,” Thurgood Marshall Law School Symposium, Houston, TX, Feb. 13, 2014

Panelist

Re-Litigating *Brown*: A Cost-Benefit Analysis, Texas Southern Univ. Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX, February 28, 2013

Presenter, *Jumping Milliken’s Fences*

ABA Section on Local and State Government Conference, Kansas City, MO, October 5, 2012

Panelist, *School Integration Revisited*

ACT Pasadena, Pasadena, CA, June 7, 2012

Presenter, *Unsticking a Stuck School District: Lessons from New Orleans and Memphis*

Education Law Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 11, 2011

Presenter, *Life After Brown: What Happens When Public Education Reform Is Freed From the Integration Ideal?*

University of Tulsa Visiting Scholar Colloquy, April 8, 2011

Presenter, *It Takes a Hurricane: Might Hurricane Katrina Deliver for New Orleans What Brown Once Promised?*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Education Law Section program “Five Years After Katrina: Access to Education,” New Orleans, LA, Jan. 8, 2010

Presenter, *Accepting Justice Kennedy’s Dare: Jefferson County Public Schools and the Future of Integration*

Consortium of Research in Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, Oct. 9, 2009

Selected Community Presentations

Presenter, “Affirmative Action Moving Forward,”

Tennessee Bar Association Diversity Leadership Institute, Memphis, TN, June 14, 2024

Panelist, “Racial Diversity and the Constitution,”

Memphis Bar Association and National Bar Association, Memphis, TN, February 23, 2023

Presenter, “Teachers Law School”

United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, September 16, 2022

Keynote Speaker

Beth Sholom Synagogue Yom Kippur Symposium, Oct. 5, 2022

Presenter, “Critical Race Theory: What It Is and What It Isn’t”

Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, Memphis, TN, June 22, 2021

Selected Community Presentations (cont.)

Presenter, “*Gary B* and the Right to Education”

American Inns of Court, Memphis Chapter, April 13, 2021

Presenter, “Building a Movement Through Litigation: The Kids’ Climate Change Lawsuit”

American Association of Blacks in Energy-TN Chapter, Memphis, TN, July 18, 2019

Presenter, “Education in Memphis”

Education Pioneers, Aug. 9, 2019; Feb. 27, 2020

Panelist, “Biased: Implicit Bias CLE”

Center for Excellence in Decision Making, Memphis, TN, June 19, 2019

Presenter, “Education & Civil Rights Workshop”

Southern Region Black Law Students Association, Memphis, TN, February 2, 2019

Panelist, “Educational Equity Learning Series”

Tennessee Education Equity Coalition, Memphis, TN, September 18, 2017

Panelist, “Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline”

ABA Criminal Justice Section, Memphis, TN, April 21, 2016

Presenter, “All Deliberate Speed: The Struggle for Educational Equality 60 Years After *Brown*”

Lawyer’s Association for Women, Nashville, TN, Feb. 16, 2016

Presenter, “The Shifting Landscape of American Public Education”

American Inns of Court, Memphis Chapter, Mar. 24, 2015

Presenter, “Shelby County Schools Today,”

Memphis Teacher Residency Professional Development, Nov. 7, 2014

Presenter, “A Pathway to the Future: Immigration, Education, and the Memphis Community,”

National Civil Rights Museum, Sept. 17, 2014

Presenter, “From Plessy to Brown: Resolving the Promise of Equal Protection Under Law,”

Morton Museum of Collierville History, Collierville, TN, Feb 5, 2014

Panelist, Teach for America Teacher Leadership Development Summit, Memphis, TN, Jan. 29, 2013

Panelist, *Balancing Civility and Free Expression*,

ABA Div. for Public Education, Memphis, TN, Sept. 18, 2012

Panelist, Education Forum,

Mount Vernon Triangle Community Dev. Corp., Washington, DC, Feb 28, 2012

Presenter, *The School Merger Debate: Where Are We and How Did We Get Here?*

Presented at 15-20 community gatherings regarding issues surrounding school district consolidation during January-March 2011; specific locations, sponsors, and dates available on request

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

BURCH, PORTER & JOHNSON, PLLC, Memphis, TN

Associate, September 2005 – January 2008

- Drafted pleadings, motions, and appellate briefs in civil and commercial litigation, including contract disputes, products liability cases, and ADA accessibility reviews
- Argued post-conviction criminal appeals cases before Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

BINGHAM MCCUTCHEM, LLP, Boston, MA

Associate, September 2004 – August 2005; *Summer Associate*, 2003.

- Worked on initial intake of legal challenge to detention on behalf of Uighur detainees at U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- Prepared multi-session arbitration before New York Stock Exchange involving employment and contract issues

CENTER FOR LAW AND EDUCATION, www.cleweb.org, Boston, MA

Summer Associate, 2002

- Researched and Drafted class-action complaint challenging implementation of high-stakes testing in Massachusetts schools to be filed on behalf of seven school districts

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN LLOYD DOGGETT, www.house.gov/doggett, Austin, TX

Caseworker, Fall 2000 – Spring 2001; *Intern*, Spring 2000

- Represented constituents in mediations with federal agencies, including INS, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs

ACCESSLEX HELIX BAR REVIEW

Constitutional Law Bar Review Lecturer, 2021

Expert Testimony and Case Participation

Expert Testimony, Tennessee House of Representatives Criminal Justice Committee, April 14, 2021 (provided testimony in support of legislation enabling individuals with death sentences opportunity to present unadjudicated claims of intellectual disability)

Expert Testimony, *Shelby County Schools v. Memphis City Schools*, W.D. Tenn., September 5, 2012 (provided courtroom testimony regarding impact of structural changes to local education administration during merger of school districts in Shelby County)

Amicus Signatory for Brief of Constitutional and Education Law Scholars, *Guzman v. Minnesota*, Minn. Sup. Ct., June 2017

Amicus Signatory for Brief of Constitutional and Education Law Scholars, *In re: Renewal Application of Various Charter Schools*, Sup. Ct. of N.J., May 2020

Amicus Signatory for Brief of Education and Constitutional Law Scholars, *Carson v. Makin*, U.S. Supreme Court, October 2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Shelby County Transition Planning Commission (2011-13) (appointed by Bd of Educ., Memphis City Schools)

Co-Chair, Education Services Committee

Member, Executive Committee

Member, Community Engagement Committee

TPC Representative on Staff's Transition Steering Committee (tasked with implementation)

- Appointed to public commission charged with crafting transition plan for merger of Memphis City Schools (100,000 students) and Shelby County Schools (50,000 students) into a single district.

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change, The University of Memphis,

Co-Convener, Symposium Commemorating 70th Anniversary of *Brown*, 2023-24

Associate Director, August 2019 – 2021

Editor, Policy Papers Series, 2020 – present

National Book Award Committee, 2012 – 2019; chair 2015 – 2017

Faculty Advisory Executive Committee, 2011 – 2014

Symposium Steering Committee, 2010

National Civil Rights Museum, www.civilrightsmuseum.org

Consultant for Presentation to Gates Foundation (2010)

Facilitator for Student Program Discussing *Brown v. Board of Education* (2006)

Scholar Review, Renovation of *Brown v. Board of Education* Exhibit (2012-13)

Facing History and Ourselves (education nonprofit for curriculum development and citizenship training)

Advisory Board Member (2007- present)

Annual Benefit Co-Chair (2024)

Annual Benefit Co-Chair (2016)

Multiple Presentations to teachers and community groups

Facilitator of Annual Benefit Conversation with Dr. Carol Anderson (2024)

JustCity (legal nonprofit for reform to criminal justice system)

Founding Board Member, 2015-2023; Chairperson, 2015-2021

The Memphis 13 Foundation (community nonprofit for preserving and sharing legacy of the Memphis 13)

Founding Board Member, 2021-present; Chairperson, 2023-present

Common Ground Memphis (community nonprofit for creating dialogue among diverse Memphians)

Founding Steering Committee Member (2008-09)

Action Forum Committee Chair (2008-09)

Vice-Chair, Steering Committee (2009-10)

Temple Israel

Take Root: Lifelong Learning Committee (2010-11)

Ethical Dilemmas Steering Committee (2013-14)

Votes for All (nonprofit for increasing voter engagement and access)

Board Member (2022-present)

Other Writing & Media Citation

National Media Citations (as source)

USA Today, “Trump dictator comments raise questions about democracy. Here are 5 guardrails – if they hold,” January 5, 2024

The Tennessean, “Tennesseans Tackle Tough Subjects Like Slavery, Segregation in the Classroom Using Local Context, Living History,” Dec. 3, 2020

Montgomery (AL) Advertiser, “Southern Schools’ History Textbooks: A Long History of Deception, and What the Future Holds,” Dec. 2, 2020

The Washington Post, “The lines that divide: School district boundaries often stymie integration,” December 16, 2019

Arkansas Public Media, “In City’s School Discrimination Lawsuit, Burden of Proof is ‘Did They Mean To?’ September 17, 2017

RSI (Radio Italia), “I 13 di Memphis- Dalla segregazione alla segregazione,” November 7, 2016

The New Yorker, “The Mail: Portrait of Ferguson,” December 22, 2014

Teaching Tolerance (publication of SPLC), “What We’re Watching – The Memphis 13,” September 2014

The Nation, “How a New Secessionist Movement is Threatening to Worsen Segregation and Widen Inequalities,” May 15, 2014

Education Week, “Memphis-Shelby Schools Merge Amid Uncertainty,” July 10, 2013

The Atlantic, “In Memphis Classrooms, the Ghost of Segregation Lingers,” Feb. 13, 2012

The New York Times

“Merger of Memphis and County School Districts Revives Race and Class Challenges,” Nov. 5, 2011

“Memphis Votes for County To Run Schools,” Mar. 9, 2011

The Guardian (London), “Election is not in the bag- Race could still undo Obama,” Oct. 12, 2008

Scholastic News

“Understanding the Impeachment Process,” Feb. 10, 2020

“Trump Faces a Second Impeachment Trial,” Feb. 8, 2021

Local Publications (as author)

The Commercial Appeal (Memphis)

- “Repairing the Fragmentation and Re-segregation of Our Schools,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Dec. 9, 2018
- “Markers honor 13 Courageous Memphis Schoolchildren,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Oct. 2, 2015
- “Balance, cooperation key school success,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Dec. 7, 2013
- “We Must Learn from Past Education Failures,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Dec. 10, 2010
- “Message to City School Students: Buzz Off,” *The Commercial Appeal*, June 20, 2008
- “Unity Position Requires Persuasion,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Sept. 17, 2007
- “Ruling Can Light Way to Better Schools,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Aug. 13, 2007
- “What Can *Brown* Do For Us Now?” *The Commercial Appeal*, July 8, 2007
- “Voting for Now and Future Memphis,” *The Commercial Appeal*, June 3, 2007
- “Pulling Together for Equal Education,” *The Commercial Appeal*, May 6, 2007
- “Help More Celebrate First Birthdays,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Apr. 1, 2007
- “Facing History of Rwanda Offers Crucial Lesson,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Sept. 14, 2006
- “Hypocrisy Rules in Legislating from the Bench,” *The Commercial Appeal*, Jan. 12, 2006
- “Goal of Diversity is Elusive,” *The Commercial Appeal*, May 16, 2004

Memphis Flyer

- “Shade in Shelby County,” *Memphis Flyer*, August 2018
- “*Rhodes Must Fall* and Memphis Confederate Monuments,” *Memphis Flyer*, September 24, 2015
- “The Task of the TPC,” *Memphis Flyer*, March 8, 2012 (co-authored with Fred Johnson)

Other Local Publications

- “With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Dual Roles of Public Education,” *Memphis Law*, Fall 2016
- “Viewpoint: Rebuttal to Justice Scalia’s Speech to Memphis Bar Ass’n,” *Memphis Lawyer*, Jan. 2008
- “Cruel and Unusual: Tennessee Wrestles with Lethal Injection,” *Tennessee Young Lawyer*, Spring 2007

Local Media Citations (as source) (selected)

The Commercial Appeal

- “A District Born Amid Segregation, Yellow Fever Fades Into History,” Jun. 28, 2013
- “Focus Difficult with Memphis and Shelby County Transition,” Feb. 13, 2012
- “Unified School Board off to Symbolic Start,” Sept. 25, 2011
- “Group Seeks to Bridge Racial Divide,” Sept. 11, 2011
- “Lessons from ’61, Memphis Schools Desegregation, Remain Relevant,” March 26, 2011
- “Rapidly Changing Memphis Schools Charter Developments Confound Experts,” Feb. 13, 2011
- “*Brown v. Board* was catalyst for change,” Oct. 2, 2011

Chalkbeat Tennessee

- “Memphis School Segregation Worse than 50 Years Ago,” March 29, 2018
- “Three Things We Learned About the State of School Segregation in Memphis,” Sept. 20, 2017

Tri-State Defender, “Integration of Memphis City Schools Told in Local Documentary,” Feb. 9, 2012

Memphis Flyer, “Where Do We Go From Here?” March 3, 2011

The Daily Helmsman (Univ of Memphis) – “Documentary Sheds Light on Memphis 13,” Oct. 4, 2011

Local Television and Radio

WMC-TV, “Tennessee releases guidelines on critical race theory law,” Aug. 2, 2021
WPTY-TV, Multiple Experiences, Election 2020 Coverage
WKNO-FM, “Rare Compromise: Memphis & Shelby County Schools’ Court Settlement” Sep. 13, 2011
WMC-TV, “The Charter Surrender Vote: Election Night Coverage,” Mar. 8, 2011
WREG-TV, “Live at 9,” Multiple Experiences
WHBQ-TV, “Good Morning Memphis,” March 2, 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Law School Committee Service

Director of Faculty Development; 2022-present
Faculty Recruitment Committee; 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014, 2014-15 (chair), 2017-18 (chair), 2021-22 (chair)
Self-Study Committee (co-chair), 2024-25
Curriculum Committee; 2008-09, 2011-12; 2013-14
Diversity Committee; Spring 2009, 2009-10 (chair), 2010-11 (chair), 2011-12 (chair)
Teaching Assignments Committee; 2008-09 (elected), 2009-10 (elected), spring 2020, 2023-24 (elected)
Honors & Awards Committee, 2008-09
Untenured Faculty Ombudsperson; 2011-12 (elected), 2012-13 (elected)
Dean’s Search Committee, 2012-13, 2019
Admissions Committee, 2013-14
Dean’s Advisory Committee, 2014-15 (elected), 2018-19 (elected), 2021-22 (elected), 2023-24 (elected)
Academic Affairs Committee, 2015, 2016-17, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 (chair)
Ad Hoc Civil Rights Symposium Steering Committee, 2016-17 (chair), 2017-18 (chair)
Ad Hoc Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Revision Committee, 2016, 2016-17
Various Mid-Tenure, Tenure, Promotion Subcommittees, 2015-present
Promotion & Tenure Committee Chair, 2020-21
Accreditation Self-Study Committee; 2023-24 (chair)
Grant Writer, Coordinator for TBR Access & Diversity Grant Program, March 2010; March 2011

Law School Advising

Advisor, Black Law Students Association, 2011-2015; 2023-present
Law Review Note Advisor, 2-4 students per year, 2008-present
Symposium Advisor, 2012, 2020, 2025
Moot Court/Mock Trial Judging, 1-2 rounds per year, 2008-present
Advisor, University of Memphis StreetLaw, 2014-present
Winter Break Book Club, 2019-present
Orientation Advisor, 2019; Orientation Book Club, 2020
Panelist, Pre-Law Programming, Feb. 2020
Presenter, American Constitution Society, “Small Room, Big Ideas,” Nov. 13, 2019
Presenter, Various Academic Support Topics, 2009-present
Guest Speaker, Public Action Law Society Meeting, February 3, 2011
Presenter, *The Desegregation of Memphis City Schools*, BLSA Black History Month Lecture, 2009, 2013, 2015
Moderator, *An Evening with Judge Russell Sugarmon*, Feb. 23, 2009

University Service

Panelist, Fulbright Program for U of M Applicants, Oct. 7, 2021
Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, 2017-18, 2020-21
Eradicating Racism Subcommittee, 2020-21
Jewish Student Center at Hillel of Memphis, Jewish Faculty Forum, Oct. 19, 2011; Oct. 7, 2022
Hearing Officer, Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Spring 2010
Guest Lecturer, Educational Policy course, College of Education, Fall 2012
 Political Science course, College of Arts and Sciences, October 10, 2013
 Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, annually since 2017
Departmental Presentation, Department of Political Science, February 7, 2014
River City Partnership Presentation, March 11, 2021
Dissertation Committee, Department of History, January 2016

Professional Service

AALS Faculty Focus Series, "How to Make Productive Use of a Sabbatical," Oct. 6, 2022
American Constitution Society, Path to the Bench Project, Memphis Chapter, 2021
Fulbright Program, Peer Reviewer for Discipline (International and Comparative Law) (Fall 2017)
AALS, Education Law Section, Executive Committee (2014-2015)
AALS Section of Teaching Methods, Contributor to Annual Newsletter, "Real Estate Transaction Simulation," 2015 Newsletter
Convener, Production of Visual Advocacy and Scholarship Working Group
Reviewer, Special Issue of *Education Law & Policy Review*, Volume 3 (2015-16)
Manuscript Reviewer for University Press of Mississippi; Stanford University Press