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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

MAURICE A. DEANE SCHOOL OF LAW AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

2014-Present *Professor of Law*
2004-2017 *Associate Dean of Research and Faculty Development*
2000-2013 *Associate Professor of Law*

Courses: Wills, Trusts & Estates, Property, various Media Law and First Amendment courses, Neuroscience Law, Critical Race Theory and Economic Justice.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, JAMAICA, NEW YORK

2006-2007 *Associate Professor of Legal Writing*
Summer 2006 *Property Instructor for Pre-Admit Program*
2002-2005 *Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*

Courses: Legal Research and Writing, co-taught Introduction to Law and the Legal Profession, Property.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, JURIS DOCTORATE, June 1996

Honors Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship (*A Full tuition/living expenses scholarship*);
Columbia Human Rights Fellowship (Grant to study abroad); Journal of Gender
and Law (Submission Editors' Committee)

Activities: BLSA Northeast Regional Executive Board; Public Interest Law Foundation

SPELMAN COLLEGE, BACHELOR OF ARTS (Comparative History), May 1993

Honors *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society); Golden Key
National Honor Society

Activities: Black Women's Health Project; National Collegiate Black Caucus

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Shadows of MetroBroadcasting and the Hope of Fisher in Diversifying a Commodified, Gangsterized, and Subverted Hip Hop Public Sphere, HIP HOP AND THE LAW: THE KEY WRITINGS THAT FORMED THE MOVEMENT (Palgrave-Macmillan, forthcoming 2014).

Using the Press Clause to Amplify Civic Discourse Beyond Mere Opinion Sharing, 85 TEMPLE L. REV. 269 (2013).

Deschooling the News Media—Democratizing Civic Discourse, 34 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. 489 (2012).

Freeing the Press from Editorial Discretion and Hegemony in Bona Fide News: Why the Revolution Must Be Televised, 34 COLUM. J. L. & ARTS 367 (2011).

Deliberative Democracy on Air: Reinvigorate Localism—Resuscitate Radio’s Subversive Past, 63 FED. COMM. L. J. 141 (2010).

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Over-development of Gangsta Rap, JUSTICE UNVEILED: AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE AND LEGAL DISCOURSE 209 (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009).

“It’s Hard Out Here for a Pimp Even on Commercial Radio,” <http://hiphoplaw.blogspot.com/2009/03/its-hard-out-here-for-pimp-even-on.html> (October 2009).

From Habermas to “Get Rich or Die Tryin:” Hip Hop, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Black Public Sphere, 12 MICH. J. RACE & L. 235 (2007).

“A New Era for Signatures and Contracts: The E-Sign Act and E-Commerce,” *Alley Way Magazine*, October/November 2000.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS & TESTIMONY

- Presenter of *Using the Press Clause to Amplify Civic Discourse* (work in progress workshop at the Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop on Following the Freedom Trail held at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA June 2012).
- Presenter of *Using the Press Clause to Amplify Civic Discourse* (Junior Faculty work in progress workshop held at SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, TX April 2012).
- Panelist on Media, Ethics, and the Law panel (Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities conference held at Texas Wesleyan School of Law in Fort Worth, TX March 2012).
- Guest Lecturer in Hip Hop and the American Constitution Class lecture series (Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA February 2012).
- Panelist on Back to the Message: What Can Hip Hop Teach Us About Law and Social Movements panel (Yale Black Law Students Association lecture series on Racial Justice in a Post-Racial World: Challenging the Color Blind Paradigm, Driving Social Change Panel held at Yale Law School in New Haven, CT February 2012).

- Panelist on Musical Genres' Effect on Contemplative Lawyering panel (Mid-Atlantic People of Color conference on Law and the Historical Moment: The Law's Response to 21st Century Issues held at Howard University in Washington, DC January 2012).
- Panelist on a How to Get into Law Teaching panel (Northeast People of Color conference on Exploring the American Family held at Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY November 2011).
- Presenter of *Deliberative Democracy on Air: Reinvigorate Localism—Resurrect Radio's Subversive Past* at awardee luncheon (Southeastern Association of Law School conference held in Hilton Head, SC July 2011).
- Panelist on the Cultural Economy, Representation, and the Law panel (Southeastern Association of Law School conference held in Hilton Head, SC July 2011).
- Panelist on the Re-envisioning Media and the Rule of Law panel (Western New England University School of Law conference on Radical Nemesis: Re-envisioning Ivan Illich's Theories on Social Justice held in Springfield, MA March 2011).
- Moderator of Media Plenary on The Media's Construction of Post-Racialism (Third National People of Color conference held at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ September 2010).
- Presenter of *Freeing the Press from Editorial Discretion and Cultural Hegemony in Bona Fide News: Why the Revolution Must Be Televised* (Third National People of Color conference held at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ September 2010).
- Commentator on *Missing in Action: The Absence of Potential African-American Supreme Court Justice Nominees—Why This Is and What Can Be Done About It* (work/thought in progress workshop at Third National People of Color conference held at Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ September 2010).
- Panelist on the Culture at Play with the Law panel (South Eastern Association of Law Schools Conference held in West Palm Beach, FL August 2010).
- Panelist on the Hip Hop and the Law Panel (Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities conference held at Brown University, Providence, RI March 2010).
- Panelist on the Civil Rights in the 21st Century panel (Day of Dialogue and Civic Engagement conference held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY October 2009.)
- Panelist on the Popculture and the Law panel (Franklin College-Switzerland conference on Intersections of Law and Culture held in Lugano, Switzerland October 2009)
- Panelist on The Hip Hop Movement at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Culture: Hip Hop Music's Effect on Life, Liberty, and the Pursuity of Happiness panel (The LatCrit XIV conference on Outsiders Inside: Critical Outsider Theory and Praxis in the Policymaking fo the New American Regime held in Washington, DC October 2009).

- Presenter of *Deliberative Democracy on the Air: Reinvigorate Localism—Resurrect Radio's Subversive Past* (new scholar workshop at the South Eastern Association of Law Schools conference held in West Palm Beach, FL August 2009).
- Panelist on the Media Diversity and Beyond panel (SE/SW POC's Intersection of Class, Race, and Culture conference held in Phoenix, AZ March 2009).
- Panelist on the Speech and Regulation panel (Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities conference held at Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA March 2009).
- Panelist on the When MCs Meet JDs: Hip-Hop's Complex Relationship with Intellectual Property Panel (West Virginia University College of Law The Evolution of Street Knowledge: Hip Hop's Influence on Law and Culture conference held at West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV February 2009).
- Presenter of *Deliberative Democracy on Air: Reinvigorate Localism—Resurrect Radio's Subversive Past* (work in progress workshop at NEPOC Education and the Economy: The Real Lives of People of Color conference held at Boston University Law School, Boston, MA September 2008).
- Moderator of the The Intersectionality of Race, Gender, and Media in the Political Process Panel (St. John's University School of Law Making History: Race, Gender, and the Media in the 2008 Election conference held at St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, NY September 2008).
- Co-Moderator of Just Juniors Panel (NEPOC Education and the Economy: The Real Lives of People of Color conference held at Boston University Law School, Boston, MA September 2008).
- Panelist on the Hip Hop and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 panel (Cardozo Law School's Latin American Law Students Association conference held at Cardozo Law School, New York, NY November 2007).
- Panelist on the Mixed Signals: Diversity Theory and Praxis in Telecommunications and Media Regulation panel (The LatCrit XII conference on Critical Localities: Epistemic Communities, Rooted Cosmopolitans, New Hegemonies, and Knowledge Processes held in Miami, FL October 2007)
- Moderator for the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists' Panel on "Express Yourself: The Hip Hop/Spoken Word Artist." (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, New York NY June 2007)
- Panelist on the Regulation of Black Voices panel (Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities conference held at Georgetown University, Washington, DC March 2007)
- Panelist and Ford Foundation Delegate for panel on Content in Radio (Media Diversity Summit at the National conference for Media Reform in Memphis, TN January 2007).

- Testimony on Media Consolidation and the Commodification of Black Youth Cultural and Political Expression in Radio (FCC Hearing on Media Ownership at Belmont University in Nashville, TN December 2006).
- Presenter of *From Habermas to “Get Rich or Die Tryin”*: Hip Hop, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Legacy of the Black Public Sphere (work in progress workshop at Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship conference held at Eugene DuPuch Law School in Nassau, Bahamas June 2006).

CLERKSHIP

HONORABLE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1996-1997 *Judicial Clerk*

Researched and wrote legal memoranda briefing the judge on legal issues on pending civil cases in preparation for pre-trial conferences, hearings, or trials. Wrote draft opinions. Calendered cases and acted as the liaison between the court and attorneys on matters relating to adjournments, evidentiary issues, discovery and depositions.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

MORRISON AND FOERSTER, LLP, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1999-2002 *Intellectual Property Associate*

Drafted and negotiated internet privacy policies and terms of use agreements, web advertising and application services agreements, and other new media, commerce, and internet related agreements. Drafted and negotiated software, copyright, and trademark licenses, IT consulting and subcontracting agreements. Represented companies at various stages of growth, from startups to Fortune 500 Companies, and provided them with transactional and litigation advice in copyright, trademark, rights of publicity and privacy and related issues.

FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1997-1999 *Litigation/Intellectual Property Associate*

1997-1999 *Recipient of the Pro Bono Associate of the Year Award*

Researched and wrote legal memoranda, motions and briefs on substantive and procedural issues arising from civil actions in contract, RICO, and fraud. Supervised document productions and delegated assignments to summer and more junior associates. Conducted due diligence regarding intellectual property pursuant to corporate merger and acquisitions plans and stock purchase agreements. Co-founded juvenile rights and economic development pro bono subcommittees. Represented children in foster care in family court and assisted entrepreneurs in urban communities on various corporate issues.

LEGAL OUTREACH, INC., NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1995-1996 *Teacher*

Prepared weekly class instruction, taught grammar, legal brief writing, oration and debate to high school juniors and seniors, and moderated debates.

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Summer 1995 Legal Intern

Researched and wrote legal memoranda on the issue of whether Title VII applied to claims of racial/gender discrimination in employment in the military, and on whether the National Environmental Protection Act applied to claims of environmental racism.

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS LEGAL SERVICES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1994-1995 Legal Clinic Intern

Negotiated for and represented parents in family court and related hearings in connection with custody, public assistance, and other domestic issues.

WOMEN IN LAW AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Summer 1994 Human Rights Fellow

Edited essays on socio-economic and legal issues affecting African women for publication in the WILDAF newsletter. Assisted in the coordination of WILDAF's first General Assembly. Coordinated and Campaigned with other NGOs in a "16 Days of Activism against Child Sexual Abuse" program.