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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO** 2023 – present  
*Professor of Law*  
*Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity*  
Courses: Criminal Law, Immigration Law, Legal Profession

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY** Spring 2022, Spring 2023  
*Adjunct Professor of Law*  
Courses: Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility

**EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, GA** Fall 2022  
*Visiting Professor of Law*  
Courses: Legal Profession

**ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Queens, NY** 2018 – 2023  
*Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), 2022 – 2023*  
*Assistant Professor of Law, 2018 – 2022*  
Courses: Criminal Law; Immigration Law; Professional Responsibility;  
Introduction to Law; Law, Policy, and the Literature of Black Authors

### CLERKSHIP

**THE HONORABLE LAVENSKI R. SMITH, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit** 2015  
*Judicial Law Clerk*

### EDUCATION

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, Chicago, IL** 2012  
*Juris Doctor*  
Activities: *The University of Chicago Legal Forum*  
Black Law Students Association, Community Service Chair  
Honors: Hinton Moot Court Honorable Mention  
Midwest BLSA Chapter of the Year, 2009 – 2011

**University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA** 2008  
*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Philosophy, cum laude*  
Activities: Division I Men's Track and Field, 400mIH, 4x400m  
Honors: Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society  
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society  
2008 All Pac-10 Conference Academic Team

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

*Punishment Externalities and the Prison Tax*, 111 CALIF. L. REV. 683 (2023)

*Interest-Based Incorporation: A Statutory Story of Federalism, Delegation, and Democratic Design*, 170 U. PA. L. REV. 341 (2022)

*Pandora's Loot Box*, 90 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 101 (2022)

*Categorical Nonuniformity*, 120 COLUM. L. REV. 1171 (2020)

*In the Shadow of Shular: Conduct Can Unify the Disjointed Categorical Approaches*, 32 FED. SENT'G REP. 231 (2020)

*Punishing Criminals for Their Conduct: A Return to Reason for the Armed Career Criminal Act*, 70 OKLA. L. REV. 623 (2018)

*Taking Back the Streets? How Street Art Ordinances Constitute Government Takings*, 25 FORDHAM INTELL. PROP. MEDIA & ENT. L.J. 685 (2015), *reprinted in* ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK (Patricia E. Salkin ed., 2016), *and in* New York State Bar Association, *Food For Thought: Street Art And Celebrity Chefs Materials* (November 17, 2015)

*It's Alive!: How Early Common Law Changes in the Right Against Self-Incrimination Inform the Right's Continuing Relevance*, 51 CRIM. LAW BULLETIN 615 (2015)

## ACADEMIC WORKS IN PROGRESS

Punishment as Placebo  
A Liberty-Balancing Approach to Crime  
Towards a Federalism(s) Framework of Punishment  
Conditional Immigration

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Winner, Junior Scholars Paper Competition Award, Criminal Justice Section, American Association of Law Schools (2023) (for *Punishment Externalities and the Prison Tax*)

Invitation, Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum (2020) (for *Categorical Nonuniformity*)

Recipient, St. John's University School of Law Dean's Award for Excellence in Service (2021)

Recipient, St. John's University School of Law Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2020)

Recipient, St. John's University School of Law Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching (2019)

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

### Presentations of Scholarship

#### *Punishment as Placebo*

- CrimFest, “Punishment Theory” Panel (July 17, 2023)
- University of North Carolina School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 7, 2024)

#### *Towards a Federalism(s) Framework of Punishment*

- John Mercer Langston Scholarship Conference (June 30, 2023)
- Law & Society, “Combating Evolving Forms of Hierarchy” Panel (June 4, 2023)
- Southern Methodist University Dedman Law School, Faculty Workshop (March 1, 2023)
- University of Houston Law Center, Faculty Workshop (February 6, 2023)
- New York University School of Law Goldstein-Jacobs Series (January 25, 2023)
- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (December 6, 2022)
- Lutie/Langston Joint Scholarship Workshop (December 1, 2022)
- The University of Chicago Law School Legal Scholarship Workshop (November 14, 2022)
- Cornell Law School, Faculty Workshop (November 7, 2022)

#### *Punishment Externalities and the Prison Tax*

- Law & Society, “Sentencing and Punishment” Panel (July 15, 2022)
- John Mercer Langston Scholarship Conference (July 7, 2022)
- Culp Emerging Scholars Workshop (June 13, 2022)
- University of Southern California, Faculty Workshop (February 22, 2022)
- Markelloquium Criminal Law Workshop (February 4, 2022)
- Lutie/Langston Joint Scholarship Workshop (December 16, 2021)
- Fordham University School of Law, Faculty Workshop (November 4, 2021)
- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Faculty Workshop (November 2, 2021)
- The University of Chicago Law School, Public Law Workshop (October 19, 2021)
- The University of Chicago Law School Legal Scholarship Workshop (October 18, 2021)

#### *Interest-Based Incorporation: A Statutory Story of Federalism, Delegation, and Democratic Design*

- American Association of Law Schools, “Legislation & Law of the Political Process” Panel, (January 5, 2022)
- Emory University School of Law, Faculty Workshop (January 12, 2022)
- University of Florida Levin College of Law, Faculty Workshop (September 30, 2021)
- Seton Hall University School of Law, Faculty Workshop (February 10, 2021)

#### *Pandora’s Lootbox*

- Race, Technology, and the Law Workshop (November 12, 2021)
- University of Nevada, Los Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 29, 2021)
- The University of Chicago Law School Legal Scholarship Workshop (October 12, 2020)
- CrimFest (July 16, 2020)
- New St. John’s Scholars Roundtable (November 4, 2019)

***Categorical Nonuniformity***

Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum (July 23, 2020)

St. John's University School of Law, Faculty Retreat (September 27, 2019)

CrimFest, "Criminal Statutes" Panel (July 15, 2019)

Richmond University School of Law, Junior Faculty Forum (May 21, 2019)

New St. John's Scholars Roundtable (April 1, 2019)

National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, "Judicial Power" Panel (March 24, 2019)

***Punishing Criminals for Their Conduct: A Return to Reason for the Armed Career Criminal Act***

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law Legal Scholarship Workshop (October 10, 2017)

The University of Chicago Law School Legal Scholarship Workshop (October 9, 2017)

**Invited Commentary on Scholarship and Moderation of Panels**

Commentator, *Creating Space for Race in Proportionality-Driven Sentencing Regimes*, John Mercer Langston Scholarship Conference (June 30, 2023)

Commentator, *The Probative Value of Skin Color*, John Mercer Langston Scholarship Conference (June 30, 2022)

Moderator, *Promoting Legal Scholarship in the Digital Media Age* (March 17, 2023)

Commentator, *The Resurgence of Massive Resistance*, Lutie/Langston Joint Scholarship Workshop (December 1, 2022)

Moderator, CrimFest, "Immigration" Panel (July 19, 2022)

Commentator, *Policing for Equality and Liberty*, John Mercer Langston Scholarship Conference (July 7, 2022)

Commentator, *Is Caste America's Theory of Everything?*, Lutie/Langston Joint Scholarship Workshop (December 16, 2021)

Moderator, New St. John's Scholars Roundtable (2019 - 2022)

Moderator, John Mercer Langston Nascent Ideas Workshop (2021 - 2022)

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Host, Black Authors Book Club (2020 – present)

Panelist, United States Sentencing Commission Roundtable on the Categorical Approach and Career Offender Guidelines (Feb. 7, 2024)

Moderator, “Race and Refugee Policies” Panel, St. John’s School of Law Racial-Justice Teach-In (March 10, 2023)

Moderator, “40th Anniversary of *Plyler v. Doe*” Panel, St. John’s Law Review Fall Symposium (November 4, 2022)

*On Service: Striking the “Right” Balance*, Society of American Law Teachers, LatCrit Section (October 7, 2021)

Moderator, “Student Perspectives” Panel, St. John’s School of Law Racial-Justice Teach-In (April 6, 2021)

*Immigration in the New Administration*, St. John’s School of Law Multilingual Affinity Group (February 16, 2021)

*The Ongoing Importance of Title IX Policy*, St. John’s University Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (February 12, 2021)

*Courageous Conversations about Race and Racism*, Center for Dispute Resolution and St. John’s School of Law (July 9, 2020)

*Black Lives Matter*, Ron Brown Center for Civil Rights and St. John’s School of Law Dialogue Day (June 4, 2020)

*Family Separations at the Border*, St. John’s School of Law Admitted Students of Color Day (April 2, 2020)

Moderator, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Conference, “Criminal Law & Immigration” Panel (June 13, 2019)

*Right or Wrong: Family Separations at the Border*, Ron Brown Center for Civil Rights and St. John’s School of Law Dialogue Day (September 20, 2018)

Moderator, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Black History Month Forum, “Feminism in the Black Community” Panel (February 23, 2017)

## SELECTED LEGAL COMMENTARIES

*“Tough on Immigrants” is the New “Tough on Crime”*, THE HILL (March 2, 2024)

*It’s Not Just Trump – Crime and Punishment are Inherently Political*, THE HILL (Nov. 16, 2023)

*Viewing Class Settlements Through a New Lens: Parts 1 & 2*, with Kahn Scolnick, *LAW 360* (July 25 and 26, 2017)

*Recent Trends in Environmental Nuisance Law*, with Matthew Hoffman and Abbey Hudson, *Law 360* (November 17, 2015)

*Offsets Survive Challenge as Cap-and-Trade Moves Forward*, with Patrick Dennis and Krista Hernandez, *Daily Journal* (April 22, 2013)

### **SELECTED MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS**

Frank Morano, *The Other Side of Midnight with Frank Morano* (Nov. 27, 2023) (interviewed)

Sharon Crowley, *NYC's Status as a Sanctuary City Draws Thousands of Asylum Seekers Weekly*, *Fox 5 NY* (May 23, 2023) (interviewed and quoted)

David Lazarus, *Are "Loot Boxes" in Video Games a Form of Gambling?*, *LA Times* (Dec. 11, 2020) (interviewed and quoted)

*Ipse Dixit Podcast* (May 28, 2020) (interviewed)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

President, John Mercer Langston Group, Inc. (2023 – present)

Co-Chair, Lutie/Langston Midwest Writing Workshop (2023 – present)

Advisory Board Member, *Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books* (2022 – present)

Contributor, *The Journal of Things We Like (Lots) (JOTWELL)* (2022 – present)

Instructor, *Immigration Law*, University of Miami School of Law Summer Legal Academy (2020-present)

Instructor, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights, Law School Pipeline Book Club (2021)

### **PEER REVIEW AND REFEREE ACTIVITY**

Yale Law Journal  
 Information and Communication Technology Law  
 Regulation & Governance  
 Gaming Law Review  
 Crime & Delinquency  
 Journal of Gambling Issues

## UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE AND STUDENT SERVICE

### St. John's School of Law

Faculty-Student Liaison Committee (2018)  
Curriculum Committee (2019)  
Grades Committee, (2019 - 2021)  
Intellectual Life Committee (2020)  
Diversity Committee (2021 - 2022)  
Faculty Advisor, Latin American Law School Association, (2020 - 2021)  
Faculty Advisor, Immigration Law Society (2019 - 2023)  
Faculty Advisor, Ted Jones Fellows (2021)

### Washington University School of Law

Appointments Committee (2023)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association  
American Constitutional Society  
American Historical Association  
American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy  
Association for American Educators  
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities  
International Political Science Association  
International Public Policy Association  
Law & Society Association  
National Bar Association  
National Black Law Students Association  
National Capital-Area Political Science Association  
Society of American Law Teachers

## LEGAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, Los Angeles, CA**

*Summer Associate*, June 2011 - August 2011  
*Associate Attorney*, 2012 - 2014, 2015 - 2018

### **Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, Newport Beach, CA**

*Summer Associate*, June 2010 - August 2010