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Loyola Law School  
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ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Associate Dean for Research, 2014-present  
Professor of Law & Rains Senior Research Fellow  
Member, LMU Presidential Search Committee, 2014-15  
Chair, Lateral Appointments Committee, 2010-present  
Associate Professor, 2003-2006  
Teaching & Research: criminal law & procedure, race, legislation,  
expert testimony

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Scholar in Residence, Center on the Administration of  
Criminal Law, Summer 2012

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Distinguished Visitor, Sept. 2007 (one week in residence)

JUDICIAL  
CLERKSHIPS

THE HONORABLE DAVID S. TATEL, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA, Judicial Clerk, 1997-1998

THE HONORABLE PAUL L. FRIEDMAN, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA, Judicial Clerk, 1995-1997

EDUCATION

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, J.D.

Graduated with Distinction  
Article Editor, Stanford Law Review  
Winner, Steven M. Block Civil Liberties Writing Award

YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A.

Philosophy, *cum laude*

SCHOLARSHIP

ARTICLES

*Criminal Misdemeanor Theory and Practice*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF CRIMINAL LAW  
(Markus Dubber & Tatjana Hörnle eds., forthcoming 2016)

*Misdemeanor Decriminalization*, 68 VANDERBILT L. REV. 1055 (2015)

- Response by Darryl Brown in 69 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 1 (2016)
- Reviewed on JOTWELL by Angela Harris, Oct. 23, 2015
- Reviewed on JOTWELL by Jennifer Chacon, Mar. 20, 2015

*Gideon's Servants and the Criminalization of Poverty*, 12 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 445 (2015)

- Scholarship of the Day, The Marshall Project, July 20, 2015

*Misdemeanors*, 11 ANN. REV. L. & SOC. SCI. 255 (2015)

*Aggregation and Urban Misdemeanors*, 40 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 1043 (2013)

*Gideon Skepticism*, 70 WASHINGTON & LEE L. REV. 1049 (2013)

*Misdemeanors*, 85 S. CAL. L. REV. 1313 (2012)

- Winner, 2013 Law and Society Association Article Prize
- Responses by Stephanos Bibas, Eve Brensike Primus, and Jonathan Simon in 85 S. CAL. L. REV. POSTSCRIPT (2012)
- Reviewed on JOTWELL by Erin Murphy, Apr. 18, 2012

“Snitching and the Use of Criminal Informants.” *Oxford Bibliographies in CRIMINOLOGY*. Ed. Richard Wright. New York: Oxford University Press (2012), oxfordbibliographiesonline.com

*Deregulating Guilt: The Information Culture of the Criminal System*, 30 CARDOZO L. REV. 965 (2008)

*Underenforcement*, 75 FORDHAM L. REV. 1715 (2006)

- 2007 Outstanding Scholarship Award from the AALS Criminal Justice Section
- 2007 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition, Honorable Mention

*Comment: Beyond Unreliable: How Snitches Contribute to Wrongful Convictions*, 37 GOLDEN GATE U. L. REV. 107 (2006) (for symposium on wrongful convictions at UCLA School of Law)

*Speechless: The Silencing of Criminal Defendants*, 80 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1449 (2005)

- 2004 Outstanding Scholarship Award from the AALS Criminal Justice Section

*Snitching: The Institutional and Communal Consequences*, 73 U. CIN. L. REV. 645 (2004)

- 2004 Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

*Madisonian Multiculturalism*, 45 AM. U. L. REV. 751 (1996)

*Trouble in Paradise: Equal Protection and the Dilemma of Interminority Group Conflict*, 47 STAN. L. REV. 1059 (1995)

- Winner, Steven M. Block Civil Liberties Award for distinguished work relating to personal freedom

*Protecting the Rights of Deaf Children from Non-English Speaking Homes*, 24 J.L. & ED. 271 (1995)

*The Year of Living Dangerously: State Courts Expand the Right to Education*, 92 ED. LAW REP. 755 (1994)

BOOKS	<p>THE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE THINKING (co-editor, with Sharon Dolovich) (14-essay collection) (NYU Press, forthcoming 2016)</p> <p>SNITCHING: CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND THE EROSION OF AMERICAN JUSTICE (NYU Press, 2009)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winner, 2010 ABA Silver Gavel Award, Honorable Mention for Books</li><li>• 2010 Barnes &amp; Noble Best Pick</li></ul>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p><i>Introduction</i>, in THE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE THINKING (with Sharon Dolovich) (forthcoming 2016)</p> <p><i>The Penal Pyramid</i>, in THE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE THINKING (forthcoming 2016)</p> <p><i>Negotiating Accuracy: DNA in the Age of Plea Bargaining</i>, in WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS AND THE DNA REVOLUTION: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF FREEING THE INNOCENT (editor, Daniel Medwed) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2016)</p>
AWARDS	<p>2013 Law and Society Association Article Prize</p> <p>2010 ABA Silver Gavel Award, Honorable Mention for Books</p> <p>2007 Outstanding Scholarship Award from the AALS Criminal Justice Section</p> <p>2007 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition, Honorable Mention</p> <p>2004 Outstanding Scholarship Award from the AALS Criminal Justice Section</p> <p>2004 Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum</p> <p>1995 Steven M. Block Civil Liberties Award for distinguished work relating to personal freedom</p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	<p>American Law Institute, elected 2007</p> <p>Adviser, <i>ALI Principles of Law, Police Investigations Project</i>, appointed 2015</p>
WEBSITE/BLOG	<p>Snitching Blog (<a href="http://www.snitching.org">www.snitching.org</a>). Public education website/blog devoted to the law and public policy regarding the use of criminal informants</p>
COMMENTARY	<p><i>Young Black Men Coerced to Plead Guilty</i>, Guest Blog Post, WASH. POST, Nov. 11, 2015</p> <p><i>The Dark Side of Decriminalization</i>, Op-ed, S.F. CHRON., Dec. 6, 2014</p> <p><i>Why misdemeanors aren't so minor</i>, SLATE.COM, April 27, 2012</p> <p><i>The Guilt Market</i>, REASON MAGAZINE, June 2011</p> <p><i>Who 'snitching' really betrays</i>, CNN Opinion, Feb. 18, 2011</p> <p><i>Secret Justice</i>, PRISON LEGAL NEWS, Feb. 2011</p> <p><i>Regulating Criminal Snitching</i>, Op-ed, DAILY JOURNAL, Sept. 15, 2009</p> <p><i>Kathryn Johnston paid price for police reliance on snitches</i>, S.F. CHRON., Aug. 16, 2007</p> <p><i>California Reconsiders Snitching</i>, Op-ed, S.F. CHRON., Nov. 19, 2006</p> <p><i>Gideon's Silence: What ever happened to the right to counsel?</i> SLATE.COM, May 31, 2006</p> <p><i>Bait and Snitch: The high cost of snitching for law enforcement</i>, SLATE.COM, Dec. 12, 2005</p>

REVIEWER

Criminology & Public Policy  
Police Quarterly

SELECTED

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit on Public Defense*, ABA Midyear Meeting, San Diego, CA, Feb. 6, 2016

Panelist, *Elephants in the Courtroom: Examining Overlooked Issues in Wrongful Convictions*, National Science Foundation, Alexandria, VA, Oct. 15, 2015

Presenter, *Wrongful Convictions and the DNA Revolution: Twenty-Five Years of Freeing the Innocent*, Northeastern University Law School, Boston, MA, Sept. 25, 2015

Speaker, Innocence Seminar, Innocence Project of Texas, Austin, TX, Aug. 7, 2015

Presenter, *Misdemeanor Decriminalization*, Law & Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May 30, 2015

Speaker, *Misdemeanor Punishment & the Power of Fines*, University of Oregon, Portland, OR, April 24, 2015

Panelist, *The Rehnquist Court: Ten Years Later*, Rehnquist Center on the Constitutional Structures of Government, University of Arizona College of Law, Feb. 6, 2015

Discussant, Prison Scholarship Roundtable, UCLA Law School, Oct. 31, 2014

Faculty Workshop, *Misdemeanor Decriminalization*, Pepperdine Law School, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 6, 2014

Presenter, *Misdemeanor Decriminalization*, Southern California Criminal Justice Roundtable, co-hosted by Loyola/UCLA/USC/Irvine, Los Angeles, CA, July 29, 2014

Discussant, *Misdemeanors: Racial Coercion and Net-widening at the Bottom of the Criminal Justice Pyramid*, Law & Society Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 31, 2014

Faculty Workshop, *The Penal Pyramid*, Univ. of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, Nov. 14, 2013

Presenter, *The Penal Pyramid: Linking Criminal Theory and Social Practice*, Criminal Procedure Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School, Nov. 1, 2013

Panelist, *Gideon's Promise and Peril: Meeting the Mandate for Indigent Defense*, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice, Harvard Law School, Oct. 11, 2013

Plenary Speaker, *Misdemeanors*, AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Conference, San Diego, CA, June 2013

Presenter, *Aggregation and Urban Misdemeanors*, Univ. of Chicago Criminal Justice Roundtable, Univ. of Chicago School of Law, IL, April 26, 2013

Co-convener and Presenter, Theorizing the Modern Criminal System: Law and Sociology in Conversation, NYU School of Law, April 5-6, 2013

- Co-convened (with Sharon Dolovich) two-day dialogue among distinguished legal theorists and social scientists to advance the interdisciplinary understanding of the criminal process

Faculty Workshop, *Aggregation and Urban Misdemeanors*, U.C. Davis School of Law, Davis, CA, Feb. 2013

Presenter, Symposium: *Gideon* at 50: Reassessing the Right to Counsel, Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, VA, Nov. 9, 2012

Presenter, Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, "Legitimacy and Order: Analyzing Police-Citizen Interactions in the Urban Landscape," Fordham Law School, New York, NY, Oct. 2012

Scholar-in-Residence, N.Y.U. School of Law, Center on the Administration of Criminal Law, July 2012

- Organized Misdemeanor Roundtable including academics and practitioners from NYU, Brooklyn, Cardozo, CUNY, Fordham, Seton Hall, Brennan Center, Ctr. for Constitutional Rights, Human Rights Watch, and the Innocence Project

Faculty Workshop, *Misdemeanors*, U.C. Irvine School of Law and the Center in Law, Society & Culture, Irvine, CA, Nov. 2011

Testimony regarding SB 687 before the Committee on Public Safety, California Senate, Sacramento, CA, June 14, 2011

Keynote Speaker, Prisoner's Family Conference, Portland, OR, February 2011

Panelist, Shaking the Foundations Conference, Stanford Law School, Oct. 2010

Author Talk, Enoch Pratt Central Library, Baltimore, MD, February 2010

Roundtable, *Snitching: Criminal Informants and the Erosion of American Justice*, Boalt Hall, Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice, January 2010

Public Lecture, co-sponsored by The Innocence Project & The Burns Center for Ethics, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, November 2009

Author Talk, sponsored by *American Criminal Law Review*, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC, November 2009

Author Talk, Howard Law School, Washington, DC, November 2009

Symposium Presenter: *The Future of Self-Incrimination*, Cardozo Law Review, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, Mar. 2-3, 2008

*Deregulating Guilt: The Information Culture of the Criminal System*

- Faculty Workshop, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, February 2008
- Faculty Colloquium, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, Nov. 2007
- Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 2007

Bauer Lecture, *The Silencing of Criminal Defendants*, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY Oct. 2007

Distinguished Visitor, University of Southern California School of Law (one week in residence), Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 2007. Presented *Discovering Guilt: The Politics of Information in the Criminal System*, and *Collecting Data on Confidential Informants*.

Testimony before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, *Oversight Hearing on Law Enforcement Confidential Informant Practices*, Washington, DC, July 2007

*Underenforcement: New Perspectives on Criminal Justice*, Seasongood Visiting Speakers Series, University of Cincinnati College of Law, OH, April 2007

*Developments in the Law of Snitching*, Presented at the ACLU Informant Roundtable, Atlanta, GA, March 2007

*Beyond a Physical Conception of the Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure in the Digital Age*, Center for Internet and Society/Stanford Technology Law Review, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, January 2007

*Underenforcement: Award Recipient*, Washington D.C., Jan. 2007

- AALS Criminal Justice Section Outstanding Scholarship Award
- AALS Scholarly Papers Competition, AALS Annual Conference

*Social and Ethical Implications of Client-Centered Strategies*, Plenary Speaker, Federal Public Defender Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 2006

*Snitch Witnesses*, The Faces of Wrongful Conviction Conference, ACLU of Northern California, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 2006

*Speechless: The Silencing of Criminal Defendants: Award Recipient*, AALS Criminal Justice Section Outstanding Scholarship Award, AALS Annual Conference, San Francisco, Jan. 2005

Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, *Snitching: The Institutional and Communal Consequences*, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, June 2004

#### SELECTED PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Expert Witness Testimony, *Williams v. Chappell*, Case No. 00-10637 (C.D.C.A. 2015)

Expert Witness Testimony, *Larson et al. v. State*, Case No. 14-2-00090-6 (Wash. 2015)

Expert Witness Testimony, *U.S. v. Savage*, Crim. No. 07-550 (E.D. P.A. 2013)

Testimony before the California Legislature, Senate Committee on Public Safety (June 2011) (regarding SB 687 establishing jailhouse informant corroboration requirement, now Cal. Pen. Code § 1111.5)

Expert Witness Testimony, *State v. Green*, Case No. 1170853 (Harris Cty, TX, 2010) (hearing on constitutionality of Texas death penalty)

Testimony before the Wisconsin Criminal Justice Study Commission, Madison, WI (Feb. 2009)

Brief Amicus Curiae of the ACLU, *Van de Kamp v. Goldstein* (U.S. Sept. 4, 2008) (No. 07-854)

Testimony before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, Oversight Hearing on Law Enforcement Confidential Informant Practices, Wash. D.C. (July 19, 2007)

ADDITIONAL LEGAL  
EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, Baltimore, MD

Assistant Federal Public Defender (2000-2003)

Lead counsel in noted case *U.S. v. Horn*, 185 F. Supp.2d 530 (D. Md. 2001) (first federal case to exclude field sobriety test evidence under *Daubert v. Merrell Dow*).

OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE COMMUNITY FELLOW, Baltimore, MD

Urban Law & Advocacy Project, Project Founder & Director (1998-2000)

Founded legal advocacy/education project to work with community organizations to identify legal strategies for urban empowerment. Provided legal education to community leaders and at-risk youth in cooperation with the Community Law Center. Funded by a Community Fellowship Award from the Open Society Institute.

MEDIA

Frequently interviewed and/or quoted by numerous media outlets including: The New Yorker, The Economist, New York Times, Washington Post, L.A. Times, Wall St. Journal, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, USA Today, The Guardian, Christian Science Monitor, Philadelphia Inquirer, Dallas Morning News, NPR, CBS, CNN, FOX, MSNBC, PBS, BET, ESPN, Huffington Post, Slate, BuzzFeed; local radio appearances across the country.