

## **J. D. “Jermaine” Taylor**

M.F.A. (‘19), M.A. (‘12), B.A. (‘03)

**Objective:** To obtain a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Law and Ethics at an ABA accredited institution.

**Research Interests:** Corporate Law, Labor Law, Legal and Ethical Issues in Business, Corporate Social Responsibility, Law and Education, Higher Education, Affirmative Action, Constitutional Law, Appellate Law

### **EDUCATION**

**Sarah Lawrence College**, Bronxville, NY

M.F.A., Writing (Creative Nonfiction), Anticipated: May 2019

Thesis: (Nonfiction) So Empty Since You Left Me: A Memoir (*The author’s memoir discusses events taking place in the wake of the April 14, 2004, murder of the his eldest brother in a still-unsolved, drug-related shooting in Orlando, FL, and the author’s subsequent battle with depression, unemployment and homelessness prior to attending law school.*)

Teaching: Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to English Literature (Spring 2018)

**CUNY Graduate School of Journalism**, New York, NY

M.A., Journalism (Business & Economics), May 2012, (3.35 G.P.A.)

Thesis: “The Rise and Fall of For-Profit Colleges: K Street Advocacy Groups, Lobbyists, and a Stealth Pushback on Reform”

**DePauw University**, Greencastle, IN

B.A., Philosophy, May 2003, (3.00 G.P.A.); Dean's List [Fall 2003]

Minor: Black Studies

Thesis: “The Role of Colleges and Universities *In Loco Parentis*”

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

\$12,000 Sarah Lawrence College Graduate Student Scholarship Award 2017-2019

\$4,000 Connie Chung-Maury Povich Graduate Student Scholarship 2010-2012

\$85,000 Posse Foundation Full-Tuition Merit-Leadership Award 1999-2003

### **NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

[“A MOOC That Would Make a Real Difference”](#) (*Chronicle of Higher Education*), 10/28/2013

[“Is Private School Worth the Price of Admission?”](#) (*Yahoo! Finance*), 4/28/2013

[“Forget Financial Aid, Soon-to-Be College Students Need Financial Ed”](#) (CNBC.com), 5/4/2013

[“At Wharton, A Peace Corps for MBAs”](#) (CNBC.com), 5/20/2013

[“Young Start-Ups Turn to Pitch Competitions as Launching Pads”](#) (CNBC.com), 5/10/2013

[“New Bill to Colleges and Universities: Prove Your Worth, Or Else”](#) (CNBC.com), 5/18/2013\

[“Student Loan Borrowers Leaving Lots of Money on the Table”](#) (CNBC.com), 4/14/2013

## **BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS & OTHER WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

**Manchild In the Promised Land**: The Life and Times of Michael Brown Jr. (Work-In-Progress)

"[J. D.] has produced an important book that is particularly valuable when we as a nation still wrestle with the issues of race, policing, and violence."

— **Walter Isaacson**, author, #1 *New York Times* Best-Seller "Steve Jobs" and Professor of History at Tulane University; former President and CEO of The Aspen Institute

"I dare anyone not to take notice of what [J. D.] has to say about his vision for education in this country..."

— **Rico Bloncaflor**, Vice President, The Posse Foundation (Vanderbilt University '98)

- How Liberals Lost Their Political Will... And Then Their Way: Essays
- So Empty Since You Left Me: A Memoir

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Founder & Executive Director**

The Writers' Room, New York, NY, 1/2017 - Present

- Conduct writing workshops, whereby students develop habits, best practices, and cognitively analytical ways of approaching various writing they may encounter in a freshman year of college 100-level English or Composition course.
- Host several Fall of 2017 college information nights, where students and families can speak directly to and ask questions of college admissions and financial aid officers as well as college English professors and other vital on-campus student services personnel in-person and via Google Hangouts and Skype.
- Coordinate several on-campus college visits to colleges and universities of various sizes and institutional profiles to give students and families a fuller understanding of the breadth and scope of the rich choices available to each student.

### **Writing Instructor**

The Writers' Room, New York, NY (FALL 2017)

- Serve as one of several volunteer Writing Instructors for The Writers' Room's after-school writing workshops and college admissions and financial aid coaching sessions.

### **The Posse Foundation/Vanderbilt University Class of 2021 Writing Coach**

The Posse Foundation, New York, NY, 3/2017 - Present

- Serve as one of two dozen Posse Scholar alumni Writing Coaches for a designated group of HS seniors—a "posse"—attending Posse partner institutions in the Fall.
- Serve as Vanderbilt University Class of 2021 Writing Coach for Posse's award-winning, 8-month pre-collegiate leadership development program for scholars—extending from March 1 through August 14.

**Founder & Editor-in-Chief**

SponsoringYoungPeople.org, New York, NY, 8/2013 – 12/2017

- Served as primary writer and editor for now-defunct news service, a college access news and information service aimed at low-income students and families.
- Actively managed blog, features, news, Q&A interviews, advice and opinions of experts and practitioners spanning the college access and admissions pipeline.

**CNBC.com News Associate**

NBCUniversal, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 9/2012 – 5/2013

- Served as writer/junior web producer for CNBC.com, producing content that syndicated to such news outlets as *USA Today*, NBC News and Yahoo! Finance
- Launched brand new reporting beat covering higher education, financial literacy, student debt, and the state of the millennial job market
- Worked as a junior show producer on production team for Power Lunch, CNBC's award-winning 1-2 pm business news program.

**Information Assistant, Epiphany Branch, Countee Cullen Branch, and Melrose Branch**

New York Public Library, New York, NY, 8/2004 – 7/2005 & 8/2006 – 10/2010

- Administered Click On @ NYPL computer training series at several branches for seniors and other NYPL community members
- Assisted with NYPL's Rikers Island Correctional Outreach effort, whereby NYPL staff supplied books, study aids, and various other resources to inmates
- Assisted staff in researching, editing, and producing NYPL *Connections: 2010, A Guide For Formerly the Incarcerated to Information Sources in New York City*.

**Resident Counselor, Office of Residence Life**

Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy, Aurora, IL, 8/2005 – 6/2006

- Supervised and counseled 24 high school students in a residential dormitory wing of the school, tracking their academic growth and extra-curricular involvement
- Served as mentor for IMSA alumna Rhiana Gunn-Wright of Chicago, IL (Rhodes Scholar, University College, Oxford, Class of '13; Yale University '11) ([See: Q&A with IMSA Alum Cristal G. \(Stanford '11\) and Rhiana G-W \(Yale '11\)](#))

**7th & 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, The Warren Street School (Newark, NJ)**

Teach For America Newark, 8/2003 - 6/2004

- One of several hundred recent college graduates selected from approximately 10,000 applicants nationally to teach in one of the nation's most underserved school districts.
- Student taught at Roberto Hernandez Elementary School in the South Bronx over the Summer of 2003.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National Association of Black Journalists

The Posse Foundation

iMentor

New York State Association for College Admissions Counseling

National Association of Sports Medicine

American Academy of Personal Training

**PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC, & PERSONAL**  
**REFERENCES & ENDORSEMENTS\***

**Peter Beinart (Yale University '95; Rhodes Scholar, University College) (*Academic*)**

Associate Professor (*Course Taught*: "Opinion Writing," Fall 2011)

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**Geanne (Rosenberg) Belton (Columbia Law School '86) (*Academic*)**

Professor (*Course Taught*: "Legal and Ethical Issues," Fall 2010)

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