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EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor, May 2017

Activities: Criminal Justice Concentration; Loyola LGBT OUTLaw Organization, President; Public Interest Law Foundation; Stereotype Awareness Coalition; National Lawyers Guild; Black Law Students Association Clinic; Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, Certified Law Student (August 2015 – May 2017)

TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA

B.A., Philosophy, Gender and Sexuality Studies, May 2010 (cum laude)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW & POLICY

Clinical Director and Visiting Associate Professor of Law (November 2024 – Present)

COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTIONS PROJECT: RE-ENTRY CLINIC

- Direct a semester-long, live-client clinic working to remove barriers for people who are justice-impacted
- Supervise students performing legal work for clients in and out of the courtroom setting
- Organize and conduct outreach to community organizations and client service providers
- Root all advocacy, direction, and lessons in the praxis of adolescent development, race, ethnicity and power, trauma, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, abolition, and community investment

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE FREEDOM PROJECT- SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

San Francisco, CA

Deputy Public Defender

February 2023 – June 2024

- Secure the release of clients through resentencing hearings pursuant to California Penal Code sections 1170(d), 1172.6, 1172.1, 745, 1437, 1473.7, and 1203.01
- Strategically litigate *Franklin* Hearings to maximize the impact of mitigation materials
- Provide direct representation in Youth Offender and Elder Parole Suitability Hearings
- Support clients after release from incarceration by working with community-based organizations and stakeholders to assist clients with transportation, housing, healthcare, and careers
- Litigate *Heard*/Proposition 57 transfers in criminal court and 707(a) transfer hearings in juvenile court
- Advocate for Executive Clemency and DA- and CDCR-initiated resentencings

JUVENILE INNOCENCE & FAIR SENTENCING CLINIC - LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Los Angeles, CA

Supervising Attorney and Adjunct Professor

August 2022 – February 2023

Staff Attorney and Adjunct Professor

August 2019 – August 2022

Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellow

August 2017 – August 2019

- Supervise between 12 and 15 certified law students yearly in providing zealous representation to indigent defendants who are serving life sentences for serious crimes committed as juveniles; Co-teach Fundamentals of Juvenile Post-Conviction and Sentencing Law
- Supervise students or provide direct representation on 35 Youth Offender Parole Suitability Hearings; Authored a Youth Offender Parole Hearing Guide to support students in all aspects of preparing clients for parole suitability hearings
- Litigate Proposition 57/*Padilla* Transfers in adult criminal courts and juvenile courts
- Author, edit, and supervise students in filing 15 writs and appeals
- Co-plan and co-teach Fundamentals of Juvenile Post-Conviction Law, including classes on *Franklin* proceedings, *Miller* and its progeny, statutory resentencing, Youth Offender Parole Hearings, professionalism, briefing mechanics, and client interviewing and communication.

- Design and implement administrative and organizational structures to support clinic operations, such as: *Franklin* Protocol, Youth Offender Parole Hearing Guide, casefile management structure, motions and brief bank, and asynchronous briefing mechanics lectures.

INDEPENDENT FORENSIC GANG EXPERT COLLEGE

Faculty, Co-Director

Los Angeles, CA
August 2019- Present

- Co-taught three 6-week sessions of the Independent Forensic Gang Expert College, a course designed to train gang experts to testify in court
- Generated curriculum for the IFGEC, including instruction on expert qualification, pre-trial written report, live testimony, gang evidence as sentencing mitigation, administrative requirements
- Partnered with social workers, mitigation experts, psychologists, prosecutors, defense attorneys and faculty from Loyola Law School and UCLA to teach sessions for the IFGEC
- Responsible for all operations, including recruitment and applications, creation of syllabus and lesson planning, grant reporting, and planning graduation and certification process

TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Franklin Hearings and Youth Factors for Parole Attorneys, for Parole Justice Works' Parole Attorney Training Series. California, March 26, 2024.

Recalling de facto Juvenile LWOP sentences under People v. Heard, for OSPD's MCLE webinar training. With Danielle Harris. California, May 18, 2023.

People v. Heard Petitions: The Law, Juvenile Court Options, and Strategies, for OSPD's Northern California Post-Conviction Training. With Danielle Harris. San Rafael, California, March 23, 2023.

Guest Lecturer: Adolescence and Juvenile Justice: Transfer, Gay Panic, & Felony Murder, for Prof. Samantha Buckingham's 1L Criminal Law Seminar, October 8, 2021 and October 18, 2022.

Wrongful Conviction Presentation: K. Newsome, for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office-Conviction Integrity Unit. Los Angeles, California, December 9, 2021.

Franklin Proceedings: Taking the Long View in Juvenile Mitigation, for the Tulare County Public Defender Office. With Christopher Hawthorne. Los Angeles, California, June 11, 2021.

Wrongful Conviction Presentation: G. Hernandez, for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office-Conviction Integrity Unit. Los Angeles, California, April 21, 2021.

Franklin Proceedings: Theory and Practice, for the LA County Public Defender Office (Compton Branch). With Christopher Hawthorne. Los Angeles, California, April 7, 2021.

Introduction to Franklin Hearings for Attorneys and Evaluators, with Anna Kafka, PsyD, for the Forensic Mental Health Association of California, Los Angeles, California, January 13, 2020.

The Five Stories of Wrongful Conviction, with Christopher Hawthorne, Seventh Bi-Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, at University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, Colorado, July 11, 2019.

Moderator and organizer, at *Guilty by Association II: Moving Beyond the Police Gang Narrative*, Loyola Law School, February 1 & 2, 2019.

When One Door Closes, Do We Jump Through the Window? Teaching Law Students to Advocate in Unfamiliar, Nontraditional Forums, With Christopher Hawthorne, Eve Hanan, Lila Meadows, Binny Miller & Jane Murphy, AALS Clinical Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 2018.

Franklin Hearings: The Law & Procedure, with Christopher Hawthorne, Forensic Mental Health Association of California Conference, October 9 & 30, 2018, Berkeley & Long Beach, California.

PUBLICATIONS

In re Cook *and the Franklin Proceeding: New Door, Same Dilapidated House*, in 53 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 373, with Christopher Hawthorne (Winter 2020).

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Language: French (conversational)

Interests: Singing and songwriting, cooking, technology, LGBTQ/racial justice activism