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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Associate Professor of Law and Assistant Professor of Computing & Data Sciences, July 2022 – Present

Courses: Evidence (Law school course), Social Justice for Data Science (undergraduate Computing & Data Science course)

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2020 – June 2022

Courses: Criminal Law, Evidence, and Critical Race Theory

Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, July 2019 – June 2020

Courses: Evidence

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, New York

LL.M., *James Kent Scholar*, 2019

McGill School of Law, Montreal, Canada

B.C.L./LL.B., 2015

Honors: Edwin Botsford Busteed Scholarship; Rosa B. Gualtieri Prize; Schull Yang Award; Daniel Mettarlin Memorial Scholarship; Reverend Charles H. Este Scholarship.

Activities: Research Assistant to Justice Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré; Research Assistant to Professor Adelle Blackett (Full Professor of Law and Canada Research Chair, Transnational Labor Law and Development); President of the Black Law Students' Association of McGill; Julius Alexander Isaac Moot competition.

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

B.A. (Hons.), History, *with distinction*, 2010

Honors: David Fox Memorial Prize for best undergraduate history thesis.

SELECTED ARTICLES, ESSAYS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

How Not to Democratize Algorithms, 2025 Wisc L Rev __ (2025)

Democratic Evidence in Critical Evidence (co-edited by Bennett Capers, Jasmine E. Harris, and Julia Simon-Kerr, Cambridge University Press, 2026) (forthcoming)

Revisioning Algorithms as A Black Feminist Project, in FEMINIST CYBERLAW (co-edited by Meg Leta Jones and Amanda Levendowski, UC Press, 2024)

- Book Reviewed by Ari Waldman, *Breathing Feminism into the Machine* [JOTWELL](#) (2024)

[To Democratize Algorithms](#), 69 UCLA L. REV 1688 (2023)

- Selected for 2022 Equality Law Scholars' Forum

[*Beyond More Accurate Algorithms: Takeaways From McCleskey Revisited*](#), 121 MICH. L. REV. 1109 (2023) (invited contribution)

- Reviewing Mario Barnes, "McCleskey v. Kemp" in CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN U.S. COURT OPINIONS ON RACE AND THE LAW (Cambridge University Press 2022)

[*Discredited Data*](#), 107 CORNELL L. REV 2007 (2022)

- Selected for 2021 Privacy Law Scholars Conference
- Selected for 2021 Fourth Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM
- Selected for the 2022 American Constitution Society's Schmooze
- Cited in DANIEL J. SOLOVE AND PAUL SCHWARTZ'S INFORMATION PRIVACY LAW (2024) (forthcoming)
- Cited in DANIEL J. SOLOVE'S PRIVACY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY (2024) (forthcoming)
- Cited in CAPERS, FAIRFAX, AND MILLER'S CRIMINAL LAW, A CRITICAL APPROACH (2023)

[*The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?*](#), 53 CONN. L. REV. 739 (2022)

- Reviewed by Jessica M. Eaglin, *Debunking the Myth of Democratized Algorithms in Criminal Administration*, [JOTWELL](#) (2021)
- Excerpted in DANIEL J. SOLOVE AND PAUL SCHWARTZ'S INFORMATION PRIVACY LAW (2024) (forthcoming)
- Excerpted in DANIEL J. SOLOVE'S PRIVACY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY (2024) (forthcoming)

[*Of Afrofuturism, Of Algorithms*](#), 9 CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF LAW 1 (2022) (peer-reviewed) (invited contribution)

[*When They Hear Us: Race, Algorithms and the Practice of Criminal Law*](#), 29 KAN. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 329 (2020) (invited contribution).

- Cited in the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, [The California Reparations Report](#) (June 29, 2023)

[*A Bad Rap': R. v. Skeete and the Admissibility of Rap Lyric Evidence*](#), 66 Crim. L.Q. 294 (2018)

- Cited in HILL, TANOVICH, AND STREZOS'S MCWILLIAMS' CANADIAN CRIMINAL EVIDENCE, (2013) (updated yearly)
- Cited in SANKOFF'S LAW OF WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE IN CANADA (2019)

[*Rethinking Online Privacy in Canada: Commentary on the Voltage Pictures v. John and Jane Doe Decision*](#), 12 Can. J. L. & Tech. 245 (2014).

- Cited in MCISAAC KLEIN, AND BROWN'S LAW OF PRIVACY IN CANADA (2004) (updated yearly)

I Love a Man in Uniform: The Debate Surrounding Uniforming the New York Police Force in the 19th-century, in STAAT MACHT UNIFORM: UNIFORMEN ALS ZEICHEN STAATLICHER MACHT IM WANDEL? (Sandro Wiggerich & Steven Kensy eds., 2011)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Rethinking The Place of Communities in Algorithmic Governance

Democratic Contestation, Criminal Justice, and the Age of AI

Positional Data Problem

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Justices MacPherson, Cronk, Lauwers, and Huscroft, Court of Appeal for Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Judicial Clerk, 2016-2017

Justice Madlanga, Constitutional Court of South Africa, Braamfontein, South Africa

Judicial Clerk, 2015

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CaleyWray Lawyers, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lawyer, 2017-2018

Centre for Research Action on Race Relations

Law Intern, 2012-2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Participation, Algorithms and the Criminal Process,” Culp Colloquium, Harvard Law School (May 2025)

“Rethinking The Place of Communities in Algorithmic Governance,” Racial Equality Scholarship Panel, 2025 Law and Society (May 2025) (Panelist)

“Participation, Algorithms and the Criminal Process,” Criminal Justice Roundtable, Yale Law School (April 2025) (Presenter)

“When 'Democratization' Isn't Enough: Identifying and Eliminating the Hidden Costs of AI” 3rd Annual Political Economy & Access to Justice Judicial Education Seminar March 2025) (Invited Lecture)

“Discredited Data” Race, Technology, and Law Colloquium, Cornell Law School (March 2025) (Invited Lecture)

Critical Evidence Colloquium, Fordham Law School (March 2025) (Panelist)

“Democratic Interventions,” The Future of AI and Surveillance George Washington Law Journal of Law and Technology Symposium, George Washington University Law School (February 2025) (Panelist)

“Tightrope: Teaching Criminal Law to First-year Students in a Polarized Moment,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Discussion Group (January 2025) (Moderator)

Inclusion Mechanisms for the Administrative State, Policy Mechanisms Workshop, Invited Participant, Georgetown Law School (December 2024)

“AI and Expertise,” Law and Expertise, Boston University Law Review Symposium (November 2024) (Moderator)

“Contestatory Algorithmic Governance,” Workshop Series, Center on Law and the Economy, Tulane University Law School (October 2024)

“Criminal Justice Reform Working Group Meeting on AI,” State Attorney General Project, American Constitutional Society (October 2024)

“Rethinking the Place of the Public in Algorithm Governance,” Power in the Administrative State Workshop, (September 2024)

“Empowering the Public in Algorithm Governance,” Law and Political Economy of Technology Workshop, Harvard Law School (September 2024)

“AI, Race, and Tomorrow: Charting the Future of Inclusion and Innovation,” Berkeley Technology Law Journal Symposium Race, Rights, and Innovation: Cultivating Equity in the Digital World (September 2024) (Panelist)

“Rethinking the Place of the Public in Algorithm Governance,” Digital Life Seminar, Cornell Tech (September 2024)

“Rethinking the Place of the Public in Algorithm Governance,” Racial Equality Scholarship Panel, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2024)

“Participation as Friction: The Outsiders of Algorithm Governance,” Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (June 2024)

“Contestatory Algorithmic Governance,” Culp Colloquium, Harvard Law School (May 2024)

“Democratic Evidence,” Evidence Summer Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School (May 2024)

“Agonistic Policymaking Section,” Policy Mechanisms Workshop, Invited Participant, Georgetown Law School (May 2024)

“Rethinking the Place of the Public in Algorithm Governance,” Law and Algorithms Course, Boston University (Professors Sellars and Varia) (April 2024) (Guest Lecturer)

“Transatlantic AI & Law Initiative,” Law and Norms in AI Engineering, Invited Participant, Fordham Law School (April 2024)

“Artificial Intelligence, Data Quality and the Implications for Evidence,” AI and Evidence in Civil Litigation Symposium, Berkely Center for Law & Technology, University of California, Berkely (April 2024)

“Of Afrofuturism, Of Algorithms,” Black Legal Futurism: When We Center African American Interests Conference, Invited Presenter, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Boyd School of Law (April 2024)

“The Outsiders of Algorithmic Governance,” University of Wisconsin Law School Faculty Workshop (April 2024)

“Discredited Data: The Epistemic Origins of Algorithmic Discrimination,” Windsor Law LTEC Lab Seminar Series, Invited Speaker, Windsor Law School (March 2024)

“Algorithms and Criminal Justice,” AI & the Law Symposium, Loyola University New Orleans - College of Law (March 2024) (Panelist)

“The Outsiders of Algorithmic Governance,” George Washington Law School Faculty Workshop (March 2024)

“The Algorithmic Accuracy Obsession,” Carceral AI Conference, The Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (February 2024)

“Roundtable Discussion on The Intersection of AI and Law,” Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts (February 2024) (Participant) (Invited)

“A Conversation on Carceral Home,” Boston University Law Review Panel (February 2024) (moderator)

“Unraveling the Threads of Failure: The Anatomy of Unsuccessful Criminal Law Reforms,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Criminal Justice’s panel (January 2024) (Panelist)

“Democratic Evidence,” University of New Mexico School of Law Faculty Colloquium (November 2023)

“Democratic Evidence,” Equality Law Scholars’ Forum, Boston University School of Law (November 2023)

“The Racialized Right to Travel,” Equality Law Scholars’ Forum, Boston University School of Law (November 2023) (Commentator)

“To Democratize Algorithms” AI, Technology, and Society Seminar, University of California, Irvine (Professor Ari Waldman) (November 2023) (Guest Lecturer)

“Democracy,” Information Privacy Law at the Crossroads: Boston University Law Review Symposium, Boston University School of Law (November 2023) (Panelist)

“Partnerships Within and Between Universities: How Interdisciplinary and Multiregional Networks Connect PIT Theory to Practice,” Public Interest Technology University Network Convening, Boston University Faculty of Computing and Data Sciences (October 2023) (Moderator)

“New Challenges in Legal Pedagogy: Ideas & Suggestions From Our Best Professors,” Re-centering Teaching Workshop, Boston University (October 2023) (Panelist)

“Democratic Evidence,” Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (July 2023)

“Democratic Evidence,” CrimFest (July 2023)

“The Outsiders of Algorithmic Governance,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 2023)

“Transparency, Technocracy and Trust in Participatory Algorithmic Governance: Lessons Learned from the US Census Bureau’s Implementation of Differential Privacy,” Privacy Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado Law School (June 2023) (Discussant)

“Positionality Problem,” Culp Colloquium, Duke University School of Law (May 2023)

“Race, Law, and Algorithms,” Public Interest Lawyering Seminar, Boston University (Professors Dahlstrom and Goodwin) (April 2023) (Guest Lecturer)

“To Democratize Algorithms,” Law and Algorithms Course, Boston University (Professors Sellars, Canetti, and Kaptchuk) (April 2023) (Guest Lecturer)

“To Democratize Algorithms,” Brooklyn Law School, Faculty Workshop (April 2023)

“To Democratize Algorithms,” Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Faculty Workshop (April 2023)

Democratic Regulation of AI Workshop, Yale ISP Wikimedia Initiative on Intermediaries and Information (February 2023) (Panelist)

“To Democratize Algorithm,” Justice-AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (December 2022)

“Criminal Record Management, Administrative Hassle, and Data Work,” Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable, Duke University School of Law (December 2022) (Discussant)

“Algorithms for Democracy, Governing, and Access to Law,” Fairness and Privacy: Perspectives from Law and Probability Course, Harvard Law School (Professors Martha Minow Cynthia Dwork) (November 2022) (Guest Lecturer)

“To Democratize Algorithms,” Equality Law Scholars’ Forum, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (November 2022)

“Abolitionist Futures,” Abolition and Law Seminar, Indiana Law School, (Professor India Thusi) (August 2022) (Guest Lecturer)

Conference on Risk Assessment, Vanderbilt Law School (August 2022) (Panelist)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Racial Justice Scholarship Panel, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (July 2022)

“Abolitionist Algorithms?” Culp Colloquium, University of Chicago School of Law (June 2022)

“Of Afrofuturism, Of Algorithms,” Afrofuturism and the Law Workshop, cohosted by Center on Race, Law and Justice (Fordham Law School), Center for Ethics, Ethics of AI Lab (University of Toronto) (May 2022)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Virtual Criminal Law Workshop (April 2022)

“Discredited Data,” California Western School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” Ethics Center Series: Bias in AI, hosted by Center for Professional & Applied Ethics, University of North Carolina Charlotte (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” University of Hawaii’s William S. Richardson School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” New York Law School, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” Race, Law, and Technology Seminar, University of Maryland, (Professor Chaz Arnett) (February 2022) (Guest Lecturer)

“Discredited Data,” Connecticut Law School, Faculty Workshop (February 2022)

“Discredited Data,” University of California Hastings College of the Law, Faculty Workshop (February 2022)

Abolition and Technology,” UCLA Law Symposium, Toward an Abolitionist Future (January 2022) (Co-faculty Sponsor and Moderator)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2022) (presented for the Section on Criminal Justice’s “Work in Progress” panel)

“Discredited Data,” 2021 Tech/Law Colloquium Series, jointly hosted by Cornell University Law School and Cornell University College of Computing and Information Science (December 2021)

“Discredited Data,” 2021 Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School (November 2021)

“Discredited Data,” 2021 Fourth Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (selected from a blind national call) (October 2021)

“Critical Race Theory and the Law,” the Richard J. Childress Memorial Symposium, Saint Louis University Law School (October 2021) (Panelist)

“Racial Logics in Algorithmic Systems,” Regulating AI Symposium, Electronic Privacy Information Center (September 2021) (Moderator)

“Discredited Data,” AI and the Law Seminar, University of Florida (Professor Amy Stein) (September 2021) (Guest Lecturer)

“Racial Justice,” 8th Annual Lara D. Gass Symposium hosted by Law Women Law Students Organization, Washington and Lee University School of Law (September 2021) (Panelist)

“Discredited Data,” Junior Faculty Summer Workshop Series, Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law (July 2021)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Women of Color Collective Junior Legal Scholars Workshop (July 2021)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (July 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Privacy Law Scholars Conference (selected from a double-blind national call) (June 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center (June 2021)

“Discredited Data: Epistemic Violence, Technology, and the Construction of Expertise,” Tackling Technology Facilitated Violence Conference Series, Osgoode Hall Law School’s Institute for Feminist Legal Studies and the University of Ottawa’s eQuality Project (May 2021) (Keynote Speaker)

“Abolitionist Epistemologies,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2021) (Roundtable Discussion)

“When They Hear Us: Race, Criminal Reform, and the Democratizing Potential Algorithms,” University of Ottawa’s Centre for Law, Technology and Society (April 2021) (Public Lecture)

“Discredited Data,” Critical Race Theory Seminar, Widener University, Delaware Law School (April 2021) (Guest Lecturer)

“Systemic Racism and Evidence Law: Beyond Neutrality,” National Lawyers Guild, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (April 2021) (Moderator)

“Discredited Data,” Junior Law and Technology Scholars’ Workshop (March 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Yale Law School’s Ideas Lunch Series (March 2021) (Invited Presenter)

“Discredited Data,” Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (February 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2021) (presented for the Section on Criminal Justice’s “Work in Progress” panel)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2021) (presented for the Section on Civil Rights’ “New Voices” panel; selected from national call)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Nebraska College of Law’s Governance and Technology Center (January 2021)

“Surveillance and Criminal Enforcement Technologies and Discrimination,” C. Clyde Ferguson Symposium, Howard University School of Law School (January 2021) (Panelist)

“Beyond 2020: Decarceral, Anti-Racist and Non-Traditional Teaching,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Criminal Justice’s panel (January 2021) (Panelist)

“Discredited Data,” Joint Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty and John Mercer Langston Writing Winter Workshop (December 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Yale Law School’s Virtual Cyber Policy Speaker Series (July 2020) (Invited Presenter)

“Creating An Anti-Racist Climate in Law Schools” jointly hosted by City University of New York School of Law and Hofstra University’s Maurice A. Deane School of Law (July 2020) (Facilitator)

“Discredited Data,” CrimFest (July 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Junior Law and Technology Scholars’ Workshop (July 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” 2021 Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (July 2020)

“Discredited Data,” Northern Illinois University College of Law’s Criminal Law Works in Progress Series (June 2020)

“Discredited Data,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Justice-AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (November 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (October 2020)

“When They Hear Us: Race, Algorithms and The Practice of Criminal Law,” Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy’s Symposium, University of Kansas School of Law (February 2020) (Invited Keynote)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Critical Race Theory Seminar, Connecticut Law School (Professor Jamelia Morgan) (April 2020) (Guest Lecturer)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, State College, Pennsylvania (June 2019)

HONORS

- 2024 Derrick A. Bell Jr. Award
- 2022-2025 Moorman-Simon Interdisciplinary Career Development

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

- Cyber-Alliance Seminar (co-organizer) (2024- Present)
- Social Justice for Data Science Lecture Series (Creator, Co-convenor,, (2023 – Present)
- Law, Technology And Humans Journal (International Editorial Board Member), July 2022 – Present
- Modern Criminal Law Review (Editorial Board Member), September 2023 – Present
- Decarceration Law Professors’ Work in Progress Series (Co-Creator, Planning Committee Chair), June 2020 – Present
- Hire Aspirations Institute (Member) January 2023 – Present
- Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) (Advisory Board Member), July 2022 – Present
- Yale Law School Information Society Project (Affiliate Fellow), July 2022 – Present
- Harvard University Berkman Klein Center For Internet & Society (Faculty Associate), July 2022 – Present
- Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (Technology-Facilitated Violence Advisory Committee Member) 2021 – 2022
- Law and Technology Workshop, (Planning Committee Member), July 2022 – June 2025
- ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (Member, the ACM FAccT Program Committee; Reviewer for the ACM FAccT), 2020 – 2022

BAR ADMISSIONS

Law Society of Ontario (2017)