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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Berkeley – School of Law

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Policy Advocacy Clinic, 2017 - 2021

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

J.D., School of Law, 2017

National Jurist Law Student of the Year (2017)

Public Interest & Social Justice Certificate

Dean's Fellowship

Executive Board – Law Students of African Descent

Executive Board – Juvenile Hall Outreach

Law Library Student Advisory Committee

Admissions Committee

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., Philosophy (*with honors*), 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley – School of Law

Policy Advocacy Clinic

- *Clinic Field Work*
- *Advanced Clinic Field Work*
- *Clinic Seminar*
- *Advanced Clinic Seminar*

Dismantling the Carceral State

PUBLICATIONS

Monetizing the Super-Predator, OHIO ST. L.J. (2021)

SELECT EMPLOYMENT

Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office

Policy Director, 2021 – Present

Organized and led investigations into serious law enforcement misconduct, including investigation into incidents of police sexual violence, investigation into previously unacknowledged racialized killings by law enforcement, and analysis of the impact of local law enforcement's use of pretext stops on racially disparate outcomes. Crafted a broad slate of policy recommendations for consideration by the District Attorney, including foregoing the use of habitual offender laws and material witness warrants, and restructuring jury selection processes to end the practice of striking potential jurors due to prior contact with the criminal system.

Western Center on Law & Poverty

Law Clerk, June 2016 – August 2016

Worked as a policy advocate, lobbying for state legislation designed to secure housing, health care, public benefits, and access to justice for low-income Californians. Partnered with Berkeley Law's Policy Advocacy Clinic to secure passage of legislation eliminating assessment and collection of juvenile administrative fees. Led Western's successful effort to advance SB 882, which put an end to the practice of criminalizing low-income minors in California who could not afford to pay public transit fare when traveling to and from school.

Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Division

Extern, August 2015 – December 2015

Represented defendants in juvenile delinquency proceedings. Duties included legal research, brief drafting, motion preparation and in-court advocacy. Projects included researching the extent to which a defendant's presence in a "high crime area" provided justification for police contact, and arguing against the inclusion of electronic devices search terms as conditions of probation for juveniles.

East Bay Community Law Center, Youth Defender Clinic

Summer Fellow, June 2015 – August 2015

Represented youth in school expulsion proceedings, and in juvenile delinquency proceedings. Duties included settlement negotiation, legal research, memo drafting, motion preparation, probation maintenance and client intake. Projects included negotiating a non-expulsion transfer agreement with Oakland Unified School District, researching the interaction between subrogation clauses and victim restitution orders, and advocating for clients during post-disposition financial

hearings.

Freelance Screenwriter

2004-2010

Conceived and produced screenplays on assignment for primetime broadcast television. Working both alone and on teams, took ideas from conceptual stage, fine-tuned through multiple revisions, and readied for production. Notable projects include 20th Century Fox Television's *The Inside* (aired 2004 - 2005) and *K-Ville* (aired 2007).

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