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Academic Appointments

- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW
Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2024)
Courses taught—Evidence
Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2023)
Courses taught—Evidence; Historical Legacies: Race, Gender, and Criminalization
- AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION
Research Professor (2019-Present)
- DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES
Associate Professor of History (2020- Present)
Assistant Professor of History (2013- 2020)
Courses taught— Legal & U.S. History

Education

- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: JD, Pritzker School of Law (2014)
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: PhD, Dept. of African American Studies—History Track (2014)
- STANFORD UNIVERSITY: BA, Human Biology; African American Studies (2003)

Selected Publications:

Book:

- *The Criminalization of Black Children: Race, Gender and the Construction of Delinquency in Chicago's Juvenile Justice System, 1899-1945* (April 2018). [recipient of 2019 Society for the History of Childhood and Youths' Grace Abbott Book Prize].

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Race, the Construction of Dangerous Sexualities, and Juvenile Justice,” in *The Intimate States: Sex, Gender, and Governance in Modern America*, ed. Margot Canaday, Robert Self, and Nancy Cott (December 2021).
- “In the Belly of the Beast: Black Policemen Combat Police Brutality in Chicago, 1968-1983,” *Journal of African American History*, Special Edition on the History of African Americans and the Criminal Justice System (Fall 2013).
- “Aberrant Sexualities and Racialized Masculinization: Race, Gender, and the Criminalization of African American Girls at the Illinois Industrial School for Girls at Geneva, 1896-1935,” *Gender & History Journal* (Summer 2013).
- Children Left Behind Bars: Sullivan, Graham, and Juvenile Life without Parole Sentences: *Northwestern University Journal of Human Rights* (Fall 2010).

Book Reviews

- (solicited) *Occupied Territory: Policing Black Chicago from Red Summer to Black Power* by Simon Balt, *American Historical Review* (January 2022).
- (solicited) *Ages of Anxiety: Historical and Transnational Perspectives on Juvenile Justice*, ed. by William S. Bush and David S. Tanenhaus, *Journal for the History of Childhood and Youth* (January 2020).

Works in Progress:

- “Mechanisms of Dehumanization: Race and the Evolution of Juvenile Justice Laws” [law review article].
- “Contested Childhoods: Juvenile Justice and the State Training School for Girls in Hudson, 1904-1975,” [peer-reviewed journal article].
- *Feminized Courts and Carceral Institutions: Gender, the Legal Regulation of Race & the Making of Modern Criminal Justice* [book manuscript].

Selected Awards and Recognitions

- DePaul University, Humanities Center Fellowship, Fall 2019-Spring 2021.
- Hackman Research Residency Fellowship, New York State Archives, Summer 2019.
- DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2019

- Society for the History of Childhood and Youths' Grace Abbott Book Prize (for *The Criminalization of Black Children: Race, Gender, and Delinquency in Chicago's Juvenile Justice System, 1899-1945*), Spring 2019.
- Vincentian Endowment Fund Grant, DePaul University, Fall 2018.
- DePaul University, (inaugural recipient) Sanders Endowed Professorship, 2016-2017.
- DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant, 2014.
- Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2012-2013.
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Fellow, Gender Studies, Northwestern University, 2012.
- Raoul Berger Best Senior Research Paper Prize nominee—Northwestern University School of Law, Fall 2010.
- Northwestern Department of African American Studies, Grant for field research on the impact of racial categories on Brazil's juvenile justice system, 2009.
- Northwestern Department of African American Studies, Grant for archival research on Chicago's African American Policemen's League, 2008.

Selected Lectures, Talks, and Conferences

- Commentator, (invited) "Unprotected Childhood and Regulated Families in Twentieth Century United States" Association for the Society of Legal History, October 2023.
- Panelist, (invited) "Constructing Race and Gendered Delinquency in the Juvenile Justice System," Association for the Society of Legal History, November 2022.
- Speaker (invited), "Gender, Punishment, and Juvenile Justice," Harvard Law School, Legal History Workshop, September 2022.
- Roundtable Panelist (invited), "The Carceral Turn in Juvenile Justice Studies," Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Galway, Ireland, June 2021 (virtual).
- Book Talk and Signing, *The Criminalization of Black Children*, "Meet the Author," Newberry Library, Chicago, February 2019.
- Book Talk, "The Criminalization of Black Children: Race, Gender and the Construction of Delinquency in Chicago's Juvenile Justice System, 1899-1945" Northwestern University, October, 2018.

- Commentator (invited), "Who Commands the Police? The Fight Against Civilian Review and the Origins of Modern Police Unionism," Draft paper," by Aaron Bekemeyer, Newberry Seminar on Labor History, September 2018.
- Commentator (invited), "A Local Phase of a National Obsession: Defining and Treating Black Female Sexual Delinquency, 1915-1925," Dissertation Chapter for Lindsey Jones, Graduate Fellow at the Carter G. Woodson Institute Seminar, University of Virginia, November 2017.
- Commentator (invited) to "We Had the Right to Remain Silent, but We Ain't Gonna Stay that Way," Draft Chapter in *The Rise of the North Carolina Prisoners Labor Union*," by Amanda Hughett, Newberry Seminar on Labor History, October 2017.
- Presenter (invited) on "Historicizing Constructions of Young Black Female Delinquency in the Juvenile Justice System," for "Incarcerating Girls and Women: Past and Present" Symposium at School of Criminal Justice, University of Albany, April 2018.
- Panelist (invited) for Roundtable, "African Americans and Criminal Justice in 20th Century Chicago," Urban History Association, October 2016.
- Participant, "Flight, Fright, and Freedom: The Criminalization of Black Boys at the Illinois Training School for Boys at St. Charles," Law & Humanities Junior Scholars Workshop, University of California Los Angeles School of Law, June 2016.
- Association for the Study of American Life and History (ASALH), Chair and Commentator for Panel, "Race and the Dynamics of Male/Female Relationships," Atlanta, September 2015.
- Panelist (invited), "Boundaries of Innocence: Race, Sex, and Criminalization, 1899-1945," History and Property—Law and Motion Conference, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, April 2015.
- Panelist (invited), "The Rehabilitative Ideal: Policy, Power, and Prisons: The Paradox of Twentieth-Century Justice," American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2012.
- Panelist (invited), "Race and Incarceration in the United States, 1890-1955," Social Science History Association (SSHA), Boston, November 2011.
- Panelist "The Limits of the Rehabilitative Ideal: African American Girls at the Illinois Training School at Geneva, 1899-1945" American Society for Legal History, Atlanta, November 2011.

- Organizer & Panelist, "Black Children and Boundaries of Innocence, 1896-1968: Gendered Criminalization, Training 'Productive' Future Citizens, and Rural Hosting Programs as Sites of Racial Transformation," Richmond, October 2011.
- Panelist "Boundaries of Innocence: African American Girls at the Illinois Training School," Richmond, October 2011.
- Panelist, "'The Most Vicious and Depraved': The Construction of African American Girls at the Illinois State Industrial School for Girls and their Exclusion from the Rehabilitative ideal, 1899-1935," Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Columbia University, New York, June 2011.
- Panelist, "We Must Take Account": Race, Law, and History, University of Michigan Department of History/School of Law, Ann Arbor, April 2011.
- Panelist, "African American Girls at the Illinois Training School for Girls" Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, University of California Riverside Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, Riverside, March 2011.
- Panelist, "Race and Juvenile Justice in Illinois, 1899-1945," Association for African American Historical Research & Preservation, Seattle, February 2011.

Selected Professional Service and Commitments

American Bar Foundation

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2021-Present.
- Faculty Advisory Committee, Director Search, 2021-2023.
- Speaker Series—Co-organizer, 2020-2021.
- Law and Inequality Fellowship—Student Mentor, 2020-Present.
- Student Undergraduate Research Program—Mentor & Seminar Leader, 2020-Present.
- Research Committee—Member, 2019-2020

DePaul University

- Liberal Studies Program—Chair, 2020-Present.
- College Senate—Representative for Tenure-track Faculty in the Humanities, 2018-2020
- Graduate Program Committee—2017-Present.
- History of Law Minor—Founder and Director, 2016-Present.
- Black History Month Lecture Series—Organizer, 2014-2022.
- Liberal Studies Program—Committee Member, 2017-2021.
- First Year Academic Success (FYAS)—Advisor 2017-2019.
- Women's History Month Lecture Series—Organizer, 2016-2020.
- Pre-Law Concentration—Director, 2015-2022.
- African and Black Diaspora Studies—Advisory Board, 2014-2021.

Service to the Profession:

- Grace Abbot Book Prize Selection Committee, Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, 2021-2022.
- James Willard Hurst Book Prize Committee, Law and Society Association, 2021-2022.
- Blind Reviewer: *Journal of American History*, *Law and History Review*, *Journal of African American History*, *Urban History Association*, University of Carolina Press.

Community:

- Scholar-Collaborator—Prison Public Memory Project—2017-2020.

Affiliations

- Law and Society Association (LSA)
- American Society for Legal History (ASLH)
- Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
- Organization of American Historians (OAH)