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## Current Position

**William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV**

- **E.L. Cord Foundation Professor of Law**, 2024 to present
- **Ralph Denton Professor of Law**, 2017 to 2024
  - **Professor of Law**, 2007 to present

## Prior Employment

**Nevada System of Higher Education, Las Vegas and Reno, NV**

- **Acting Chancellor**, June 2016 to June 2017
  - Chief Executive and Academic Officer of state higher education system, consisting of
    - Two Carnegie Research / Higher Institutions (both now designated "Highest")
    - One state college
    - Four community colleges
    - One research institution
  - System enrollment of 100,000 students
  - Central System staff of 150
  - Report to an elected, thirteen-member Board of Regents
  - Ex officio member
    - Governor's Cabinet
    - Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) Board
- **Select Accomplishments**
  - Shepherded Board's legislative agenda through the biennial legislative session, producing
    - 13.44% increase in higher education funding
    - Defeat of a raft of reform bills opposed by the board and member institutions
  - Repaired system's relationship with legislators
  - Supervised transition of medical schools in Las Vegas as legacy school moved from dual campus model to single campus in Reno and UNLV launched a new medical school and took over clinical programs in Las Vegas
  - Led major IT implementation as system and its institutions adopted Workday
  - Managed Hiring of two campus presidents for the Board
  - Conducted three-year review of two presidents
  - Hired a vice chancellor for community colleges, completing implementation of a "system within a system" for community colleges

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV**

- **Strategic Advisor to the President**, July 2015 to May 2016
  - Advised new UNLV President on matters of strategic importance to UNLV, including
    - Ongoing efforts to improve student success
    - Initiative to attain Carnegie Research / Highest designation
    - Opening of new UNLV School of Medicine

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV**

- **Executive Vice President and Provost, July 2012 to July 2015**
  - Chief Academic Officer for urban research university offering over 220 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees to over 28,000 students
    - Carnegie Research / Higher university (attained Carnegie “Highest” designation in 2018)
    - Law, Dental and (newly launched) Medical Schools
    - Highly diverse student body with over 55% of students from minority groups
  - Responsible for 15 Academic Colleges and Schools
    - Supervised and Supported Deans of all Colleges and Schools
  - Managed University’s Academic Budget of nearly \$200 mil.
    - Set Institutional Priorities on Teaching and Research
    - Authorized all Academic and Research Appointments
- **Select initiatives as Executive Vice President and Provost**
- **Campus-wide Projects:**
  - *“Officer In Charge” during presidential transition.* I served as the campus head after the November 2013 departure of the president, continuing until the appointment of an Acting President by the NSHE Board of Regents on January 24, 2014. In this capacity, I ensured the campus mission was minimally affected by the departure of president.
  - *Managed planning of Medical School.* After President’s November 2013 announcement of pending resignation, I took over the three-month-old project, launching a new process to identify a planning dean for the Medical School and working with outside parties to keep the project moving forward.
  - *Developed initiative to pursue Carnegie Research / Highest designation.* The UNLV “Tier One” project was the product of my initial assessment of the university upon becoming provost and discussions with the president about addressing the university’s limited faculty resources, low morale, and falling levels of federally funded research. University attained Carnegie “Highest” designation in 2018.
  - *Successful NWCCU accreditation review in spring 2013.*
  - *Managed Separation of Graduate College from Vice President of Research Office.* In response to an existing consultant’s report, I elicited faculty, student, and staff input, developed a plan for financing an independent graduate college, identified interim leadership, approved a staffing plan, and supported strategic planning in the college.
  - *Developed closer, formal collaboration with Clark County School District (CCSD).* Worked with two Superintendents to formalize collaboration with CCSD, the country’s fifth largest district and the source of the vast majority of the University’s students.
- **Initiatives to improve campus capacity:**
  - *Appointed Deans in eight colleges and planning dean for medical school.*
  - *Strategically grew size of the full-time instructional faculty from 780 to over 900.*
  - *Created a leadership development program to build leadership capacity in existing faculty and staff.*
  - *Created a department chair-mentoring program (run by chairs) to help acclimate new chairs.*
  - *Developed academic component to new student orientation (UNLV Creates).*
- **Initiatives to improve student success:**
  - *Launched formal Retention Progression and Completion (RPC) strategic planning effort to improve student completion.*

- *Adopted student success software* offered by the Student Success Collaborative to provide more detailed, real-time enrollment demand data and to assist advisors in advising students.
- *Implemented general education curriculum* adopted by campus in spring 2012.
- *Adopted block scheduling for freshmen*, increasing freshmen average enrollment by over 1 credit to 14.9 credits in fall 2013.
- **Faculty Development Initiatives:**
  - *Jointly developed “CoRE” initiative (with President and Vice President for Research) to promote collaborative research and education.*
  - *Implemented faculty mentoring program developed by 2012 Presidential Fellow.*
  - *Revamped new faculty orientation to focus on faculty onboarding.*
  - *Initiated restoration of faculty professional development program.*

**William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV**

- **Dean and Professor of Law**, August 2007 to July 2012
  - Chief academic and budget officer of law school
  - Responsible for \$20m budget
  - School of over 42 faculty, and 35 administrative faculty and staff
- **Select Honors**
  - On Being a Black Lawyer 100 most influential black attorneys list, 2012 (The Power 100 Special Edition at <http://www.obabl.com/special-editions>)
  - Las Vegas National Bar Association Attorney of the Year, 2009
- **Select Accomplishments as Dean**
  - The Boyd School of Law became the school of choice for Nevada law school applicants.
  - Entering student body quality measures increased each year while student body diversity also improved.
  - First-time bar passage increased each year, with two of the school's highest passage rates in the four summer bar exams taken during term as dean.
  - Maintained graduate employment levels though first years of post recession employment crisis for new law graduates.
  - Guided the Law School through the economic crisis that produced total cuts of more than 39% of state funding:
    - Sustained faculty size throughout Great Recession
    - Maintained collective faculty scholarly productivity, despite significant faculty turnover
    - Preserved all law school programs through the Great Recession
    - Sustained law library acquisitions budget
    - Increased number of conferences hosted by the Law School each year
  - Built stable funding source for student scholarships, increasing scholarship spending (relative to tuition) by 165%.
  - Improved rankings in US News three of the five years as dean, moving from the 56<sup>th</sup> percentile (#112 of 200) to the 34<sup>th</sup> percentile (#68 of 200) among law schools (the Law School is currently #67).
  - Facilitated the launch of new programs:
    - Steve and Sharon Strasser Mediation Clinic
    - Nevada Gaming Law Journal
    - Public Interest Law Fellows (scholarship program)
    - Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution Summer Institute
    - William S. Boyd School of Law Intersession Program in India
  - Initiated alumni giving program, increasing annual alumni pledges and donations by 400% over prior peak.

**Paul M. Hebert Law Center, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA**

- **J. Dawson Gasquet Memorial Professor of Law**, 2003 to 2007
- **J. Dawson Gasquet Memorial Associate Professor of Law**, 1999 to 2003
- **Associate Professor of Law (Tenured)**, 1996 to 1999
- **Assistant Professor of Law**, 1992 to 1996

**Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Como, Italy**

- **Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law**, June 2006 to July 2007
  - Two-year appointment to the Faculty of Law under Italian Ministry of Education and Research "rientro cervelli" program.
  - Appointed to teach and research at intersection of law, multiculturalism and multilingualism.
  - Resigned appointment after one year to fulfill obligations as Dean of William S. Boyd School of Law.

**Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Como, Italy**

- **Visiting Professor**, May 2005
  - Taught course on evolution of American civil rights law.

**Human Rights Watch, New York, NY**

- **Schell Fellow**, September 1991 to June 1992
  - Monitored human rights practices for Human Rights Watch/Middle East.
  - Conducted site-visit in Egypt to investigate allegations of torture and mistreatment by security forces and general prison conditions.
  - Contributed to book-length report on torture in Egypt along with several newsletters.
  - Contributed to book-length report on prison conditions in Egypt.
  - Researched violations of humanitarian law in Gulf War and treatment of "stateless persons" expelled from Kuwait after the Gulf War.

## **Education**

**Yale Law School**

J.D., June 1991

Notes Topic Editor, Volume 100, *Yale Law Journal*

Supervising Student, Jerome Frank Legal Services Organization

Black Law Students Association

**Southern University**

B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1988

Commencement Marshall, School of Public Policy

Varsity Cross Country and Track Team, 1985-88 (Captain, 1987-88)

**Princeton University**

**Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs**

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Undergraduate Fellow in Public Policy Analysis and Management, Summer 1987

## **Law School Summer Program Abroad Appointments**

**LSU Summer in Lyon, France**

Director: 2005, 2004

**Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Como, Italy**

Professor: *Summer School in Comparative Law*,  
Introduction to American Tort Law, 2009, 2008, 2005, 2004

**Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy**

Professor, *Summer School in Comparative Law*,  
Introduction to American Tort Law, 2006

**LSU Summer In Lyon, France**

Professor, 2005, 2004  
International Civil Litigation in American Courts, 2005  
Comparative Assimilation Law, 2004

**LSU Summer In Aix-en-Provence, France**

Professor 2000, 1998  
Introduction to Conflict of Laws, 2000  
International Human Rights Law, 1998

**Select Academic and Community Service****Community Board Memberships:**

- **Opportunity Village** Board, 2013-present, (Executive Committee member, 2023-24, 2016-19)
  - Opportunity Village is Nevada's largest charity, serving people with intellectual disabilities.
- **Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN)**, 2010-present (Capital Campaign Committee, 2023-24)
  - LACSN is the primary provider of legal services to the poor in metropolitan Las Vegas.
- **Guinn Center**, Board, 2023-present (Audit and Finance Committee, 2023-24)
  - The Guinn Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy center addressing key challenges faced by policymakers in Nevada.
- **Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems (NIAS)**, President (2013-2022)
  - NIAS is a nonprofit organization created to assist state in management of FAA designated test site for unmanned autonomous vehicles.
  - Formed organization and attained 501(c)3 status in 2013.
  - Wound down operations in 2021 and dissolved organization in spring 2022.
- **Andre Agassi Foundation** Board, 2012-2018
  - Andre Agassi Foundation is a private foundation supporting, among other things, schools serving low-income residents.
- **University Medical Center (UMC)**, Board of Directors, 2014-2016, (resigned due to potential conflicts with role as Acting Chancellor of NSHE, whose medical schools partner with UMC)
  - UMC is a teaching hospital serving metropolitan Las Vegas with region's only level one trauma center.
- **Las Vegas Healthy Communities Coalition**, Leadership Council, 2013-2015
  - Healthy Communities Coalition is a United Way managed group of community leaders working to improve life in greater Las Vegas.
- **UNLV Research Foundation** Board, 2012-2015

- UNLV RF is a foundation created to support UNLV research commercialization efforts.
- **UNLV Singapore, LTD**, Member and President, 2012-2015
  - UNLV Singapore is a Singapore company created to manage UNLV's campus in that city-state.
- **Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services**, Board Member and Secretary, 2000-2007
  - Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services is an independent state agency providing legal services to individuals facing involuntary commitment.
- **Louisiana Council on Human Relations (LCHR)**, 2004-2007
  - LCHR is an organization dedicated to racial reconciliation since the 1960s.

#### **Service to National Organizations:**

- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Executive Committee, 2024-26
- Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), Board of Trustees, 2015-24 (Past Chair, 2023-24)(Chair, 2021-2023)(Chair Elect, 2020-21)(Investment Committee Chair, 2019-20)(Audit Committee, 2015-19, Chair, 2017-19)(Presidential Compensation Committee Chair, 2017-19)(Presidential Search Committee, 2017-18)
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, Brooklyn Law School, 2018-19 Accreditation (Association of American Law Schools Reporter)
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis, 2015-16 Accreditation (Association of American Law Schools Reporter)
- Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Member, (U.S. Senate appointee) 2014-18 term (Committee's Authorization expired October 1, 2015)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Membership Review Committee, 2013-15
- Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), Services and Programs Committee, 2011-12
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, The Ohio State University Law School, 2011-12 Accreditation
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Section on Tort and Compensation, Chair 2012
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Nominations Committee, 2011
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, Case Western Reserve Law School, 2008-09 Accreditation
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, (2004-06)
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, 2005-06 Initial Provisional Accreditation
- American Bar Association (ABA), Law School Accreditation Site Inspection Team, University of Denver Law School, 2004-05 Accreditation

#### **Service to the Judiciary and Bar:**

- Nevada Commission to Study the Administration of the Bar Examination and Licensing of Attorneys, 2022-23
- Magistrate Judge Reappointment Review Committee, District of Nevada 2013
- State Bar of Nevada, Law Related Education Committee, 2011-13
- Magistrate Judge Screening Committee, District of Nevada, 2012
- State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors (ex officio), 2007-12

- Magistrate Judge Screening Committee, District of Nevada, 2011
- Federal Defender Screening Committee, District of Nevada, 2011
- Bankruptcy Judge Screening Committee, District of Nevada 2010
- Local Rules Revision Subcommittee, District of Nevada, 2010
- Magistrate Judge Reappointment Review Committee, District of Nevada, 2008
- Article 6 Commission, State of Nevada, 2007-09

### **Service to University (UNLV):**

- Chair, Vice President for Research and Economic Development Search Committee, 2013-14 (search suspended to accommodate appointment and start of new president at UNLV)
- Chair, Director of Athletics Search Committee, 2013
- Chair, Executive Vice President and Provost Search Committee (Resigned to apply for position after search failed to identify successful candidates), 2011-12
- Chair, Dean Search Committee, William H. Harrah College of Hotel Management, 2009-10
- Faculty Senate, Faculty Grievance Review Committee, 2010
- Thesis Committee, Sherri Bakelar, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, 2010
- Faculty Senate, Faculty Grievance Review Committee, 2009
- Chair, Dean Search Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2008-09

### **Law School Governing Committee Appointments:**

#### **UNLV**

- Bylaws Revision Committee, 2024-25
- Appointments Committee, 2023-24
- Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence, 2023-24
- Honor Code Committee, 2022-23
- Dean Search Committee (elected), 2021-2022
- Dean's Advisory Committee (elected), 2021-2022
- Nevada Law Journal/Gaming Law Journal Committee (Chair and Journal Advisor), 2018-21
- Public Interest Law Association (Faculty Advisor), 2019-21
- Dean's Advisory Committee (elected), 2018-19
- Appointments Committee, 2018-19
- Academic Standards Committee, 2017-18

#### **LSU**

- Tenure and Promotions Committee (elected), 2006-07
- Admissions Committee, 2004-07 (along with two prior academic year appointments under anonymous membership regime)
- Scholarship Committee, 2004-07
- Law Center *Grutter* Task Force, 2005-06 (chair)
- Summer Programs Abroad Committee, 2003-06 (chair)
- Librarian Search Committee, Spring 2004 (chair)
- Faculty Appointment Committee, 1998-2004 (chair, 2001-04)
- Minority Student Retention Committee, 2000-01

- Executive Committee of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center (elected), 1999-2000, 1998-99, 1995-96
- Grading and Evaluation Committee, 1998-99, 1997-98, 1995-96, 1994-95
- Faculty Seminars and Programs Committee, 1998-99, 1995-96 (chair), 1994-95
- Student/Faculty Relations Committee, 1998-99, 1997-98
- Minority Student Recruitment Committee, 1997-98, 1995-96, 1994-95, 1993-94, 1992-93

## **Courses Taught** (in order of frequency taught)

Torts  
 Federal Courts and Jurisdiction  
 Civil Rights Litigation  
 International Human Rights Law  
 Employment Discrimination Law  
 Nevada Legislative Externship  
 American Criminal Procedure  
 Comparative Assimilation Law  
 Conflict of Laws  
 International Civil Litigation in American Courts  
 Law and Leadership Seminar  
 Complex Litigation for Social Change  
 Western Legal Traditions

## **Publications**

### **Book Contributions and Book Chapters:**

John Valery White, *Multiculturalism and Civil Rights in the United States: Lessons for Europe?*, in MULTICULTURALISMS (Barbara Pozzo, ed., 2009).

John Valery White, *The Persistence of Race Politics and the Restraint of Recovery in Katrina's Wake*, in AFTER THE STORM: BLACK INTELLECTUALS EXPLORE THE MEANING OF HURRICANE KATRINA (David Dante Troutt, ed., 2006).

John Valery White, *Just 'Cause (or Just Cause): On August Wilson's Case for a Black Theater*, in AUGUST WILSON, BLACK AESTHETICS, AND THE NEW BLACK ARTS MOVEMENT (Sandra G. Shannon, Dana A. Williams, eds., 2004).

John Valery White & Christopher L. Blakesley, *Women or Rights: How Should Women's Rights be Conceived and Implemented*, in 2 WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS 51 (Kelley Askins, et al., eds., 1999).

*Human Rights* (Survey of Human Rights requirements, a Chapter in Course Materials used by SAIS, a State Department Subcontractor, in their Foreign Police Training Institute).

MIDDLE EAST WATCH, PRISON CONDITIONS IN EGYPT (Human Rights Watch, New York: 1993) (Contributor).

### **Casebooks:**

COMPLEX LITIGATION: CASES AND MATERIALS ON LITIGATING SOCIAL CHANGE (Kevin R. Johnson, Catherine Rogers, John Valery White, eds.) (2009).



TORT LAW: THE AMERICAN AND LOUISIANA PERSPECTIVES (Frank L. Maraist, Thomas C. Galligan, John M. Church, William Corbett, Tom Richard, & John Valery White, eds., (2008).

#### Articles:

John Valery White, *Nomos and Nation: On Nation in the Age of "Populism,"* 37 TOURO L. REV. 2035 (2022), available at: <https://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/lawreview/vol37/iss4/15> .

John Valery White, *Civil Rights Law Equity: An Introduction to a Theory of What Civil Rights Has Become,* 78 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1889 (2022), available at <https://scholarlycommons.law.wlu.edu/wlulr/vol78/iss5/6>.

John Valery White, *"But Vestiges Remain": The Anomaly of Sovereign Immunity for Public Hospitals,* 12 J. TORT LAW 33-79 (2019), available at White, J. (2019). "But Vestiges Remain": The Anomaly of Sovereign Immunity for Public Hospitals. *Journal of Tort Law*, 0(0), pp. -. Retrieved 11 Jun. 2019, from doi:10.1515/jtl-2019-0007.

John Valery White, *Seeing Higher Education and Faculty Responsibility Through Richard Matasar's Critiques of Law Schools: College Completion, Economic Viability, and the Liberal Arts Ideal in Higher Education,* 66 SYRACUSE L. REV. 545-94 (2016) (symposium contribution).

John Valery White, *Globalism and the American Civil Rights Model: Toward an Assimilation Law,* PROCEEDINGS OF THE XVII COLLOQUIO BIENNALE, Associazione Italiana di Diritto Comparato 443-73 (2006).

John Valery White, *The Turner Thesis, Black Migration, and the (Misapplied) Immigrant Explanation of Black Poverty,* 5 NEVADA L. J. 5-56 (2004)(lead article in symposium on Civil Rights in the West).

John Valery White, *What is Affirmative Action?* 78 TUL. L. REV. 2117-2205 (2004)(symposium contribution).

John Valery White, *Foreword: Is Civil Rights Law Dead?* 63 LA. L. REV. 609-44 (2003) (symposium contribution).

John Valery White, *The Activist Insecurity and the Demise of Civil Rights,* 63 LA. L. REV. 786-873 (2003) (symposium contribution).

John Valery White, *Brown v. Board Of Education and the Origins of the Activist Insecurity in Civil Rights Law,* 28 OHIO N. L. REV. 303-380 (2002).

John Valery White, *The Irrational Turn in Employment Discrimination Law: Slouching Toward a Unified Approach to Civil Rights Law,* 53 MERCER L. REV. 709-809 (2002).

John Valery White & Gregory Vincent, *Symposium: Employment Discrimination and the Problems of Proof,* 61 L. LA. REV. 487-94 (2001).

John Valery White, *Vindicating Rights In a Federal System: Rediscovering 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3)'s Equality Right,* 69 TEMPLE L. REV. 145-243 (1996).

John Valery White, Note, *Jurisgenesis in the Jurispathic State,* 100 YALE L.J. 2727-46 (1991).

#### Electronic Publications:

John Valery White, Essay: *Federalism and the Challenge for Human and Civil Rights*, E-Publication, Center for State Constitutional Studies, <http://camlaw.rutgers.edu/statecon/subpapers.html>, (2004) also reproduced at [www.federalismi.it](http://www.federalismi.it).

## Academic and Scholarly Presentations

Panelist, The Future of Standardized Testing in Law School Admissions, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA, November 2023.

Panelist, Mack Attack: Suing for Civil Liberties Under the Nevada Constitution, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, October 2023.

Keynote Speaker, "The Curated Student or Why No One Likes Testing: Changes in Applicants, Law Schools, and the Profession That Are At Odds With Assessment", LSAC Connections, Law School Admissions Council All Employee Meeting, Princeton, March 2023.

Moderator, The Gallagher Dialogues: An Evening with Governor Christine Todd Whitman, The Guinn Center for Policy Priorities, Las Vegas, January 2023.

Panelist, Advanced Dean's Workshop for Experienced Deans, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2023.

Panelist, The Future of Race Based Admissions, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hot Topic Panel, San Diego, January 2023.

Panelist, Admissions Unmasked, Law School Admissions Council program on what to expect in law school admissions, Zoom, June 2022.

Panelist, Boyd School of Law Race and Policing Program, Panel on Qualified Immunity and Police Use of Force Litigation, Zoom, January 20, 2022.

Panelist, Law School Unmasked, Law School Admissions Council program on what to expect in law school, Zoom, June, 2021.

Moderator, Is there a "Mulatto Escape Hatch" Out of Racism?: A Reflection on Multiracial Exceptionalism During a Time of #BlackLivesMatter, Fordham Law School, Zoom, April, 2021.

Moderator, LSAC Symposium: Legacy of the Pandemic on Legal Education and the Legal Profession, Zoom, March, 2021.

Panelist, Tort Law and Health Care, Section on Torts and Compensation, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2019.

Presenter, Critical Perspectives: "The New Civil Rights Movement and the End of Civil Litigation-based Reform," Doing Justice: Race, Reform & New Strategies in Criminal Law Conference, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV, April 2019.

Keynote Speaker, "Civil Rights Today and Beyond," *Luncheon Keynote on behalf of Council of Foreign Relations*, National Conference of Black Political Scientist, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2019.

Panelist, *Reader Roundtable: TANYA KATERI HERNANDEZ, MULTIRACIAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS: MIXED RACE STORIES OF DISCRIMINATION (2018)*, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2019.

Moderator, *United States Supreme Court Review, 2014-2015 Term*, National Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, January 2016.

Panelist, *Drones – Legal and Technical Issues*, United States District Court Conference, District of Nevada, May 2015.

Panelist, Symposium on the Work of Richard Matasar, Syracuse University Law School, April 2015.

Panelist, *Institutional Barriers to Student Success*, LSAC 2015 Diversity Retention Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2015

Panelist, *Higher Ed and Legal Ed: Partnering for Success in Challenging Times*, Section for the Law School Dean, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2015.

Panelist, *Future of School Desegregation*, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, July 2014.

Organizer and Panelist, *Tort Law as the Backdrop to Federal Rights*, AALS Tort Section, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

Panelist, *Affirmative Action in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, National Bar Association, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2012.

Panelist, *Discussion of Diversity and Sturm's Institutional Change Theory*, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, October 2011.

Seminar Presenter, *Workshop on Promoting Diversity in Law School Administration*, Society of American Law Teachers, Seattle University School of Law, September 2011.

Panel Presentation, "*Considering Neighborhood Instability in Reapportionment*," *Reapportionment after Katrina*, AALS Civil Rights Section, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2010.

Panel Presentation, *Law School Administration as a Next Step*, LATCRIT XIV, Washington, D.C., October 2009.

Seminar Presenter, *Workshop on Promoting Diversity in Law School Administration*, Society of American Law Teachers, Seattle University School of Law, September 2009.

Moderator, *Iran's Nuclear Threat: Its Impact on Israel, the United States, and the World*, Institute for Security Studies, UNLV, June 2009.

Speaker, *U.S. News Ranking of Law Schools as a Limit on Innovation in the Law School Curriculum*, Panel on Innovation in Law School Curriculums, ABA Mid-year Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2009.

Speaker, *Litigation and the Challenges of Teaching Workplace Law to Foreign Lawyers*, Global Workplace Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA, February 2008.

Symposium Speaker, *Postmodern Politics, Race and Development after Katrina*, *Katrina and the Rule of Law*: Howard Law Journal, Howard University Law School, Washington, D.C., October 2008.

Panel Presentation, Crossroads of Legal Education Conference, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, September 2008.

Speaker, Attitude is Essential Seminar, Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), Atlanta, GA, July 2009.

Constitution Day Speaker, University of Nevada, Reno, September 2007.

Speaker, *Panel, Katrina and Race: The Multiple Dimensions*, Section on Minority Groups, Association of American Law Schools, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2007.

Guest Lecturer, "American Class Action Reform and Complex Litigation," Facolta di Giurisprudenza, dell'Università delgi Studi dell'Milano, Milano, Italy, December 2005.

Guest Lecturer, "Developments in American Employment Discrimination Law," Facolta di Giurisprudenza, dell'Università delgi Studi dell'Brescia, Brescia, Italy, December 2005.

Guest Lecturer, "Toward an Assimilation Law," at the Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development (CCSDD), of the Facolta di Giurisprudenza, dell'Università delgi Studi dell' Bologna and the Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Bologna Center, Bologna, Italy, December 2005.

Conference Participant, *Toxic Class Actions*, IX Meeting on International Environmental Law, Faculdade de Direito, Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, November 2005.

Moderator/Respondent, *Panel: Racial Identities in the Americas: Fluidity, Authenticity, Economic Status, and Anti-Discrimination*, X Latcrit Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2005.

Guest Lecturer, *Baton Rouge and Montgomery, AL, Bus Boycotts in Perspective*, Teaching American History Workshop: Segregation and the City, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, October 2005.

Conference Participant, *The State: Its Limits and Its Rivals*, Global Law Versus Local Law: XVII Colloquio Biennale Associazione Italiana Comparato, Facolta di Giurisprudenza, Università della Brescia, Brescia, Italy, May 2005.

Guest Lecturer, "Trends in American Tort Law," Facolta di Giurisprudenza dell'Università delgi Studi dell' Palermo, Palermo, Italy, May 2005.

Guest Lecturer, "The Future of the American Rights Constitution," Facolta di Giurisprudenza dell'Università delgi Studi dell'Lecce, Lecce, Italy, May 2005.

Paper Presentation at Faculty Workshop, "The Turner Thesis, Black Migration, and the (Misapplied) Immigrant Explanation of Black Poverty," Beasley School of Law, Temple University, April, 2005.

Guest Lecturer, "The Enforcement of Human Rights in American Courts," Facolta di Giurisprudenza dell'Università delgi Studi dell'Insubria, Como, Italy, December 2004.

Panelist, *Religion, Politics and Law During the Era of Integration*, Fifty Year Commemoration of the Desegregation of Southwestern Louisiana Institute (first large-scale desegregation of a Deep South public institution of higher education), Lafayette, LA, September 2004.

Guest Lecturer, "American Civil Rights Litigation," Università di Brescia, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, April 2004, Brescia, Italy.

Symposium Participant, *Federalism and Subnational Constitutions: Design and Reform*, Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, March 2004.

Conference Presenter, "The Turner Thesis, Black Migration, and the (Misapplied) Immigrant Explanation of Black Poverty," Pursuing Equal Justice in the West, UNLV Law School, Las Vegas, NV, February 2004.

Panelist, *Twenty-five Years: The Future of Affirmative Action*, From *Brown* To *Grutter*: Affirmative Action and Higher Education in the South, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, September 2003.

Panelist, *Politics of the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott*, Baton Rouge Bus Boycott 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, June 2003.

Organizer and Presenter, *The End of Civil Rights Law?*, Louisiana Law Review Symposium, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2003.

Organizer and Respondent, *Symposium on Reeves v. Sanderson Plumbing*, Louisiana Law Review Symposium, Baton Rouge, La., February 2001.

Conference Participant, *Scholarship on the Disadvantaged and the Hegemony of Legal Categorization*, AALS Consortium on Legal Scholarship and the Disadvantaged, Equal Justice Colloquium, Tulane University, November 11, 2000.

Conference Participant, "Entrenching Inequality Through the Reification of Race," Address on Panel, *Legal Constructions and Exploitation of the Race and Ethnicity Divide*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 27, 1999.

Panelist, *Teaching Human Rights Law: Problems and Responses*, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference, February 1996.

Instructor, "Pretrial Dismissals and Employment Discrimination Litigation after *Hicks*," Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association's "Last Chance" Continuing Legal Education Seminar, December 1995.

Panelist, *Human Rights and the Afro-French Diaspora*, Festival International de Louisiane, Lafayette, LA, April 1995.

Presenter, "Civil Rights Actions and Police Brutality in Light of the Rodney King Beating," Tort and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 6, 1994.

Instructor at the *Jailhouse Lawyer Training Institute*, Hunt State Prison, St. Gabriel, LA, October 1992.

## **Media Appearances (excluding decanal interviews)**

Guest, *Discussion of After The Storm*, Liz Brown's "Wakeup Call," WGNU Radio, St. Louis, MO, September 1, 2006.

Guest, *One Year After Katrina*, Colourful Radio's "Henry Bonsu Show," A British Sky Radio, Satellite Radio Show, August 29, 2006.

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Guest, *Discussion of After the Storm*, “On Point” with Tom Ashbrook, WBUR Radio, Boston, MA, a National Public Radio show, August 15, 2006.

## **Member of the Bar**

Connecticut, 1991  
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American Law Institute (ALI) (Elected 2016)  
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