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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Professor (Tenured), 2012 – Present

Teach Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Presidential Powers Seminar, and Supreme Court Seminar

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW

Westerfield Law Teaching Fellow, 2011 – 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- *Critical Race Theory and First Amendment Hyper-Cynicism* (work in progress)
- *Seila Law as Separation-of-Powers Posturing*, GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL ONLINE (forthcoming)
- *Microaggressions, Questionable Science, and Free Speech*, TEX. REV. OF LAW & POL. (with Lee Jussim, Ph.D.) (forthcoming)
 - Bipartisan Policy Center: Focus of interdisciplinary seminar involving twelve academics from Wellesley, Johns Hopkins, and other universities from across the nation
 - Subject of significant media attention
 - Social Science Research Network (SSRN): one of the most downloaded papers in 2021
- *Normative History and Congress' Power Under the Reconstruction Amendments*, 21 TEX. REV. LAW & POL. 119 (2017)
- *The Separation of Powers and the Least Dangerous Branch*, 13 GEORGETOWN J.L.P.P. 1 (2015)
- *The Roberts Court and Penumbral Federalism*, 64 CATHOLIC UNIV. L. REV. 271 (2015)
- *Posner's Pragmatism and the Turn Toward Fidelity*, 16 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 69 (2012)
- *No Good Deed Goes Unpublished: Precedent-Stripping and the Need for a New Prophylactic Rule*, 48 DUQ. L. REV. 559 (2010)

CLERKSHIPS

HON. JENNIFER WALKER ELROD, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Law Clerk, 2007 – 2008

HON. MICAELA ALVAREZ, United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
Law Clerk, 2006 – 2007

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctorate, May 2006

- Served as a student staff member for multiple academic journals

- Numerous moot court and mock trial titles and awards
Highlights: competed alone in moot court and defeated a team of two interscholastic national champions; won more moot court titles than almost any student in the law school's 100+ year history

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

BA in History, Minor in Psychology, August 2000

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

SUTHERLAND, ASBILL & BRENNAN LLP

Litigation/Appellate Associate, Houston Office, 2008 – 2009

Primary author of numerous dispositive trial motions and appellate briefs; primary research attorney in firm's Houston office; significant contributor to the crafting of legal strategy for various types of civil cases, including civil rights, intellectual property and energy disputes.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

Criminal Justice Act Attorney, Houston, Texas, 2009 – 2011

Chosen by the Fifth Circuit to represent numerous criminal defendants before the federal appellate court; argued, orally and in briefs, various constitutional issues implicated in the respective cases.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **FOUNDING MEMBER, SOCIETY FOR OPEN INQUIRY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE (PAST & PRESENT)

- **UMKC LAW REVIEW**, Co-advisor
- **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, Chair
- **ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**, Member
- **HIRING COMMITTEE**, Member
- **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE**, Member
- **PROMOTION & TENURE COMMITTEE**, Member
- **UMKC ACLU STUDENT CHAPTER**, Faculty Advisor
- **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, UMKC STUDENT CHAPTER**, Faculty Advisor
- **FACULTY ADVISOR**, Supervised numerous student writing projects

MISC. PRESENTATIONS

- **BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER**, July 8, 2021
Seminar attended by academics from across the country to discuss my paper *Microaggressions, Questionable Science, and Free Speech*
- **KCUR (Local NPR) UP TO DATE**, January 5, 2021
Radio Interview regarding the Electoral Certification Process in Congress
- **KMBC CHANNEL 9 (Local ABC)**, December 9, 2020
Evening news interview regarding President Trump's self-pardon power

- **HIGH COURT IN CRISIS?**, September 19, 2020
Co-panelist with Cato Institute constitutional law scholar in discussion regarding the meaning of judicial legitimacy and the current symptoms of illegitimacy
- **KCUR (Local NPR) UP TO DATE**, February 22, 2020
Radio interview regarding constitutionality of civil asset forfeiture
- **KCUR (Local NPR) UP TO DATE**, June 13, 2019
Radio interview regarding constitutionality of new abortion restrictions in various states
- **PRESENTATION: PRESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**, Heartland Alliance, August 14, 2017
Remarks regarding the processes for impeachment and removal from office under the Twenty-fifth Amendment
- **PRESIDENT'S DAY LECTURE**, January 15, 2017
Lectured on the problematic concentration of power in the presidency at rally covered by national media
Details at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Not_My_Presidents_Day
- **FOX NEWS** January 15, 2017
Interviewed on nationally syndicated Alan Colmes Show (radio) about the problematic concentration of power in the presidency in light of Trump's inauguration
- **KCUR (Local NPR) UP TO DATE**, June 29, 2016
Radio interview regarding the power of Supreme Court dissenting opinions
- **SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (SEALS)**
Selected to present scholarship at 2013 annual conference
- **MARQUETTE WORKS-IN-PROGRESS CONFERENCE**
Accepted invitation to present work-in-progress at 2013 Annual Conference at Marquette Law School
- **KANSAS CITY FILMFEST CLE**
Lecturer, April 18, 2015
Spoke alongside film producer Chad Troutwine about the constitutional law issues implicated in film *Rolling Papers*, which documents the legalization of marijuana in Colorado
- **CHANNEL 9 NEWS**, November 10, 2014
Television interview regarding same-sex marriage cases before the Supreme Court
- **FEDERALIST SOCIETY – KANSAS CITY CHAPTER**
Lecturer, The Kansas City Club, April 4, 2014
Lectured (along with U.S. Eighth Circuit Judge Duane Benton) about how First Amendment doctrine intersects with attorney discipline practices
- **JUDICIAL PRAGMATISM VERSUS ORIGINALISM**
Invited Debate Participant, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Feb. 14, 2014
Invited to debate originalism scholar in event organized by the Federalist Society
- **THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN THE SUPREME COURT**
Featured Speaker, All-Souls Forum, Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 3, 2013
Invited to lecture on the Voting Rights Act and the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*; lecture recorded and broadcast on public radio
- **LEGAL LANDMARKS: GIBBONS V. OGDEN**
Invited Speaker, Kansas City Public Library, Oct. 15, 2013
Invited to speak about landmark Commerce Clause case *Gibbons v. Ogden*

- **FISHER V. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND THE FUTURE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**
Panel Participant, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Nov. 7, 2012
Invited to participate in panel discussion with other constitutional law scholars on the future of affirmative action
- **MIDWEST INNOCENCE PROJECT: RYAN FERGUSON**
Moderated discussion by panel (which included Erin Moriarty of CBS News (“48 Hours”)) regarding the freeing of a murder convict eventually proven innocent
- **KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION “BENCH-BAR” CONFERENCE**
Presenter, 2012 Annual Conference
Accepted invitation to speak to judges and attorneys about the Supreme Court’s affirmative action jurisprudence and the future of affirmative action in light of *Fisher v. University of Texas*
- **EMERGING LEGAL SCHOLARS INITIATIVE (ELSI)**
Grant Recipient, 2010
Sponsored by The University of Denver Sturm College of Law to attend the Third National People of Color Junior Faculty Development Workshop and Legal Scholarship Conference in Newark, New Jersey

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas; State of Texas