

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Akron School of Law, 1997-present

Director of Diversity and Social Justice Initiatives, 2016-

Professor of Law, 2012-

Black Law Students Association Professor of the Year Award, 1998, 2009, 2014, 2017

Faculty Advisor, Asian Latino Law Students Association, 1997-present

Faculty Advisor, Muslim Law Students Association, 2016-present

Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society, 2017-present

Breon, O'Donnell, Miller, Brown & Dannis, *San Francisco*
Associate

The White House

Deputy Staff Secretary and Special Assistant to the President (Acting)

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution
Counsel

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Harvard Law School

Juris Doctor, 1990

Articles editor, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review

Research Assistant to Professor Derrick Bell

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Master of Public Policy, 1994

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. Philosophy, 1985, Phi Beta Kappa

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Currently: Property, Employment Discrimination Law, Social Justice Lawyering, Feminist and Race Theory and the Law.

Others: Problem-Solving Workshop, Law and Theology, Gender and Race: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Election Law, Race, Civil Liberties, and National Security, Cyberlaw, Public Law Processes.

PUBLICATIONS

“Biological Metaphors for Whiteness: Beyond Merit and Malice,” 13 *Berkeley Journal of African American Law & Policy* 101 (2011).

Book Review of Thomas J. Davis, *Race Relations in America: A Reference Guide with Primary Documents*, 26 *Law & History Review* 467 (2008).

“The Devil in the Details: On Intelligent Design, Racial Conspiracy Theories, and the Theology of Whiteness,” 26 *Quinnipiac Law Review* 57 (2007).

“The Network Economic Effects of Whiteness,” 53 *American University Law Review* 1259 (2004).

“Teaching the Amistad,” 46 *Saint Louis University Law Review* 775 (2002).

“Liars, Traitors and Spies: Wen Ho Lee and the Racial Construction of Disloyalty,” X *Asian American Policy Review* 1 (2001).

“A Racial Trust: The Japanese YWCA and the Alien Land Law,” 7 *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal* 1 (2001).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Beyond Merit and Malice: Developing New Narratives for Racial Inequality,” presented to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, April 27, 2017.

“How to Talk About Racism,” University of Akron Rethinking Race program, February 15, 2017.

“Social Justice Lawyering: A Blended Seminar and Clinic,” on panel: “Social Justice Curriculum Spotlight.” Society of American Law Teachers, Chicago, October 1, 2016.

“One Big Happy Family: How Clinicians and Doctrinal Faculty Can Create Projects that Address Community Needs.” (Presented with Prof. Joann Sahl and others from CUNY School of Law and Queens Legal Services.) AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, May 2, 2016.

“From Self-Interest to Conscience,” presented at the Critical Race Studies Seventh Annual Symposium, “Whiteness as Property: A Twenty-Year Appraisal,” UCLA School of Law, October 3, 2014.

Panelist, “Affirmative Action & Schuette v. Coalition,” the University of Akron School of Law, August 21, 2014.

“Whiteness, Inequality, and Love,” work-in-progress presented at the Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Indiana Tech University School of Law, April 4, 2014.

“Whiteness, Inequality, and Love,” work-in-progress presented at the conference on Love and the Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, February 8, 2014.

“Whiteness as Market Theology That Makes You Miserable,” presented at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Suffolk University Law School, October 26, 2013.

“Secrets and Lies: Misperceiving the Asian Next Door,” Keynote Speaker for Rethinking Race: Black, White and Beyond, University of Akron, February 8, 2012.

Panelist, “On Scholarship: Writing Critical and Progressive Scholarship,” at the 8th Annual LatCrit—SALT Faculty Development Workshop, Denver, October 7, 2010.

Moderated public forum regarding the United States Citizenship test, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, October 3, 2010.

Invited panelist, “Race and the Law: The Course,” at the Workshop on “Post Racial” Civil Rights Law, Politics and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama, at the Association of American Law Schools 2010 Mid-Year Meeting, New York City, June 8-10, 2010.

Presented “Biological Metaphors for Whiteness” at a faculty colloquium, St. Louis University School of Law, March 31, 2010.

Presented on panel on “New Approaches to Race” at the joint meeting of the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and the Western Law Teachers of Color, University of Arizona School of Law, March 5, 2010.

Presented on panel on “Considering a Judicial/Academic Career” at the First Annual Midwest Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) Conference, February 20, 2010, Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Presented on panel on “Working Identity” at Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, May 29, 2009.

Presented “Whiteness as a Spontaneous, Self-Organizing, Complex System (that makes you miserable),” at CRT 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future,” University of Iowa College of Law, April 4, 2009.

Presented work-in-progress, “Whiteness as a Spontaneous, Self-Organizing, Complex System (that makes you miserable),” at faculty colloquium, Pace University School of Law, February 23, 2009.

Co-facilitated (with Professor Carrie Newton Lyons) student discussion, “Neither Black Nor White,” as part of Race Week, University of Akron, February 3, 2009.

Presented a work in progress: “Whiteness as a Spontaneous, Self-organizing, Complex, Natural System,” to the Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, October 30, 2008.

Two lectures to Ohio educators: “Korematsu v. U.S.: The Constitutional Context,” June 23, 2008, and “Korematsu Revisited: The Coram Nobis Cases,” June 25, 2008.

Co-hosted weekly current events discussion program, Akron Have Your Say, Spring 2008.

Moderated panel at Women’s Legal History Conference, Akron, OH, October, 2007.

Presented book proposal, “CauGAIAsia: Whiteness as an Intelligent, Self-sustaining, Dispersed System,” at Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, William Mitchell School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 27, 2007.

Moderated panel, “Opening Doors to Political Power,” at Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, William Mitchell School of Law, St. Paul, MN, April 27, 2007.

Presented paper at Faculty Workshop: “Of Blind Watchmakers and Sabbaticals,” January 22, 2007.

Guest lecture on Asian American issues in seminar, “Race and the Constitution,” taught by Judge C. Ellen Connally, October 12, 2006.

Spoke at University of Akron Feminist Faculty Roundtable panel, “The Stories We Tell: Exploring Narrative in Feminist Teaching, Research, and Writing,” March 3, 2006.

Presented paper, "Property and Citizenship: the Right to Exclude," at the Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, Akron, June 24, 2004.

Presented "The Right to Exclude" on a panel regarding "Property and Citizenship" at the AALS Midyear Meeting, conference on "Teaching Property for the 21st Century," Portland, Oregon, June 15-18, 2004.

Spoke on Panel, "Affirmative Action: 25 Years From Now," University of Akron, January 29, 2004.

Three-part lecture and discussion series, "Considering Race and the USA PATRIOT Act in the Season of Advent," Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, December 7-21, 2003.

Presented paper, "The Network Economic Effects of Whiteness," to the Critical Race Theory Workshop, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, April 11, 2003.

Co-moderated discussion on "Anti-Racism Education in Law Schools," Second Joint Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Western Regional Teachers of Color, Seattle, March 20-23, 2003.

Spoke on plenary session panel, "Post-9/11 Perspectives," Second Joint Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Western Regional Teachers of Color, Seattle, March 20-23, 2003.

Lead commentator for Professor Margaret Chon, Seattle University School of Law, and Professor Eric Yamamoto, University of Hawai'i School of Law, Work in Progress: "Race, Rights and Reparations After September 11," Second Joint Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Western Regional Teachers of Color, Seattle, March 20-23, 2003.

Presented "Affirmative Action: What It Is, What It Isn't" at event sponsored by the Black Law Students Association, University of Akron School of Law, February 26, 2003.

Presented "The Japanese YWCA Case," on a panel at the Joint Program of Sections on Donative Transfers, Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples and Minority Groups, "The Casebook and Beyond: Incorporating Pluralistic Visions of Trusts and Estates." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Washington, DC, January 5, 2003.

Panel speaker, "After 9-11: Civil Liberties and Security," sponsored by the University of Akron Student Services office, September 25, 2002.

Speaker on panel, "Hate Crimes," sponsored by Asian Services In Action, Inc., Akron, September 21, 2002.

“Reparations for Slavery,” panel discussion sponsored by the National Council on Ethnic American Relations, University of Akron, March 5, 2002.

Participant in “Roundtable Discussion: Judicial Selection and Confirmation in the Wake of Bush v. Gore and Election 2000,” at the conference, “Final Arbiter: The U.S. Supreme Court, Presidency and the Politics of Election 2000,” February 8, 2002.

“Race, Civil Liberties, and National Security,” presented during the University of Akron series, “Making Sense of the Senseless,” September 18, 2001.

“Asian American History as a Foundation for Community Leadership Development,” at the 2001 Annual Symposium of the Ohio Chinese American Professional Association, June 2, 2001.

“The Civil Rights Implications of U.S. v. Wen Ho Lee,” moderated panel discussion at 7th Annual National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy at Harvard University, March 3, 2001.

Presented Boston College Law School Faculty Colloquium on Asians Americans and the Wen Ho Lee case, April 13, 2000.

Presented paper, "Traitor or Spy?: Wen Ho Lee and the Racial Construction of Disloyalty," on panel on, "Law, Territory and Belonging" at "Law's Grounds" conference at Cleveland State University, April 7-8, 2000

“Liars, Traitors and Spies: Asians in the American Legal Imagination,” presented at the Special Lunchtime Plenary Session on Dr. Wen Ho Lee at the National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy at Harvard University, March 4, 2000.

Spoke on panel, “Pioneers on the Virtual Frontier,” at the National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy at Harvard University, March 4, 2000.

“Liars, Traitors, and Spies: Chinese in the American Legal Imagination,” lecture presented as an event during Diversity Week at the University of Akron, October 27, 1999.

“The Japanese YWCA Case,” a work in progress presented at the Asian Pacific American Legal Scholarship Workshop, Point Reyes, CA, July 24, 1999.

“The Japanese YWCA: The Modern Reach of the California Alien Land Act of 1920”, a work in progress presented at the Central States Law School Association, Akron, October 10, 1998.

“The Current State of Cyberlaw,” at the Joint Professional Development Seminar of the Akron/Canton/Cuyahoga Valley Chapters of The Institute of Management Accountants, December 10, 1997.

“Asian American Identity and Pragmatism,” a work in progress presented at the Third Annual Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference, Chicago, September 1995.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Akron Recovery Court Citizens’ Advisory Committee, 2015-
Founding Editor, Race and the Law Prof Blog, 2015-
Board Member, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, 2013-
Executive Committee, AALS Section on Law & the Humanities, 2012-2013
Founding advisory board member, &Law (University of Akron Press interdisciplinary
book series), 2011-present
Appointed as Law School SALT (Society of American Law Teachers) representative,
2008-present
Selected to participate in the Law & Society Association Summer 2000 Workshop
Appointed to the Interpreter Services Subcommittee of the Racial Fairness
Implementation Task Force of the Ohio Supreme Court, 1998

SELECTED SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES

Faculty Representative to the Law Alumni Association, 2016-
Blogger, Akron Law Café, 2008-2012
Self-Study Committee, primary responsibility for strategic planning, 2008-2009
Ad Hoc Faculty Research and Development Advisory Committee, 2003-present
Ad hoc Web Committee, 2000-present
Academic Committee, 2000-2002
International Law Society Chess Tournament Champion, 1999
Faculty Appointments Committee, 1998-2001, 2003-2015 (Chair, 2009-2015)
Planning and Resources Committee, 1997-2001
Admissions Committee, 1997-98, 2016-
Faculty Advisor, Asian Latino Law Student Association, 1997-present

SELECTED UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

EX[L] Center, Faculty Advisory Committee Steering Committee, 2016-17
Affiliated Faculty, Women’s Studies Program
UniverCity Community Leadership Institute, Spring 2014
University Diversity Council, 2005-2008, 2012-
Black Male Summit, 2011, 2013

Academic Leadership Forum, 2010-2011
Academic Alignment Project, Fall 2007
Balanced Scorecard Indicators Workgroup, 2005
Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Budget Committee, 2003-2004
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2002-2004
Planning and Budget Committee, 2000-2003
Law School Representative to the Faculty Senate, 1999-2005
Campus Facilities and Planning Committee, 1999-2002
Member, workforce group of the Strategic Steering Committee, Spring 2000
Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on Conflicts of Interest, 1999-2000
Planning Committee, Diversity Week 1999

SELECTED CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Member, City of Akron Civil Rights Commission, 2017-
Board of Directors, United Way of Summit County, 2017-
Advocacy and Public Policy Committee, 2017-
Board of Directors, Fair Housing Contact Service, 2017-
Diversity on Board, Inaugural Class, 2015-2016
Voter Protection volunteer (call-in center), Election Day 2010, 2012, 2016
First place, First Annual Akron Crossword Puzzle Tournament, March 27, 2010
Third place, 2013
Founder and coordinator, Ad Hoc Committee to Encourage East High to Become “the
Dragons” (Facebook), March 2010-2012
Organized and coordinated volunteers for mock trial exercise at Miller South Middle
School, Akron, 2009 and 2010.
Assistant Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack 3075, Akron, 2008-present
Voter Protection volunteer (precinct observer), Election Day 2008
Vestry member, Trinity Cathedral (Episcopal), Cleveland, 2001-2008
Stewardship Committee, Chair, 2013-2014
Led discussion series on Michael Sandel’s Justice, 10/30-11/20, 2011
Adult education committee, 2010-present
Library committee, 2011-2012
Board of Directors, Asian Services in Action, Inc., Akron, 1998-2008, 2015-
Scholarship Committee, 2009-present
Commissioner, San Francisco Ethics Commission, 1995-1996
Board of Trustees, Chinese for Affirmative Action, San Francisco, 1992-1996
Founding Board Member, CAPAL (Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership),
Washington, DC, 1989