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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL New York, NY

Professor of Law (Long-Term Contract) July 2025-Present

Associate Professor of Law May 2021-June 2025

Founding Director, Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic

- Develop, teach, and direct twelve-credit, academic-year-long clinic, focusing on federal civil rights class action litigation and other forms of social justice policy advocacy
- Teach twice weekly seminar
- Supervise clinic students in conducting civil rights litigation and advocacy in federal courts and with federal agencies across a range of civil rights, racial justice, and disability rights matters
- Successfully draft grant applications and manage grants; manage administration of all matters relating to clinic course and legal work
- Co-taught non-clinic Race, Bias, and Advocacy seminar analyzing role of structural racism in American legal system and practice with particular emphasis on relationship between ableism and structural racism

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctor, Philadelphia, PA May 2015

Honors: Associate Editor, Vol. 16 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*
Dean Jefferson B. Fordham Human Rights Award
Black Law Students Association, Outstanding 3L Award

Documentary: Looking for Justice: The Eugene Gilyard Story and Best Practices for Eyewitness Identification

HOWARD UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts, English, *summa cum laude,* Washington, DC May 2012

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa
1st Tom Joyner Foundation Full-Ride HBCU Scholarship Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Illuminating the Ableism in Medical Racism, in DYING OF RACISM: THE ETHICS OF BLACK HEALTH edited by Keisha Ray (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2027)

On NYC's Paratransit, Fighting for Safety, Respect, and Human Dignity, in DISABILITY VISIBILITY: FIRST-PERSON STORIES FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY by Alice Wong (Vintage Books, 2020).

Articles

The Disability History of Brown v. Board of Education, 32 WASH. & LEE J. CIV. RTS. & SOC. JUST. 1 (2026) (lead

article)

Predisposed: Race, Disability, and Death Investigations, 72 UCLA L. REV. 500 (2025)

- Selected from a Call for Abstracts by American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics and Saint Louis University Center for Health Law Studies for Health Law Scholars Workshop 2023
- Reviewed by Myrisha Lewis in *The Significant (And Unexpected) Causal Impacts of Common Health Conditions and Genetic Traits in Death Investigations*, JOTWELL (2026)

Making Me Ill: Environmental Racism and Justice as Disability, 170 U. PA. L. REV. 1721 (2022) (symposium)

A Body's Work: On Self and Peer Education as a Black Disabled Lawyer, 71 J. LEGAL EDUC. 51 (2021) (symposium)

Op-Eds and Essays

Crisis Standards of Care May Discriminate Against Patients with Disabilities, THE REGULATORY REVIEW, Nov. 1, 2021

Major Keys, DISABILITY VISIBILITY PROJECT, July 25, 2021

Stuck in Neutral: The Americans with Disabilities Act and the State of Paratransit Service in New York City, FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, TRANSPORTATION LAW NEWSLETTER, Spring 2018 (PDF available upon request)

On New York City's Paratransit, Fighting for Safety, Respect, and Human Dignity, LONGREADS, September 1, 2017

Disability and Policing, THE REGULATORY REVIEW, February 23, 2017

#BlackDisabledLivesMatter, THE NATION, November 30, 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, New York, NY
Staff Attorney **September 2018-March 2021**

- Researched Equal Protection and Fourth Amendment claims, managed and interviewed plaintiffs and potential plaintiffs, drafted pleadings and discovery documents, and coordinated and facilitated meetings with community members and government officials for policing case challenging racially discriminatory and excessive ticketing practices in Buffalo, NY
- Took and defended depositions; drafted class certification and summary judgment briefs for criminalization of poverty case in Montgomery, AL
- Drafted motions and appellate briefs in Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/*Olmstead* litigation in MI and LA
- Lead and developed ADA litigation in NY challenging discriminatory crisis standards of care
- Supervised legal fellows and interns and otherwise assisted with litigation concerning disability, racial

and economic justice

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, New York, NY
Bertha Justice Fellow **September 2016-September 2018**

- Attorney assigned to the Government Misconduct Racial Justice docket
- Reviewed and edited police training documents, attended trainings and meetings, attended and helped facilitate community forums, and drafted and proposed policy recommendations as part of remedial phase of *Floyd v. City of New York*, a successful challenge to the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policies
- Conducted research on Section 1983, Administrative Procedures Act, and various constitutional issues for discriminatory policing cases in New York City and St. Louis, MO, an equal protection/voting rights case in Michigan, and immigration detention/FOIA cases
- Drafted motions and briefs in state appellate and federal courts, including a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bellant v. Snyder* and a brief in opposition to certiorari in *The GEO Group, Inc. v. Detention Watch Network*
- Coordinated amicus efforts in state and U.S. Supreme Court; assisted with depositions; conducted know-your-rights trainings; and supervised interns

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, New York, NY
Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellow **September 2015-September 2016**

- Attorney in the Racial Justice Program in the ACLU's National Legal Department
- Conducted legal research on equal protection and due process for debtors' prison case in Mississippi
- Researched The Indian Child Welfare Act, the Fair Housing Act, and various civil rights statutes for existing and developing litigation
- Interviewed potential plaintiffs, drafted affidavits, and participated in overall early case management for litigation challenging disturbing schools' laws in South Carolina
- Drafted discovery documents and conducted research for settlement of school-to-prison pipeline case challenging discriminatory gang databases
- Assisted in drafting of amicus brief to U.S. Supreme Court in *Fisher II*
- Recruited, hired, managed, and supervised semester and summer legal interns

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Podcasts and Video

Interviewee, *Disability Visibility* Podcast, Episode 50, "Disabled Lawyers," May 6, 2019

"The Longest Distance Between Two Points," THIS AMERICAN LIFE, October 20, 2017
(wrote and narrated adaptation of LONGREADS essay *On New York City's Paratransit, Fighting for Safety, Respect, and Human Dignity* for radio show and podcast), Episode 629, "Expect Delays"

Print/Web (Clinic Work Featured)

"Federal Judge Lets Human Rights Case Against Access-A-Ride Proceed," THE CITY, April 15, 2024

"Readers sound off on Access-A-Ride, Carol Burnett's career and positive commentary," NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, May 2, 2023

"Suing for the right to ride: federal lawsuit against the MTA's crummy Access-A-Ride for violating the Americans with Disabilities Act is well deserved," NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, April 28, 2023

"MTA Access-A-Ride system discriminates against disabled New Yorkers, say disability advocates in federal lawsuit," NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, April 26, 2023

"Advancing Climate Justice in New York City," THIRTEEN.ORG, April 10, 2023

"'A slap in the face': pipeline violates civil rights, say New Yorkers," THE GUARDIAN, Feb. 11, 2022

"Advocates Demand Solutions For Sleep Apnea Patients Following Massive Device Recall," NBC 5 CHICAGO, August 31, 2021

"Brooklyn Residents File Civil Rights Complaint Seeking to Pause Gas Pipeline," THE CITY, August 30, 2021

"Brooklyn Pipeline Project Violates Civil Rights Law, Residents and Environmentalists Allege," CITY LIMITS, August 30, 2021

Commentary

Featured, Law.com "Disabling Ableism" Series, April-June 2022

Featured, "Could the lessons of the pandemic be a boon to workers with disabilities?," MARKETPLACE, August 26, 2021

Featured, "To Be BIPOC, Disabled and Fighting for Justice," COLORLINES, Sept. 1, 2020

Featured, "30 years after ADA's passage, what it means to these Americans with disabilities," PBS NEWSHOUR, July 27, 2020

Featured, "Police Violence Against Black Disabled People Can't Be Ignored Anymore," THE HUFFINGTON POST, July 23, 2020

Interviewee, "The Disability Rights Movement, 30 Years After The ADA," NPR 1A, July 2, 2020

Profiles

"Lawyer Spotlight: Britney Wilson," AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, June 2024

"The Foundation and the Fighter," ANDSCAPE (formerly ESPN's The Undefeated), Oct. 25, 2019

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2026 | New York Law School Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award (for "Predisposed: Race, Disability, and

Death Investigations")

2025 | Selected as Fellow for J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History by the American Society for Legal History (awarded the Mary Frances Berry Fellowship)

2023 | Selected as Health Law Scholar by American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics and Saint Louis University Center for Health Law Studies

2022 | Ford Foundation Grant: Ford Foundation awarded the Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic $300,000 core grant over a three-year period to support the work of the clinic

2022 | New York Law School Black Law Students Association Faculty Appreciation Award

SELECT LECTURES, PANELS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences/Panels Organized

2026 | Co-organizer and Moderator, "Pillars in Peril: Civil and Disability Rights Laws Under Attack," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2026

2025 | Co-organizer and Panelist, "Examining the Intersectionality of Disability and Racial Justice in Upholding Students' Civil Rights," Progress Report: Education Justice 50 Years After Goss v. Lopez Symposium, New York Law School

2024 | Beyond Bars: Imagining Legal Transformation Through Fiction, New York Law School (organized and moderated panel discussion with author National Book Award Finalist Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah and journalist Liliana Segura)

2023 | Reclaiming Disability Justice Symposium, New York Law School (co-organized and co-hosted the hybrid CLE-accredited two-day symposium in conjunction with Brooklyn Law School's Disability and Civil Rights Clinic)

Scholarly Presentations

The Disability History of Brown v. Board of Education

Faculty Workshop, American University Washington College of Law (invited presenter) October 2025

Virtual AALS Section on Disability Law Works-in-Progress Workshop June 2024

18th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat June 2024

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law Legal History Writing Workshop Writers Bloc (virtual) July 2024

Predisposed: Race, Disability, and Death Investigations

Annual Meeting of American Association for the History of Medicine May 2024

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies Junior Faculty Works-In-Progress Session January 2023

Making Me Ill: Environmental Racism and Justice as Disability

Panelist, University of Pennsylvania Law Review Symposium, "The Disability Frame" (invited) February 2022

Guest Lecturer, Law and Social Movements Colloquium, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, (invited presentation) October 2023

Keynotes, Lectures and Speeches

Featured Speaker, Disability Law and Policy Program, Fall 2024 Semester Kickoff Event, "A Body's Work: A Discussion with Professor Britney Wilson," Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY, September 2024

Invited Speaker, 30th Annual Rose Sheinberg Lecture, New York University School of Law (invited to introduce keynote speaker Professor Imani Perry), April 2024

Tzedek Lecturer, Oregon Humanities Center, University of Oregon, "Down for the Cause: Grace, Space, and Belonging in Social Movements," May 2023

Keynote Speaker, Inaugural North Carolina Black Disabilities Network Conference, Raleigh, NC, "Equity at the Intersection of Race and Disability," April 2022

Keynote Speaker, New York City Department of Social Services ADA Celebration: Justice for All: Building an Accessible and Equitable Post-Pandemic Agency, January 2022

Keynote Speaker, Association of Higher Education and Disability, Accessing Higher Ground Conference, Denver, CO, November 2018

Presentations Before Governing or Regulatory Entities

Panelist, New York City Racial Justice Commission, "Transforming Foundations: Intersectionality: Equity Across Identities," September 2021

Invited Participant, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Disability Pride Month Round Table, "The Time is Now: Advancing Equity in Science and Technology," July 2021

Speaker, New York City Council Joint Committees on Transportation, Mental Health, Disabilities, Addiction, and Aging, New York, NY, December 2019

Panelist, United Nations Conference of State Parties, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York, NY, June 2018

Miscellaneous Panels and Community Presentations

Panelist, "Law, Disability, and Expertise," Boston University Law Review "Law and Expertise" Symposium, Boston, MA, November 2024

Panelist, "Preserving Civil Rights for Climate and Environmental Justice," The Summit on Climate and Environmental Justice, Racism, and the Law, Durham, NC, November 2023

Panelist, 1st Michael Goldfarb Memorial Symposium: A Call to Action: The Broader Implications of Recent U.S. Supreme Court Rulings for Disability Rights and Protections, July 2023

Moderator, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Plenary Session, "Seizing the Moment," May 2022

Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, "Confronting and Teaching About Ableism in your Clinical Pedagogy as a Best Practice," May 2022

Panelist, Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, "A Broader Role for the ADA in a Post-Pandemic World," March 2022

Panelist, Edward V. Sparer Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, "Burdened by Design: The Harms of Inaccessibility," February 2022

Panelist, Yale School of Medicine Program for Bioethics, "Disability-Based Allocation of Medical Resources: Legal and Ethical Issues," May 2021

Plenary Co-Facilitator, Association of University Centers on Disabilities Conference, "Leading Change to Achieve Equity: Conversations We Need to Have," Dec. 2020

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors, Center for Independence of the Disabled New York (November 2017-January 2022)
- Association of American Law Schools, Section on Disability Law
    - Secretary, 2025-2026
    - Chair-Elect, Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State | U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit | U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York | U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York | U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

OTHER INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Creative writing and slam poetry-won 2nd place at International Youth Poetry Slam Brave New Voices with 2008 Urban Word NYC team, featured in 2009 HBO Documentary Brave New Voices.