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Current Employment

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

Associate Professor of Law and Director of Criminal Defense Clinic (August 2021 – present)

Courses: Criminal Defense Clinic – Fieldwork & Seminar (Fall 2021 – present); Criminal Defense Clinic – Advanced Fieldwork (Fall 2022 – present); Criminal Policy Practicum: Felony Murder (Fall 2023 – present)

Service: Clerkship Committee (2024 – present); Faculty Review Committee (2021 – present); PILG Summer Fellowship Selection Committee (2022 – present); Faculty Advisor for Interscholastic Moot Court Competition (Spring 2022); Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Future of the Legal Profession (2022); Faculty Advisor for Criminal Law Society (2022 – present)

Public Service: Member, Connecticut Sentencing Commission (March 2022 – present); Chair, Subcommittee on Sentencing Procedure, Connecticut Sentencing Committee (May 2022 – October 2023)

Honors: Bellow Scholar 2025 – 2027 (awarded by AALS Clinical Legal Education Section to support empirical research on bail and detention)
Winner of AALS Criminal Law Section Junior Scholars Paper Competition 2024

Previous Academic Employment

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Director, Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law (2016 – July 2021)

Research Scholar (2018 – 2021)

Associate Research Scholar (2016 – 2018)

Courses: Liman Projects: Research for Reform (2016 – 2021); Imprisoned (Spring 2017); Rationing Access to Justice: Fines, Fees, and Bail (Spring 2018); Poverty & the Courts: Fines, Fees, Bail, and Collective Redress (Spring 2019); Criminal Systems at a Crossroads (Spring 2020); Capital Punishment Clinic (Spring 2021)

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Forrester Fellow, July 2012 – June 2014

Courses: Legal Research & Writing, 2012 – 2014; Pretrial Criminal Litigation, intersession 2013, 2014 (intensive skills-based course)

Education

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D. Degree, *magna cum laude*, May 2004

Honors: *Order of the Coif*

NYU Review of Law and Social Change – *Senior Articles Editor*

Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship – *3-year public interest scholarship*

Christian Jarecki Memorial Prize – *awarded for outstanding work in clinical setting*

Robert McKay Scholar – *awarded to students in top quartile of class after 3 semesters*

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan
M.A. Degree in English Language and Literature, December 2000

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, Lawrence, Kansas
B.A. Degree, *with highest distinction*, in English and Political Science, August 1999

Academic Publications

[*Banking in the Shadows of the Carceral State: Prisons, Paternalism, and the Regulation of Money in Prison Trust Accounts*](#), 28 THEORETICAL CRIMINOLOGY 459 (2024) (invited submission)

[*Prison Banking*](#), 112 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1699 (2024)

- Winner, AALS Criminal Law Section Junior Scholars Paper Competition 2024
- Selected for reprint, Ira P. Robbins, ed., *Prisoners and the Law* (forthcoming, 2025)

[*The Illusion of Heightened Standards in Capital Cases*](#), 2023 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW 1289 (2023)

[*After Ferguson: Money and Punishment, Circa 2020*](#) (2020) (co-editor, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law, Fines and Fees Justice Center, & UC Berkeley Policy Advocacy Clinic) (edited collection of readings on retrospective look at Ferguson protests, monetary sanctions, and the funding of government services)

[*Time-in-Cell 2019: A Snapshot of Restrictive Housing*](#) (2020) (co-author, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law and Correctional Leaders Association) (national data report on the numbers and conditions of confinement for individuals living in solitary confinement in US prison systems)

[*Ability to Pay*](#) (co-editor, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law, Fines and Fees Justice Center, & UC Berkeley Policy Advocacy Clinic) (2019) (edited collection of readings on bail and monetary sanctions and the role of law schools in achieving institutional change)

[*Who Pays? Fines, Fees, Bail, and the Cost of Courts*](#) (co-editor, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law) (2018) (edited collection of readings on monetary sanctions and bail)

[*Reforming Restrictive Housing: The 2018 ASCA-Liman Nationwide Survey of Time-in-Cell*](#) (2018) (co-author, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law and Association of State Correctional Administrators) (national data report on the numbers and conditions of confinement for individuals living in solitary confinement in US prison systems)

[*Aiming to Reduce Time-in-Cell: Reports from Correctional Systems on the Numbers of Prisoners in Restricted Housing and on the Potential of Policy Changes to Bring About Reforms*](#) (2016) (co-author, Yale Law School Arthur Liman Public Interest Program and Association of State Correctional Administrators)

[*The Right to Inter-Sovereign Disclosure in Criminal Cases*](#), 2013 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 1407 (2014)

[*Brady and the Juvenile Courts*](#), 38 N.Y.U. REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 551 (2014)

Other Publications

Mumina Egal, Luke Reynolds, & Anna VanCleave, *Stop Making Connecticut Prisoners Pay for Incarceration*, CT POST; DARIEN TIMES; STAMFORD ADVOCATE (March 18, 2022)

Judith Resnik & Anna VanCleave, *Ending Profound Prison Isolation Protects Us All*, CT POST (June 1, 2021)

Natalie Kirchhoff, Zal Shroff, & Anna VanCleave, *Eligible Voters in Connecticut Need Access to Their Ballots*, NEW HAVEN REGISTER (May 12, 2021)

Other Media

Zerline Hughes Spruill, *Moving the Needle*, ADVANCING PRETRIAL POLICY & RESEARCH (February 2024) (quoted on Connecticut's expansion of court-deposit bonds)

Molly Ingram, *Public Hearing on Connecticut Cash Bail Reform Shows Deep Divide*, WSHU PUBLIC RADIO (May 8, 2023) (quoted on impacts of pretrial detention)

Previous Non-Academic Work Experience

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, Louisiana
Chief of Capital Division, July 2014 – July 2016

Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, New Orleans, Louisiana
Staff Attorney, Capital-Certified First Chair, June 2009 – June 2012

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.
Staff Attorney, October 2004 – May 2007; June 2008 – May 2009

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, Louisiana
Staff Attorney, May 2007 – June 2008

Selected Presentations

Selected Scholar/Participant, *Bail, Detention, and Pretrial Procedures in Connecticut: An Analysis of Current Practices and Recommendations for the Elimination of Cash Bail*, AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference (April 29, 2025) (session featuring selected Bellow Scholars' projects)

Workshop Facilitator, *Civil Rights*, AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference (April 27-29, 2025)

Invited Participant/Presenter, *Access to Justice in Connecticut Prisons*, UCLA-Michigan Incarceration/Incarceration Law Roundtable (April 4-5, 2025)

Presenter, *The Nature and Circumstances of the Offense*, CrimFest (July 15, 2024)

Presenter, *The Nature and Circumstances of the Offense*, Law & Society Annual Conference (June 9, 2024)

Presenter, *Costs of Incarceration, Capitalism and the Carceral State* – Inaugural Symposium of the Vanderbilt Law School Social Justice Reporter (March 21, 2024)

Presenter, *Prison Banking*, Works in Progress Panel for Criminal Law Section of American Association of Law Schools (January 2024)

Panelist & Panel Chair, *From Prison Banking to Asset Seizure*, Law & Society annual Conference (June 4, 2023)

Panelist, *The Nature and Circumstances of the Offense*, Works-in-Progress: Pretrial Detention and Bail Release, AALS 2023 Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 30, 2023)

Panel Coordinator & Discussant, *Imposing Fees, Fines, and Surcharges in Jails and Prisons*, Liman Center Colloquium, Budgeting for Justice: Fiscal Policy & Monetary Sanctions, Yale Law School (April 21, 2023)

Panelist, Access to Law School Academy, Yale Law School's Law & Racial Justice Center, University of Connecticut School of Law (January 28, 2023)

Moderator, *Felony Murder, Criminal Legal System at media Crossroads*, Connecticut Sentencing Commission Symposium (November 16, 2022)

Panelist, *Cost of Incarceration*, National Association of Sentencing Commissioners Annual Conference (August 8-10, 2022)

Moderator, *Voting Rights*, National Association of Sentencing Commissioners Annual Conference (August 8-10, 2022)

Discussant, *The Police and Beyond: Achievements versus Obstacles to Reform*, Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (July 28, 2022)

Discussant, *From Defender to Professor: What Do we Take from that Work; What Can we Offer?* Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (July 28, 2022)

Panelist, *Prison Banking*, CrimFest (July 17-19, 2022)

Moderator, *What Comes Next? Law Schools, Centers, Fellowships, and Funding: A Critical Assessment in Complex Times*, Liman Center Colloquium, Yale Law School (April 10, 2022)

Panelist, *Punitive Politics and Juvenile Rights*, National Lawyers Guild Week Against Mass Incarceration (March 2, 2022)

Moderator, *Prosecutorial Discretion and Mass Incarceration*, Public Interest Law Journal Symposium, (February 11, 2022)

Discussant, *From Police to Prisons: Pandemic & Post-Pandemic Reforms in the Criminal Legal System*, Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (July 26, 2021)

Panelist, *Lessons from the Verdict of Derek Chauvin* (segment from three-part teach-in by Yale Law School following verdict for Derek Chauvin) (April 23, 2021)

Panel Moderator, *What Futures for Public Interest Lawyering?*, Liman Center Colloquium, Yale Law School (April 9, 2021)

Panelist, *Building Bridges: Connecticut at a Crossroads*, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (February 22, 2021)

Co-Coordinator, *Fines, Fees, and the Funding of Government Services 2021 Workshop Series* (five-part workshop series on the intersection of fines/fees and public finance) (winter-spring 2021)

Testimony and Public Comment

Public Hearing on SB 1502, [An Act Concerning Sentence Reduction or Relief for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking](#), Judiciary Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (March 17, 2025)

Public Hearing on the Governor's Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget for Transportation, Judicial and Correction Agencies, Appropriations Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (February 11, 2025) (concerning proposed elimination of free e-messaging for people in prison) (oral testimony)

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Connecticut Practice Book 38-8, Connecticut Superior Court Rules Committee (May 8, 2023) (concerning release on bail) (oral testimony)

Kiel Brennan-Marquez, Mumina Egal, & Anna VanCleave, Statement submitted for the record, HB 6834, [An Act Concerning Serious Firearm Offenses by Repeat Offenders](#), Judiciary Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (March 6, 2023)

Public Hearing on HB 5390, An Act Repealing Statutory Provisions That Impose Liability on an Individual for Repayment of Costs Incurred When the Individual Was Incarcerated, Judiciary Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (March 25, 2022)

Mumina Egal & Anna VanCleave, Statement submitted for the record, HB 5390, [An Act Repealing Statutory Provisions That Impose Liability on an Individual for Repayment of Costs Incurred When the Individual Was Incarcerated](#), Judiciary Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (March 25, 2022)

Wynne Graham, Judith Resnik, & Anna VanCleave, Statement submitted for the record, SB 1059, [An Act Concerning the Office of the Correction Ombuds, the Use of Isolated Confinement, Seclusion and Restraints, Social Contacts for Incarcerated Persons and Training and Workers' Compensation Benefits for Correction](#), Judiciary Committee, Connecticut General Assembly (March 21, 2021)

Alexandra Harrington, Judith Resnik, & Anna VanCleave, Statement submitted for the record, [US Commission on Civil Rights Statement to the United States Commission on Civil Rights Women in Prison: Seeking Justice Behind Bars](#) (January 25, 2019)

Alexandra Harrington, Judith Resnik, & Anna VanCleave, [Proposed Changes to Segregation of Individuals in New York State Prisons](#), Letter to New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (October 25, 2019)

Bar Admissions

Connecticut

Louisiana

United States Supreme Court