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EDUCATION:

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
JD, *magna cum laude*, May 2000
JOURNAL: New York University Law Review, Associate Editor
HONORS: Order of the Coif
Florence Allen Scholar

Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences, Ithaca, NY
BA in Economics, BA in Government, *magna cum laude*, May 1995
HONORS: Graduated with Distinction
Phi Beta Kappa
THESIS: *Martial Species, Understanding Sikh Ethno-Nationalism*

PUBLICATIONS:

Docile Defendants & Willing Suspects: The Contradictory Role of Consent in Criminal Procedure, 46 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. - - (2011) (using political theory to argue that the criminal justice system relies on a tenuous notion of consent to rationalize waiver of constitutional rights).

Equality & Identity Hierarchy, 3 N.Y.U. J. L. & Liberty 349 (2008) (arguing that Fourteenth Amendment jurisprudence assumes primacy of civic identity over other kinds of identities).

A Birthright Rearticulated: The Politics of Bilingual Education, 74 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1407 (1999) (arguing against California law restricting bilingual education).

PRESENTATIONS:

Taking Their Pick: Police Departments & Discretion (Faculty Presentation), University of Georgia School of Law – April 12, 2010.

Taking Their Pick: Police Departments & Discretion (Faculty Presentation), Georgia State University College of Law – March 30, 2010.

Korematsu in the 21st Century: Have We Given Up on Accountability (Panelist), Western Law Teachers of Color & Conference of Asian and Pacific American Law Faculty, University of Arizona – March 5, 2010.

Atlanta Civilian Review Board Training, Georgia State University College of Law – November 7, 2009.

Departmental Discretion and Racial Disparity in Arrest Rates (Work in Progress), LatCrit XIV, American University – October 3, 2009.

Consent of the Accused (Work in Progress), Western Law Teachers of Color & Conference of Asian and Pacific American Law Faculty, University of Denver – April 25, 2008.

TEACHING

SUBJECTS:

Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, International Criminal Law

**ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE:**

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA June 2009 - Present
Assistant Professor of Law

Stanford University Law School, Stanford, CA May 2006 – May 2009
Law School Fellow
Three-year research fellowship that required designing and teaching a first-year legal writing course.

**JUDICIAL
CLERKSHIPS:**

The Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, San Diego, CA 2001-02
Law Clerk

The Honorable Carlos R. Moreno, Central District of California, Los Angeles, CA 2000-01
Law Clerk

**OTHER
EXPERIENCE:**

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, San Francisco, CA July 2004 – April 2006
Associate

Litigated employment, civil rights, and consumer cases on behalf of plaintiffs, including challenges against: Mexico and the United States for failing to compensate *bracero* workers; the Bay Area's public transportation funding agency for discriminating against minority riders; and not-for-profit hospitals for price gouging uninsured patients.

The Defender Association, Seattle, WA August 2003 – January 2004
Staff Attorney, Misdemeanors Unit
Represented individuals accused of misdemeanors.

Staff Attorney, Racial Disparity Project October 2002 – August 2003
Represented defendants charged with felony narcotics offenses in a consolidated motion to dismiss based upon the Seattle Police Department's selective enforcement of drug laws against racial minorities.

American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, San Francisco, CA June-August 1999
Legal Intern
Researched and wrote legal memoranda pertaining to cyber-liberties, police practices, racial discrimination, and prison conditions.

Legal Aid Society of New York, New York, NY May-August 1998
Legal Intern
Worked for the Lower Manhattan Neighborhood Office on tenants' rights issues. Researched housing law, drafted memoranda and court documents, and conducted client intake.

Professor Peggy Cooper-Davis, New York University School of Law, NY January-May 1998
Research Assistant
Performed legal and social science research in the areas of family law and legal pedagogy.

Manushi, New Delhi, India December 1996-May 1997
Writer
Researched and wrote on issues relating to health care, urban poverty, and globalization.

Ernst & Young, Washington, DC July 1995-May 1996
Consultant
Gathered business and economic data, performed statistical analyses, and wrote reports on international business transactions and regulatory policy.

BAR

MEMBERSHIP: California, Washington