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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA**

**Associate Director/Clinical Assistant Professor, Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, July 2015 - Present**

**North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC**

**Director/Adjunct Professor, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, August 2011 – June 2015**

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Federal Income Taxation

Advanced Taxation

Legal Writing

**EDUCATION**

**North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC**

Juris Doctor, May 2011

Tax Law Certification, May 2012

Activities: *Faculty Recruitment Committee Member*  
*Women's Law Caucus (2L External Relations Liaison, 3L Vice President)*  
*Federal Income Tax Teacher's Assistant*  
*Law Week & Barrister's Ball Committees Member*  
*Orientation Assistant*

**University of Phoenix – North Charlotte Campus, Charlotte, NC**

Masters in Business Administration, May 2007 (Magna Cum Laude)

Honors: *National Dean's List, 2006 – 2007*

**Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC**

Bachelor of Science in Integrated Marketing Communication, December 2001

Honors: Presidential Scholar (1997)

Activities: *Orientation Assistant/Peer Mentor*  
*Environmental Club*  
*Nat'l Student Exchange Participant*  
*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Publicity Chair*

**PUBLICATIONS**

Navigating IRS Collections and Presenting Special Circumstances, *ABA Tax Times*, Co-authored with Erin Stearns (Winter 2019), available at [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation/publications/abataximes\\_home/19feb/19feb-pp-stearns-lester-navigating-irs-collections/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation/publications/abataximes_home/19feb/19feb-pp-stearns-lester-navigating-irs-collections/).

**Book Chapter:** Handling Tax Collection Matters – Procedures and Strategies, *Effectively Representing Your Client Before The IRS* (7<sup>th</sup> Edition), Co-authored chapter with W. Ted Afield and Willard Timm (March 2018).

Tax Tips, *The Atlanta Lawyer* (Volume 16, No. 8 | April 2018), available at [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.atlantabar.org/resource/resmgr/TAL2018April\\_final.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.atlantabar.org/resource/resmgr/TAL2018April_final.pdf).

What To Do If You Owe The IRS Money, *The Conversation*, available at <https://theconversation.com/what-to-do-if-you-owe-the-irs-money-94790> (April 13, 2018).

Written Testimony For Congressional Hearing: The Taxpayer Experience With the Internal Revenue Service, United States House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee Oversight Subcommittee, available at <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/hearing-taxpayers-experience-internal-revenue-service> (December 13, 2017).

Tips For Practitioners – Tax Tips For Small Businesses, *Georgia State University Alumni Magazine*, Winter 2017, available at <http://law.gsu.edu/2017/03/08/tips-practitioners-tax-tips-small-businesses> (March 8, 2017).

Do You Owe the IRS Money? Here's What to Do, *The Conversation*, available at <http://theconversation.com/do-you-owe-the-irs-money-heres-what-to-do-57328> (April 15, 2016).

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

The Earned Income Tax Credit: How An Expanded Definition of Family Can Help Additional Taxpayers

The Power of Attorney and Entering An Appearance Before The IRS, *Effectively Representing Your Client Before The IRS*, Co-authored chapter with Derek Wheeler

Federal Tax Controversies Exercise Book – How They Effect Low Income Taxpayers and How They Can Be Resolved

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Bridging Divides: Fostering Students' Abilities to Overcome Differences and Create Connection, Panelist (with Kendall Kerew, Shobha Mahadev, Amy Pritchard, Kelly Terry and Cindy Wilson), Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education (San Francisco, CA)(May 6, 2019)

Changes Under the Tax Cuts and Job Act, Presenter, National Association of Retired Federal Employees April Meeting (Decatur, GA)(April 9, 2019)

Best Practices For Mentoring & Networking, Co-Presenter with Scott Schumacher, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference (Washington, DC)(December 5, 2018)

Collectability As A Litigation Tool: Settling With DOJ vs. IRS, Moderator, 2018 Low-Income Taxpayer Representation Workshop (Washington, DC)(December 3, 2018)

Building A Strong LITC, Presenter, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference (Washington, DC)(December 3, 2018)

CLE: Introduction To Tax Representation, Presenter, Law To The People, LLC (Presented virtually)(November 9, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (November 2, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (November 1, 2018)

Teaching Intersectional Lawyering in the Clinic Seminar: Pedagogical Tools to Strengthen Student Engagement with Marginalized Communities, Panelist, Southern Clinical Legal Conference (SCLC)(Columbia, SC)(October 20, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Advanced, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (October 9, 2018)

Teaching Intersectional Lawyering in the Clinic Seminar: Pedagogical Tools to Strengthen Student Engagement with Marginalized Communities, Panelist, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)(University Park, PA; Presented virtually)(October 6, 2018)

The “Nanny Tax”: Taxation on Household Employees, Moderator, ABA Section of Taxation Fall Meeting (Atlanta, GA)(October 5, 2018)

How Can I Live On That?, Panelist, ABA Section on Taxation Fall Meeting (Atlanta, GA)(October 5, 2019)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 13, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 12, 2018)

Understanding the IRS Form 990, Presenter, 100 Black Men of American, Inc., (Atlanta, GA)(August 22, 2018)

Tax Law and Statutory Interpretation, Moderator, Southeastern Associations of Law Schools (SEALS)(Fort Lauderdale, FL)(August 10, 2018)

Advocating For Your Client In Cases Involving Charitable Contribution Deduction Issues, Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) Atlanta Tax Forums, Presenter (with Michael Baillif and Daniel Causey IV), Atlanta Marriott Marquis (Atlanta, GA)(July 10, 2018)

Fearless Bricklayers: Part II – The Blueprint Growth & Empowerment Conference, Presenter, Setting Up A 501(c)(3), Hilton Durham Near Duke University (Durham, NC) (May 26, 2018)

Tower To Trenches CLE: Taxes Under Trump, Presenter (with Ted Afield and Mary Radford), Georgia State University College of Law (Atlanta, GA) (April 27, 2018)

Work In Progress, Junior Faculty Exchange, University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN)(February 7, 2018)

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day, Presenter (with Milton Little, Kenneth Corbin, and Congressman John Lewis), City Council Chambers (Atlanta, GA) (January 26, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (January 17, 2018)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (January 16, 2018)

The Taxpayer Experience With the Internal Revenue Service, Expert Witness for Congressman John Lewis, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee Hearing (Washington, DC) (December 13, 2017)

Outreach and Education: Low Income and Immigrant Populations (with panelist Anthony W. Dohring), Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference (Washington, DC)(December 6, 2017)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (November 15, 2017)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (November 14, 2017)

Work In Progress, The Earned Income Tax Credit: How An Expanded Definition of Family Can Help Additional Taxpayers, Presenter, Southern Clinical Legal Conference (Baton Rouge, LA) (October 21, 2017)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 27, 2017)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 26, 2017)

Discussion Group: Responding to the Needs of Evening Students: The Night Owl Clinician, Discussant, Southern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) (Boca Raton, FL)(August 5, 2017)

Litigating the “Merits” of a Tax Liability in Collection Due Process (CDP) Cases under Sections and 6320 and 6330: What Are the “Merits” of the Tax Liability and When Can You Raise Them in a CDP Case?, Moderator, ABA Section of Taxation’s May Meeting (Washington, D.C.) (May 13, 2017)

Using Technology In Teaching and Practice To Enrich The Student Experience, Panelist (with Dionne Gonder-Stanley, Conrad Johnson, and Joe Rosenburg), AALS Clinical Conference (Denver, CO) (May 1, 2017)

Professional Identity Formation In Clinics, Panelist (with Nicole G. Iannarone), Georgia State University Faculty Development Series (Atlanta, GA) (February 1, 2017)

Tax Tips For Grandparents, Georgia State University's Project Healthy Grandparent, Presenter (with panelist Bonnie Rich) (Atlanta, GA) (January 10, 2017)

Representing A Taxpayer In An Earned Income Tax Credit Exam, Panel Lead (with panelist Ata Papis), Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference (Washington, DC) (December 13, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (December 7, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (December 6, 2016)

2016 Legislative Branch CLE, Presenter (with W. Ted Afield), Georgia State Capitol (Atlanta, GA) (November 30, 2016)

Innovating Tradition: Injecting Flipped Curriculum and Metacognition into the Clinical Seminar, Panelist (with Nicole G. Iannarone), Southern Clinical Conference (Charlotte, NC) (October 14, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (October 12, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (October 11, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 14, 2016)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (September 13, 2016)

Tax Tips For Grandparents, Georgia State University's Project Healthy Grandparent (Atlanta, GA) (February 9, 2016)

### **GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY/LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

- Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders Initiative (MWF-YALI), Peer Collaborator (2018)
- Georgia State University Senate Committee on Admissions and Standards (2018-present)
- Georgia State University Senate Budget Committee, College of Law Representative (2016-present)
- Georgia State University Senate Information Systems and Technology Committee, College of Law Representative (2016-2018)
- Georgia State University College of Law Clinical Programs Committee (2016-present)
- Georgia State University College of Law Technology Committee (2017 – present)
- Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Mock Midterm, Grader (2015 – present)

## **OTHER LAW RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**Legal Aid of North Carolina, Low Income Taxpayer Program**, Durham, NC  
Intern, September 2010 – December 2010

**Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog**, Charlotte, NC  
Summer Clerk, May 2010– July 2010

**The Law Office of Eugene Tatum**, Durham, NC  
Legal Intern, August 2009 – December 2009

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Wachovia Bank**, Charlotte, NC  
Business Analyst, March 2008 – June 2009  
Floor Lead, June 2007 – March 2008  
Customer Service Analyst, April 2005 – June 2007

**Muzak LLC**, Fort Mill, SC  
Consultant, May 2001 – April 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association  
Tax Section, Member

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)  
Clinical Section, Member  
Clinicians of Color Committee, Co-Chair, 2017 – present

Atlanta Bar Association (ABA)  
Tax Section, Member

Georgia Association of Black Woman Attorneys (GABWA)  
Woman-to-Woman Initiative, Member

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Election Protection – Volunteer, 2018

Cool Girls, Inc. – Volunteer, 2018 - present

United Way of Greater Atlanta – VITA Advisory Board Member, 2016 - present

Herzing University – Legal Studies Advisory Board Member, 2015- present

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Member, 1999 - present

## **LICENSE**

Attorney, Member of the North Carolina State Bar (Admitted To Practice: August 25, 2011)

Attorney, Member of the United States Tax Court (Admitted To Practice: October 2011)