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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA

Clinical Assistant Professor/ Associate Director, Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, July 2015 – Present (40 hours per week)

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC

Director/Adjunct Professor, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, August 2011 – June 2015 (40 hours per week)

COURSES TAUGHT

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (Tax Procedure)

Basic Federal Income Taxation

Advanced Federal Income 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

Interview with Evan Phoenix, *ABA Tax Times*, Interviewer (Winter 2020), available at

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation/publications/abataximes_home/20feb/20feb-pit-lester-evan-phoenix/.

Blog Post: The Scope of a Power of Attorney: When Can A Representative Sign a Refund Claim?,

Procedurally Taxing, Posted on August 13, 2019, available at <https://procedurallytaxing.com/the-scope-of-a-power-of-attorney-when-can-a-representative-sign-a-refund-claim/>.

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/.

Book Chapter: Handling Tax Collection Matters – Procedures and Strategies, *Effectively Representing Your Client Before The IRS* (7th 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.

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/legislation/hearings/taxpayer-experience-internal-revenue-service> (December 13, 2017).

Tips For Practitioners – Tax Tips For Small Businesses, *Georgia State University Alumni Magazine*, Winter 2017, available at <https://news.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

PRESENTATIONS

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day Pres Conference, Presenter (with Milton Little, Congresswoman Nikema Williams, and Santiago Marquez), Virtual (Atlanta, GA) (January 29, 2021)

Data-driven Leadership, Speaker, Tableau Women Leading Through Change (Virtual)(November 10, 2020)

New Scholars Workshop, Moderator, Southern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) (Boca Raton, FL/Virtual)(August 2, 2020)

COVID-19 Tax Implications, Presenter, Radio Interview on WRAS 88.5 FM (Interviewed on April 15, 2020; Aired on April 30, 2020)

CLE: Tax Implications and COVID-19, Presenter, Law To The People, LLC (Presented virtually)(April 30, 2020)

COVID-19 Tax Implications, Presenter, Senator Kahra Karinshak's Town Hall Meeting (Presented virtually)(April 14, 2020)

CLE: Introduction to Non-Profit Formation and Compliance, Presenter, Law To The People, LLC (Presented virtually)(February 14, 2020)

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day Pres Conference, Presenter (with Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms, Kenneth Corbin, and Milton Little), Atlanta City Hall (Atlanta, GA) (February 5, 2020)

Federal Tax Law Advanced, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (January 22, 2020)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Presenter, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (January 15, 2020)

Tips For The 2019 Filing Season and Tax Form Updates, Presenter, National Association of Retired Federal Employees January Meeting (Decatur, GA)(January 14, 2020)

Federal Tax Law Advanced, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (December 12, 2019)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 2, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (December 11, 2019)

Federal Tax Law Basics, Part 1, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (December 10, 2019)

Building A Strong LITC, Presenter, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference (Washington, DC)(December 3, 2019)

Federal Tax Law Advanced, Co-Presenter with Emily Yaun, United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program (Atlanta, GA) (November 19, 2019)

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 13, 2019)

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 12, 2019)

Tax Policy Reforms in the 21st Century, Panalist (with Clif Fleming, Terri Lynn Helge, Leandra Lederman, Orly Mazur, and Rebecca Rosenberg), Southern Association of Law Schools (SEALS)(Boca Raton, FL)(August 2, 2019)

Discussion Group: Tax Policy Discussion Group, Discussant, Southern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) (Boca Raton, FL)(August 2, 2019)

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 Jobs 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 Senate Cultural Diversity Committee, College of Law Representative (2019-present)
- 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 (2018-2019)
- 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

Tax Section Publications Committee, 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

Sidebar Ambassador, Fall 2019 Cohort

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)