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Appointments

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Felder-Fayard Associate Professor, July 2021 – present

Gordon Gamm Faculty Scholar, July 2021 – present

Courses: Criminal Law (Spring 2022), Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (Fall 2021), Criminal Justice Seminar (Ethics in Criminal Law Advocacy) (Spring 2022)

Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, Illinois

Associate Professor, July 2020 – May 2021

Assistant Professor, August 2017 – July 2020

Courses: Criminal Law (Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; Summer 2020), Constitutional Law I (Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), Children in the Legal System (Spring 2018, 2021), Criminal Justice Ethics Seminar (Spring 2020)

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015 – 2017

Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, Fall 2014

Courses: Criminal Law (Spring 2016, 2017), Criminal Procedure: Adjudication (Fall 2014, 2016), Children and the Law (Fall 2014, 2015)

Teaching and Research Interests

Primary Interests: Criminal Law & Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Rurality and the Law, Family Law, Juvenile Law

Other Interests: Sex Crimes, Evidence, Local Government Law

Legal Publications and Works in Progress

"Ruined," 111 GEO. L.J. ____ (forthcoming December 2022).

"Progressive Prosecution Without a Foil," 69 WASH. U. J. OF L. & POLICY ____ (forthcoming June 2022).

Lowball Rural Defense, 99 WASH. U. L. REV. 1081 (2021).

Elections and Pro-Prosecution Culture, 19 OHIO ST. J. Crim. L. 119 (2021).

Law Enforcement as Disease Vector, U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE (Nov. 16, 2020)(available at <https://lawreviewblog.uchicago.edu/2020/11/16/covid-romero/>)

The Right to Unmarry: A Proposal, 69 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 89 (2020)(with Brian L. Frye).

Rural Spaces, Communities of Color, and the 'Progressive Prosecutor', 110 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 803 (2020).

Prosecutors and Police: An Unholy Union, 54 U. RICH. L. REV. 101 (2020).

Access to Justice for Rural Mainers of Color Through a Prosecution Lens, 71 ME. L. REV. 2 (2019).

Educational Environments and the Federal Right to Education in the Wake of Parkland, 73 U. MIAMI L. REV. 731 (2019).

Profit-Driven Prosecution and the Competitive Bidding Process, 107 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 101 (2017).

Other Publications

Maybell Romero, Jon Tunheim, & Chantelle Williams, Guidelines for Prosecution Intimate Partner Violence in Smaller Jurisdictions, March 17, 2022, at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4047368.

Brian L. Frye & Maybell Romero, TVTV's America, BAM/PFA, August 14, 2020, at https://guerrillatv.bampfa.berkeley.edu/essays/2020-08-10_brian-frye-and-maybell-romero-tvts-america.html.

Maybell Romero, Tiger King and Corpus Delicti: How to Get Away With Murder...Or Not, Docalogue, May 2020 at <https://docalogue.com/tiger-king-murder-mayhem-and-madness/>.

Selected Presentations and Media Appearances

Speaker, Faculty Workshop Series, University of Illinois School of Law (Champaign-Urbana), April 26, 2022.

Speaker, "An Introduction to Police Unions," American Bar Ass'n Legal Education Police Practices Consortium, April 8, 2022.

Speaker, Faculty Workshop Series, Tulane Law School, April 5, 2022.

Speaker, Faculty Workshop Series, Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, March 10, 2022.

Speaker, Faculty Workshop Series, Pace University, Elizabeth Haub School of Law, February 9, 2022.

Panelist, "Mass Incarceration as Oppression," Oklahoma Law Review Symposium—Ending Mass Incarceration: Philosophy, Practice, and Policy, February 4, 2022.

Panelist, Institute for Innovation in Prosecution, "Beyond Big Cities," January 19, 2022.

Panelist, AALS Criminal Justice Section, "Rethinking Criminal Law Language," January 14, 2022.

Panelist, Washington University Journal of Law and Policy Symposium, November 12, 2021.

Discussant, Law and Rurality Workshop, University of Nebraska, October 29, 2021.

Speaker, University of Virginia Virtual Criminal Law Workshop, October 13, 2021.

Speaker, "Lowball Rural Defense," University of Richmond Law School Junior Faculty Forum, September 25, 2021.

Panelist, "Crafting Your Scholarship Goals," SEALS, July 30, 2021.

Panelist, "The Art of Self-Promotion," SEALS, July 29, 2021.

Panelist, "Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor—Perspectives on the Breonna Taylor Case," SEALS, July 27, 2021.

Panelist, "Access to Justice, Legal Institutions, and Everyday People: What's Different about the Rural US?," Law and Society, May 28, 2021.

Speaker, "Lowball Rural Defense," University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law Faculty Workshop Series, March 2021.

Panelist, Northern Illinois University College of Law Racial Justice Roundtable, February 28, 2021.

Panelist, "Prosecutor 2.0," *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law* Symposium, February 19, 2021.

Speaker, "Lowball Rural Defense," University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law Faculty Speaker Series, January 28, 2021.

Panelist, Arc of the Career Program, "A Session for First Time Meeting Attendees, January 14, 2021, AALS Annual Meeting.

Speaker, "Lowball Rural Defense," SMU Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center, Criminal Justice Reform Workshop Series, December 2, 2020.

Speaker, Charles H. Gershenson Faculty Workshop Series, Wayne State University Law School, November 2020.

Panelist and Host, "COVID-19 Criminal Justice," *University of Chicago Law Review Online Symposium*, November 18, 2020.

Speaker, "Lowball Rural Defense," Law and Rurality Workshop, co-sponsored by University of Nebraska and University of South Dakota Law Schools, October 30, 2020.

Panelist, "Inequity Within the Criminal Justice System," Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice, October 30, 2020.

Guest, DIY Democracy Podcast, "Choosing Rural Prosecutors," August 12, 2020.

Guest, University of Richmond Law Review Podcast, "Prosecutors and Police: An Unholy Union," August 7, 2020.

Organizer and Moderator, Criminal Law & Procedure Workshop, "Differing Visions of State and Local Prosecution: Implications of the Progressive Prosecution Movement," SEALS, August 2, 2020.

Panelist, "Low-Ball Criminal Defense," in Criminal Law & Procedure Workshop, "The Private Role in Criminal Justice," SEALS, July 31, 2020.

Panelist, Work-Life Balance and the Demands of Scholarship, AALS Faculty Focus, June 9, 2020.

Panelist and Organizer, "Law Enforcement As Disease Vector," NIU CrimWIP (Criminal Law Works in Progress series), June 4, 2020.

Panelist, Criminal Justice Ethics Discussion Series (organized by Fordham Law School for distribution to law schools this upcoming semester), Summer 2020.

Discussant, "Women's Rights in the Shadow of the Constitution," Law & Society Annual Meeting, May 29, 2020.

Speaker, "Progressive Prosecution in the Rural United States," Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology Symposium, Northwestern University School of Law, February 28, 2020.

Moderator, Creighton Law Review Symposium, Creighton University School of Law, February 21, 2020.

Panelist, "When They Call You A Terrorist – A Black Lives Matter Memoir," Northern Illinois University College of Law, February 6, 2020.

Moderator, AALS New Law Professors Section panel on scholarship, Washington D.C., January 3, 2020.

Speaker, "Prosecutors and Police: An Unholy Union," Marquette University Junior Faculty Works in Progress Workshop, Marquette University Law School, October 4, 2019.

Speaker and Organizer, "Prosecutors and Police: An Unholy Union," Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, Northern Illinois University College of Law, hosted by Loyola Law School, September 27, 2019.

Guest, "Maybell Romero on Prosecutor Unions & Justice Reform," *Ipse Dixit* podcast, September 3, 2019.

Speaker, "Prosecutors and Police: An Unholy Union," Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Cardozo Law School, June 3, 2019.

Panelist, "People of Color in the Rural United States," National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: People of Color and the Future of Democracy, American University Washington College of Law, March 22, 2019.

Guest, "Maybell Romero on Profit-Driven Prosecution," *Ipse Dixit* podcast, February 28, 2019.

Speaker, "Rural Prosecutors and Communities of Color," Law and Rurality Workshop, UC Davis School of Law, February 15, 2019.

Panelist, "Rurality & Criminal Practice: Preparing Students for the Challenges Ahead," Society of American Law Teachers 2018 Teaching Conference, Penn State Law School, October 6, 2018.

Speaker, "Low-Bid Rural Criminal Justice Systems & Spatial Inequities," Crim Fest, Cardozo Law School, July 16, 2018.

Speaker, "Low-Bid Rural Criminal Justice Systems & Spatial Inequities," Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Brooklyn Law School, June 12, 2018.

Speaker, "Educational Environments and the Federal Right to Education in the Wake of Parkland," Law & Society Association Junior Scholar Workshop, Toronto, June 6, 2018.

Speaker, "Disrupting Prosecutorial Culture," Faculty Workshop, Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, October 12, 2017.

Speaker, "Zero Tolerance Prosecutorial Ethics," Crim Fest, American University Washington College of Law, June 12, 2017.

Speaker, "Zero Tolerance Prosecutorial Ethics," Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, New York Law School, June 9, 2017.

Speaker, "Reimagining Prosecutorial Ethics," Brigham Young University Law Faculty WIP, April 20, 2017.

Guest, "Privatizing Criminal Justice," Top of Mind, BYU Radio, March 29, 2017.

Speaker, "Current Issues in Criminal Sentencing," World of Law Discussion Series, Brigham Young University Law School, February 8, 2017.

Speaker, "Profit-Driven Prosecution and the Competitive Bidding Process," Brigham Young University Department of Sociology Interdepartmental Research Series, September 15, 2016.

Speaker, "Auctioning Justice to the Lowest Bidder," Inland Northwest Scholars Workshop, Gonzaga University, August 1, 2016.

Speaker, "Outsourcing Justice: Prosecution," CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, July 12, 2016.

Speaker, "Against Prosecutorial Outsourcing," Brigham Young University Law Faculty WIP, June 16, 2016.

Guest, "The End of Privatized Prisons?," Top of Mind, BYU Radio, August 24, 2016.

Guest, "Our Nation's Public Defense Crisis," Top of Mind, BYU Radio, June 28, 2016.

Speaker, "Pop Culture's Influence on Criminal Law," American Constitution Society Presentation, Brigham Young University Law School, March 2, 2016.

Commentator, Mark Glover, "Probate-Error Costs," Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, Brigham Young University, September 25, 2015.

Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, California

J.D., 2006

Activities: Editor in Chief (2005-2006), Managing Editor (2004-2005), Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law; Associate Editor (2004 – 2005), Berkeley Journal of International Law; Board Member (2004 – 2005), Boalt Criminal Law Association; McBaine Honors Moot Court Competition Participant (2005).

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

B.A. in English, B.A. in Government, minor in Law and Society, 2003

Activities: Undergraduate Representative, Codes and Judicial Committee (2001 – 2003); Research assistant to Professor Edgar Rosenberg (Departments of English and Comparative Literature); Student Library Assistant, Cornell Law Library. Worked approximately 15 – 20 hours a week to finance undergraduate education.

Selected Professional Affiliations and University Service

Chair-Elect, AALS Criminal Justice Section (starting January 2022)

Executive Board Member (since January 2020)

Advisory Board Member, Beyond Big Cities Initiative, sponsored by the Institute for Innovation in Prosecution at John Jay College (July 2021 – present).

Chair, AALS Section on New Law Professors (2020)

Member, Northern Illinois University College of Law Admissions Committee (starting August 2020)

Member, Northern Illinois University College of Law Appointments Committee (starting August 2020)

NIU College of Law Representative, AALS House of Representatives (August 2018 – present)

Member, SMU Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center Rural Justice Summit Steering Committee
(February 2019 – present)

Founder, AALS CrimWIP (an online criminal law works in progress workshop series for junior faculty, May 2020 – present)

Co-Host, *Ipse Dixit* podcast (April 2019 – present)

Member, Northern Illinois University College of Law Dean Search Committee (May 2018 – present)

Member, Northern Illinois University College of Law Professional Identity Formation Committee
(May 2018 – August 2018)

Member, Northern Illinois University General Counsel Search Committee (2018)

Member, Advisory Committee on the Rules of Juvenile Procedure (2013 – 2017)

Member, Utah State Bar Commission on the Future of Legal Services in Utah (2014 – 2015)

Board Member, Utah State Board of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (2013 – 2017)

Board Member, Friends of the First Judicial District Drug Court (2013 – 2017)

Member, Utah State Bar Examiner Committee (2007 – 2012)

Additional Professional Experience

Harris, Preston & Chambers, Logan, Utah

Partner, 2009 – 2015

General practice focused on civil litigation, criminal defense, family and domestic law, bankruptcy, and employment law both in state and federal courts. Worked at all stages of litigation, including discovery, motions, hearings, mediation, depositions, trials, and appellate briefs. Assigned as Public Defender in First District Juvenile Mental Health Court and Alternate Public Defender in First District Court. Also certified Private Guardian ad Litem.

Rich County Attorney's Office, Randolph, Utah

Deputy County Attorney, 2010 – 2014

Criminal prosecutor representing the state of Utah. Prosecution of cases ranging from infractions to felonies in state juvenile, justice, and district courts including screening and filing charges, arraignments and pretrial matters, motion practice, trials, sentencing, and advising law enforcement on investigations and procedural issues. Also provided advice to different county offices regarding civil matters, such as drafting of ordinances and reviewing contracts.

Cache County Attorney's Office, Logan, Utah

Deputy County Attorney, 2006 – 2009

Criminal prosecutor representing the state of Utah. Prosecution of cases ranging from infractions to felonies in state juvenile, justice, and district courts including screening and filing charges, arraignments and pretrial matters, motion practice, trials, and sentencing and advising law enforcement on investigations and procedural issues.