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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**      **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, DC  
LL.M., 1990

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Philadelphia, PA  
J.D., 1985

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**, College Park, MD  
B.A., 1981

**BAR ADMISSIONS**      Maryland, 1992; Washington, DC, 1988; Massachusetts, 1985  
Member of Maryland, Washington, DC, and Massachusetts Bar Associations

**EMPLOYMENT**      **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**CO-DIRECTOR, COLD CASE JUSTICE INITIATIVE**, Since 2007  
**FULL PROFESSOR**, Since 2002  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**, 1994-2001  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, 1993-1994  
Syracuse, NY

Co-Director, Cold Case Justice Initiative (CCJI) with Professor Janis McDonald (emeritus). CCJI is an interdisciplinary project that investigates unsolved racially motivated civil rights era homicides for purposes of prosecution, civil action, or other appropriate resolution. CCJI also conducts legislative advocacy to ensure effective implementation of the Emmett Till Act and other relevant federal and local statutes. Co-director responsibilities include project administration, case investigation, teaching, publishing academic scholarship and writings in print, broadcast and internet media, conducting professional trainings, grassroots organizing, and presenting educational programs for university and general public communities. A primary focus of the project includes teaching and supervision of law student volunteers during the academic year and law student summer interns who are placed in select Southern regions to work on case investigation, research, and educational programming. The project has included the course, Investigating and Reopening Civil Rights Era Murder Cases, co-taught with Prof. McDonald. In 2009, Syracuse University and the College of Law provided leave for the co-directors to concentrate full-time on CCJI efforts. With Professor McDonald's retirement and emerita status, I am the primary director of CCJI, the CCJI-related seminar, and other projects.

Held the Bond, Schoeneck and King Distinguished Professorship, at Syracuse University, 2004-2006.  
Continued teaching responsibilities and furthered scholarly work, leading to the publication of *Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States* (Univ. of Calif. Press, 2010), among other projects and contributions.

Teaching areas include Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Race and Law, Women in the Criminal Justice System, Voting Rights & Electoral Processes, and Professional Responsibility. International human rights teaching and programming has included serving as Co-Director of the Sierra Leone Project with the late Professor Donna Arzt and Professor Lucille Rignanes, in the Center for Global Law & Practice, and development and founding directorship of the Syracuse University Law in Zimbabwe Program.

**SPARKS CHAIR, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW**

Tuscaloosa, AL Fall 2008

Furthered work on Cold Case Justice Initiative and also taught courses in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. Made several presentations to the UA law faculty, student body, university community and community-at-large related to civil rights era legal, social, and historical themes, and CCJI work in particular. Supervised University of Alabama law students on cold case investigations. Significantly, students at Syracuse University and the University of Alabama collaborated on cold cases through weekly joint seminars via teleconferencing.

**HAYWOOD BURNS CHAIR IN CIVIL RIGHTS, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY) SCHOOL OF LAW**

New York City (Queens), NY 2005-2006

Developed and taught the seminar, International Conflict Resolution in Africa. Helped organize a major conference, *Critical Consequences of Criminalization on Communities of Color*, on societal re-entry of formerly incarcerated persons in communities of color (March 24, 2006). Also delivered the Burns Memorial Lecture at the New York County Lawyers' Association's Committee on Minorities and the Law, entitled, *Attaining Peace and Justice in the Aftermath of Human Rights Abuses in African Contexts* (June 15, 2006).

**VISITING SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF LAW**

Tucson, AZ Spring 1998

Furthered research on African American women in prison, taught Women in the Criminal Justice System seminar, and conducted lecture on law and culture in several African regions.

**VISITING PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW**

Baltimore, MD 1992-1993

Co-directed the Civil Litigation Clinic, including classroom instruction, courtroom supervision, and overall office management. Also taught Women in the Criminal Justice System seminar.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**

DeKalb, IL 1990-1993 (on leave 1992-1993)

Taught Criminal Law, Lawyering Skills, Landlord and Tenant Law, and Criminal Law Externship.

**GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES**

Washington, DC 1988-1990

Co-directed the Consumer Protection and Social Security Disability Clinic, including classroom instruction, courtroom/agency supervision, and overall office management. Also published legal scholarship in furtherance of the LL.M. degree.

**ASSISTANT COUNSEL, CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL BOARD**

Cambridge, MA 1986-1988

Presided at administrative proceedings, represented the Board at legal proceedings, mediated landlord-tenant disputes, and provided information and advice to the public.

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Cambridge, MA 1985-1986

Prosecuted criminal cases in Middlesex County courts with a concentration on domestic violence and sexual abuse. Also held previous positions in the office as a victim-witness advocate and student-attorney prior to ADA position.

**PUBLICATIONS  
BOOKS**

**BEYOND DISPLACEMENT: GENTRIFICATION OF RACIALIZED SPACES AS VIOLENCE IN HARLEM, NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**, in *Accumulating Insecurity, Securing Accumulation* (Feldman, Geisler & Menom, eds., Univ. Georgia Press 2011)

**INTERRUPTED LIFE: EXPERIENCES OF INCARCERATED WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES** (Solinger, Johnson, et al., eds., Univ. of Calif. Berkeley Press 2010)

**INNER LIVES: VOICES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN PRISON**, (New York University Press 2003)

**AT THE INTERSECTION OF INJUSTICE: EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN CRIME AND SENTENCING**, in Adrien K. Wing, *Critical Race Feminism* (New York University Press, 2d edition 2003)

**ARTICLES**

**BOOK REVIEW, LIVING IN INFAMY: FELON DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND THE HISTORY OF AMERICA**, by Pippa Holloway, in *Journal of Southern History*, Nov. 2017

**CIVILRIGHTS ERA COLD CASES & VOTING RIGHTS: THE FIVE CITIES PROJECT AND SECTION 5 OF THE VRA**, *Albany L.J.* (2013)

**WHEN LAWYERS AND JOURNALISTS SHARE COMMON CAUSE**, Johnson & McDonald, *Nieman Reports*, Fall 2011

**HONORING WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, CLASS OF 1903: THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**, 55 *Syracuse Law Review* 429 (2005)

**AD-IN/AD-OUT: DECIDING VICTORY AND DEFEAT IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LEGAL CONTESTATIONS**, 66 *Albany Law Review* 433 (2003)

**JAM TOMORROW, JAM TODAY: REFLECTIONS ON GRUTTER**, JURIST: The Legal Education Network, Summer 2003

**HOW DOES THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECT AFRICAN WOMEN?**, 26 *Syracuse University Journal of International Law & Commerce* 195 (1999)

***DANGER IN THE DIASPORA: LAW, CULTURE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA,***  
1 Iowa Journal of Race, Gender and Justice (1997)

***THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF IDENTITY IN CRIMINAL CASES: CINEMA VERITE AND THE PEDAGOGY OF VINCENT CHIN,***  
1 Michigan Journal of Race and Law 347 (1996)

***AT THE INTERSECTION OF INJUSTICE: THE EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN CRIME AND SENTENCING,***  
4 American University Journal of Gender and Law 1 (1995)  
***THE DEATH PENALTY AND ISSUES OF RACE,***  
12 Syracuse University Magazine 37 (Fall 1995)

***CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES: CLINICS TEACH HUMANISTIC LAW PRACTICE,*** 43 Georgetown Law 33 (Fall 1994)

***SILENCE EQUALS DEATH: THE RESPONSE TO AIDS WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR,*** University of Illinois Law Review 1075 (1992)

***THE ROLE OF MINORITY FACULTY IN THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS OF COLOR,*** 12 Northern Illinois Law Review 313 (1992)

***REGULATION, REMEDY AND EXPORTED TOBACCO PRODUCTS: THE NEED FOR A RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,***  
25 Suffolk University Law Review 1 (1991)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT**

#### **Syracuse University College of Law**

Curriculum Committee (Chairperson, 2016-present; 2000-2001)  
Promotion and Tenure Committee  
International and Special Programs Committee  
Committee on Inclusion Initiatives  
Committee Member, Syracuse University College of Law Conference on Racial and Ethnic Inclusion (2014)  
ABA Self-Study Committee  
Representative, AALS House of Delegates  
Ad Hoc Grievance Committee  
Admissions Committee  
Clinic Committee  
Dean Search Committee, 2001-2002  
Judicial Hearing Board  
Lectures Committee

#### **Syracuse University**

Provost's Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure (2018-present)  
Co-Chair, Syracuse University-State University of Haiti Exchange Program, since 2010  
Vice Chancellor's Committee on Tenure at Syracuse University, 2008  
Chancellor's Search Committee, 2003-2004  
Co-Chair, Syracuse University *Brown v. Board of Education* 50th Year Commemoration Committee  
Africa Initiative Consortium

Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professionalism and Ethics (AFTPE) (Interim Chairperson, 2000-2001)  
 Search Committee, LGBT Resource Center Directorship, Summer 2001  
 SU Senate Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) Concerns (Co-Chairperson, 2000-2001)

### **STUDENT ADVISEMENT**

Black Law Students Association (SU BLSA)  
 Northeast Region Black Law Students Association (NEBLSA)  
 Gay and Lesbian Law Students Association  
 Latina/o Law Students Association Moot Court Team  
 Women's Law Caucus

Frequent Advisor or Committee Member for Independent Research Papers and Law Review Notes for Law Students at SU and Other Law Schools, Ph.D. Candidates at SU Maxwell School of Citizenship, Master's Degree Candidates, and Joint Degree Students at SU College of Law and Other Syracuse University Academic Schools and Departments

### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Developed the Cold Case Justice Initiative (CCJI) and serve as co-director with Professor Janis McDonald at Syracuse University College of Law. CCJI investigates racially-motivated murders committed during the civil rights era. The project includes the course, Investigating and Reopening Civil Rights Era Murders, and sponsors seminars and colloquia on related topics to university, regional and national communities.

Developed the Syracuse University-State University of Haiti (SU-UEH) Exchange Program and serve as co-director with Professor Linda Carty, SU Department of African American Studies, since 2010. This program was an outgrowth of Syracuse University's response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January 2010. Professors Johnson and Carty served as co-chairs of the Syracuse University and greater Syracuse relief effort and also proposed an educational exchange program SU and UEH to provide masters' degrees for Haitian students in fields that Haitian officials identified as especially helpful for the rebuilding effort. Working colleagues at the State University of Haiti and Syracuse University administrators, and faculty and administrators at the Whitman School of Management, College of Engineering, Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics, and the School of Information Studies, the program brought two cohorts of Haitian students who earned advanced degrees in these disciplines. All of the students excelled in their programs and two students from the first cohort were invited to enter Ph.D. studies in Engineering. The students completed their doctoral degrees with distinction.

Member, Democratizing Knowledge Collective (DK), an interdisciplinary social justice initiative at Syracuse University which works collectively with many communities and constituencies to identify, share and value knowledge that comes from individuals and communities of people who historically and often presently are not recognized for knowing, teaching, or learning in traditional educational settings. DK collective members' disciplines are from African American Studies, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, Latino/Latina American Studies, English, Writing Program, LGBT Studies, English Education, Cultural Foundations of Education, and Law.

Developed the Sierra Leone Project and served as co-director with Professors Donna Arzt and Lucille Rignanese, in the Center for Global Law & Practice. Supervised legal research regarding the prosecutions of war criminals in the Sierra Leone conflict as brought by the Office of the Special Prosecutor, in the Sierra Leone-UN Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL).

Developed the Law in Zimbabwe Comparative Clinical Internship Program, in collaboration with the Syracuse University Division of International Programs Abroad (DIPA), and the University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Law. Students from U.S. law schools participated in this summer program in which they worked with public interest and human rights law offices and organizations in Zimbabwe, and participated in courses, seminars and cultural programs with Zimbabwean law students and lectures from the University of Zimbabwe and other Southern African institutions.

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS**

Keynote, *Sandra's Sisters: Black Women in the U.S. Criminal Justice System and Critical Resistance to Injustice*, Third Congress of Sexual and Gender Diversity, Legal Division of the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brazil, November 1, 2018

Keynote, *Like a Mighty Stream: Demanding Justice and Accountability for the Failure to Prosecute Racist Killings in America*, Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner, Colgate University, January 18, 2016

Keynote, *Till—Tarika—Tamir: Deadly Encounters and the Continuing Struggle for Justice, Equality, and Freedom*, Hamilton College, November 10, 2016

Keynote, *Intersectional Lives, Deadly Encounters, and Demands for Justice*, State University of New York-Albany, November 4, 2016

Panel Presentation at the Inaugural Johnnie Mae Chappell Civil & Human Rights Symposium, *The Decisive Moment: Facing Ourselves and Facing Each Other on the Critical Path to Racial Justice*, Florida Coastal Law School, September 30, 2016

Presentations with Prof. McDonald at the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Member States, March 16-20, 2015 (including CCJI-Georgia Peace & Justice Coalition joint UPR submission, and meetings with delegates and committee members on the Emmett Till Act and recent killings of people of color by U.S. law enforcement)

Panelist, *Why We Remember Struggle: Reflections on Selma Then and Now*, ArtRage Gallery, Syracuse, NY, February 16, 2015

Panelist, *The Art of Ama Ata Aidoo (Pioneering Ghanaian Feminist Writer)*, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, February 12, 2015

Program, *Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Act: Do We Still Care? What Can We Do?* Program presented by CCJI and the Syracuse University Greenberg Center, in Washington, DC. Program held at the National Press Club, Washington, DC, with CCJI co-directors, representatives of Emmett Till, Frank Morris, and Florida cold case victims' families, Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), and former NYT editor Paul Delaney. December 9, 2014

Organizer and Presenter, Looking Back, Moving Forward: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Civil Rights Movement 1964-2014. Speakers at this conference included several icons of the civil rights movement, including Diane Nash, Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Dorothy Gilliam, among others. CCJI also awarded the inaugural Frank Morris Racial Justice, Civil & Human Rights Award, in honor of Mr. Frank Morris, who was killed by suspected Klansmen in 1964. Held at Syracuse University, March 23-24, 2014.

Keynote Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration at Hamilton College. Address entitled, "Justice is the Public Face of Love." Clinton, NY, January 28, 2014

Presentation with Prof. McDonald, Racial Justice and the Law, at Human Rights Workshop, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT. October 24, 2013.

Civil Rights Cold Cases Program, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT, October 11, 2012

Moderator/Panelist, The Past is Not Past: The Continuing Quest for Racial Justice and Peace, with Ambassador Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III, Prof. Linda Carty, and Prof. Janis McDonald, as part of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit to Syracuse University for the Common Ground for Peace Conference, October 8-9, 2012

Symposium, "40 Years of Women at Bowdoin," Panel, "Bridging Academia, Aid and Activism," Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME. March 29-30, 2012

Presenter, Deconstructing the Pipeline to Prisons, National Black Law Students Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 10, 2012

Joint Lecture on "Apartheid and Jim Crow," with Prof. Gary Minkley, University of Fort Hare Department of History, South Africa, at Maxwell School, Syracuse University, September 12, 2011

Presentation, NAACP Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, June 11, 2011 (meeting also included adoption of joint CCJI-NAACP-SCLC resolution on enforcement of the Emmett Till Act)

Guest Speaker, Groundbreaking for the Wharlest Jackson, Sr. Memorial, Natchez, MS, February 27, 2011 (on the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death by KKK)

Organizer and Panelist, Symposium Tribute to Justice Thurgood Marshall, Syracuse University College of Law, February 25, 2011

Panelist, LGBT People and the Beloved Community, DePaul Law School, Chicago, IL January 17, 2011

Lecture on Civil Rights Law and Cold Cases, Stetson Law School, Gulfport, FL, October 21, 2010

Speaker, Commemoration of Moore's Ford Bridge Massacre, Atlanta, GA, July 24, 2010

Annual Mississippi Civil Rights Martyrs Memorial Service, Conference and Caravan for Justice, Neshoba County, MS, June 2008-2010

"It Is Never Too Late for Justice," Syracuse University-CCJI sponsored retreat and conference program organized with Professor McDonald, focusing on civil rights era victims' and scholars and activists involved in ongoing cold case justice efforts, Atlanta, GA, April 23-25, 2010

Panelist, Civil Rights Crimes & the Continuing Pursuit of Justice: Courts & Media, Fifth Annual Conference of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Jackson, MS, March 25-27, 2010

Presenter, Conference on Motherhood, University of Denver College of Law, March 12-13, 2010. Discussion focused on human rights abuses against Haitian women and children following the earthquake in January 2010.

CCJI Black History Month Program Organizer and Speaker, It's Never Too Late for Justice, Syracuse University, February 26, 2010  
Faculty Advisor and Speaker, Northeast Regional Black Law Students Association Convention (NEBLSA), hosted by SU BLSA and SU College of Law, January 27-30, 2010

Speaker, Haitian Students Association Hurricane Relief Benefit Dinner, Syracuse University, March 6, 2010

Helped Organize SU Haitian Relief Committee Teach-In on Haiti, and Spoke on Int'l Human Rights Issues, Syracuse University, February 4, 2010

Presenter with Prof. Jackie Orr (Sociology), Decolonizing Knowledge: Working from Within Our Particular Locations, Syracuse University Democratizing Knowledge Project, November 11, 2009

CCJI Presentation, Syracuse University Board of Trustees, Academic Affairs Committee, Syracuse, NY, October 29, 2009

CCJI Presentation, Northeast People of Color Scholarship Committee, University of Buffalo School of Law, October 23-25, 2009

CCJI Presentation, SU College of Law Family Day, September 23, 2009

Cornell University Conference, Accumulating Insecurity, Securing Accumulation Insecurity, Ithaca, NY April 17-19, 2009

CCJI Presentation, Lubin House, Syracuse University, New York, NY, February 19, 2009

CCJI Presentation, SUNY Upstate Medical University Black History Program, "Cold Cases: Unsolved Civil Rights Murders," Syracuse, NY, February 13, 2007

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference presentation with Prof. McDonald, "Social Activism, Justice, and Pedagogy in the Course, 'Investigating and Reopening Civil Rights Murder Cases,'" Berkeley, CA, March 13-14, 2008

Exhibit Organizing Committee, *Interrupted Life: Incarcerated Mothers in the United States* and Opening Program Panelist, March 1, 2008. Exhibit on view at the SU/AAS Community Folk Art Center, March 1-30, 2008



Moderated program and introduced Keynote Speaker, Dr. Marjorie Hill. Her keynote address: "HIV/AIDS, 25 Years Later," as part of the University Lecture Series. February 26, 2008.

SUNY Upstate Medical Center Black History Month Program Speaker with Prof. Janis McDonald. Topic: "Unsolved Civil Rights-Era Murder Course & Development of Cold Case Justice Initiative." February 13, 2008

Panelist, Central Connecticut State University, Black Studies Conference, "Challenges and Opportunities in Education: The Issue of Race. Presentation topic: *From Brown v. Board of Education to Seattle School District: What Remains?* November 2007

Organized CCJI Program with Prof. McDonald, featuring Thomas Moore and David Ridgen, Syracuse University College of Law, October 23-25, 2007  
Presentation with Professor Janis McDonald, at SUCOL Family Weekend Workshop, Development of Unsolved Civil Rights-Era Murder Cases Course, October 2007

Photography Workshop Instructor for PhotoVoice Project with Gender and Environmental Justice Seminar conducted by the Department of African American Studies pursuant to Ford Grant, July 16, 2007

Panelist, New York State Unified Court System Family Violence Task Force – Family Violence Seminar, Marx Hotel, Syracuse, NY, June 6, 2007

Paper Presentation, *Prisons, Perimeters, and Parameters: State and Private Collusion to Exclude Women through Criminalization, Displacement, and Disenfranchisement*, The Global and the Intimate: Gender Studies and the Present Crisis of Citizenship conference, Mount Holyoke College, April 27, 2007

Keynote Address, "Celebration of Ghana's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence," African Student Organization's Annual Dinner, Oswego State University, April 21, 2007

Panel Chair, "Ghana and Africans Abroad: Linkages to the Pan African World," for SU Africa Initiative's Spring 2007 Pan African Studies Symposium Series: Ghana's Independence and the Global Pan African Movement: Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ghanaian Independence, March 29, 2007

Speaker, Commemoration of the Abolition of the Slave Trade in Britain, SU Africa Initiative, in African American Studies Department, March 21, 2007

Panelist, *To Serve or Not to Serve: A Comparative Analysis of U.S. and Israeli Policies on LGBT Persons in the Military*, SU LGBT Resource Center and the Maxwell Women's Caucus, Syracuse University, February 23, 2007  
Lecture, *Promises and Challenges: A Survey of Recent Elections in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Syracuse University African American Studies Program's Africa Initiative Series, November 8, 2006

Panelist, Society of American Law Teachers' conference, *Academic Freedom and Teaching Activism in the Post 9/11 World*, at Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, September 8-9, 2006

Presenter and Reviewer, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, July 2006

Panelist, *Re-Thinking Re-Entry: Confronting Perpetual Punishment*, conference sponsored by the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School, March 30-April 1, 2006

Panelist, AALS Annual Meeting session, *Reconceiving Lawyer Licensing: Alternative Models of Assessing Lawyer Competence*, Washington, DC, January 6, 2006

Panelist, *Breaking Silence: Confronting Diasporic Homophobia and Violence Against Women*, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 6, 2005

Lecture & Meeting with Doctoral Students, *African American Women in Prison*, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University, February 19-20, 2004

Panelist, Affirmative Action and Diversity Lecture, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, February 11, 2004

Panelist, *Brown v. Board of Education: 50th Anniversary*, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, February 11, 2004

Legal Challenge to the Solomon Amendment, AALS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 4, 2004

Panelist, Philosophy of Struggle Conference, Rutgers University – Newark, October 24, 2003

Presentation, *Inner Lives: Voices of African American Women in Prison*, Barnes and Noble, Bowie, MD, October 17, 2003

Presenter, Reflections on Diversity: Disability in Film Forum, Discussion of *The Execution of Wanda Jean*, Syracuse University, September 29, 2003

Presentation, *Inner Lives: Voices of African American Women in Prison*, University of Maryland, College Park, August 5, 2003

Panelist, Women of All Colors, AALS Mid-Year Meeting, New York, NY, June 17-20, 2003

Presentation, *Inner Lives: Voices of African American Women in Prison*, Borders Books and Music, Syracuse, NY, June 12, 2003

Panel Presentation, Justice -- Rethinking Equality re Women in Prison, Law and Society Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, June 5, 2003

Affirmative Action and the University of Michigan Cases (*Grutter* and *Gratz*), University Roundtable, Syracuse University, May 1, 2003

Discussion, "*Inner Lives: Voices of African American Women in Prison*," My Sisters' Words: The Next Wave Bookstore, Syracuse, NY April 20, 2003

Debate on Affirmative Action with Prof. John McGinniss (opposed), American Constitution Society, Cardozo Law School, NY, March 19, 2003

Keynote Speaker, Cornell Law School Black Law Students Association Black History Month Program, Ithaca, NY, February 24, 2003

Speaker, National Civil Rights Summit, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 20-26, 2003

Panelist, "Lessons from Abroad: Transforming Ourselves, Our Clinics and Our World," AALS Annual Meeting Section on Clinical Legal Education, Washington, DC, January 4, 2003

Respondent to Keynote Address, Teaching Against Racism: Curriculum, Pedagogy and Campus Climate Conference, Syracuse University, November 15, 2002

Co-Organizer and Moderator, Program Celebrating the Life of Audre Lorde (with a Tribute to June Jordan), Syracuse University, November 16, 2002

Panelist, Confronting Realities: The Legal, Moral, and Constitutional Issues Involving Diversity, Albany Law Review Annual Symposium, Albany, NY, November 7, 2002

Panelist, "Collaborating with Clients," Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Pittsburgh, PA, May 18-22, 2002

Panelist, *The Aftermath of Bush v. Gore*, LatCrit Conference, Portland, OR, May 3-5, 2002

Panelist, Democracy in Zimbabwe Forum, Syracuse University, April 17, 2002

Presenter, Ghana Society of Central New York 45th Independence Anniversary Celebration: Kwame Nkrumah's Vision for Ghana and Africa, Syracuse University, April 11, 2002

Presenter, Human Rights Panel, Norman Amaker Public Interest Law Retreat, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, IN, March 28, 2002

"The Heart of Scholarship, Scholarship from the Heart," AALS Clinical Section Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 2001

"A Qualitative Study of the Relationships between Incarcerated African American Mothers and Their Children," Northwestern University Center for Joint Policy Studies Conference, May 2001

"Cultural Crossings," MLK, Jr. Dream Week Slide-Lecture and Photo Exhibit, Syracuse University, January 2001

"Bush v. Gore: Legal Analysis of the 2000 Presidential Election," Syracuse University College of Law, November 2000

"Federal and New York State Legislative Responses to Hate Violence," Syracuse, NY, September 27, 2000

"Race, Gender and the Criminal Law," the New School for Social Research, New York, NY, April 2000

"Gender and the Concept of Human Rights and Its Application to Africa," Syracuse University College of Law, April 2000

"Legal Issues in Zimbabwe and South Africa," AALS Africa Section, Annual Conference, San Francisco, January 2000

"The Evolution of Clinical Skills," AALS Clinical Section, Annual Conference, San Francisco, January 2000

"Depictions of African American Women in the Criminal Justice System," Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, April 1998

"Affirming Action and Reconstructing Merit," City University of New York-Queens College of Law and Society of American Law Teachers Conference, April 1997

"Stereotypic Remedies: The Question of Gender, Race and Ethnic Neutrality," 19th Annual National Association of Women Judges Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 1997

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

Onondaga County Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Committee

William H. Johnson African American Bar Association, Syracuse, NY

Board Member, Empire State Justice Alliance, NY, 2006-2008

Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), 2005-2007

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), Co-President, 2002-2003

Editorial Board, Journal of Legal Education (Publication of the American Association of Law Schools)

Advisory Board, National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women, 2001

Board Member, Coalition for Women Prisoners of the Correctional Association of New York

Co-Chairperson, Sistaprof Organization of African American Women Professors at Syracuse University, 2000-2002

Member, ABA International Law Section Delegation to Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, 1999

Chairperson, AALS Clinical Section Annual Meeting Program, 1998-1999

Chairperson, AALS Clinical Section Awards Committee, 1998-1999

Co-Chairperson, AALS Clinical Section and Clinical Legal Education Association Joint Task Force on International Programs, 1998-1999

Battered Women's Justice Project National Advisory Committee, 1998

Member, Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, 1996

Board of Directors, Hiscock Legal Aid Society, Syracuse, NY

Board of Directors, Center for Community Alternatives (to Incarceration), Syracuse, NY

Member, ABA/AALS Accreditation Site Evaluation Teams

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

ABA Criminal Law, Litigation, and International Law Sections

AALS Sections on Criminal Law, Clinical Education, Women, Minorities, Gay/Lesbian Legal Issues, and Human Rights

Northeast Corridor of Black Women Law Professors

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Pro Bono Attorney

Lecturer, New York State Prisons

Mentor for Youth of Color, Young Women, and LGBT Youth

Frequent Lecturer and Commentator on Matters of Race, Gender, Sexuality, Criminal Law, International Human Rights, and Diversity and Access to Higher Education for Local and National Media

**HONORS**

Honors include Syracuse University Award recognizing the Cold Case Justice Initiative on CCJI's Tenth Anniversary (2018); Syracuse University BLSA Outstanding Advisor Award (2018); the Syracuse University Office of Program Development, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Black History Month Committee's Trailblazer Award, February 2016; Central New York ACLU Ralph E. Kharas Distinguished Service Award in Civil Liberties (2015); Emmett Till Legacy Foundation Woman of Courage Award in Honor of Mamie Till Mobley (2015); National Civil Rights Social Justice Award (Philadelphia, MS 2014); Syracuse University Chancellor's Citation for Excellence; the Unsung Heroine Award from the Syracuse University Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Committee; Northeast People of Color Scholarship Annual Haywood Burns/Shanara Gilbert Award, 2009. The Cold Case Justice Initiative received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in 2008. Other awards include the Community Service Award, Department of African American Studies (2008), Outstanding Faculty Member Award, Pride Union, Open Doors & LGBT Resource Center (2004-2005), and Woman of the Year Award from the Syracuse University African American Male Congress (2003).

**INTERESTS**

Professor Johnson is a photographer. Her photographs have been widely exhibited in galleries, universities, and community spaces.

She also enjoys travel, music, reading, tennis and cycling.

**REFERENCES**

Available upon Request