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APPOINTMENTS

Indiana University

Maurer School of Law *Robert H. McKinney Professor of Law* 2023 – Present
Founding Board Member, Indiana Innocence Project

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Identity Sentencing and Wrongful Convictions, Gender & the Law, Indiana Innocence Project Amicus Lab

Awards: *Trustees' Teaching Award* (2025)
Leonard D. Fromm Public Interest Faculty/Staff Award (2025)

Arizona State University

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law *Professor of Law* 2019 – 2023
Deputy Director, Academy for Justice
Affiliated Faculty, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Legal Causes of Wrongful Conviction, Women Gender & the Law, Amicus Lab

Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Policy Program *Visiting Senior Fellow* Spring 2019

West Virginia University *Professor of Law (tenured)* 2017 – 2019
Adjunct, Forensic & Investigative Sciences 2017 – 2019
Associate Professor of Law 2012 – 2017

Founding Director, West Virginia Innocence Project 2012 – 2019
Founder and Co-Director LL.M. in Forensic Justice Online 2013 – 2016

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Post-Conviction Remedies, Forensic Evidence Seminar, Forensic Evidence Online, Innocence Project

Awards: *WVU College of Law Significant Scholarship Award* (2016)
West Virginia Law Review Faculty Member of the Year Award (2016)
WV Public Defender Services John A. "Jack" Rogers Award for Outstanding Leadership in Public Service, awarded to West Virginia Innocence Project (2019)
Big XII Faculty Fellow, University of Texas School of Law (2013)

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D. 2006

Staff Member, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW
Fellow, *University of Chicago Law School Stonewall Fellowship*
Fellow, *The Alfred B. Teton Civil and Human Rights Scholarship*

University of Chicago, the College, B.A., Anthropology, *with Honors*

2002

Richter Grant for Undergraduate Research, *Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers*
Metcalf Fellow, *Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois*
Fulbright Scholar, *Lycee Darchicourt, Henin-Beaumont, France*

CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Martha Craig Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit 2007 – 2008

The Hon. Chief Judge James G. Carr, Northern District of Ohio 2006 – 2007

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS and TREATISES

[PINK CRIME: FIGHTING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MOTHERHOOD, PREGNANCY, AND QUEER IDENTITY](#) (The New Press, forthcoming 2026).

THE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS READER (Carolina Academic Press, 2d ed. 2023) (with Russell Covey).

- Reviewed by Stephanie Roberts Hartung, [A Review of The Wrongful Convictions Reader: A Comprehensive Resource for Students, Faculty, and Practitioners](#), CARDOZO LAW REVIEW DE NOVO (2019),
- Recommended resource in Robin Peterson, [The Complicit Canon of Criminal Law: A Critical Survey of Syllabi, Casebooks, and Supplemental Materials](#), 57 U. MICH. J. L. REFORM 565 (2024).

[MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE: LITIGATING BEYOND FACTUAL INNOCENCE](#) (Academy for Justice, 2023) (with Karen Newirth & Karen Thompson).

- Organized symposium on [Miscarriages of Justice: A Symposium on New Strategies for Wrongful Convictions](#) with authors and working group members, Jan. 27 2023.

[MANIFESTING JUSTICE: WRONGLY CONVICTED WOMEN RECLAIM THEIR RIGHTS](#) (Citadel, 2022).

- Independent Publisher Book Award (“IPPY”): Gold Medal in Women’s Issues
- Eric Hoffer Award Montaigne Medal: Most Thought-Provoking Book
- Story Circle Women’s Book Awards: The Sarton Award, Non-Fiction
- [Symposium](#) Edition of Arizona State Journal for Social Justice, [Volume XVII](#) (2023)

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE (LexisNexis 6th ed. 2022) (3 vols.) (with Paul C. Giannelli, Edward J. Imwinkelried, Jane Campbell Moriarty & Andrea Roth).

COURTROOM CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (LexisNexis 8th ed. 2025) (2 vols.) (with Frederic Lederer, Edward J. Imwinkelried, Paul C. Giannelli, & Liesa Richter).

ARTICLES, ESSAYS and BOOK CHAPTERS

“Unfit”: *Gender, Ableism, and Reproductive Wrongful Convictions*, __ U.C.L.A. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2026).

- Subject of Responsive Online Symposium, __ U.C.L.A. L. REV. DISCOURSE __ (forthcoming 2026).

Junk Science and Reproductive Wrongful Convictions, ___ N.Y.U. REV. OF L. & SOC. CHANGE ___ (2026).

Emancipating Expert Evidence, in CRITICAL EVIDENCE (eds. Bennett Capers, Jasmine Harris, & Julia Simon-Kerr, forthcoming 2026) (with Jennifer D. Oliva).

Forensic Pattern Comparison Evidence, in REFERENCE MANUAL ON SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE (National Research Council and Federal Judicial Center, The National Academies Press, 4th ed., forthcoming 2026) (with Jane Campbell Moriarty & Andrea Roth).

Foreword to TEXAS POST-CONVICTION DNA TESTING, by Andrew Kizer (2025).

[*Justice System Actors' Perceptions of the Elimination of Peremptory Challenges in Arizona*](#), 38(3) CRIM. J. STUDIES 274 (2025) (with Henry Fradella, Cassia Spohn, Jessica Salerno, Shi Yan, & Rose Eerdmans).

Broadening the Community, Strengthening the Movement: An Introduction to the Just Data 2024 Scholarship Issue, 5 WRONGFUL CONVICTION L. REV. 1 (2024) (with Vanessa Meterko, Jaime S. Henderson, Ngozi Ndulue, and Tebah Browne).

Policing Pregnancy "Crimes," 98 N.Y.U. L. REV. ONLINE 29 (2023) (with Jennifer D. Oliva).

Criminalizing Sexual Identities: Queer, Female, and Wrongfully Convicted, in THE (MIS)REPRESENTATION OF QUEER LIVES IN TRUE CRIME (Routledge, 2023) (eds. Abbie E. Goldberg, Danielle C. Slakoff, & Carrie L. Buist) (invited book chapter).

[*Remarks on Manifesting Justice: Wrongly Convicted Women Reclaim Their Rights*](#), 43.2 COLUMBIA J. OF GENDER & LAW 134 (2023) (with Amber Baylor and Susan Sturm).

Keynote Address for "Innocent Behind Bars: A Symposium on Over-Criminalization," XVII ASU L. J. SOC. JUSTICE 3 (2023).

Barred and Wrongful Convictions: Understanding Barriers to Overcome Them, 4 WRONGFUL CONVICTION L. REV. 1 (2023).

Wrongful Convictions of Queer People: Where Bias Meets Faulty Forensic Evidence, in WHAT IS A CRIMINAL? ANSWERS FROM INSIDE THE US JUSTICE SYSTEM (Routledge 2023) (ed. Katherine S. Gaudet) (invited book chapter).

Considering "Machine Testimony": The Impact of Facial Recognition Software on Eyewitness Identifications, 60 DUQ. L. REV. 271 (2022) (invited symposium contribution).

Legal Support of Victim Compensation Funds for Victims of Police Violence, 21 NEVADA L. J. 953 (2021) (invited symposium contribution).

Compensating Victims of Police Violence, 70 EMORY L. J. ONLINE 47 (2021).

Forensic Evidence in Arizona: Reforms for Victims and Defendants, 52 ARIZONA ST. L. J. 709 (2021) (invited symposium contribution).

Vulnerable Populations in the Context of COVID-19: Forward to the Arizona State Law Journal Virtual Symposium, 2 ARIZONA ST. L. J. ONLINE 69 (2020) (symposium organizer) (with Jennifer Oliva).

COVID-19 and Criminal Justice: Forward to the Chicago Law Review Virtual Symposium, 2020 U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (Nov. 16, 2020) (symposium organizer).

COVID-19 Dismissals in the Interest of Justice, 2020 U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE (Nov. 16, 2020).

Changed Science Writs and State Habeas Relief 57 HOUSTON L. REV. 483 (2020) (invited

symposium contribution).

- Cited in *McCrary v. Alabama*, No. 23-6232 (July 2, 2024)(J. Sotomayor, concurrence)

Regulating Bite Mark Evidence: Lesbian Vampires and Other Myths of Forensic Odontology, 94 WASH. L. REV. 1769 (2019) (with Jennifer Oliva).

- Reprinted in THE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS READER (Carolina Academic Press 2019)
- Featured on *Ipse Dixit Podcast*, Season 1, Episode 464 (Jan. 24, 2020), <https://shows.pippa.io/ipse-dixit/episodes/valena-beety-and-jennifer-oliva-on-bitemark-evidence>

Prosecuting Opioid Use, Punishing Rurality, 79 OHIO ST. L. J. 741 (2019) (invited symposium contribution).

- Reviewed in *How ‘Dysfunctional’ Rural Justice Systems Hamper the Struggle Against Opioid Abuse* *Ipse Dixit Podcast*, THE CRIME REPORT (Dec. 4, 2019), <https://thecrimereport.org/2019/12/04/how-dysfunctional-rural-justice-systems-hamper-the-struggle-against-opioid-abuse/>

Contemporary Perspectives on Wrongful Conviction: An Introduction to the 2018 Innocence Network Conference, Memphis, 45 NE. U. L. REV. 2 (2019) (symposium organizer) (with Stephanie Hartung).

Drug-Induced Homicide: Challenges and Strategies in Criminal Defense, 70 S. C. L. REV. 707 (2019) (symposium contribution) (with Leo Beletsky and Alex Kreit).

- online living document is *The Drug-Induced Homicide Defense Toolkit*, available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3265510
- discussed on Health In Justice Action Lab Teleconference, June 7, 2018

Evidence on Fire, 97 N. C. L. REV. 483 (2019) (with Jennifer Oliva) (lead article)

- Selected as a “must read” by the Getting Scholarship into Court Project sponsored by National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) (Jan. 24, 2020) and summarized in THE CHAMPION (Mar. 2020)
- cited and discussed in EXPERT EVIDENCE (Carolina Academic Press 2019)
- featured on *Excited Utterance: The Evidence and Proof Podcast* (September 3, 2018) <https://www.excitedutterancepodcast.com/listen/2018/9/3/56-valena-beety>

The Overdose/Homicide Epidemic, 34 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 983 (2018) (invited symposium contribution).

- featured on *Ipse Dixit* (October 3, 2018) <https://shows.pippa.io/ipse-dixit/episodes/valena-e-beety-on-the-overdosehomicide-epidemic>

Discovering Forensic Fraud, 112 NW. U. L. REV. 121 (2017) (with Jennifer Oliva).

- featured on *Excited Utterance: The Evidence and Proof Podcast*, (Sept. 10, 2017), <https://www.excitedutterancepodcast.com/listen/2017/9/11/32-jennifer-oliva>

Changing the Culture of Disclosure and Forensics, 73 WASH. & LEE L. REV. ONLINE 580 (2017).

Voices on Innocence, 68 FLA. L. REV. 1569 (2017) (with Lucian Dervan, Richard Leo, Meghan Ryan, Gregory Gilchrist, and William Berry).

Introduction to the West Virginia Law Review Flawed Forensics and Innocence Symposium, 119 W. VA. L. REV. 101 (2016) (symposium organizer).

Cops in Lab Coats, Forensics in the Courtroom, 13 OHIO ST. J. OF CRIM. L. 543 (2016) (peer-reviewed journal).

Contemporary Perspectives on Wrongful Conviction: An Introduction to the 2016 Innocence Network Conference, San Antonio, 45 HOFSTRA L. REV. 365 (2016) (symposium organizer) (with Aliza Kaplan, Keith Findley, and Gwen Jordan).

Identifying the Culprit in Wrongful Convictions, 82 TENN. L. REV. 975 (2015).

Judicial Dismissal in the Interest of Justice, 80 MISSOURI L. REV. 629 (2015) (lead article); *see also* <http://missourilawreview.blogspot.com/2015/04/motions-to-dismiss-in-interest-of.html> (successful motions).

Contemporary Perspectives on Wrongful Conviction: An Introduction to the 2015 Innocence Network Conference, Orlando, Florida, 3 TEX. A&M L. REV. 179 (2015) (symposium organizer) (with Aliza Kaplan and Robert Schehr).

Emergence from Civil Death: The Evolution of Expungement in West Virginia, 117 W. VA. L. REV. ONLINE 63 (2015) (with the Honorable John Michael Aloï, U.S. Magistrate Judge, N.D.W.Va. and Evan Johns).

The Case of Trayvon Martin and the Need for Eyewitness Identification Reform, 90 DENVER U. L. REV. 331 (2013).

Risk and Execution: The Local Impact of Capital Cases on Mississippi Counties, 82 MISS. L. J. 133 (2013).

Ethics and Economics: The Death Penalty in Mississippi, 81 MISS. L. J. 1437 (2012).

Mississippi Initiative 26: Personhood and the Criminalization of Intentional and Unintentional Acts by Pregnant Women, 81 MISS. L. J. SUPRA 55 (2011), <http://mslj.law.olemiss.edu/supra/index.html> (online symposium organizer).

Reframing Asylum Standards for Mutilated Women, 11 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 239 (2008).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Why has Brenda Andrew been on death row for two decades? It has everything to do with sex, THE OKLAHOMAN (July 13, 2023) (with Sandra Babcock & Susan Sharp), <https://www.yahoo.com/news/why-brenda-andrew-death-row-143020217.html>

Miscarriages of Justice: A Guide from the Academy for Justice's Miscarriages of Justice Initiative, THE CHAMPION (February 2023) (with Karen Newirth & Karen Thompson).

Time to ACT UP in the wake of Dobbs, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER (June 26, 2022) (with Jennifer Oliva), https://www.sfexaminer.com/our_sections/forum/time-to-act-up-in-the-wake-of-dobbs/article_f4f0027e-f4d9-11ec-b784-bbd6bb73cc65.html

The Texas courts have spared Melissa Lucio's life. Now she can prove her innocence, USA TODAY (April 22, 2022), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/columnist/2022/04/22/melissa-lucio-execution-texas-innocence/7381221001/>

We all lose if Brittney Griner is left to languish in a Russian prison, ARIZONA REPUBLIC (March 14, 2022), <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2022/03/14/brittney-griner-wnba-phoenix-mercury-marijuana-civil-rights/7007659001/>

Arizona bill would end an effort to stop racial bias in jury selection before it begins, ARIZONA REPUBLIC (Feb. 22, 2022) (with Henry F. Fradella, Jessica M. Salerno, Cassia C. Spohn and Shi Yan), <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2022/02/22/arizona-bill-allowing-peremptory-challenges-would-stop-reform/6871234001/>

Traumatized witnesses and victims of police violence get shut out of compensation funds, USA TODAY (May 4, 2021) (with Njeri Rutledge), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2021/05/04/victim-compensation-funds-should-include-police-violence-witnesses-column/4923404001/>

Police review board must represent the most-affected communities, THE ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES (July 1, 2020) (with Frank Rudy Cooper), <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2020/07/01/police-review-board-must-represent-the-most-affected-communities/>

Prison Labor is Modern Slavery, THE GLOBE POST (September 6, 2018), <https://theglobepost.com/2018/09/06/us-prison-slavery/>

Will the Federal Government Enforce the Fourteenth Amendment?, ABA INSIGHTS ON LAW & SOCIETY MAGAZINE (Spring 2017), <https://www.americanbar.org/publications/insights-on-law-and-society/2017/winter2017/perspectives.html>

Race to Death: A Critical Look at the Death Penalty as Arkansas Executes Eight, JURIST (March 29, 2017), <http://www.jurist.org/forum/2017/03/Valena-Beety-death-penalty.php>

Justice Antonin Scalia's Rebuke of Innocence, OXFORD HUMAN RIGHTS HUB (March 8, 2016), <http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/justice-antonin-scalias-rebuke-of-innocence/>

Flawed Forensics and Innocence, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL (March 6, 2016)

New Books in Forensics: Cops in Lab Coats, Reviewed by Valena Beety, FORENSICS FORUM (November 5, 2015), <https://forensicsforum.net/2015/11/05/new-books-in-forensics-cops-in-lab-coats-reviewed-by-valena-beety/>

After Ferguson: What Can We Do?, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL (Nov. 30, 2014)

Protecting West Virginia's Innocent, THE WEST VIRGINIA LAWYER (Dec. 2013) (with Ifeoma Ike).

Buffey Case Shows W.Va. Must Record Police Interrogations, CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL (Dec. 20, 2012), <http://www.wvinnocenceproject.law.wvu.edu/r/download/152604>

The Cost of Death, JACKSON FREE PRESS (July 14, 2010), http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/index.php/site/comments/beety_the_cost_of_death_071410/

Georgia Rape Case Dismissed Because of Victim's Sexual History?, FEMINISTING (May 15, 2008), http://feministing.com/2008/05/15/georgia_rape_case_dismissed_be/

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Redefining Wrongful Convictions: From Innocence to Injustice

AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

Founding Board Member, *Indiana Innocence Project* (2024 – present).

Chair, *AALS Section on Criminal Law* (2026-2027).

Member, *AALS Committee to Review Scholarly Papers* (2025-2026).

Member, *NACDL Scholarship in the Courtroom Committee* (2021-2024).

Member, *Vital Strategies and Institute for Innovation in Prosecution Working Group on Public Health Innovation and Action Guide for Prosecutors* (2021).

Appointed Member, *Arizona Bar Association Batson Working Group* (2020-2021).

West Virginia Public Defender Services John A. “Jack” Rogers Award for Outstanding Leadership in Public Service, awarded to West Virginia Innocence Project (2019).

Executive Board Member, *Innocence Network* (2014-2017; 2017-2019).

Board Member, *Research Center on Violence* (2018-present).

Member, *Northern District of West Virginia U.S. District Court Drug Court Team* (2017-2019).

WVU College of Law Significant Scholarship Award (2016).

West Virginia Law Review Faculty Member of the Year Award (2016).

Co-Founder, *Appalachian Justice Initiative* (2016 – 2019).

Member, *University of Chicago Law School Visiting Committee* (2014-2017).

Member, *University of Chicago Law School Public Interest Advisory Board* (2014-15).

Appointed Commissioner, *West Virginia Governor’s Indigent Defense Commission* (2014-2019).

Big XII Faculty Fellow, *University of Texas School of Law* (2013).

BLSA Faculty Member of the Year, *University of Mississippi College of Law* (2012).

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING

\$636,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice for *A Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluation of the Impact of Arizona’s Ban on Peremptory Challenges: A Focus on Racial Bias in Jury Selection and Case Outcomes* (2023).

\$200,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for *RAPID: The Impact of Bans on Peremptory Challenges On Voir Dire, Jury Composition, and Case Outcomes* (2022).

\$250,000 Grant from the American Arbitration Association – International Centre for Dispute Resolution for *Sentinel Event Review of Police Use of Force and Vulnerable Populations – Arizona* (2021).

\$100,000 Donation to West Virginia Innocence Project (2017).

WVU Community Engagement Grant for *Re-Entry Initiative: Providing Interdisciplinary and Holistic Legal Services* (2017).

WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant to present at AALS Annual Conference (January 2017).

WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant to present book chapter at MAPOC (January 2014).

WVU Faculty Senate Travel Grant to present at “The Taslitz Galaxy” (September 2014).

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Academy for Justice, Deputy Director 2019 – 2023

- Conceptualized and implemented multiple symposia each year, often in coordination with criminal justice centers at other universities, and organized corresponding symposium editions in the ASU Law Journal, ASU Law Journal Online, ASU Journal of Social Justice, and University of Chicago Law Review Online
- Obtained grant funding and participated in sentinel event reviews of police use of force incidents in Arizona; also served as member of Maricopa County Attorney’s Office external committee reviewing police use of force incidents in Phoenix
- Provided academic support and best practices guidance for Conviction Integrity Units in the County Attorney offices of Pima County and Maricopa County
- Created and led year-long working group to brainstorm litigating post-conviction miscarriages of justice, and co-wrote resulting guide *Miscarriages of Justice: Litigating Beyond Factual Innocence* and corresponding publication in NACDL’s *The Champion* magazine
- Scripted episodes and found participants for center podcast, *Measured Justice*

West Virginia Innocence Project, Founding Director 2012 – 2019

- Freed clients on DNA, forensic fraud: Mongold, Manns, Lavigne, Dodrill, Barnett, Lively
- Obtained Presidential clemency for four clients as part of Clemency Project 2014
- Established *coram nobis* as a post-conviction remedy for criminal defendants in W. Va. in *West Virginia v. Orville Hutton*, 776 S.E.2d 621 (W.Va. S.Ct. 2015)
- Drafted and led H.B. 2758 amendment of Eyewitness Identification Act WV § 62-1E-1 (2013)

Mississippi Innocence Project, Senior Staff Attorney 2009 – 2012

- Exonerated clients on forensic fraud and *Brady* evidence
- Drafted and led enactment of MS House Bills 992 and 1466 to standardize state forensic pathologists

U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, Assistant U.S. Attorney 2008 – 2009

- Represented the United States in criminal matters in the D.C. Superior Court
- First-chaired seventeen jury and bench trials

SELECTED CASES, LEGISLATION, AND AMICUS BRIEFS

Legislation

West Virginia Senate Bill 200, established best practices police protocols for interviewing eyewitnesses (enacted 2013).

Mississippi House Bill 922/Senate Bill 2435, created an apolitical board to oversee the Mississippi State Medical Examiner’s Office, established the State Medical Examiner as a University of Mississippi Medical School Faculty Member (enacted 2011).

Mississippi House Bill 1466, required state pathologists to be board certified (enacted 2010).

Sample Appellate and Post-Conviction Cases

Christopher Dodrill v. Jones, 2016-C-46H (Tyler County Circuit Court 2018) (conviction vacated based on faulty Shaken Baby Syndrome diagnosis)
Nathan Barnett v. West Virginia, 2007-F-141 (Cabell County Circuit Court 2018) (post-conviction relief hearing granted for *coram nobis* petition)
Jeremiah Mongold v. Williamson, 2008-C-123 (Hampshire County Circuit Court 2016) (conviction vacated based on Shaken Baby Syndrome)
Tasha Mercedes Shelby v. State of Mississippi, 2000-KA-01763 (Mississippi 2015) (petition for post-conviction relief granted in Shaken Baby Syndrome case)
State of West Virginia v. Orville Hutton, 2015 WL 3822814 (decision establishing *coram nobis* as a remedy for criminal defendants in West Virginia)
Joseph Lavigne v. Plumley, 3:13-cv-29691 (S.D.W.V.) (federal pleading after petitioner's conviction was reversed in a habeas hearing and then reinstated by the WV Supreme Court)
Joseph Osborne v. State of Mississippi, 2012 M 01845 (one of six joint pleadings alleging forensic fraud by Dr. Steven Hayne, denied; federal relief granted)
Willie Pittman v. State of Mississippi, 2012 M 00780 (evidentiary hearing granted on newly discovered evidence of innocence)
Leigh Stubbs, Tammy Vance v. State of Mississippi, 2011 M 00492, 2011 M 00398 (new trial granted in sexual assault case based on Brady violation and fraudulent bite mark evidence)
Sherrod Davis v. State of Mississippi, 2010 M 01401 (post-conviction motion for DNA testing granted)
Christopher Brandon v. State of Mississippi, 2009 KA 01761 COA (direct appeal petition based on forensic fraud in Shaken Baby Syndrome case denied; post-conviction appeal granted)

Amicus Briefs

In Re: Petition of A.N.T. v. State of West Virginia, No. 16-0147, *Amicus Curiae*, West Virginia Innocence Project (West Virginia 2017).
State of West Virginia v. Quinton Peterson, No. 15-1220, *Amicus Curiae*, West Virginia Innocence Project (West Virginia 2016).
Justin Black v. Plumley, No. 13-C-486, *Amicus Curiae*, West Virginia Innocence Project (Cabell County Circuit Court 2016)(DNA Testing).
State of West Virginia v. Byron Blackburn, No. 13-0270, *Amicus Curiae*, West Virginia Innocence Project and Innocence Project, Inc. (West Virginia 2014).
Melanie Ross v. Daniel Day, S08C1295, *Amicus Curiae*, Students Active For Ending Rape (SAFER), Inc. (Georgia 2008).
Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, 2004 U.S. Briefs 1152, *Amici Curiae*, Natl. Lesbian and Gay Law Association and Law Student Associations (2004).

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Inside-Out: certified to teach Inside-Out courses in prisons to incarcerated students and law students (June 2018)

Quality Matters Certification: certified to create QM Rubric online law courses (November 2015)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Gender and the Carceral State, **Law and Society Annual Conference**, Chicago, May 2025.

Emancipating Expert Evidence, **Evidence Summer Workshop**, Vanderbilt Law School, May 5, 2025.

Queerness and Wrongful Convictions, **National Innocence Network Conference**, Seattle, April 4, 2025.

Emancipating Expert Evidence, **Critical Evidence Colloquium**, Fordham Law School, March 28, 2025.

“Unfit”: Gender, Ableism and Reproductive Wrongful Convictions, **West Coast Sexuality, Gender, & Law Conference**, UC-Irvine Law School, Feb. 21, 2025.

“Unfit”: Gender, Ableism and Reproductive Wrongful Convictions, **University of Chicago Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender**, Chicago Law School, Feb. 12, 2025.

Pregnancy “Crimes”: New Research and Advocacy, Criminal Justice Panel, **AALS Annual Conference**, San Francisco, January 10, 2025.

Disability, Gender, and Wrongful Convictions, **ABA/AALS Criminal Justice WIP Roundtable**, November 2024.

No Crime Wrongful Convictions: Gender, Identity, and Criminalization, Keynote Speaker, **25th Anniversary of the CSU Criminal Justice Forum**, Cleveland State University College of Law, Oct. 29, 2024.

Challenging LGBTQIA+ Bias in the Criminal Legal System, **Lawline**, Oct. 3, 2024.

Disability, Gender, and Wrongful Convictions, **International Academy of Law and Mental Health International Congress**, Barcelona, Spain, July 23, 2024.

Re-Thinking Junk Science and Death Investigations, **Tsai Center for Law, Science & Innovation**, Southern Methodist University, Santa Fe, June 23, 2024.

Manifesting Justice, Book Presentation, **University of Puerto Rico Law School**, December 5, 2023.

Unpopular Victims, **ABA/AALS Criminal Justice WIP Roundtable**, November 16, 2023.

Harms of Drug Criminalization, **Vermont Reimagining Drug Policy Conference, Drug Policy Alliance**, November 9, 2023.

Wrongful Convictions Across the Country, speaker and moderator, **Just Data Innocence Project Symposium**, November 8, 2023.

Bodily Autonomy and Wrongful Convictions, **Canadian Criminal Law Professors Workshop**, October 6, 2023.

Wrongful Convictions of Women, **Vanderbilt Law School**, September 27, 2023.

Policing Pregnancy Crimes, **European Society of Criminology**, Florence, Italy, September 6, 2023.

Author Meets Reader: Manifesting Justice, **Law and Society Annual Conference**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 20, 2023.

Manifesting Justice, Book Presentation, **AALS Annual Clinical Conference**, San Francisco, April 30, 2023.

LGBTQ+ Wrongful Convictions, **Innocence Network Conference**, Phoenix, April 12, 2023.

Manifesting Justice, Keynote Speaker, **Law Journal for Social Justice Innocent Behind Bars Symposium on Over-Criminalization**, Arizona State University, March 1, 2023.

Miscarriages of Justice, Speaker and Symposium Organizer, **Academy for Justice: Miscarriages of Justice Symposium**, Arizona State University, February 2023.

Criminal Justice Section New Scholars Panel, Organizer and Reviewer, **AALS Annual Conference**, San Diego, January 10, 2023.

Policing Pregnancy “Crimes,” **ABA/AALS Criminal Justice WIP Roundtable**, December 3, 2022.

Manifesting Justice, Book Presentation, **NYU Law School**, October 2022.

Manifesting Justice, Book Presentation, **Fordham Law School**, October 2022.

Manifesting Justice, Book, Presentation, **Columbia Law School**, October 2022.

Innocence Work and Savior Lawyers, presenter at **Crimfest**, Cardozo Law School, July 18, 2022.

Clemency for Federal Marijuana Charges, conference organizer, **Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Academy for Justice and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Drug Enforcement and Policy Center**, Washington, D.C., July 10, 2022.

Innocence Work and Savior Lawyers, **Crim Schmooze**, Fordham Law School, June 9, 2022.

Hindsight: Facial Recognition Software v. Eyewitness Identification, Machine Testimony Symposium, invited speaker and author, **Duquesne Law School**, April 8, 2022.

Sentinel Event Reviews in Arizona, Sentinel Event Review Symposium, **Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University**, February 6, 2022.

Criminal Justice Section New Scholars Panel, organizer and reviewer, **AALS Annual Conference**, Virtual, January, 2022.

Hindsight: Facial Recognition Software v. Eyewitness Identification, **ABA/AALS Criminal Justice WIP Roundtable**, November 4, 2021.

Drug Induced Homicide and Rural Criminal Justice, Presentation, **St. Louis University School of Law**, October 28, 2021.

Drug Induced Homicide, presentation, **Northeastern Law School**, October 19, 2021.

Manifesting Justice, presentation, **UC Davis Law School**, September 25, 2021.

Drug Policy and Sentencing, conference organizer, **Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Academy for Justice and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Drug Enforcement and Policy Center**, virtual, June 25, 2021.

Batson Reform Rule Proposals, key presentation, **Arizona State Bar Conference for the Judiciary**, Scottsdale, June 12, 2021.

Author Meets Reader: The Feminist War on Crime, Aya Gruber, speaker, **Law and Society Annual Conference**, virtual, May 29, 2021.

Author Meets Reader: Smoke But No Fire, Jessica Henry, speaker, **Law and Society Annual Conference**, virtual, May 28, 2021.

COVID-19 and Criminal Justice, symposium organizer and author, **Arizona State Law Journal Covid 19 and Vulnerable Populations Symposium**, November 6, 2020.

State of Incarceration Virtual Summit, Keynote: Racism and Incarceration, **Arizona State University Center for Child Well-Being**, Tempe, AZ, Oct. 7, 2020.

[*What Is A Criminal? Returning Citizens: Reentry and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated People*](#), invited panelist, **The Saul O. Sidore Memorial Lecture Series, University of New Hampshire Center for the Humanities**, NH, April 28, 2020.

Celebrating Law & Society Review Conference, invited paper reviewer, **Arizona State University T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics**, Tempe, AZ, Feb. 28, 2020.

The Controlled Substance Act at 50 Years, conference organizer, **Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Academy for Justice and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Drug Enforcement and Policy Center**, Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 20-22, 2020.

Neuroscience and the Law, invited panelist, **Seton Hall Law School Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, Seton Hall University School of Law**, Newark, NJ, Feb. 14, 2020.

AALS Section on Criminal Justice, State Habeas and Changed Science Writs, selected panelist, **Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference**, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2020.

AALS Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues, New Voices in Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law, invited paper reviewer, **Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference**, Washington, DC, January 3, 2020.

Forensic Evidence Admissibility: A Retrospective, invited panelist, **Forensic Science Ten Years after the National Research Council Report, Houston Law Review Symposium**, Houston, TX, Sept. 19, 2019.

Discussion Group: Effective Teaching Strategies for Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, invited discussant, **Southeastern Association of Law Schools**, Boca Raton, Florida, July 30, 2019.

State Habeas and Changed Science Writs, presentation at **CrimFest, Brooklyn School of Law**, July 16, 2019.

People of Color in the Rural United States, invited panelist, **National People of Color Conference**, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., March 22, 2019.

The Drug-Induced Homicide Defense Toolkit, invited panelist, *The Opioid Crisis and the Practice of Law*, **South Carolina Law Review Symposium**, Columbia, SC, Feb. 8, 2019.

Prosecuting Opioid Use, Punishing Rurality, invited panelist, *Facing Opioids: Drug Enforcement & Health Policy in Today's Epidemic*, **Ohio State Law Journal Symposium**, Columbus, OH, Oct. 19, 2018.

Rurality & Criminal Practice, presentation at SALT Teaching Conference, **Penn State Law School**, University Park, PA, Oct. 6, 2018.

The Future of the Death Penalty and Capital Litigation, discussant, **Southeastern Association of Law Schools**, Fort Lauderdale, FL, August 5, 2018.

Drug-Induced Homicide Prosecutions, presentation at CrimFest, **Cardozo School of Law**, July 17, 2018.

Evidence on Fire, invited faculty colloquium paper presenter at **University of Washington School of Law Shefelman Faculty Workshop**, Seattle, WA, May 17, 2018.

Drug-Induced Homicide Prosecutions in West Virginia, key-note speaker, **Federal Criminal Justice Act Panel Seminar**, Appreciation Dinner, Glade Springs, WV, May 3, 2018.

Innocence and Science, invited panelist, *From The Crime Lab to The Courtroom*, **Georgia State University Law Review Symposium**, Atlanta, Georgia, April 6, 2018.

Innocence Scholarship, panel organizer at **Innocence Network Conference**, Memphis, Tennessee, March 23, 2018.

Criminal Justice in an Epidemic, moderator and panel presenter, **West Virginia Law Review 2018 Appalachian Justice Symposium**, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV, February 23, 2018.

Death Investigations, work-in-progress presenter, *ClassCrits X: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity and Justice*, **Tulane Law School**, New Orleans, LA, November 10, 2017

The Divide, panel organizer and moderator, [Mass Incarceration in Appalachia](#), Appalachian Justice Initiative, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV, November 1, 2017

Incorporating Developments in Forensic Science and Technology into the Criminal Justice System, discussion group organizer at **Southeastern Association of Law Schools**, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2, 2017.

Legal Disclosure and Discovery of Forensic Evidence: Comparing Civil and Criminal Procedure, **Forensic Science Error Management International Forensics Symposium**, Gaithersburg, Maryland, July 27, 2017.

Death Investigations, presentation at CrimFest/AALS Mid-Year Meeting of Criminal Justice Section, **American University Washington College of Law**, June 12, 2017.

Innocence Scholarship, panel organizer at **Innocence Network Conference**, San Diego,

California, March 24, 2017.

False Confessions in Context, presentation at **Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference**, San Francisco, California, January 7, 2017.

Developing a Cross-Clinical, Interdisciplinary, Holistic Legal Services Initiative Aimed at Eliminating Re-Entry Barriers for West Virginia Ex-Offenders, presentation at New England Clinical Conference, **Boston University Law School**, Boston, MA, October 21, 2016.

Innocence Scholarship, panel organizer at **Innocence Network Conference**, San Antonio, Texas, April 8, 2016.

Race and Wrongful Convictions, presentation at **Innocence Network Conference**, San Antonio, Texas, April 8, 2016.

Flawed Forensics & Innocence Symposium, symposium organizer and paper presenter, WVU College of Law, Morgantown, WV, March 3-4, 2016.

Criminal Justice Reform and the Changing Innocence Movement, panel organizer and paper presenter, The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America, **Duke Law School**, Durham, North Carolina, November 20, 2015.

Criminal Justice Reform and the Clemency Movement, panel organizer at ClassCrits VIII, **University of Tennessee Law School**, Knoxville, Tennessee, October 23, 2015.

Innocence Scholarship, panel organizer at **Innocence Network Conference**, Orlando, Florida, May 2, 2015.

Could Ferguson/NYC/Cleveland Happen Here?, invited moderator for open forum, **West Virginia University College of Law**, Morgantown, West Virginia, December 9, 2014.

Implicit Racial Bias and Policing, presentation at **WVU Race Symposium: Discussion of the Events in Ferguson, Missouri**, Morgantown, West Virginia, November 18, 2014.

Andrew Taslitz and the Innocence Revolution, presentation at The Taslitz Galaxy: A Gathering of Scholars at **Howard University School of Law**, Washington, D.C., September 19, 2014.

Judicial Clemency, paper presentation at the **University of Minnesota Robina Institute of Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Workshop**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 25, 2014.

How to Start an Innocence Effort, invited panel presentation at **Innocence Network Conference**, Portland, Oregon, April 11, 2014.

Criminal Justice and Prison Reform in West Virginia, invited presentation at **West Virginia University Conference on Educational Justice and West Virginia Prisons**, Morgantown, West Virginia, April 5, 2014.

Trayvon Martin, Violence, and Implicit Racial Bias, paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, **University of Baltimore Law School**, Baltimore, Maryland, January 24, 2014.

Judicial Clemency in West Virginia and Texas, paper presented at faculty colloquium, **University of Texas Law School**, Austin, Texas, November 7, 2013.

Judicial Clemency in West Virginia and Texas, paper presented at faculty colloquium, **West Virginia University College of Law**, Morgantown, West Virginia, October 22, 2013.

Clemency and Criminal Justice, paper presented at the Criminal Justice Roundtable, **University of Virginia Law School**, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 3, 2013.

NAS Report and the Path Forward: Four Years Later, invited panel presentation at **Innocence Network Conference**, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 20, 2013.

The Trayvon Martin Case: A Discussion, invited speaker, **University of Mississippi School of Law**, Oxford, Mississippi, April 10, 2012.

Eyewitness Identification: Enhancing Law Enforcement's Ability to Ensure Accurate Convictions, Panel Moderator and Organizer, **Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference**, Oxford, Mississippi, Dec. 15, 2011.

Challenging Forensic Evidence and Experts, lecture presented to **Mississippi Public Defenders Conference**, Choctaw, Mississippi, October 26, 2011.

Fatism and Criminal Justice: Examining Bias Against Defendants, paper presented at the **Law & Society Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, California, June 3, 2011.

Sexual Violence & the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Guest Lecturer, **University of Mississippi Honors College**, International Conflict Course (Prof. Megan Shannon, instructor), University, Mississippi, April 25, 2011.

Forum on Mississippi's Current Medical Examiner Office, Forum Organizer, **University of Mississippi Medical Center**, Jackson, Mississippi, November 4, 2010.

Sexual Violence and Human Rights Law, Guest Presenter, **Citizens for Global Solutions Mid-South Annual Meeting**, Oxford, Mississippi, April 29, 2010.

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda: Shaping International Law, Guest Lecturer, **University of Mississippi Honors College**, Introduction to International Law Course (Prof. Megan Shannon, instructor) University, Mississippi, April 28, 2010.

Stopping Dating Violence: Strategies on Campus and in Courts, Invited Campus Speaker, **Slippery Rock University**, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2009.

Addressing Dating Violence on Campus, Facilitator of Faculty Discussion, **Slippery Rock University**, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, November 18, 2009.

The Moratorium on the Death Penalty in Illinois, Facilitator for event with speaker Governor George Ryan, **University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, Illinois, November 25, 2004.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Arizona Talks Virtual Series: Criminal Justice Reform During the Pandemic, Guest Speaker, KJZZ NPR-Phoenix (May 1, 2020) www.arizonatalks.org/virtual

COVID - 19 Series Part II: COVID-19 & Rural Communities, Guest Moderator, Legal-Ease Podcast (April 29, 2020) <https://soundcloud.com/legaleasepod/covid-19-part-ii>.

COVID - 19 & Prisons, Guest Moderator, Legal-Ease Podcast (April 14, 2020), <https://soundcloud.com/legaleasepod/covid-19-prisons>.

Controlled Substances Act 50 year anniversary, Arizona PBS (Feb. 24, 2020), <https://azpbs.org/horizon/2020/02/controlled-substances-act-50-year-anniversary/>

The Controlled Substance Act at 50 Years, Panel 3: Strategies for Addressing Substance Use in Prisons and Reentry, Moderator, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Academy for Justice and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Drug Enforcement and Policy Center, (Feb. 21, 2020), <https://mediasite.law.asu.edu/media/Play/cd587ef87c8f42c9a244de09dd3800e61d>.

Regulating Bite Mark Evidence: Lesbian Vampires and Other Myths of Forensic Odontology, Guest, Ipse Dixit: A Podcast on Legal Scholarship (January 17, 2020) <https://shows.pippa.io/ipse-dixit/episodes/valena-beety-and-jennifer-oliva-on-bitemark-evidence>

Supreme Court to Hear Death Row Inmate's Case, Guest, KJZZ The Show, NPR-Phoenix (Dec. 10, 2019) <https://kjzz.org/content/1348826/us-supreme-court-hear-arizona-death-row-inmates-case>

How "Dysfunctional" Rural Justice Systems Hamper the Struggle Against Opioid Abuse, Profile of Prosecuting Opioids Punishing Rurality, The Crime Report, Center on Media, Crime, & Justice at John Jay College, (Dec. 4, 2019) <https://thecrimereport.org/2019/12/04/how-dysfunctional-rural-justice-systems-hamper-the-struggle-against-opioid-abuse/>

Arizona Opioid-Blocking Program Proving Less Effective Than Hoped, Guest, KJZZ The Show, NPR-Phoenix (Oct. 4, 2019) <https://theshow.kjzz.org/content/1208861/arizona-opioid-blocking-program-proving-less-effective-hoped>

The Overdose/Homicide Epidemic, Guest, Ipse Dixit: A Podcast on Legal Scholarship (Oct. 3, 2018) <https://shows.pippa.io/ipse-dixit/episodes/valena-e-beety-on-the-overdosehomicide-epidemic>

Evidence on Fire, Guest, Excited Utterance: The Evidence And Proof Podcast (September 3, 2018) <https://www.excitedutterancepodcast.com/listen/2018/9/3/56-valena-beety>

Execution in Mississippi: Who lives and who dies, APMReports.org, In The Dark Podcast (July 3, 2018) <https://www.apmreports.org/story/2018/07/03/execution-in-mississippi-who-lives-and-who-dies>

Forensics: An Incredible Tool But Still Faulty, Comcast Newsmakers (May 10, 2018) <https://comcastnewsmakers.com/Videos/2018/5/10/Forensics?autoplay>

Helping Prove Innocence of Wrongly Accused, Comcast Newsmakers (May 9, 2018) <https://comcastnewsmakers.com/Videos/2018/5/9/WV-Innocence-Project>

Episode 7, Come Home Daddy, Guest, Sparked Podcast (April 20, 2018) <https://wvumag.wvu.edu/sparked/sparked-episodes-feed/2018/04/20/episode-7-come-home-daddy>

Guilty Until Proven Innocent, WVU Magazine with Jake Stump (April 13, 2018) <https://wvumag.wvu.edu/features/guilty-until-proven-innocent>

State v. Ronnie Long, Addendum 1, Guest, Undisclosed Podcast (March 14, 2018) <http://undisclosed-podcast.com/episodes/ronnie-long-addenda/addendum-1.html>

West Virginia Innocence Project, Guest, New Activists on the Block Podcast (March 9, 2018) <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/new-activists-on-the-block/id1239213771?mt=2>

Episode 7, Not Letting Go, Guest, Mared & Karen: The WVU Coed Murders Podcast (February 6,

2018)

<https://soundcloud.com/maredandkaren/episode7>

Eyewitness Misidentifications, Guest, Undisclosed Podcast (January 25, 2017)

The Growing Population of Women in Prison, Guest, UMPR News with Kerri Miller (January 10, 2017) <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/01/10/rising-rate-of-women-in-prison>

Locked Up, Guest, U92 radio show “Feedback,” (February 11, 2016)

False Confessions and Recording Police Interrogations, Guest, WCHS radio show “Ask the Expert,” (January 30, 2014)

http://stationcaster.com/player_skinned.php?s=88&c=815&f=2373463.

False Confessions, Guest, [PBS television show “The Law Works.”](#) (September 27, 2013)

[Eyewitness Identification Reform](#), Guest, PBS television show “The Law Works,” (February 21, 2013)

[The West Virginia Innocence Project](#), Guest, PBS television show “The Law Works,” (December 7, 2012)

SERVICE

Founding Board Member, Indiana Innocence Project, 2024 – present.

Board Member, Human Rights for Kids, 2023 – present.

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2024-2025.

Member, Hiring Committee, 2023-2024.

Executive Committee, AALS Section on Criminal Law, 2022 – present.

Affiliate Member, ASU Law & Behavioral Sci. Interdisciplinary Research Group, 2019 – 2023.

Affiliate Member, ASU Global Human Rights Hub, 2019 – 2023.

Innocence Network Scholarship Working Group, 2014 – 2022.

Executive Committee, AALS Section Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Issues, 2017 – present.

Founding Officer, AALS Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, 2016 – 2019.

Executive Board Member, Innocence Network, 2014 – 2017, 2017 – 2019.

Innocence Network Membership Committee, 2014 – 2019.

Co-Founder, Appalachian Justice Initiative, 2016 – 2019.

Legal Education and Outreach Volunteer for Veteran Prisoners, Federal Correctional Center-Hazelton, Hazelton, WV, 2016 – 2019.

Chair and Founder, University of Chicago-WVU Franklin D. Cleckley Fellowship, 2012 – 2019.

Member, Merit Review Committee, 2017 – 2018.

Member, Admissions Committee, 2017 – 2018.

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2016 – 2017.

Co-Director, Forensic Justice LL.M. Program, 2013 – 2016.

Member, Academic Planning Committee, 2013 – 2016.

Member, Organizing Committee for 2015 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, 2014 – 2015.

Chair, Subcommittee on Creation of Forensic Justice LL.M, 2013 – 2014.

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2013 – 2014.

Invited Reviewer, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES & THE LAW, October 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Indiana (2024), Arizona (2022), Northern District of West Virginia (2015), Southern District of West Virginia (2013), West Virginia (2012), Mississippi (2010), Washington D.C. (2009), Illinois (2008), New York (2007).