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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Iowa City, IA

Ph.D. Candidate in American Studies

Expected Conferral 2025

Honors: *Graduate College Iowa Recruitment Fellow*, awarded to the University of Iowa's "most accomplished new Ph.D. students," providing additional financial support to students.

Predctoral Research Fellow 2021, a six-month appointment at the Public Policy Center at the University of Iowa, including research support and cohort seminars.

Awards: *2022 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, awarded for excellence in teaching.

Service: *Council on the Status of Women, At Large Member*, appointment as a board member to the CSW, which is committed "to ensur[ing] an environment that supports the rights of all women at The University of Iowa."

Graduate Student Senate, Senator

Teaching: *Understanding American Cultures (AMST 1010)*, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2020)
Understanding American Cultures (AMST 1010), Instructor (Spring 2021)
Sport and the Media (AMST 3175), Teaching Assistant (Fall 2021)
Understanding American Cultures (AMST 1010), Instructor (Spring 2022)

DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Des Moines, IA

J.D., *with honors*

May 2019

Certificates: Constitutional and Civil Rights Law, Environmental and Sustainability Law, Food and Agricultural Law, Legislative Practice, and Public Service

Moot Court: C. Edwin Moore First Year Oral Advocacy Competition, *Semi-Finalist*

Honors: Dean's Scholarship; Dean's List (four semesters); CALI Award (highest grade) in State Constitutional Law (Spring 2019); CALI Award (highest grade) in International Trade (Spring 2019)

Awards: ABA National Student Haiku Competition 2016, *Runner-Up*; Drake Law SBA Event Committee Member of the Year 2019; Student Bar Association Student Service Award; Drake Law School Award for Equity & Inclusion

Activities: Student Bar Association (SBA): *2018-2019 Diversity Representative*

Research Ast.: Professor James Albert, Hon. Mark Bennett (ret.), Professor Julie Smith

Internships: Iowa/Nebraska NAACP (Profs. Russ Lovell and David Walker), *Legis. Intern*
Iowa Wrongful Conviction Division, *Policy Intern*

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

M.A. in Social Sciences

Chicago, IL

August 2017

Thesis: The Green Book and the Historical Racial Inequality of Place and Space for African-Americans

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY

Minneapolis, MN

B.A., *summa cum laude* in International Relations, Political Science, and Religion May 2013

Honors: *Christensen Scholar*, which included financial award and allowed participation in cohort seminar around vocation and theology.

2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum Scholar, which included fully paid summer research scholarship to study at the Nobel Peace Institute in Oslo, Norway while attending cohort seminars and courses at the University of Oslo.

MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Minneapolis, MN

A.A. in Liberal Arts

August 2011

Internship: Minnesota State Sen. John Doll, *Legislative Intern*

EXPERIENCE

LARSEN LAW FIRM, PLLC

Des Moines, IA

Owner and Attorney-at-law

March 2021 – Present

Specializing in civil rights cases, including race-based discrimination, sexual harassment, workplace discrimination and hostile work environment, transgender rights, reparations, institutional change, investigations, and policy work.

IOWA SUPREME COURT

Des Moines, IA

Law Clerk to Justice Brent Appel

August 2019 – August 2020

Performed legal research, writing, and other duties as requested. Typical duties include preparation of bench memos, drafting opinions, editing and publishing opinions, and bailiff and general court duties.

INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE REFORM AND INNOVATION

Des Moines, IA

Research Assistant to Hon. Mark Bennett (ret.)

September 2018 – May 2019

Reviewed and drafted case summaries and policy questions; conducted legal and policy research and drafts details memorandums on issues related to implicit bias and innovations to the criminal and civil justice systems.

THE HARKIN INSTITUTE

Des Moines, IA

Legal and Policy Research Assistant

May 2018 – May 2019

Performed research on legal and public policy issues pertaining to the focus areas of the Harkin Institute.

Provided other support as necessary, including attending policy conferences and fact-checking reports.

Drafted policy and legal briefings for former Attorney General Eric Holder and former Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus; completed special projects at the request of U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (ret.).

PROFESSOR JAMES ALBERT
Research Assistant and Law Clerk

Des Moines, IA
April 2018 – July 2019

Assisted in development of course curriculum for “Sexual Harassment and Modern Torts” and “Administrative Law;” assisted in personal legal practice, providing legal research in preparation for litigation and drafting of court filings.

IOWA-NEBRASKA NAACP
Legislative Intern to Professors David Walker and Russell Lovell

Des Moines, IA
January 2018 – January 2019

Assisted in research, drafting, and coordination on legislation and public policy concerns, particularly regarding discriminatory pre-textual traffic stops, and with proposed “ban the box” legislation, including conducting an all-counties survey of Iowa employment practices.

PROFESSOR JULIE SMITH
Research Assistant

Des Moines, IA
September 2017 – May 2019

Conducted research for law review articles and other projects related to lawyer-lobbyist ethics and historical state legislature partisan voting patterns.

IOWA STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS DIVISION
Policy Intern

Des Moines, IA
May 2017 – December 2018

Conducted research on legal and public policy concerns including especially post-conviction remedies, as well as drafting fiscal notes for pending legislation.

MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
Commissioner (Vice-Chair, 2012-2013)

Minneapolis, MN
September 2011 – August 2014

Youngest Commissioner ever appointed to the MCCR by the Minneapolis City Council, at the time.

Heard complaints of discrimination, decided EEOC appeals, provided oversight to the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights, and developed public policy recommendations related to civil rights issues, including assisting in the redrafting of Minneapolis City Ordinances to be more inclusive; considerable public relations responsibilities, including serving as primary social media content manager, engaging regularly in community outreach, planning and implementing the annual MLK Jr. essay competition and community member award, and served on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 50th Anniversary interagency event planning committee.

MINNEAPOLIS TELEVISION NETWORK*Board of Directors (Chairman of the Board, 2011-2014)*

Minneapolis, MN

January 2009 – December 2014

Appointed by Minneapolis City Council and Mayor, youngest member ever at time of appointment, longest serving Chairman.

Provided direction and oversight for the Executive Director and general financial and employee oversight to organization; frequently met with stakeholders and community.

Significant accomplishments include: Leading the search and hire process for a new Executive Director; complete rebranding of the Network; transitioned to new, custom-built facilities; diversified funding sources; and overhaul of policies, bylaws, and employee handbook.

MINNESOTA SENATE*Legislative Intern to State Senator John Doll*

Saint Paul, MN

January – May 2009

Served in Senator Doll's office for the entirety of the 2009 regular session. Assisted with constituent relations, drafting correspondence, authoring reports, and tabulating survey responses. Additionally, served as a special liaison to various groups.

OTHER EXPERIENCE**1665 DAYTON AVENUE (4-UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX)**

– *Owner/Manager* (St. Paul, MN) 2013 – Present

CROSS OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

– *Interim Parish Administrator* (Shakopee, MN) 2015

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

– *Interim Director of Youth Ministry* (Minneapolis, MN) 2015

SCHOLARSHIP

“[Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossings](#),” in *Sustainable Development Code*, Chapter 4.3: Pedestrian Mobility, author Peter Larsen, eds. Charlie Cowell, Jonathan Rosenbloom & Tegan Jarchow (2019).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Born from Necessity: The Green Book and Traveling While Black, circa 1936-1966

R.A.V. Revisited: Alternatives to the U.S. Supreme Court's Hate Speech Framework

An Impermissible Burden: Partisan Gerrymandering Under the First Amendment

Reframing Environmental Racism: New Approaches to a Persistent Problem

Juliana et al. v. United States: Setting the Template for Plaintiff Class in Climate Litigation

PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presenter, *Reconciliation or Retribution? A Comparison of Contemporary Approaches in International Justice*, Iowa Human Rights Research Conference, Central College, Pella, Iowa (April 14, 2018).

Presenter, *A Sea of Danger: "The Green Book" and African-American Travel, circa 1936-1966*, American Mensa Annual Gathering, Indianapolis, Indiana (July 4, 2018).

Paper Presenter, *Environmental Racism and the Law: Defining the Problem and Proposing Solutions*, Iowa Human Rights Research Conference, University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, Iowa (April 13, 2019).

Paper Presenter, *CROWN-ing Achievement: Policing Natural Hair and the Recent Proliferation of Anti-Bias Legislation*, Iowa Human Rights Research Conference, Virtual Conference (April 16, 2021).

Presenter, *The Politics of Natural Hairstyles: A cultural and legal history*, Mobilizing the Intersections of Power and Justice, Iowa State University (April 2, 2022).

Panelist, *(In)Visible Disabilities at Work*, University of Chicago, Mind Your Career Series (May 11, 2022).

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LICENSES

BAR ADMISSIONS

Iowa (2019-Present, Active)

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Iowa Association of Justice – *Board of Governors Member* (2022-Present)

Iowa State Bar Association – *Bail Reform Committee Member* (2021-Present)

Iowa-Nebraska NAACP – *Legal Redress Committee Member* (2021-Present)

University of Iowa Homerathon – *Reader* (2021)

Drake Law School – *Moot Court, First Year Oral Argument, & C. Edwin Moore Judge* (2019-Present)

Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee, Ramsey County, MN – *Committee Member* (2015)

Domestic Abuse Project, Minneapolis, MN – *Board of Directors; Public Affairs Committee* (2015)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Organization – *Study and Reform Committee, Chair* (2008-2009), *Business Process Committee, Chair* (2009), *LYO Restructuring Committee* (2009-2011), *LYO Writing Team, Chair* (2009-2011), *LYO Finance Committee, Chair* (2010)

Minneapolis Area Synod – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) –
Reference and Counsel Committee (2013-2015), *Governing Documents Review Task Force* (2013-2014),
Synod Council Member (2007-2009, 2010-2014), *Executive Committee Member* (2012-2013),
Constitution Revision Committee (2006-2016), *Leadership Table, Chair* (2009-2014), *Mission Table*
(2009-2014)

Minneapolis South High School Alumni Panels – *Panelist* (2012-2018)

Minnesota Women's Consortium – *Board of Directors; Public Policy Committee, Chair* (2014-2015)

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church – *Endowment Board, Secretary* (2010-2012), *Constitution Revision Committee* (2006-2007), *Welcoming Committee* (2008-2013)

Our Justice – *Board of Directors; Finance Committee, Audit Committee* (2013-2015)

Youth Leadership Academy of Elgin, IL – *Consultant (Pro-Bono)*, (2011)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association, *Member*
American Mensa, *Life Member*
NAACP, *Life Member*
National Bar Association, *Member*

CERTIFICATIONS

CIRTL (*Associate 2021*)
Engaging Across Cultures (*2021*)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OTHER HONORS & AWARDS

ROSE REES PEACE AWARD (2008) – Awarded by the National Council of Jewish Women for “outstanding commitment towards international relations and world peace.”

EAGLE SCOUT (2008) – The highest rank available in Boy Scouts, earned by only 2% of Boy Scouts.

OTHER INTERESTS

Watching documentaries, cooking (and learning how to prepare new dishes), taking long walks (particularly on cold days), reading books of all types, and visiting museums.

References available upon request.