Justin Hansford

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EXPERIENCE

- United Nations Human Rights Council, United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (March 2022-Present)
 - o Elected by the United Nations General Assembly December 16, 2021
- Howard University School of Law, Professor of Law, Executive Director of the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center (Spring 2018 – Present, Washington DC)
 - o Fundraised over \$2.5 Million Dollars
 - Teaching Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, Human and Civil Rights Law and founder of the first Movement Lawyering Clinic in the United States
- St. Louis University School of Law, Associate Professor of Law (Summer 2011 Spring 2018, St. Louis, MO)
 - o Granted Full Tenure and rank of associate professor, effective July 1, 2016
 - o Taught Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Economic Justice and the Law, Torts, Professional Responsibility
- Harvard University, Democracy Project Fellow, Charles Warren Center of American Studies (Summer 2016-Summer 2017, Cambridge, MA)
 - Fully Funded Research Fellowship
- Georgetown University Law Center, Visiting Associate Professor of Law (Spring 2017, Washington, DC)
 - o Full Time Teaching Critical Race Theory and Black Lives Matter and the Law
- Fulbright Scholar (Fall 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa)
 - o Researched Nelson Mandela and the law through the U.S. Department of State's Fulbright Program.
- The White House, Office of Presidential Personnel (Winter 2011, Washington, DC)
 - o Conducted vetting and resume analysis for presidential appointees
- Georgetown University Law Center, *Georgetown Law Scholar* (Summer 2010 Summer 2011, Washington, DC)
 - o Conducting legal research and writing on legal ethics, the rule of law, and Global Justice.
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Law Clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith (Summer 2009 Summer 2010, Detroit, MI)
 - Conducted extensive review of trial court records, appellate briefs, and applicable law, and producing bench memoranda in a variety of criminal, civil and administrative law cases. Assisted in drafting, editing, proofreading, and cite checking of both published and unpublished federal appellate opinions.
- University of Maryland School of Law, Leadership, Ethics, and Democracy Fellow (Winter 2008-Summer 2009, Baltimore, MD)
 - Produced scholarly legal research for publication, assisted in course instruction and curriculum building, and engaged in client-based community organizing.
 - Oco-instructed "Contemporary Issues in Political Leadership and Participation: Community Based Leadership and Social Change," in the School of Public Policy. Assisted in curriculum building and course instruction.
- Obama for America, Vote Corps Organizer & GOTV Station Location Director (Fall 2008, Cleveland, OH)
 - o Managed outreach at local high schools, colleges, and communities as a full-time paid staff member for the Obama presidential campaign. Trained and managed volunteers, including legal voter protection staff.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AUTHORED BY OTHERS EXAMINING MY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM

- Harold McDougall, "The Rebellious Law Professor: Combing Cause and Reflective Lawyering," 65 Journal of Legal Education 326 (2015)
- William J. Aceves, "Two Stories About Skin Color and International Human Rights Advocacy," 14 Washington University Global Studies Law Review 563 (2015)
- Joel R. Pruce, "The Ferguson Uprising, Shadow Reporting, and Human Rights Experimentalism," 45 Human Rights Quarterly 1 (2023)

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Race, Racism, and American Law: Leading Cases and Materials (2023)
- The Revolution will not be Litigated, Leadership and Learning Lessons in the Black Lives Matter Movement (2023)
- "The First Amendment Freedom of Assembly as a Racial Project," 127 Yale Law Journal Forum 685 (2018)
- "On Race and Justice: How far have we really come?" in *Human Rights*, American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Volume 42, No. 1 (2016)

- "On Movement Theory, Institutional Activism and Cultural Change: A Conversation between Professors Justin Hansford and Stefan Bradley," Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy, 21-30 (2015-2016).
- "Ferguson to Geneva: Using the Human Rights Framework to Push Forward a Vision for Racial Justice in the U.S. After Ferguson," 12 Hastings Race & Poverty Law Journal 101 (2015)
- "Nelson Mandela: The Lawyer as Agent For Social Change," 22 ABA Journal of the Professional Lawyer 24 (2014)

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, *Juris Doctor*, May 2007
 - o Founder: The Georgetown Journal of Modern Critical Race Perspectives
 - o Internships:
 - NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York, NY
 - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, DC
 - Conectas Human Rights, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Howard University, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, May 2003

AWARDS

- Washingtonian Magazine, "The 500 Most Influential People Shaping Policy," Civil Rights & Criminal Justice, 2025
- American Association of Law Schools Pro Bono Award, 2024
- First Repair and National African American Reparations Commission Award, 2023
- Living Legend Award for Service to Humanity, 2023
- Stanford University School of Medicine Integrated Strategic Plan Star Award, 2022
- The National Law Journal, DC Rising Stars, 2022
- National Bar Association International Law Section, Honoree, 2022
- Top Lawyers in Racial Justice, National Jurist, 2020
- United Nations Decade for People of African Descent, Top 100 Most Influential People of African Descent Under 40, 2018
- Shriver Center Award for Leadership in Racial Justice and Anti-Poverty Lawyering, 2018
- Georgetown University Law Center, Black Law Students Association Community Service Award, 2017
- Society of American Law Teachers Junior Faculty Teaching Award, 2015
- Aspen Ideas Festival Scholar, Aspen Institute, 2015
- Whistleblower Summit for Civil & Human Rights, Pillar Award, Person of Conscience in New Media, 2015
- Legacy Award, St. Louis County NAACP, 2015
- Saint Louis University, Black Law Students Association, Ronda F. Williams Service Award, 2015
- Honoree, National Bar Association, "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40," 2010

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The Black Audit Project, Founder and Executive Director, 2023-Present
- Charles Ogletree Reparative Justice Bar Association, Founder and Executive Director 2024- Present
- Center for Constitutional Rights, Board of Trustees, 2018-Present
- The Justice Initiative, Founder, Co-founder 2020- Present
- The African American Redress Network, Co-founder, 2020 Present
- The Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center, Founder and Executive Director 2017-Present

SELECTED POPULAR PUBLICATIONS (PROFILED BY OTHERS)

- "When the Ferguson Uprising Came to Geneva," University of Dayton, Let's Talk Human Rights, March 8, 2023
- "The Role of an Activist Attorney in the #BlackLivesMatter Movement," Yes Magazine, February 23, 2016
- "When Activism is Worth the Risk," Chronicle of Higher Education, July 21, 2015
- "King's Legacy Respected, Reinterpreted by new activists," USA Today, January 17, 2015