

CURRENT POSITION

Howard University School of Law Washington, DC 2015–present
Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills
Courses: Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing I; Legal Writing II

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law Columbia, SC
Juris Doctor, May 2010 *Order of the Coif, magna cum laude*

- South Carolina Law Review Editorial Board, *Associate Student Works Editor*
- Legal Writing Tutor
- Nonprofit Organizations Clinic
- Leadership roles: Pro Bono Board; Public Interest Law Society (*Vice President*); American Constitution Society (*Programming Chair*)

TEFL International, Seville, Spain
Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate, March 2003

University of South Carolina Honors College Columbia, SC
Bachelor of Science, August 2001 *cum laude*

- Major: Marine Science Minor: Environmental Studies
- Honors thesis: *Environmental and Social Implications of Shrimp Aquaculture in Ecuador*
- Study abroad: Ecuador Comparative Ecology Program, School for International Training

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

United States Court of Federal Claims Washington, DC
Chambers of Chief Judge Patricia E. Campbell-Smith 2013–2014
Chambers of Senior Judge Robert H. Hodges, Jr. 2010–2013

- Drafted opinions and orders for cases involving government contracts, military and civilian pay cases, takings, tax, and federal Indian law
- Analyzed briefs submitted by parties to lawsuits, conducted research, and interpreted case law
- Oversaw case management including facilitating status conferences, participating in hearings and trials, and communicating with attorneys and pro se plaintiffs
- Supervised and mentored numerous judicial interns

OTHER LEGAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

United States Court of Federal Claims Washington, DC

Staff Attorney

2014–2015

- Coordinated with the COFC Bar Association to launch and manage pro bono pilot program at the court; led information sessions for court staff on the program's operation
- Assisted with implementation of new judges' orientation curriculum; taught pro se cases session
- Worked on matters of attorney discipline, judicial misconduct, and pro se filings review

Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook, and Brickman, LLC Charleston, SC

Summer Associate

2009

- Worked on various plaintiffs' tort claims in state and federal court

Appleseed Washington, DC

Immigration Policy Intern

2008

- Coordinated with law firm partners and Congressional staff on projects related to unaccompanied immigrant children and problems with local police enforcement of federal immigration law

University of South Carolina School of Law Columbia, SC

International Law Research Assistant to Prof. Joel Samuels

2009–2010

Immigration Law Office of Amanda Newell Charleston, SC

Interpreter and Legal Assistant

2006–2007

- Interpreted Spanish to English and English to Spanish during immigration law consultations and translated legal documents Spanish to English
- Prepared submissions to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Charleston County Adult Education and Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Charleston, SC

English as a Second Language Program Facilitator and Teacher

2005-2007

- Taught all levels of adult English as a Second/Additional Language students
- Conducted countywide student assessment and maintenance of records

Open Schools of Languages Seville, Spain

English Professor

2003-2004

- Instructed undergraduate students at Universidad Pablo de Olavide and held advanced English classes at offices of international corporations

Maysville Middle School Zanesville, Ohio

Eighth Grade Science Teacher, Long-term substitute for fall semester

2002

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- District of Columbia Bar (June 2020 Admission)
- United States Court of Federal Claims (January 2011 Admission)
- South Carolina State Bar (Inactive, November 2010 Admission)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

“Up for Debate: Finding the balance between social justice themes and ‘triggering’ students,” Presentation, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, University of Minnesota, July 17, 2026.

“Coercion Rhetoric: Identifying and combatting the words being used to erode our rights,” Presentation, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, University of Michigan, July 11, 2025.

“Legal conception?: Telling the story of a reasonable expectation of reproductive privacy in the digital age,” Presentation, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, The City Law School, University of London, July 28, 2023.

“‘Coulda, Shoulda, Woulda:’ Ways we haven’t collaborated and what we’re going to do about it,” Presentation with Prof. Keri Foster (Director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation, Howard University School of Law), Legal Writing Institute Workshop, Charleston School of Law, December 6, 2019.

“Asylum Law Narratives: Bringing to Life the Stories of Domestic Violence Victims,” Presentation, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, University of Colorado, July 11, 2019.

“Reckoning with the Challenges of Using Social Justice Legal Writing Problems,” 31 The Second Draft 1 (Spring 2018).

“Reasons to Use the United States Court of Federal Claims in a Skills Problem,” Presentation, Global Legal Skills Conference, Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey, Mexico, March 16, 2017.

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Howard Law Academic Affairs Committee (2024–present)
- Howard Law Journal Faculty Committee (2015–2025)
- Federal Clerkships Development Program Committee (2022–2023)
- Academic Grievance Committee, ad hoc (Fall 2022)
- Montgomery County Immigrant Rights Collective Legal Community (2026–present)
- ALG Preschool Board President (2026–present)
- All Souls Church Unitarian English as a Second Language Program Co-Chair (2016–2020)
- ESL and Immigrant Ministries (ESLIM) Board Member (2017–2020)

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Advanced)