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APPOINTMENTS

Harvard Law School <i>Reginald F. Lewis Fellow in Law Teaching</i>	Cambridge, MA 2021 – present
Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2021 – present
National Bureau of Economic Research <i>Fellow in Aging & Health Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2021 – present

EDUCATION

Harvard University <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA <i>Currently enrolled</i>
Harvard University <i>M.A. in Economics</i>	Cambridge, MA 2021
Yale Law School <i>Juris Doctor (J.D.)</i>	New Haven, CT 2015
Stanford University <i>B.A. in Economics (with Honors)</i>	Stanford, CA 2007

SECONDARY AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate at Harvard Environmental Economics Program (HEEP)	2021 – present
Affiliate at Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) at Harvard	2021 – present
Affiliate at Opportunity Insights , Harvard University	2019 – present
Affiliate at Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University	2019 – present
(Senior) Resident Tutor at Leverett House, Harvard College	2018 – present
Mentee in Pipeline Mentoring Program, American Economic Association	2017 – present

POLICY EXPERIENCE

◆ LOCAL POLICY:

Chicago Public Schools <i>Education Pioneers Fellow (Developed first district-wide College Persistence Toolkit)</i>	Chicago, IL 2014
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| <p>Chicago Public Schools
 <i>Project Manager, “Culture of Calm” (Violence Prevention Initiative)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The New York Times</i> profile (link); NPR story (link) | <p>Chicago, IL
 2009 – 2010</p> |
| ♦ U.S. POLICY: | |
| <p>NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (LDF)
 <i>Legal Intern</i></p> | <p>Washington, DC
 2012</p> |
| <p>Capitol Hill, Office of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin
 <i>Appropriations Subcommittee Intern</i></p> | <p>Washington, DC
 2009</p> |
| ♦ INTERNATIONAL POLICY: | |
| <p>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
 <i>Tom & Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yale Law School profile (link); Museum profile (link) | <p>Washington, DC
 2016 – 2017</p> |
| <p>Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School
 <i>Team Member</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amicus brief (link) | <p>New Haven, CT
 2014 – 2015</p> |
| <p>European Court of Human Rights
 <i>Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellow</i></p> | <p>Strasbourg, France
 2012</p> |
| <p>Peking University (北京大学)
 <i>Exchange Student</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Martin Luther King in China (link) | <p>Beijing, China
 2006</p> |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <p>Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP
 <i>Attorney</i></p> | <p>London, England
 2015 – 2016</p> |
| <p>McKinsey & Company
 <i>Management & Strategy Consultant</i></p> | <p>Chicago, IL
 2007 – 2009</p> |

RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS:

- “All Things Equal: Social Networks as a Mechanism for Discrimination.”
 - “Best Paper with Student Presenter” Award (MD4SG 2020 Conference)
 - Pre-publication version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.15988>
- “Prosecutor Politics: The Impact of Election Cycles on Criminal Sentencing in the Era of Rising Incarceration.”
 - Pre-publication version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.09169>

PUBLICATIONS:

- Okafor, C. "Returning to Eden: Toward a Faith-Based Framing of the Environmental Movement." *Vill. Envtl. LJ* 26 (2015): 215.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS:

- Framing Our Future: Salience and Political Agreement in Climate Change Communication.

RESEARCH / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University <i>Research Assistant, Prof. James Stock</i>	Cambridge, MA 2020
Harvard University <i>Teaching Fellow for ECON 1123 (Introduction to Econometrics), Prof. James Stock</i>	Cambridge, MA 2019
American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Program <i>Teaching Fellow for ECSP 818 (Econometrics), Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge</i> ➤ "Outstanding June Teaching Fellow" Award (prize for top teaching evaluations)	East Lansing, MI 2018
Yale Law School <i>Research Assistant, Prof. Michael Graetz</i>	New Haven, CT 2012 – 2013

SELECTED HONORS**HARVARD UNIVERSITY (PH.D. STUDENT)**

2021	Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Fellowship
2021	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Prize
2021	NSF-CJARS (Criminal Justice Administrative Records System) Fellowship
2021	Machine Learning and Economics Summer Institute (MLESI), University of Chicago
2020	Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG) 2020 Conference ▪ Award: Best Paper with Student Presenter
2019 – 2023	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow
2019 – 2023	James M. & Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University
2019 – 2023	Terence M. Considine Fellow in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School
2019	Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics
2019	Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago
2019	Partnering in Education Research (PIER) Fellowship (<i>declined</i>)
2018	Teaching Fellow, American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Program ▪ Award: Outstanding June Teaching Fellow (<i>prize for top teaching evaluations</i>)

- 2018 Harvard Graduate School Leadership Institute (HGSLI) Fellow
 2017 Samuel L. Myers, Jr., Award, AEA Summer Program (*prize for best research project*)

YALE LAW SCHOOL (J.D. STUDENT)

- 2016 – 2017 Tom & Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellow, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
 2014 Education Pioneers Fellow
 2012 Kirby Simon Human Rights Fellowship, Yale Law School
 2011 – 2014 Earl Warren Legal Training Scholarship
 2011 – 2014 ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship

STANFORD UNIVERSITY (COLLEGE STUDENT)

- 2007 Rhodes Scholarship (*finalist*)
 2007 Graduation Speaker, Stanford Black Graduation Ceremony
 2007 Firestone Medal, Stanford University (*prize for best undergraduate theses*)
 2005 Chappell Lougee Research Scholarship, Stanford University

GRANTS

- 2020 – 2021 Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) Seed Grant
 William R. Waters Research Grant
 Gorilla Grant – Diamond Tier Awardee (Top Tier)
 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Engaged Student Grant
 Foundations of Human Behavior (FHB) Research Grant
 2019 – 2020 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Engaged Summer Grant
 Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant
 Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) Grant
 AEA/National Science Foundation (NSF) Travel Grant
 2018 – 2019 Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching (HILT) Pilot Fund Grant
 IQSS Travel Grant
 AEA/NSF Travel Grant
 2017 – 2018 AEA/NSF Travel Grant

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 – 2022:** American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting (*virtual*)

ACM Conference in Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO 2021) (*virtual*)

- 2020 – 2021:** Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Seminar (*Chicago, IL*) – *invited*
Stanford Graduate School of Business Rising Scholars Conference (*virtual*)
Conference of Ford Foundation Fellows (*virtual*)
University of Chicago Law School Work-In-Progress Seminar (*Chicago, IL*) – *invited*
Law and Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School (*Cambridge, MA*) – *invited*
Mechanism Design for Social Good 2020 Conference (MD4SG '20) (*virtual*)
- 2019 – 2020:** American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting (*Chicago, IL*) (*conference cancelled*)
Workshop in Empirical Law & Economics, Harvard Law (*Cambridge, MA*) – *invited*
Law and Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School (*Cambridge, MA*) – *invited*
Conference of Ford Foundation Fellows (*San Juan, Puerto Rico*)
University of Chicago HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality (*Bergen, Norway*)
- 2018 – 2019:** Stanford University Black Alumni Summit (*Los Angeles, CA*) – *invited*
- 2017 – 2018:** American Economic Association Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference (*East Lansing, MI*)
- 2016 – 2017:** United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (*Washington, DC*) – *invited*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REFEREE: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

MEMBERSHIP: American Economic Association, American Law & Economics Association, Society for Empirical Legal Studies

SERVICE: Co-Leader, Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG) Inequality Working Group (2021); Program Committee, Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization 2021 Conference (EAAMO '21); Panelist, National Collegiate Research Conference (2021), Harvard Economics Department Peer Mentor (2018–2019), Greener Scott Scholars Mentor, Harvard University (2021–2022)

BAR: State of New York (*current status: Active*), State of Illinois (*current status: Inactive*)