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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan Law School

Henry M. Butzel Professor of Law and Professor of Law (2022–present)

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Professor of Law (2007–2022)

Co-Director, Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy (2011-2021)

Visiting Professor (Spring 2007)

- Best Professor of the Year Award from the Class of 2022
- Conceived, organized and co-taught innovative ten week “pop-up” course: “*The First 100 Days: The Trump Administration and the Rule of Law*” (Spring 2017)
- Notable institutional service: Chair, Faculty Development Committee (2017-2018); Member, Dean Search Committee (2015); Chair, Appointments Committee (2010-2011)

Brooklyn Law School

Visiting Professor of Law (Fall 2006) (offer extended)

Seton Hall University School of Law

Professor of Law (2001-2007)

Associate Professor of Law (1998-2001)

Assistant Professor of Law (1995-1998)

- Dean’s Scholar (2003-2005)
- Six-time Professor of the Year nominee
- Notable institutional service: Member, University Provost Search Committee (2004-2005)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Laws, with equivalent of *cum laude* honors (1994)

Awarded Charles Hamilton Houston Fellowship (first ever)

City University of New York Law School, New York, NY

Juris Doctor (1989)

Brown University, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts, History (1985)

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Commissioner, Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States (2021)

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

THE CONTAINMENT: DETROIT, THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE BATTLE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE NORTH (forthcoming from Farrar, Straus and Giroux in 2024)

Milliken v. Bradley, a chapter in CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN U.S. COURT OPINIONS ON RACE AND THE LAW (Bennett Capers, et al., eds.) (Cambridge University Press 2022)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Equality of Opportunity and The Schoolhouse Gate

Reviewing The Schoolhouse Gate: Public Education, the Supreme Court, and the Battle for the American Mind by Justin Driver (with Derek Black)

128 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2302 (2019)

Integration Reclaimed: Reviewing Critical Race Consciousness by Gary Peller

46 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 725 (2013)

Racial Inclusion, Exclusion and Segregation in Constitutional Law

28 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 1 (2012)

Is Integration a Discriminatory Purpose?

96 IOWA LAW REVIEW 837 (2011)

Stifling the Potential of Grutter v. Bollinger: Parents Involved In Community School Districts v. Seattle School District No. 1

88 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 937 (2008)

Radical Integration

94 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 261 (2006)

Shifting Sands: The Jurisprudence of Integration Past, Present, and Future

47 HOWARD LAW JOURNAL 795 (2004)

Searching for Strict Scrutiny in Grutter v. Bollinger

78 TULANE LAW REVIEW 1941 (2004)

Grutter v. Bollinger: This Generation's Brown v. Board of Education?

35 UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO LAW REVIEW 755 (2004)

Causation, Constitutional Principles and the Jurisprudential Legacy of the Warren Court

59 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 1173 (2002)

Intergroup Rivalry, Anti-Competitive Conduct and Affirmative Action

82 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1089 (2002)

Isn't It Ironic? The Central Paradox at the Heart of Percentage Plans

62 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 1729 (2001)

Causation and Responsibility in Tort and Affirmative Action

79 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 643 (2001)

The Last Wave of Affirmative Action

1998 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 1395

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES AND ESSAYS, CONT.

Knowing Your Place: Theorizing Sexual Harassment at Home
40 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 17 (1998)

Separate and [Un]Equal: Housing Choice, Mobility and Equalization in the Federally Subsidized Housing Program
71 TULANE LAW REVIEW 413 (1997)

OTHER LEGAL AND SCHOLARLY COMMENTARY

THE NEW REPUBLIC, *The Integration Success Stories* Aug. 23, 2019
<https://newrepublic.com/article/154831/integration-success-stories>

THE NEW YORKER, *The Unfulfilled Promise of the Fair Housing Act* Apr. 11, 2018
<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/the-unfulfilled-promise-of-the-fair-housing-act>

YU NEWS, *Reflections on Charlottesville. A Legal Scholar's Perspective* Aug. 22, 2017
<http://blogs.yu.edu/news/reflections-on-charlottesville/#Adams>

THE NEW YORK TIMES, *Under Obama, Is America "Post-Racial?"* Sep. 22, 2011
<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/09/21/under-obama-is-america-post-racial>

MEDIA

NETFLIX, *Amend: The Fight For America*, Trailer and Episodes 1, 3 & 5 Feb. 17, 2021
<https://www.netflix.com/title/80219054>

NPR, *This Supreme Court Case Made School District Lines a Tool for Segregation* Jul. 25, 2019
<https://www.npr.org/2019/07/25/739493839/this-supreme-court-case-made-school-district-lines-a-tool-for-segregation>

INTEGRATED SCHOOLS PODCAST, *Not In My Suburbs: Milliken v. Bradley @ 45* Jul. 25, 2019
<https://integratedschools.simplecast.com/episodes/adams-milliken>

WDET, DETROIT TODAY, *The FHA Has Not Lived Up to its Promise of Desegregation* May 2, 2018
<https://wdet.org/posts/2018/05/02/86731-the-fair-housing-act-has-not-lived-up-to-its-promise-of-desegregation/>

Cardozo Benchmarks Video Series on U.S. Supreme Court Cases Apr. 31, 2016
Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frXZea7_iNg&list=PLpTNY7t7Lfw0btCMTJ4yCrFdO7DdswL1f&index=15&t=94s

Cardozo Benchmarks Video Series on U.S. Supreme Court Cases, *Fisher v. UT* Jun. 25, 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yJ7o06Pgg&list=PLpTNY7t7Lfw0btCMTJ4yCrFdO7DdswL1f&index=13&t=0s>

COURSES AND TEACHING

Primary: Constitutional Law I & II, Federal Civil Rights, Race and the Law, Federal Courts
Secondary: Civil Procedure, Torts

OTHER AWARDS

Certificate of Excellence, Cardozo Black Law Students Association (2022)
Women's Law Initiative Faculty Honoree (2021)

Cardozo School of Law Center for Public Service 2016 Faculty Inspire! Award (2009 & 2016)
Public Interest Law Association Alumni Award for Public Service, CUNY Law School (1996)
Staten Island NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award for Achievement in Civil Rights Litigation (1993)
Law Students Civil Rights Research Council Summer Internship Award (1987)

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Visiting Scholar (Spring 2002)

Stanford Law School

Visiting Scholar (Fall 2001)

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court (2003)

United States District Court, Southern District of New York (1991)

New York State Bar, Appellate Division, Second Department (1990)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Member, The Board of Directors, The Innocence Project (2010-2013)

Chair, Poverty Law Section, Association of American Law Schools (2003 – 2003)

AMICUS BRIEFS

Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin

U.S. Supreme Court 2015-2016 Term

Co-Author, Brief Amici Curiae of 53 Current Members of the Texas State Senate and House of Representatives in Support of Respondents

Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin

U.S. Supreme Court 2012-2013 Term

Co-Author, Brief Amici Curiae of 38 Current Members of the Texas State Senate and House of Representatives in Support of Respondents

Parents Involved v. Seattle School District No. 1

U.S. Supreme Court 2006-2007 Term

Co-Author, Brief Amici Curiae of The National Parent Teacher Association in Support of Respondents

LEGAL AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

University of Michigan Law School

Feb. 2020

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North

Columbia University

Nov. 2018

Panelist: *Reflections on the U.S. Political Landscape,*

Awakening our Democracy: Divided We Stand?

Seton Hall Law School

Apr. 2018

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North

Duke Law School Law

Feb. 2018

Speaker: *Identity and Politics Workshop*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North

- Rutgers Law School** Nov. 2017
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- Columbia Law School** Oct. 2017
Speaker: *Critical Race Theory Colloquium*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- University of Virginia School of Law** Jun. 2017
Speaker: *Center for the Study of Race and Law, Racial Justice Reform after Obama: Reconsidering Goals and Means*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- Fordham University School of Law** Oct. 2016
Speaker: *Center on Race, Law & Justice, University Colloquium on Race and Ethnicity*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- University of Iowa College of Law** Jul. 2016
Speaker: *Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles** Feb. 2016
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*
The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Oct. 2015
Panelist: *John Roberts and the Judicial Process*
Ten Years the Chief: Examining a Decade of John Roberts on the Supreme Court
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Sep. 2015
Moderator & Panelist: *Conversations on the Constitution: The 2015-2016 Supreme Court Term*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Sep. 2013
Moderator: *A Discussion with the Author: Thomas Healy's The Great Dissent: How Oliver Wendell Holmes Changed His Mind – and Changed the History of Free Speech in America*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Aug. 2013
Panelist: *Conversations on the Constitution: The 2013-2014 Supreme Court Term*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Apr. 2013
Moderator: *Conversations on the Constitution: The Supreme Court Tackles Same-Sex Marriage*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Sep. 2012
Moderator & Panelist: *Conversations on the Constitution: The 2012-2013 Supreme Court Term*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Mar. 2012
Moderator: *Conversations on the Constitution: Fisher v. University of Texas*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Nov. 2011
Moderator: *A Discussion with the Author: Ralph Richard Banks' Is Marriage for White People?: How the African American Marriage Decline Affects Everyone*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Oct. 2011

- Moderator & Panelist: *Conversations on the Constitution: The 2011-2012 Supreme Court Term*
- Seton Hall Law School** Sep. 2010
Moderator: *The Jurisprudence of Justice John Paul Stevens, Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** May 2010
Moderator: *The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies "Hate Speech," Discrimination and Segregation*
- Duke Law School** Apr. 2010
Panelist: *From Slavery to Freedom to the White House: Race in 21st Century America New Ideas for Old Challenges: Promoting Civil Rights and Racial Justice*
- Anti-Defamation League, New York Lawyers' Division** Mar 2010
Panelist: *Race & the Law in the Age of Obama and the Roberts Court 16th Annual Edward Brodsky Legal Conference*
- Seton Hall Law School** Mar 2010
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop Is Integration A Discriminatory Purpose?*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Nov. 2008
Participant: *Public Moot of Counsel for the Respondent in Ashcroft v. Iqbal (in the Supreme Court of the United States October Term, 2008)*
- Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association** Jun. 2008
Panelist & Organizer: *Author Meets Reader: Risa Goluboff's The Lost Promise of Civil Rights*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Oct. 2007
Panelist: *Conversations on the Constitution: Is the Constitution Color Blind?*
- Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association** Jul. 2007
Panelist: *The Future of 'Separate but Equal' Across Race, Sex, and Sexual Orientation Law and Society in the 21st Century: Transformations, Resistances, Futures*
- Hofstra University School of Law** Feb. 2007
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop Toward a Unified Standard for Evaluating the Constitutionality of Racial Preferences*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Jan. 2007
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop Toward a Unified Standard for Evaluating the Constitutionality of Racial Preferences*
- Brooklyn Law School** Nov. 2006
Speaker: *Faculty Workshop Toward a Unified Standard for Evaluating the Constitutionality of Racial Preferences*
- Brooklyn Law School** Nov. 2006
Speaker: *Sparer Lecture Sparer Public Interest Law Program*
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** Oct. 2006
Panelist: *A Discussion with the Author, Kenji Yoshino's Covering*

Brooklyn Law School Speaker: <i>Constitution Day Program</i> <i>Supreme Court, Current Term</i>	Sep. 2006
Seton Hall University School of Law Speaker: <i>Faculty Workshop</i> <i>Toward a Unified Standard for Evaluating the Constitutionality of Racial Preferences</i>	Aug. 2006
University of Minnesota Law School Panelist: <i>Racial Integration in Grutter and Gratz</i> <i>With All Deliberate Speed: Brown II and Desegregation's Children</i>	May 2005
Brooklyn Law School Speaker: <i>Faculty Workshop</i> <i>Radical Integration</i>	Apr. 2005
Case Western Reserve School of Law Speaker: <i>Faculty Workshop</i> <i>Radical Integration</i>	Apr. 2005
Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey Panelist: <i>Fifty Years After Brown: Are We There Yet?</i> <i>Annual Attorney General's Lecture Series</i>	Apr. 2004
St. John's University School of Law Panelist: <i>Achieving Diversity in the Classroom</i> <i>Symposium: Brown v. Board of Education at Fifty: Have We Achieved Its Goals?</i>	Nov. 2003
University of Toledo College of Law Speaker: <i>Current Issues Related to Brown</i> <i>Conference on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education</i>	Oct. 2003
Lavender Law Conference, The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association Panelist: <i>The Supreme Court's Vision of Diversity for the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis</i> <i>of Lawrence and Grutter</i>	Oct. 2003
Tulane University School of Law Panelist: <i>Deconstructing Grutter and Gratz: Constitutional Analysis</i> <i>Symposium on Brown to Grutter: Affirmative Action and Higher Education in the South</i>	Sep. 2003
Harvard University Panelist: <i>Beyond Equity: Extending the Diversity Defense</i> <i>Colorlines Conference: Segregation and Integration in America's Present and Future</i>	Sep. 2003
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Moderator: <i>Issues Relating to the 2002 Census</i> <i>Poverty Law Section</i>	Jan. 2003
Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis Speaker: <i>Faculty Workshop</i> <i>Intergroup Rivalry, Intergroup Competition and Affirmative Action</i>	Apr. 2002
Washington & Lee School of Law Panelist: <i>Institutional Role of the Federal Courts</i> <i>A Symposium on the Jurisprudential Legacy of the Warren Court</i>	Mar. 2002

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Session Leader: <i>Workshop on Property, Wealth and Inequality</i> <i>Session on Housing and Law</i>	Jan. 2001
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Session Leader: <i>Workshop on Property, Wealth and Inequality</i> <i>Session on Pedagogy: Constitutional Law/Civil Rights/Education</i>	Jan. 2001
American University, Washington College of Law Panelist: <i>Identities, Intimacies and Cash: Re-Theorizing Commodification</i>	Jun. 2000
Seton Hall University School of Law Keynote Speaker: <i>On Becoming a Lawyer</i> <i>Orientation Exercises</i>	Aug. 1999
Law & Society Annual Meeting Panelist: <i>Intersections of Law, Oppression and Culture</i>	May 1999
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Panelist: <i>The Privatization of Poverty Law</i> <i>Poverty Law Section</i>	Jan. 1999
University of Miami School of Law Plenary Speaker: <i>Theorizing Sexual Harassment at Home</i> <i>Symposium: Fair Housing 1968 – 1998: Promises Kept, Promises Broken</i>	Feb. 1998
Fordham University School of Law Panelist: <i>Visions for the Future</i> <i>Symposium: Lawyering for Poor Communities in the 21st Century</i>	Nov. 1997
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Panelist: <i>Developing Fair Housing in a Multiracial Society</i> <i>Property Section</i>	Jan. 1996
Seton Hall University School of Law Moderator: <i>Housing Mobility</i> <i>Symposium: Mount Laurel – What Lessons Have We Learned?</i>	Oct. 1996