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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** Sep. 2006

Speaker: *Constitution Day Program*

*Supreme Court, Current Term*

**Seton Hall University School of Law** Aug. 2006

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

*Toward a Unified Standard for Evaluating the Constitutionality of Racial Preferences*

**University of Minnesota Law School** May 2005

Panelist: *Racial Integration in Grutter and Gratz*

*With All Deliberate Speed: Brown II and Desegregation’s Children*

**Brooklyn Law School** Apr. 2005

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

*Radical Integration*

**Case Western Reserve School of Law** Apr. 2005

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

*Radical Integration*

**Historical Society of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey** Apr. 2004

Panelist: *Fifty Years After Brown: Are We There Yet?*

*Annual Attorney General’s Lecture Series*

**St. John’s University School of Law** Nov. 2003

Panelist: *Achieving Diversity in the Classroom*

*Symposium: Brown v. Board of Education at Fifty: Have We Achieved Its Goals?*

**University of Toledo College of Law** Oct. 2003

Speaker: *Current Issues Related to Brown*

*Conference on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education*

**Lavender Law Conference, The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association** Oct. 2003

Panelist: *The Supreme Court’s Vision of Diversity for the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis*

*of Lawrence and Grutter*

**Tulane University School of Law** Sep. 2003

Panelist: *Deconstructing Grutter and Gratz: Constitutional Analysis*

*Symposium on Brown to Grutter: Affirmative Action and Higher Education in the South*

**Harvard University** Sep. 2003

Panelist: *Beyond Equity: Extending the Diversity Defense*

*Colorlines Conference: Segregation and Integration in America’s Present and Future*

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting** Jan. 2003

Moderator: *Issues Relating to the 2002 Census*

*Poverty Law Section*

**Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis** Apr. 2002

Speaker: *Faculty Workshop*

*Intergroup Rivalry, Intergroup Competition and Affirmative Action*

**Washington & Lee School of Law** Mar. 2002

Panelist: *Institutional Role of the Federal Courts*

*A Symposium on the Jurisprudential Legacy of the Warren Court*

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting** Jan. 2001

Session Leader: *Workshop on Property, Wealth and Inequality*

*Session on Housing and Law*

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting** Jan. 2001

Session Leader: *Workshop on Property, Wealth and Inequality*

*Session on Pedagogy: Constitutional Law/Civil Rights/Education*

**American University, Washington College of** **Law** Jun. 2000

Panelist: *Identities, Intimacies and Cash: Re-Theorizing Commodification*

**Seton Hall University School of Law** Aug. 1999

Keynote Speaker: *On Becoming a Lawyer*

*Orientation Exercises*

**Law & Society Annual Meeting** May 1999

Panelist: *Intersections of Law, Oppression and Culture*

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting** Jan. 1999

Panelist: *The Privatization of Poverty Law*

*Poverty Law Section*

**University of Miami School of Law** Feb. 1998

Plenary Speaker: *Theorizing Sexual Harassment at Home*

*Symposium: Fair Housing 1968 – 1998: Promises Kept, Promises Broken*

**Fordham University School of Law** Nov. 1997

Panelist: *Visions for the Future*

*Symposium: Lawyering for Poor Communities in the 21st Century*

**Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting** Jan. 1996

Panelist: *Developing Fair Housing in a Multiracial Society*

*Property Section*

**Seton Hall University School of Law** Oct. 1996

Moderator: *Housing Mobility*

*Symposium: Mount Laurel – What Lessons Have We Learned?*