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**Academic Appointments**

**Duke University,** Durham, NC

*Visiting Assistant Professor – Law*, July 2022 – present

*Visiting Assistant Professor – Science and Society*, July 2022 – present

**University of Pennsylvania,** Philadelphia, PA

*Adjunct Professor*, May 2022 – August 2022

**Duke University,** Durham, NC

*Adjunct Professor*, August 2021 – August 2022

**Education**

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Doctor of Philosophy Candidate, Health Policy – Political Analysis, May 2023

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Health Policy: How Racism Impedes Progress*

**Boston University School of Law**, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor Candidate – Health Law, May 2019

Honors: Editor-in-Chief, *American of Journal of Law and Medicine*

Final Paper: *Expanding Horizons: Recognizing the Flint Water Crisis as a Bioethical Grievance*

**Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania** , Philadelphia, PA

Masters of Bioethics, August 2016

Capstone: *Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige*

**Oakwood University**, Huntsville, AL

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude,* in International Studies, Minor Political Science, May 2015

Honors: Dean’s List (All four years)

**Teaching and Research Interests**

**Primary:** *Torts; Contracts; Health Law; Health Regulations; Public Health Law*

**Secondary:** *The Economics of Health Law; Bioethics and the Law; Biotechnology and the Law; Health Policy and the Law; Race and the Law; Legal Empirical Studies; Public Opinion, Race, and Democracy*

**Publications**

**Law Review Articles:**

*Reformed But Not Repaired*,29 Mich. J. of L. and Race 1 (Forthcoming 2023).

*Expanding Accountability: Using the Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress Claim to Compensate Black American Families Who Remained Unheard in Medical Crisis*,72Hastings L. J. 6 (2021).

*Legal and Bioethical Implications of a Misdiagnosed Brain Death – Spears v. Rosen.* 43Am. J. of L. and Med. 4 (2018).

**Health Policy and Bioethics:**

*Lead Exposure Increases Risk of Death from COVID-19, Particularly in Counties with More Black Residents.* (Under Review with Health Affairs, 2023)

*From a Reckoning to Racial Concordance: A Strategy to Protect Black Mothers, Children, and Infants*. 52 Hastings Ctr. Rep. S1 (2022). [Peer Reviewed]

*Black Americans’ Views on Health Policy: Implications for the 2020 Election.* 1 JAMA Health F. 8,(2020). [Peer Reviewed, with Robert Blendon and Mary Gorski Findling]

*When Blackness Doesn’t Fade After A Pandemic: An Appeal to Acknowledge the Unequal Burden of Social Isolation.* 97 J. of Urb. Health 3 (2020). [Peer Reviewed]

*Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige*. 28 Cambridge Q. of Healthcare Ethics 3 (2019). [Peer Reviewed, With Lance Wahlert]

**Works in Progress**

*Public Health Neglect.*(In Progress, 2023)

*Let’s Talk About Race: Racial Resentment and Health Policy in the 2020s* (InProgress, 2023)

**Awards**

***Duke Initiative for Science and Society Faculty and Staff Leadership Award (2023)*** – Awarded to a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and mentorship for Science and Society Students.

***White House Fellows, Regional Finalist: Northeast Region (2021-2022)* –** Fellowship focused on building bipartisan relationships in the White House, providing practical policy experience with the federal government, and cultivating leaders in policy and public service.

***Emerson Collective Fellow: Recover and Renew Cohort (2020-2021)*** – Fellowship focused on equity, justice, and Covid-19 recovery. Awarded for a two-part, legal-empirical research proposal analyzing the relationship between counties with large populations of individuals with elevated blood Lead levels and Covid-19 mortality by race.

***Boston University School of Law Melville M. Bigelow Scholarship Award (2019)*** – Awarded to students that demonstrate great promise as scholars and teachers in the law.

***Law and Society Association Junior Scholars Workshop Participant (2019)* -** Awarded to junior scholars with a demonstrated research agenda in sociolegal studies. The purpose of the workshop is to provide mentorship and feedback.

**Board Memberships**

**Oakwood University Honors College Board,** Washington, DC

*Research and Development*, August 2020 - present

**Tufts Health Sciences Institutional Review Board,** Boston, MA

*Community Member*, September 2017 – September 2019

**Presentations**

**Guest Lecturer, Clinical Ethics,** *Duke University,*Durham, NC (April 2023)

**Guest Lecturer, From a Reckoning to Racial Concordance: A Strategy to Protect Black Mothers, Children, and Infants,** *Yale University – Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics*, New Haven, CT (October 2022)

**Guest Lecturer, Law, Research, and Bioethics,** *Duke University,*Durham, NC (September 2022)

**Guest Lecturer, Conceptual Foundations of Bioethics - Expanding Accountability: Using the Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress Claim to Compensate Black American Families Who Remained Unheard in Medical Crisis,** *University of Pennsylvania,*Philadelphia, PA (October and November 2021)

**Guest Lecturer, Bioethics and Healthcare Decisions,** *Boston University School of Law,* Boston, MA(March and April 2021)

**Panelist, Hastings Law Journal Symposium: Pandemic and the People,** *University of California Hastings College of Law*, San Francisco, CA (February 2021)

**Moderator, Fireside Chat and Q&A: Black Racial Justice, Health, and Healthcare – Our History and Future,** *Athena Health*, Watertown, MA (February 2021)

**Moderator, Combating Disparities: Maternal Health for People of Color,** *University of California, Irvine School of Law,* Irvine, CA (November 2020)

**Guest Lecturer, Conceptual Foundations of Bioethics – What Patient’s Families Say, What Doctors Need to Hear: De-trivializing Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress Claims for Black American Families Who Remained Unheard in Crisis,** *University of Pennsylvania,*Philadelphia, PA (October 2020)

**Guest Lecturer, Bioethics and Race Book Club - When Blackness Doesn’t Fade After A Pandemic: An Appeal to Acknowledge the Unequal Burden of Social Isolation,** *University of Pennsylvania,*Philadelphia, PA (September 2020)

**Guest Lecturer and Panelist,** *Yale University Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics*, New Haven, CT (July 2020).

**Commentator, Racial Bias, Disparities and Oppression in the 1L Curriculum: A Critical Approach to the Canonical First Year Law School Subjects,** *Boston University School of Law,* Boston, MA(February 2020).

**Acera 2019 Innovators Symposium, Reconciling Mistrust in Medicine with the Law and American Culture,** *Acera School*,Winchester, MA (September 2019).

**Guest Lecturer, The Economics of Body Modification, Medical Decision Making Under the Male Gaze, and Bioethics,** *Yale University - Sherwin B. Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics*, New Haven, CT (July 2019).

**Tufts Institutional Review Board – Economically Underprivileged Research Subjects,** *Institutional Review Board Ethics Education,* Boston, MA (April 2019).

**Urban Bioethics: Informal Legal Authority and Healthcare,** *Wiggin and Dana, LLC*. New Haven, Connecticut (Connecticut CLE Credit, July 2018).

**Urban Bioethics: A Call for the Prestige,** *International Bioethics Retreat,* Paris, France. (June 2018).

**Leadership and Research Experience**

**Harvard College,** Cambridge, MA

*Teaching Assistant – Don Goldman*, June 2021 – August 2021

* Assisted in teaching Infectious Diseases and Social Injustice
* Managed and taught two sections of students on bioethics and its historical intersection with marginalized individuals
* Provided tutoring services to students

**Harvard School of Public Health,** Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant – Ben Sommers*, May 2020 – September 2020

* Analyzed data on Medicaid work requirements in Arkansas
* Wrote research briefs and blog posts on legal implications of Medicaid work requirements in the United States
* Helped produce a follow up survey to measure the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in the Southern United States

**Harvard Public Opinion Research Program,** Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant – Robert Blendon*, May 2020 – June 2020

* Analyzed data on Covid-19 and its impact on Black American communities
* Developed survey question for outgoing surveys on race and public health
* Wrote 2 publishable works on race, health, and public opinion

**Massachusetts Health Policy Commission**, Boston, MA

*Fellow*, June 2019- August 2019

* Assessed the Health Care Innovation Investment (HCII) Program’s investments in social determinants of health
* Examined the relationship between universal screening, equality in healthcare, and cost savings opportunities for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
* Evaluated the importance of health-related social needs

**American Journal of Law and Medicine**, Boston, MA

*Editor-in-Chief*, February 2018 – August 2019

* Developing the creative direction of the American Journal of Law and Medicine
* Developing the creative direction of the American Journal of Law and Medicine Annual Symposium
* Selecting articles for various publications
* Building relationships with scholars in the areas of public health, bioethics, and health law
* Managing a team of editors and staff members

**Boston University School of Public Health**, Boston, MA

*Research Assistant – Michael Ulrich, JD, MPH*, January 2018- June 2018

* Assessed the implications of gun violence on public health
* Examined the correlation between stalking and gun violence
* Kept abreast of current events regarding gun violence and public health

**Boston University School of Public Health**, Boston, MA

*Teaching Assistant – George Annas, JD, MPH*, September 2017-December 2018

* Assisted in teaching Health Policy, Systems, and the Law
* Taught students the legal aspects of healthcare and bioethics
* Provided tutoring services to students

**Other Experiences**

**Crash Course,** Missoula, Montana

*Writer for Crash Course African-American History Series,* August 2020 – March 2022

* Monitored and collaborated the creative direction of scripts for the Crash Course, African-American History Series
* Wrote scripts for episodes that addressed legal issues and cases, styled for audiences with varying expertise in the law

**Wiggin and Dana, LLP,** New Haven, CT

*Summer Associate,* June 2018-August 2018

* Wrote litigation materials for medical malpractice cases
* Analyzed legal theory research questions
* Independently prepared and delivered research presentation on informal legal authority’s intersection with urban bioethics

**Massachusetts State Legislature**, Boston, MA

*Extern*, January 2018- May 2018

* Performed legal research regarding Medicare and Medicaid, general health regulations, MassHealth, and bioethics
	+ Prepared preliminary policies for underserved populations
	+ Studied the workings of the Massachusetts State Legislature
	+ Assisted the Committee for Health Care Financing with bill development and bill organization

**Adventist Health Systems**, Winter Park, FL

*Law Clerk*, June 2017- August 2017

* Reviewed and edited physicians’ employment contracts and other agreements
* Performed legal research regarding Medicare and Medicaid, general health regulations, and bioethics
	+ Prepared preliminary policies for underserved populations

**University of Maryland Medical System**, Baltimore, MD

*Law Clerk*, May 2016-August 2016

* Reviewed and edited physicians’ employment contracts and other agreements
* Performed legal research regarding employment law, health regulations, and bioethics
* Independently prepared and delivered informational presentation to the legal department on bioethics and presentation to the ethics committee on Clinical Ethics Mediation