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Boston University  
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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Boston University**, Boston, Massachusetts

*Moorman-Simon Interdisciplinary Career Development Associate Professor of Law and Assistant Professor of Computing & Data Sciences*, July 2022 – Present

Courses: Evidence, Social Justice For Data Science

Service: Workshop Committee (July 2022-Present)

**Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, New York, New York

*Assistant Professor of Law*, July 2020 – June 2022

Courses: Criminal Law, Evidence, and Critical Race Theory

Service: Adjunct Committee (2020-2021; 2021-2022)

*Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*, July 2019 – June 2020

Courses: Evidence

Research focused on criminal procedure, racial justice, and algorithmic governance.

### EDUCATION

**Columbia Law School**, New York, New York

LL.M., *James Kent Scholar*, 2019

**McGill School of Law**, Montreal, Canada

B.C.L./LL.B., 2015

Honors: Edwin Botsford Busted Scholarship; Rosa B. Gualtieri Prize; Schull Yang Award; Daniel Mettarlin Memorial Scholarship; Reverend Charles H. Este Scholarship.

Activities: Research Assistant to Justice Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré; Research Assistant to Professor Adelle Blackett (Full Professor of Law and Canada Research Chair in Transnational Labor Law and Development); President of the Black Law Students' Association of McGill.

**Concordia University**, Montreal, Canada

B.A. (Hons.), History, *with distinction*, 2010

Honors: David Fox Memorial Prize for best undergraduate history thesis.

### SELECTED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

*Revisioning Algorithms as A Black Feminist Project*, in FEMINIST CYBERLAW (co-edited by Meg Leta Jones and Amanda Levendowski, UC Press, 2024) (forthcoming 2024)

*To Democratize Algorithms*, 69 UCLA L. REV. \_ (forthcoming 2023)

- Selected for 2022 Equality Law Scholars' Forum

*Beyond More Accurate Algorithms: Takeaways From McCleskey Revisited* (reviewing Mario Barnes, “*McCleskey v. Kemp*” in CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN U.S. COURT OPINIONS ON RACE AND THE LAW (Cambridge University Press 2022).), 121 MICH. L. REV. 1109 (invited contribution)

*Discredited Data*, 107 CORNELL L. REV 2007 (2022)

- Selected for the 2022 American Constitution Society’s Schmooze
- Selected for 2021 Privacy Law Scholars Conference
- Selected for 2021 Fourth Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM

*The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?*, 53 CONN. L. REV. 739 (2022)

- Reviewed in Jessica M. Eaglin, *Debunking the Myth of Democratized Algorithms in Criminal Administration*, [JOTWELL](#) (2021)

*Of Afrofuturism, Of Algorithms*, 9 CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF LAW 1 (2022) (peer reviewed) (invited contribution)

*When They Hear Us: Race, Algorithms and the Practice of Criminal Law*, 29 KAN. J.L. & PUB. POL’Y 329 (2020) (invited contribution).

*A ‘Bad Rap’: R. v. Skeete and the Admissibility of Rap Lyric Evidence*, 66 Crim. L.Q. 294 (2018).

*Redressing HIV/AIDS Discrimination in Nigeria: The Implications of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 2015*, 11 Harv. Afr. Pol’y J. 56 (2015).

*Rethinking Online Privacy in Canada: Commentary on the Voltage Pictures v. John and Jane Doe Decision*, 12 Can. J. L. & Tech. 245 (2014).

*I Love a Man in Uniform: The Debate Surrounding Uniforming the New York Police Force in the 19th-century*, in STAAT MACHT UNIFORM: UNIFORMEN ALS ZEICHEN STAATLICHER MACHT IM WANDEL? (Sandro Wiggerich & Steven Kensy eds., 2011).

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Algorithm’s Evidence Problem*

*Positionality Problem*

*Pretextual Predictions*

## **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

**Justices MacPherson, Cronk, Lauwers and Huscroft, Court of Appeal for Ontario, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

*Judicial Clerk*, 2016-2017

**Justice Madlanga, Constitutional Court of South Africa**, Braamfontein, South Africa  
*Judicial Clerk*, 2015

### **OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**CayleyWray Lawyers**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
*Lawyer*, 2017-2018

**Centre for Research Action on Race Relations**  
*Law Intern*, 2012-2014

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Transparency, Technocracy and Trust in Participatory Algorithmic Governance: Lessons Learned from the US Census Bureau’s Implementation of Differential Privacy.” Privacy Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado Law School (June 2023) (Discussant)

“Positionality Problem” Culp Colloquium, Duke University School of Law (May 2023)

“Race, Law, and Algorithms,” Guest Lecturer, Public Interest Lawyering Seminar, Boston University (Professors Dahlstrom and Goodwin) (April 2023)

“To Democratize Algorithms,” Guest Lecturer, Law and Algorithms Course Boston University (Professors Sellars, Canetti, and Kaptchuk) (April 2023)

“To Democratize Algorithms” Brooklyn Law School, Faculty Workshop (April 2023)

“To Democratize Algorithms” Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Faculty Workshop (April 2023)

Democratic Regulation of AI Workshop, Panelist hosted by the Yale ISP Wikimedia Initiative on Intermediaries and Information (February 2023)

“To Democratize Algorithm” Justice-AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (December 2022)

“Criminal Record Management, Administrative Hassle, and Data Work” Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable, Duke University School of Law (December 2022) (Discussant)

Algorithms for Democracy, Governing, and Access to Law, Guest Lecturer, Fairness and Privacy: Perspectives from Law and Probability Course, Harvard Law School (Professors Martha Minow Cynthia Dwork) (November 2022)

“To Democratize Algorithms” Equality Law Scholars’ Forum, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (November 2022)

“Abolitionist Futures,” Guest Lecturer, Abolition and Law Seminar, Indiana Law School, (Professor India Thusi) (August 2022)

Conference on Risk Assessment, Vanderbilt Law School (August 2022) (panelist)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Racial Justice Scholarship Panel, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (July 2022)

“Abolitionist Algorithms?” Culp Colloquium, University of Chicago School of Law (June 2022)

“Of Afrofuturism, Of Algorithms,” Afrofuturism and the Law Workshop, cohosted by Center on Race, Law and Justice (Fordham Law School), Center for Ethics, Ethics of AI Lab,( University of Toronto) (May 2022)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Virtual Criminal Law Workshop (April 2022)

“Discredited Data,” California Western School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” 2022, Ethics Center Series: Bias in AI, hosted by Center for Professional & Applied Ethics, UNC Charlotte (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” University of Hawaii’s William S. Richardson School of Law, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” New York Law School, Faculty Workshop (March 2022)

“Discredited Data,” Guest Lecturer, Race, Law, and Technology Seminar, University of Maryland, (Professor Chaz Arnett) (February 2022)

“Discredited Data,” Connecticut Law School, Faculty Workshop (February 2022)

“Discredited Data,” University of California Hastings College of the Law, Faculty Workshop (February 2022)

Abolition and Technology,” UCLA Law Symposium, Toward an Abolitionist Future (January 2022) (Co-faculty sponsor and Moderator)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2022) (presented on the Section on Criminal Justice’s “Work in Progress” panel)

“Discredited Data,” 2021, Tech/Law Colloquium series, jointly hosted by Cornell University Law School and Cornell University College of Computing and Information Science (December 2021)

“Discredited Data,” 2021 Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School (November 2021)

“Discredited Data,” 2021 Fourth Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (selected from a blind national call) (October 2021)

“Critical Race Theory and the Law,” the Richard J. Childress Memorial Symposium, Saint Louis University Law School (October 2021) (Panelist)

“Racial Logics in Algorithmic Systems,” Regulating AI Symposium, Electronic Privacy Information Center (September 2021) (Moderator)

Discredited Data,” Guest Lecturer, AI and the Law Seminar, University of Florida (Professor Amy Stein) (September 2021)

“Racial Justice,” 8th Annual Lara D. Gass Symposium hosted by Law Women Law Students Organization, Washington and Lee University School of Law (September 2021) (Panelist)

“Discredited Data,” Junior Faculty Summer Workshop Series, Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law (July 2021)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Women of Color Collective Junior Legal Scholars Workshop (July 2021)

“Beyond Carceral Data,” Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (July 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Privacy Law Scholars Conference (selected from a double blind national call) (June 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center (June 2021)

“Discredited Data: Epistemic Violence, Technology, and the Construction of Expertise,” Tackling Technology Facilitated Violence Conference Series, Osgoode Hall Law School’s Institute for Feminist Legal Studies and the University of Ottawa’s eQuality Project (May 2021) (Keynote Speaker)

“Abolitionist Epistemologies,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2021) (Roundtable Discussion)

“When They Hear Us: Race, Criminal Reform, and the Democratizing Potential Algorithms,” University of Ottawa’s Centre for Law, Technology and Society (April 2021) (Public Lecture)

Discredited Data,” Guest Lecturer, Critical Race Theory Seminar, Widener University, Delaware Law School (April 2021)

“Systemic Racism and Evidence Law: Beyond Neutrality,” National Lawyers Guild, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (April 2021) (Moderator)

“Discredited Data,” Junior Law and Technology Scholars’ Workshop (March 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Invited Presenter, Yale Law School’s Ideas Lunch Series (March 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (February 2021)

“Discredited Data,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2021) (presented on the Section on Criminal Justice’s “Work in Progress” panel)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2021) (presented on the “New Voices” panel; selected from national call)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Nebraska College of Law’s Governance and Technology Center (January 2021)

“Surveillance and Criminal Enforcement Technologies and Discrimination,” C. Clyde Ferguson Symposium, Howard University School of Law School, (January 2021) (Panelist)

“Beyond 2020: Decarceral, Anti-Racist and Non-Traditional Teaching,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2021) (Panelist)

“Discredited Data,” Joint Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty and John Mercer Langston Writing Winter Workshop (December 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Invited Presenter, Yale Law School’s Virtual Cyber Policy Speaker Series (July 2020)

“Creating An Anti-Racist Climate in Law Schools” jointly hosted by City University of New York School of Law and Hofstra University’s Maurice A. Deane School of Law (July 2020) (Facilitator)

“Discredited Data,” CrimFest (July 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Junior Law and Technology Scholars’ Workshop (July 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” 2021 Decarceration Law Professors’ Works-in-Progress Series (July 2020)

“Discredited Data,” Northern Illinois University College of Law’s Criminal Law Works in Progress Series (June 2020)

“Discredited Data,” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Justice-AALS-ABA Criminal Justice Section Academics Committee Workshop, Washington, D.C. (November 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (October 2020)

“When They Hear Us: Race, Algorithms and The Practice of Criminal Law,” Invited Keynote, Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy’s Symposium, University of Kansas School of Law (February 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Guest lecturer, Critical Race Theory Seminar, Connecticut Law School (Professor Jamelia Morgan) (April 2020)

“The Democratizing Potential of Algorithms?” Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, State College, Pennsylvania (June 2019)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

Member, International Editorial Board, Law, Technology and Humans Journal, July 2022-Present

Member, Cynthia Dwork’s Hire Aspirations Institute, January 2023 – present

Committee Member, Law and Technology Workshop, July 2022-Present

Member, Advisory Board, Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), July 2022–present

Affiliate Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project, July 2022–present

Member, Technology-Facilitated Violence Advisory Committee, Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund, 2021-2022

Co-Convenor, Decarceration Law Professors’ Work in Progress Series, June 2020-present

Member, the ACM FAccT Program Committee, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

Reviewer for the ACM FAccT, 2021, 2022

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Law Society of Ontario (2016)