

Selected Honors

Nominee for CLEO Edge Diversity Award, Diversity Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Inc. (2018)

Member, Ohio Attorney General Advisory Group on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives (2016 – 2018)

Proclamation issued by the Mayor of the City of Cleveland celebrating my appointment as Associate Dean (Jan 2016)

Invited Speaker, Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference, Oxford, England (2015)

Book Proposal Reviewer, Oxford University Press, (2013)

Book Proposal Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, (2011)

Associate Dean Selected Service (<http://law.case.edu/Our-School/Diversity-Inclusion>)

Third Year (2017 -2018)

- Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - Planned and hosted 26th annual Midwestern People of Color Scholarship Conference
 - Increasing inclusion of student groups in law school faculty committees, including Appointments and Admissions
 - Increasing the diversity of Student Bar Association representatives to faculty committees, including Appointments and Admissions
 - Planning diversity student welcome in collaboration with Cleveland Marshall, Akron, and Thompson Hine
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- Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - Implemented the Diversity and Inclusion Scholars Program, which provides a small diverse group of 1L students with academic and career support
 - In collaboration with the Law School Diversity Committee, the University Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity, and the University Office of Multicultural Affairs, completed annual Diversity training of all full-time faculty, 1L, L.L.M. and S.J.D students, and staff
- Presentations
 - *Panelist*, Norman S. Minor Bar Association Law Student Success Forum (Sept 2016)

First Year (2016)

- Increasing Diversity and Inclusion
 - In collaboration with the Law School Diversity Committee, the University Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Equal Opportunity, and the University Office of Multicultural Affairs, completed annual Diversity training of all full-time faculty, 1L, L.L.M. and S.J.D students, and staff
 - Created procedures to diversify adjunct faculty
 - Planned and moderated Second Annual Diversity lecture
 - Created Diversity and Inclusion development plan
 - Sponsor of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 2016 Diversity and Inclusion Conference
 - In collaboration with Diversity Events Subcommittee, planned and hosted Diversity week
- Presentations
 - *Keynote*, National Diversity Pre-Law Conference (April 2016)

Selected Service

Member, Law School Appointments Committee (2011 – 2012, 2016 – 2018)
Member, Law-Medicine Center (ranked among the top ten health law programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report) (2011 - 2018)
Member, CWRU Social Justice Institute Leadership Team (2016 – 2018)
Member,

University of Connecticut School of Law
Visiting Professor, January 2011-May 2011

Hartford, CT

Courses Taught

Bioethics

University at Buffalo Law School, The State University of New York
University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions

Buffalo, NY

Associate Professor, July 2008- August 2011

Director of the J.D. and Master of Public Health Program, July 2008 – August 2011

Director of the J.D. and Pharm.D. Program,

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University
Weatherhead School of Management
Courses (Fall 2017): Accounting and Health Economics

Cleveland, OH

4.0 GPA

Georgetown University Law Center
Juris Doctor; May 2000
Honors

Washington, DC

Staff Editor

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

When Equal Pay is Not Enough: The Continuation of Employment Discrimination and its Influence on Gender and Racial Disparities in Health, 49 SETON HALL LAW REV. (forthcoming 2019).

Racial Disparities in Health Status and Access to Health Care: The Continuation of Inequality in the United States Due to Structural Racism, 77 AM. J. ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY 1113-1152 (2018)

Exploitation in Medical Research: The Enduring Legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, 67 CASE W. RES. UNIV. L. REV. 1171 -1226 (2017)

Missing the "Target": Preventing the Unjust Inclusion of Vulnerable Children for Medical Research Studies, 42 AM. J. OF L. & MED 797-833 (2016) (cited in MARK HALL, ET AL, HEALTH CARE LAW AND ETHICS, 9th ed 2018)

Involuntary Consent: Conditioning Access to Health Care on Participation in Clinical Trials, 44 J. OF L. MED. & ETHICS 445-461 (2016)

Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Putting an End to Separate and Unequal Health Care in the United States 50 Years After the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 25 HEALTH MATRIX 1-32 (Introduction for Law-Medicine Symposium issue) (2015)

When is a Change Going To Come?: Separate and Unequal Health Care Fifty Years After Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 67 SMU LAW REVIEW 287-338 (2014)

White House Conference on Aging **Cleveland, OH**
(Conference to discuss and formulate policy to address key issues affecting older Americans)
Invited Participant, April 27, 2015

City of Cleveland, Office of Minority Health **Cleveland, OH**
Keynote Speaker, April 1, 2015
“Eradicating Injustice to Attain Health Equity in Cleveland”

University of Missouri, School of Medicine **Columbia, MO**
Invited Speaker, September 18, 2014
“Racial Disparities: The Injustice of Racial Bias in Health Care After the ACA”

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities **San Diego, CA**
Invited Speaker, September 16, 2014
“Racial Disparities: The Injustice of Racial Bias in Health Care”

Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine **Cleveland, OH**
Invited Speaker, July 16, 2014
“Health Disparities: What Does Race Have to Do With It?”

University of Calif

University of Maryland

Baltimore, MD

Invited Participant, November 2, 2012

Biopolitics Roundtable: Drafting a Biopolitics Constitution

Tarrytown Meetings

Tarrytown, NY

(Three year initiative that brings together renowned scholars, policy experts, civil-society leaders and others working to ensure that new human biotechnologies and related emerging technologies support rather than undermine a healthy, just and sustainable human future)

Invited Moderator, July 24, 2012

“Genetic Justice and Community Participation”

(<http://thetarrytownmeetings.org/content/profile/yearby>)

Law and Society Association

Honolulu, HI

Invited Speaker, June 7, 2012

“Racing mtDNA databases”

Meet the Author, Community and Collective Rights: A Theoretical Framework for Rights Held by Groups, by Dwight Newman

Howard University School of Law

Washington, DC

Invited Presenter, January 26-27, 2012

“Engaged Scholars: Opportunities for Advocacy and ‘Shameless Self- Promotion’ Outside of the Classroom”

“Breaking the Cycle of ‘Unequal Treatment’ With Health Care Reform: Acknowledging and Addressing the Continuation of Racial Bias”

University of Connecticut School of Law

Hartford, CT

Invited Presenter, November 11-12, 2011

“Civil Rights and Health Care Reform: Changing the Status Quo Through Regulation”

Tarrytown Meetings

Tarrytown, NY

Invited Presenter, July 25-27, 2011

“A Good Market for Bad Science: How Biological Race is Sold to the Public”

(<http://thetarrytownmeetings.org/notes/presentation-ruqaijah-yearby>)

“Reflections-Connecting the Dots” (available at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01XCab43U_o)

University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law

Honolulu, HI

Tarrytown Meetings

Tarrytown, NY

Invited Presenter and Facilitator, July 26-29, 2010

“Genetics and Racial Justice” (<http://www.thetarrytownmeetings.org/notes/remarks-ruqaiijah-yearby>)

Southern Illinois University

Carbondale, IL

Invited Speaker, May 21, 2010

“Is Rationing of Medical Resources the Answer when Racial Inequities in Health Care Persist?”

University of Iowa, College of Law

Iowa City, IA

Invited Speaker, February 26, 2010

“Justice Renewed: Using Intersectionality Theory To Define What Is Equitable In Medical Research Studies”

DePaul University, College of Law

Chicago, IL

Invited Speaker, January 18, 2010

“Breaking the Cycle of ‘Unequal Treatment’: Acknowledging and Addressing the Continuation of Racial Discrimination in Health Care ”

Temple University Beasley School of Law

Philadelphia, PA

Invited Speaker, November 13, 2009

“African Americans Can’t Win, Break Even, or Get Out of the System: The Persistence of Racial Disparities in Health Care in ‘Post-Racial’ America”

University at Buffalo Law School

Buffalo, NY

Invited Speaker, October 23, 2009

“When is a Change Going to Come?: The Continued Exploitation of Children in Medical

Marquette University Law School

Milwaukee, WI

Invited Panelist, March 28, 2008

“Making Rhetoric A Reality: Granting the African American Community Equal Access to Quality Long Term Care”

Brooklyn Law School

New York, NY

Invited Speaker, February 21, 2008

“You Can’t Win, Break Even, and You Can’t Get Out of the Game: Stopping The Cycle of

University of Houston, Law Center

Houston, TX

Invited Speaker, June 3, 2005

“A Right to No Meaningful Review in Federal Administrative Agency Hearings: The Aftermath of *Shalala v. Illinois Council on Long Term Care, Inc.*”

Healthy Improvement Partnership – Cuyahoga County Health Department

(<http://hipcuyahoga.org/>)

Steering Committee Member, January 2017 – June 2018

Subcommittee Member, August 2014 – June 2018

Participate in Eliminating Racism as a Social Determinant of Health

Subcommittee meetings and assist in drafting partnership narrative

American Public Health Association, Aging & Public Health Section

Website Editor, August 2010