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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Law School**

St. Louis University

St. Louis, MO

J.D., May 1978

Cum Laude

**Graduate School**

Washington University

George Warren Brown School of Social Work

St. Louis, MO

M.S.W., May 1969

**College**

Clark University

Worcester, MA

A.B., 1967

**WORK SUMMARY**

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law**

**Assistant Professor**

**June 2004- Present**

I teach Civil Procedure, Remedies, Critical Race Theory and Mass Violence.

**West Virginia University College of Law**

**Visiting Professor**

**August 13, 2003- January 2004**

I taught Civil Procedure, and a seminar, Race, Racism and the Law.

**University of California Santa Barbara**

**Center for Black Studies and Department of Black Studies**

**Visiting Scholar and Professor**

**January 1, 2003- June 30, 2003**

The first quarter I taught a seminar on Issues in Reparations which is a survey of reparations given to victims of human rights violations with a focus on the demand for reparations by African descendents in the United States. I also authored the Center for Black Studies' report that was submitted to the University of California Office of the President and forwarded to the California Legislature on the May 2002 colloquium "Legacy of Slavery: Unequal Exchange."

**Washington College of Law  
American University  
Adjunct Professor  
1997- 2002**

I taught a course entitled Litigating Reparations for African Americans. The course provided students with an opportunity to assess and develop litigation approaches by focusing on those demanding reparations. It provides insight into creative litigation strategies and recognition of the limitations of litigation.

**CONSULTING POSITIONS**

**National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA)  
1997- 2002**

I led a team of lawyers, social scientists and activists in the development of litigation for reparations for African Americans. This role included consulting with other lawyers and activists involved in a litigation approach and also co-coordinating the Reparations Coordinating Committee with Charles Ogletree.

**Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.  
1999- 2002**

Drafted a briefing paper on search and seizure in 2000. Coordinated a housing summit in the spring 2001 in New York City. Served as coordinator of the Voter Intimidation and Education Hotline for the November 2000 and 2002 elections.

**Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**

Served as a consultant to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on two projects. I coordinated the Lawyer's Committee's delegation to the United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and I co-coordinated the third Black Women and Law Conference held at Howard University School of Law in 1998.

**STAFF ATTORNEY POSITIONS**

**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, The National Prison Project  
1982- 1993**

Developed and implemented conditions of confinement litigation primarily against state correctional officials, although involved in litigation against the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In approximately 1989, received the additional responsibility of the Deputy Director for Administration.

**United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section  
1978- 1982**

Litigated on behalf of the United States government cases involving the rights of the institutionalized. Caseload was primarily correctional institutions; however, it also included litigation involving institutions for the mentally ill and retarded.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **World Conference Against Racism (WCAR)**

**May 2000- September 2002**

Represented Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in the preparatory committee meetings for the World Conference Against Racism held in Geneva, Switzerland and Santiago Chile as well as at the NGO Forum in Durban, SA, August 28-September 1, 2002 and at the government conference, August 31- September 8. As a leader of the African and African Descendents Caucus, I was selected to make a presentation on reparations to the Roundtable of Heads of State chaired by President Thabo Mbeki.

### **United Nations Conference on Women and Beijing +5**

Consultant to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and coordinated its delegation to the 1995 Beijing Conference. Barbara Arnwine and I organized the Women of Color Caucus and the African American Women's caucus in Beijing. In 2000, represented the Lawyers' Committee at the follow-up to the conference in New York, Beijing +5, and co-authored a booklet on African American women for distribution.

### **Hague Appeal for Peace**

Represented the U.S. Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999, making an intervention on the issue of reparations for African Americans.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

### **Director of Administration Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.**

**October 1997- November 1999**

Developed and implemented administrative infrastructure including personnel policies and policies for the relationship between the CBCF, Inc. and members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Worked with the Executive Director and Members of Congress in developing policy initiative.

### **Executive Director, National Conference of Black Lawyers**

**May 1993- January 1997**

Continued the history of progressive advocacy by representing Geronimo Jijaga (Pratt) on parole issues. Successfully defended Judge Lajune Lange in an attempt by the Chief Judge of Hennepin County, Minnesota to remove her. Resolved the organization's outstanding debt and developed administrative infrastructure.

### **Mental Health Specialist/ Social Work Positions in St. Louis, MO**

**1969- 1977**

Worked as a community mental health specialist supervising a community- based mental health program in Yeatman Union Sarah Community Health Center from 1975- 1977. From 1969 to 1975, worked for Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center, initially assigned to the inpatient Children's Unit. In 1970, transferred to the community Outreach Program,

becoming the supervisor of that program in 1971, responsible for the provision of social work services in five model cities communities.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Formulating Reparations Litigation Through the Eyes of the Movement, 58 NYU Annual Survey of American Law Act 457 (2003)

*National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America: Its Creation and Contribution to the Reparations Movement*, **SHOULD AMERICAN PAY: SLAVERY AND THE RAGING DEBATE OVER REPARATIONS**, Raymond A. Winbush, ed., (2003)

The Development of the Movement for Reparations for African Descendents, 3 J.L. Soc'y 133 (2000)

“Reparations Are Like A Train: Mounting the Challenges and Claiming the Victory,” ENCOBRA, Summer 2001

The Building of an Ashram, Heart to Heart, AHAM, Vol 21, Nos. 10 & 11, May- June 2001

*Reparations, Restoration and Reconciliation, in International Peace Update* (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, October 2000)

Police Misconduct and Accountability, AMNESTY RIGHTS FOR ALL, INTERNATIONAL, USA (1998)

Reparations: The Court's Role on the Way to Victory, ENCOBRA, Summer 1998

The Abuses of Prisons, Resist, Spring, 1988

Vestiges of Slavery: Racism in Sentencing, Journal, The National Prison Project 2, Winter 1984

## **SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Testified before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representative on a number of issues pertaining specifically to the criminal justice system and remedying racism within the system. Testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of the National Conference of Black Lawyers in opposition to the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.

Works closely with Congressman John Conyers to build support for H.R. 40, a Reparations Study Bill, and has presented in issue forums organized by Congressman Conyers annually since 1992.

Has served as a keynote speaker and panelist at many conferences over the past twenty-five years, including various university and law school panels, the American Correctional Association, the American Bar Association, the national Bar Association, National Conference of Black Lawyers, Black Law Students Association, the National Association of Social Workers, the national Association of Black Social Workers and others.

Has appeared on many occasions in the local, national and international media on various topics involving racial justice, including Statehood for the District of Columbia, the criminal justice system and reparations.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member in good standing, Missouri Bar

Member, National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL)

Member, W. Harold Flowers Law Society, (Arkansas)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS (partial list)**

Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, inducted 1978

Church Women United 2002 Human Rights Award

International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies 2002 International Human Rights Award

Chauncy Eskridge 2001 Distinguished Barrister Award, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

National Association of Black Social Workers 2001 Certificate of Appreciation

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 1998 Certificate of Leadership

ABA Commission on Opportunities in the Profession 1997 Appreciation Award