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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

07/01/2022 – present Professor and holder of the Robert F. Drinan, S.J. Endowed Chair
Director: Initiative on Land and Housing Rights

Courses:

- Property
- Land Use
- Wills and Estates

PRIOR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

06/2016 - 06/2022 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Professor of Law

12/2015-07/2017 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
Professor of Law & Frederick W. and Vi Miller Chair in Law

11/2012 -12/2015 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
Professor of Law

09/2006 - 10/2012 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
Associate Professor of Law

08/2004 - 06/2006 DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
*Associate Professor & Dir., Center for Rural & Urban
Community Development*

08/2003 - 08/2004 AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION, Chicago IL
Visiting Research Fellow

09/2002 - 08/2003 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO'S CENTER FOR THE STUDY
OF RACE, POLITICS AND CULTURE
Faculty Fellow

09/2000 - 04/2006 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
Assistant Professor

OTHER PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2017 – 07/2018 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Interim Dean
- 02/1998 - 06/2000 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL
Assistant Dean for Student Relations (in this administrative position, I served as the acting dean of admissions for one year in addition to working on other student-related matters the dean assigned to me).
- 03/1997 - 08/2001 LAND TENURE CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Director of the Summer Law Student Externship Program
Directed national clinical program that sent law students from several schools across the country to work with poor, rural communities who have experienced land problems related to their lack of access to legal services.
- 12/1995 - 07/1996 HONORABLE EMMET G. SULLIVAN
Law Clerk
United States District Court for the District of Columbia Circuit: Drafted bench memoranda, prepared initial drafts of opinions and orders, reviewed motions, and advised Judge Sullivan on a variety of matters related to his federal docket.
- 10/1993 - 12/1995 COVINGTON & BURLING
Attorney
Drafted memoranda, briefs and other pleadings in insurance coverage and other litigation matters. Served as counsel to the plaintiff class in connection with consent decree involving the District of Columbia concerning conditions at Lorton Central Security Prison.
- 05/1991- 09/1991 U.S. SENATOR DAVID PRYOR, (Arkansas)
U.S. SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING
Congressional Fellow
Drafted Committee Print that provided a history of the Special Committee on Aging.
- 07/1987- 09/1988 U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DAVID “MAC” SWEENEY (D-14, Texas)
Legislative Assistant & Legislative Director
Directed congressional staff that included seven legislative assistants. With the assistance of House counsel, drafted legislation in the area of rural health care.

SPECIAL HONORS

- American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law, Jefferson Fordham Advocacy Award
- Louisiana Appleseed, 2022 Good Apple Pro Bono Honoree

- Journal of Black Innovation: named 1 of 50 Most Important African-Americans in Infrastructure in 2021
- Howard University 2021 Alumni Award for Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement
- MacArthur Fellow, 2020 (1 of 21 people in the United States awarded the MacArthur Fellowship in 2020)
- Dr. Sadie Alexander Leadership Award, the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School's Black Law Students Association, February 29, 2020
- Scholar-in-Residence at U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Thelton Henderson Center for Social Justice, March 4-8, 2019
- Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use and Planning Law, Vermont Law School
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL). Selected to be a fellow in 2014. ACREL is the most prestigious organization for real estate lawyers in the United States. Membership is by invitation only and ACREL only extends invitations to a small number of people to become fellows each year after it conducts a months-long vetting process. Of the approximately 1,000 ACREL fellows, fewer than forty are law professors.
- Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award, 2013 Recipient. One of 10 professors in the United States in the fields of law, medicine, and psychology recognized as a transformational educator who has inspired a former student to create an organization which has conferred lasting benefits within particular communities.
- Uniform Law Commission, Reporter for Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA) (2007-2010) (18 states and the United States Virgin Islands have now enacted the UPHPA into law, making it the 5th most successful uniform real property act – of about 45 promulgated – in the history of the Uniform Law Commission)
- Spirit of Land Rich Award, received award at the University of North Carolina from the Land Rich organization for my work on behalf of minority landowners (April 2007)
- National Rural Assembly. Selected by the Kellogg Foundation and the Ford Foundation as one of 300 rural leaders to participate in developing a national policy agenda called the Rural Compact

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

William H. Hastie Fellow, LL.M. December, 1999

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., *cum laude* 1993 (class rank top 5% -- 5/115)

Honors: *Special Articles Editor*, HOWARD UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL
American Jurisprudence Book Award: Constitutional Law

AMHERST COLLEGE

B.A., English 1987

Honors: G. Armour Craig Award for Prose Composition

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

HEIRS' PROPERTY AND THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND HISTORIC REFORM (lead co-editor and contributor, A.B.A. Publishing 2022)

NEW LEGAL REALISM: TRANSLATING LAW-AND-SOCIETY FOR TODAY'S LEGAL PRACTICE (volume one) (Cambridge University Press 2016) (edited with Elizabeth Mertz and Stewart Macaulay)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Black Land Loss: 1920-1997, 112 AEA Papers and Proceedings 1, 1-5 (2022) (co-authored with Dania V. Francis, Darrick Hamilton, Nathan A. Rosenberg, & Bryce Wilson Stucki)

Rendering Rural Property Visible to Law: A Role for New Legal Realism, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON MODERN LEGAL REALISM (Shauhin Talesh, Heinz Klug, and Elizabeth Mertz, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021)

Expansion of New Law in Southeast May Stave Off Black Land Loss, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA, PARTNERS UPDATE (2020) (co-authored with Sarah Stein and Ann Carpenter)

Historic Partition Law Reform: A Game Changer for Heirs' Property Owners, in U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE, SOUTHERN RESEARCH STATION, GENERAL TECHNICAL REPORT, HEIRS' PROPERTY AND LAND FRACTIONATION: FOSTERING STABLE OWNERSHIP TO PREVENT LAND LOSS AND ABANDONMENT (Cassandra Johnson Gaither, Ann Carpenter, Tracy Lloyd McCurty, & Sara Toering eds. 2019)

Restoring Hope for Heirs Property Owners: The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, STATE & LOCAL LAW NEWS, Fall 2016, at 6

New Legal Realism and Inequality, in NEW LEGAL REALISM: TRANSLATING LAW-AND-SOCIETY FOR TODAY'S LEGAL PRACTICE (Elizabeth Mertz, Stewart Macaulay, and Thomas W. Mitchell, eds., Cambridge University Press 2016)

Reforming Property Law to Address Devastating Land Loss, 66 ALA. L. REV. 1 (2014) (lead article)

Growing Inequality and Racial Economic Gaps, 56 HOWARD LAW JOURNAL 849 (2013)

The Hastie Fellowship Program at Forty: Still Creating Minority Law Professors, 2013 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 737 (2013)

Uniform Laws Update, 25 PROB. & PROP. 7 (Jan./Feb. 2011)

Forced Sale Risk: Class, Race, and the “Double Discount,” 37 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 589 (2010) (co-authored with Stephen Malpezzi, and Richard K. Green)

Destabilizing the Normalization of Rural Black Land Loss: A Critical Role for Legal Empiricism, 2005 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 557 (2005)

From Reconstruction to Deconstruction: Undermining Black Landownership, Political Independence and Community Through Partition Sales of Tenancies in Common, 95 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 505 (2001)

The Land Crisis in Zimbabwe: Getting Beyond the Myopic Focus Upon Black & White, 11 INDIANA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 587 (2001)

Justice for Rodney King, 1 HOWARD SCROLL: THE SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW REVIEW 30 (1993) (with Scott C. Burrell and Alan R. Dial)

ESSAYS

Twisted Plotlines, SOCIAL INVESTOR 2021 (a Chandler Foundation publication) (essay addressing the importance of harnessing the kairos moment to protect Black property and wealth in America). Available at <https://www.chandlerfoundation.org/social-investor/twisted-plotlines>

Summary of Winthrop and Frances Lane Lecture, University of Nebraska College of Law, NEBRASKA TRANSCRIPT, Fall 2010, at 21.

The Empirical Turn in the Legal Academy: A New Legal Realist Perspective, Law and Society Association, November 2006 Newsletter

New Promising African American Landownership Initiatives, Equal Justice Society e-Newsletter - Issue 10 - Summer 2007

LEGISLATION, LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY & OTHER WORK, AND POLICY BRIEFS

1/5/2022 Utah Association of REALTORS®, Presentation to leadership about the Uniform Partition of Heirs’ Property Act

11/16/2021 Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Massachusetts: Testified in support of H.1559, the Uniform Partition of Heirs’ Property Act, General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Joint Committee on the Judiciary

10/23/2021 Presentation about the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act to the Legislative Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Real Property Law Section

9/30/2021 Presentation about the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act to the Legislative Committee of the Utah State Bar Association's Legislative Committee for Estate Planning and Elder Law Section

9/24/2021 Oregon REALTORS®, 2021 Fall Conference and Convention, *Presentation, Heirs' Property and the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act: Challenges, Historic Law Reform, and A Path Forward*

6/11/2021 United States Congress, Joint Economic Committee, expert presentation on property issues disadvantaged communities face

5/20/2021 Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®, Presentation to leadership about the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act

5/13/2021 Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in the District of Columbia: Testified in support of B24-156, the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act, Council of the District of Columbia's Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

4/2/2021 U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee (House and Senate), Policy Solutions for Issues Arising from Heirs' Property, Featured Presenter to the staff for the Joint Economic Committee

3/19/2021 Advised USDA Senior Advisor for Racial Equity on agricultural provisions of the American Rescue Plan

2/17/2021 Minnesota REALTORS®, Presentation to leadership about the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act

2/12/2021 Kentucky REALTORS®, Presentation to leadership about the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act

2/4/2021 Delaware General Assembly's Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of the African American Task Force. Served on panel that included Delaware's Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture addressing possible law and policy interventions to improve the ability of African Americans and other disadvantaged Delawareans to participate in Delaware's agricultural sector. The subcommittee consisted of various members of the Delaware legislature.

1/21/2021 Estate & Trust Section Study Group of the Maryland State Bar Association. Made presentation to the study group about heirs' property and the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act as the study group is considering endorsing the UHPA.

1/19/2021 North Carolina REALTORS®, Presentation to leadership about the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act

State Innovation Exchange, Justice for Black Farmers Act Webinar (1/14/2021). Made presentation to state legislators from a number of states

about the Justice for Black Farmers Act. Panel consisted of legal counsel for Senator Cory Booker, the Executive Director of the Black Food Justice organization, a few state legislators, and me.

Justice for Black Farmers Act: Participated in drafting United States Senate bill co-sponsored by Senators Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Elizabeth Warner. The bill represents the most robust, wide-ranging bill ever introduced in Congress to address historical injustices and systemic racism against Black farmers by various groups, most prominently the United States Department of Agriculture.

President-Elect Joseph Biden's Presidential Campaign (2020): Served on the Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee, including the Agriculture and Rural Development Subcommittee and the Environmental Justice Subcommittee.

Senator Elizabeth Warren's Presidential Campaign (2020): Advised Senator Warren's campaign policy staff in connection with the campaign's development of its *A New Farm Economy* and its *Addressing Discrimination and Ensuring Equity for Farmers of Color* policy documents.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Florida: In 2019 and 2020, I worked extensively with a multi-sectoral, multiracial coalition in Florida in our successful effort to get Florida to enact the UHPA. This work included my testifying in the Florida Senate's Judiciary Committee in December 2019. In the fall of 2019, the ULC appointed me to be its chief negotiator in Florida to negotiate with the Florida Bar Association's Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) Section, which initially had opposed our UHPA bill. In the end, RPPTL withdrew its opposition to our bill and the bill passed both chambers of the Florida legislature unanimously.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Mississippi: Served as the ULC's point person in the effort to get the Mississippi legislature to pass the UHPA and worked with a number of stakeholders, including the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation in that effort. Mississippi adopted the UHPA in July, 2020.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Virginia: In 2019 and 2020, I worked extensively with a multi-sectoral, multiracial coalition in Virginia in our successful effort to get Virginia to enact the UHPA. In the fall of 2019, the ULC appointed me to be its chief negotiator in Virginia to negotiate with the Virginia Bar Association (VBA), which initially had opposed our UHPA bill. Ultimately, the VBA not only supported our bill but also supported a substantial expansion of it so that it would cover far more partition cases whether or not the tenancy-in-common properties in question were owned by families or others. Ultimately the expanded UHPA was enacted into law in Virginia with unanimous votes in the legislature.

10/25/2019: 44th Annual Kansas Bar Association and Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association CLE (Wichita, Kansas): I participated in 90-minute debate against two representatives of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (one lawyer and the immediate past chair) about the merits of my Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, which the Kansas legislature has been considering.

Author of proposal submitted to the ULC in the fall of 2019 to establish a committee to study the potential for drafting a second uniform act to address state property laws that often keep tenancy-in-common property owners who are disproportionately low-income, low-wealth, and people of color locked into the very unstable tenancy-in-common form of ownership, including many families who own heirs' property, which is a subset of tenancy-in-common property. The ULC accepted this proposal in February 2020 and has established drafting committee.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in New York (Apr. 2019): I worked extensively with the New York City Bar Association (NYCBA) to develop some substantial proposed amendments to the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act bills that had been introduced in the New York legislature. The bills in the New York Assembly and Senate have been amended by incorporating the entirety of our proposed amendments and the amended bills currently are being considered by the respective Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committees. I also contributed to an 8-page report about partition law abuses in New York that the NYCBA disseminated to the public and to various stakeholders, including to members of the New York legislature.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Illinois (Spring 2019): I successfully worked extensively with the office of the Speaker of the House of the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Farm Bureau to get the UHPA enacted into law in Illinois. Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in West Virginia (Feb. 2019): At the request of a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates and in consultation with the legislative counsel to the West Virginia House of Delegates, I drafted a significant amendment to the bill that was introduced in the West Virginia House of Delegates to enact the UHPA. The bill as amended was passed by the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in Texas (2017): Testified in support of S.B. 499, the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act, Texas House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee (the bill ultimately was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott). Austin, TX (Apr. 4, 2017).

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in New Mexico (2017): I worked with a number of key stakeholders in New Mexico including certain New Mexico Uniform Law Commissioners in our successful effort to enact the UHPA into law in New Mexico.

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act in South Carolina (2015): Testified before the South Carolina House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Special Laws in support of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (the subcommittee then voted unanimously to approve the act and subsequently the South Carolina House unanimously approved the bill). Columbia, SC (April 15, 2015).

Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (Oct. 19, 2010), available at <https://www.uniformlaws.org/committees/community-home?CommunityKey=50724584-e808-4255-bc5d-8ea4e588371d> I served as the Reporter, person with primary drafting responsibility, for this uniform act, which was promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission (ULC). With 18 enactments in states in every region of the U.S. and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the UHPA has become the 3rd or 4th most successful of the 40 uniform real property acts the

ULC has promulgated in its 128-year history. I have played a very robust role in terms of efforts to enact the UHPA in nearly every state or other jurisdiction that has considered enacting the UHPA into law.

INSIGHT CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE RACIAL GAP IN LAND RETENTION, ACQUISITION, AND DEVELOPMENT (June 2009) (I was one of the primary contributors to this policy brief).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Black Land Loss and Racial Wealth Inequality in the United States. This is a collaborative research project I am working on with Nathan Rosenberg, Dania Francis, Darrick Hamilton, and Bryce Stucki. We will have multiple publications including in an economics journal, other social science journals, and in various media outlets.

Black Americans' Quest for Property Ownership: A Sisyphean History Submitted. This manuscript traces the long history of the various ways in which many African Americans have been thwarted in their attempts to become property owners or to maintain ownership of property they have acquired.

Property Valuation Beyond Numbers, co-authors are John Schelhas and Cassandra Johnson Gaither from the USDA U.S. Forest Service Southern Research Station and Sarah Hitchner, an adjunct professor of anthropology at the University of Georgia.

Uniform/Model Laws and Social Justice: Combining a Social Movement and Top-Down Approach. This article will address how advocates for underprivileged people can and should seek to develop uniform and model acts in various substantive areas of the law to promote social and economic justice, especially given that very few uniform or model laws have been developed to address the specific legal problems poor and minority people often face. This article will be submitted to the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law as part of the commitment I made to Vermont Law School in connection with the Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use and Planning Law that I delivered in the spring of 2018.

Exit from Common Property Ownership: An International Comparative Study. I have conducted some preliminary research for this article by researching relevant property laws in several provinces in Canada and in several European countries.

LAND REFORM IN THE NEW DEAL: SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL Book project that explores the racialized history of certain programs the United States Department of Agriculture established for poor farm families during the New Deal.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND PRESENTATIONS

1/9/2022 Part of 5-person research team that participated in American Economic Association/Allied Social Science Associations' Annual Meeting for session titled Race, Gender, and Financial Well-Being. We presented our

work in progress titled *Estimating the Present Value of Black Agricultural Land Loss in the U.S., 1925-1997*.

- 1/9/2022 Invited panelist, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, *The Common Good of Scholarship*, (1 of 4 panelists on panel sponsored by the Section on Scholarship highlighting how legal scholarship can have a broader impact outside of academia).
- 10/18/2021 Michigan State University College of Law, Dean's Speaker Series, Featured Speaker, *Tackling Racialized Property Laws: an Engaged Scholar's Approach*
- 9/28/2021 Guest Lecturer, Professor Keeva Terry's Wills, Trusts & Estates Class, at Howard University School of Law, *Heirs' Property—Impediment to Building and Preserving Generational Wealth within Disadvantaged Communities*, Washington, D.C.
- 9/24/2021 National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, *Spatial Justice as a Driver of Health in the Context of Societal Emergencies*, Panelist (Human-Caused Displacement)
- 3/26/2021 University of Miami School of Law, Critical Perspectives on the 1L Curriculum: Property, Featured Speaker
- 3/15/2021 Guest Lecturer, Professor Frank Upham's 1L Property Class at New York University School of Law, *Making a Way Out of No Way: The Unexpected Success of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act*
- 3/11/2021 University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability, Justice Agendas for Confronting Environmental Crisis, *Making a Way out of No Way: Law and Policy Solutions to Help Black Farmers and Landowners*
- 3/10/2021 BYU Law Forum, BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School, *Making a Way Out of No Way: Addressing Race in Property Law Including Through Historic Law Reform*
- 3/3/2021 Yale Law School, Law, Ethics & Animals Program, Racism, Land Loss & the Creation of Modern Agriculture, featured presenter
- 2/19/2021 Columbia Law School, Black Law Students Association, 27th Annual Paul Robeson Conference, Imagining Economic Equity Panel, Panelist
- 2/18/2021 Kenyon College, The Rural Cause, The Future of Rural America under President Biden, Panelist
- 2/8/2021 Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia, Conference on Heirs' Property & Sustainable Forest Management, Panel on Federal Perspectives on Heirs' Property
- 2/1/2021 American University, Washington College of Law, Dean's Lecture, *Racial Inequity in Property Law: Tackling Issues Hiding in Plain Sight*

- 12/8/2020 U.S.C. Sol Price School of Public Policy, *Conversations with Interim Dean Dana Goldman featuring Thomas Mitchell and Richard Green* (fireside chat about my law & policy work)
- 11/19/2020 Featured Speaker for the University of Minnesota Law School's Faculty Works in Progress series
- 2/28/2020 Panelist, *Racial Bias, Disparities and Oppression in the IL Curriculum: A Critical Approach to the Canonical First Year Law School Subjects*, Boston University School of Law, Provost-Sponsored Great Topics Symposium. My presentation was titled *Exposing and Counteracting Some Ways in Which IL Property Courses Often Marginalize and Erase Underlying Racial Issues*. Boston, MA
- 2/29/2020 Keynote Speaker & Panelist, 32nd Annual Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference, *The Cost of Slavery: How Reparations Correct America's Balance Sheet*, University of Pennsylvania Law School. I served on both of the panels at the conference (the only speaker the organizers asked to do so) and also gave the keynote address at the evening black tie gala. Philadelphia, PA
- 2/15/2020 Panelist, *The Evolving Role of Property and Housing Laws in Historic Preservation Law*, Texas A&M Center for Heritage Preservation, 21st Annual Historic Preservation Symposium: *Preservation in Practice*.
- 2/14/2020 Panelist and Co-Organizer, *Legally Stolen Lands: Impacts and Remedies for Historically Disadvantaged People*, A.B.A. Midyear meeting, sponsored by the A.B.A. State and Local Government Section. Austin, TX
- 1/29/2020 Panelist, *'The Biggest Problem You've Never Heard Of': Examining Heirs Property and Black Property Loss*. Event sponsored by New America Foundation, Howard University School of Law, and Howard University School of Business. Washington, D.C.
- 10/16/2019 Panelist, *Land Loss, Wealth & Reparations*, Harvard Law School: Event sponsored by Harvard Law School's Food Law and Policy Clinic along with a number of other cosponsors, inside and outside of Harvard University. Cambridge, MA
- 05/20/2019 Invited Presenter, *Property Beyond Valuation: The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act's Recognition of Human Values*, Progressive Property Conference, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY
- 05/18/2019 Presenter, *Property Beyond Valuation: The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act's Recognition of Human Values*, Association for Law, Property and Society, Syracuse University School of Law, Syracuse, NY
- 05/03/2010 Invited Presenter, Estates and Trusts survey course at Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, which is a course taught by Professor

Carolyn Grose who serves on the Mitchell-Hamline faculty. Saint Paul, MN

- 04/02/2019 Presenter, *Heirs' Property Ownership and the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act*. I made this presentation for Professor Andrea Roberts' (Texas A&M University's School of Architecture) Community Revitalization Course. College Station, TX
- 03/07/2019 Distinguished Lecturer, *Addressing Property Challenges for Disadvantaged Communities: By All Means Available*. I delivered the Ruth Chance Lecture at U.C. Berkeley School of Law.
- 03/05/2019 Invited Presenter, *Striving to Address Racial (and other) Inequalities as a Law Professor: One Roadmap*, U.C. Berkeley School of Law's East Bay Community Law Clinic, Berkeley, CA
- 03/04/2019 Invited Presenter, *The Fillmore: A Personal Remembrance and Source of Inspiration*, University of San Francisco (for students in two undergraduate courses), San Francisco, CA
- 01/22/2019 Invited Presenter, *Addressing Black Americans' Sisyphean Struggle to Secure Property Rights: Combining Top-Down and Grassroots Strategies*. Presentation to the entire Boston University School of Law 1L-class as part of 3-person panel that addressed topic of property law and race. Boston, MA
- 09/19/2018 Invited Presenter, *Black Americans' Quest for Property Ownership: A Sisyphean History*, Property Works in Progress workshop, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA
- 05/5-6/2018 Invited Participant, Progressive Property Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
- 04/11/2018 Distinguished Lecture, *How to Address Racial Disparities in Property Ownership*, Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use Planning and the Law, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT
- 10/12-14/2017 Invited Participant, Property Works in Progress workshop, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA
- 06/23/2017 Presenter, *African-Americans' Quest for Full Citizenship Undermined by Recurring Property Ownership Barriers*, Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico
- 04/22/2017 Invited Presenter, *African-Americans' Quest for Full Citizenship Undermined by Recurring Property Ownership Barriers*, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Progressive Property Conference (co-sponsored by Harvard Law School and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law), New Orleans, LA

- 03/27/2017 Invited Presenter, *African-Americans' Quest for Full Citizenship Undermined by Recurring Property Ownership Barriers*, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
- 03/11/2017 Keynote Speaker, Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition, Black Folks Land Legacy Conference, St. Helena Island, SC
- 03/09/2017 Presenter, *In the Clear: Barriers to Recovery, Restoration, and Relocation*, RES/CON Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 02/03/2017 Presenter, *African-Americans' Quest for Full Citizenship Undermined by Recurring Property Ownership Barriers*, Texas A&M University School of Law, Real Property Law Schmooze, Fort Worth, TX
- 11/17/2016 Invited Presenter, A.B.A. Section of State and Local Government Law, Fall Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 11/04/2016 Invited Presenter, American Bar Endowment's Board of Directors' Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 05/21/2016 Presenter, *Exploring Barriers to Scottish-Style Land Reform in the United States* at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property and Society, sponsored by Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 05/20/2016 Presenter, *Sentimental, Cultural, and Historical Value of African-American Owned Land* at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property and Society, sponsored by Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland
- 05/16/2016 Invited Presenter, *Exploring Barriers to Scottish-Style Land Reform in the United States*, Land Reform in Scotland, A U.S.-U.K. Round Table, University of Glasgow School of Law, Glasgow, Scotland
- 03/11/2016 Invited Presenter, *African-American Property Ownership: Racialized Opportunities, Unjust Legal Regimes, and the Racial Wealth Gap*, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin – Madison, *Race, Property, and Debt* Symposium, Madison, WI
- 11/05/2015 Invited Presenter, University of Tennessee College of Law, Faculty Workshop Series, Knoxville, TN
- 10/26/2015 Invited Presenter, University of Georgia School of Law, Faculty Workshop Series, Athens, GA
- 05/29 - 05/30/2015 Organizer of service panel and presenter on second session, Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 04/30 - 05/02/2015 Presenter on two panels, including one of three panelists on closing plenary panel), 6th Annual Meeting for the Association for Law, Property and Society, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA

04/30/2015 Invited Presenter, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, Faculty Workshop Series, Athens, GA

04/07/2015 Invited Presenter, Historic Black Towns and Settlements Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

03/20/2015 Invited Presenter, 20th Thomas R. Gallivan, Jr. Conference, *Kelo: A Decade Later*, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

03/05/2015 Invited Presenter, Loyola Law School, Faculty Workshop Series, Los Angeles, CA

10/24 - 10/25/2014 Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

08/30/2014 Invited Presenter, New Legal Realism 10th Anniversary Conference: Future Directions for Legal Empiricism, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

04/11/2014 Invited Presenter, Marquette University Law School, Faculty Workshop Series, Milwaukee, WI

03/24/2014 Invited Presenter, Elon University School of Law, Faculty Workshop Series, Greensboro, NC

11/01/2013 Presenter, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO

10/24/2013 Presenter, Poverty Law Conference at American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

04/27/2013 Presenter, 4th Annual Meeting for the Association for Law, Property and Society, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN

02/20/2013 Invited Presenter, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, 2012-2013 Faculty Speaker Series, Fort Worth, TX

11/01/2012 Invited Presenter, Howard University School of Law, 9th Annual Wiley A. Branton - Howard Law Journal Symposium, Washington, D.C.

02/28/2012 Invited Presenter, UC Hastings College of the Law, Faculty Speakers Series, San Francisco, CA

01/27/2012 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, *Law and the Historical Movement: Law's Response to 21st Century Issues*, panelist, Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

11/03/2011 Invited Presenter, Wayne State University Law School, Faculty Speakers Series, Detroit, MI

- 06/02/2011 Invited plenary panel speaker, Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, panelist on a plenary session titled *Geographies, Nature and the Environment*, San Francisco, CA
- 03/17/2011 Invited Presenter, Southern University Law Center, panelist, *We're Taking your Property: Expropriation and Property Rights*, Symposium sponsored by the Journal of Race, Gender and Poverty, Baton Rouge, LA
- 03/05/2011 Presenter, Association for Law, Property, and Society, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
- 05/01/2010 Presenter, II Annual Freedom Weekend – Bringing Human Rights Home Community Forum, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 01/07/2010 Invited Presenter, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, joint panel sponsored by Section on Real Estate Transactions and Property Law Section, New Orleans, LA
- 02/19/2009 Distinguished Lecturer, Winthrop and Frances Lane Lecture, University of Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, NE
- 05/29 - 06/01/2008 Presenter, Law and Society Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 03/03/2008 Presenter, Law, Poverty and Economic Inequality, Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, IN
- 07/25 - 07/28/2007 Presenter, Law and Society Association Meeting, Berlin, Germany
- 07/18 - 07/19/2007 Invited presenter, Workshop on Comparative, Transnational, & Emerging Issues in Property Law, panelist, Durham University Department of Law, Durham, England
- 01/03/2007 Presenter, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Workshop on Remedies: Social Inequality and Monetary Relief, Washington, D.C.
- 03/17/2006 Presenter, American Society of Law, Culture and the Humanities, panelist, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY
- 01/05/2006 Invited plenary panel speaker, American Association of Law Schools, *Showcase for Exemplary Empirical Projects* (1 of 4 panelists on panel that was one of three concurrent plenary panels held at the annual meeting), Washington, D.C.
- 08/05/2005 Presenter, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Los Cabos, Mexico
- 07/08/2005 Presenter, International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Paris, France

- 11/12/2004 Presenter, Invisible Fences: Municipal Underbunding and Minority Exclusion Conference, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, NC
- 10/08/2004 Presenter, 2nd National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Panel on Race, Geography and Community Development: Legal Advocacy in Urban and Rural Communities George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
- 06/26/2004 Presenter, New Legal Realism Conference, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI
- 05/29/2004 Presenter, Law and Society Conference, Chicago, IL
- 05/24/2004 Presenter, Who Owns America IV? Conference, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI
- 03/26/2004 Invited Presenter, University of North Carolina Law School, Faculty Speakers Series, Chapel Hill, NC
- 12/05/2001 Presenter, Black Reparations in the Diaspora: A Public Forum and Panel Discussion, University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI
- 07/04/2001 Presenter, Law and Society Association’s Annual Conference, Budapest, Hungary
- 06/09/2001 Who Owns America (III)?: Minority Land and Community Security, organized two conference sessions, The Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI
- 04/20/2001 Dichotomy of State and Federal Policy in the New Millennium, panelist, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI
- 02/27/2001 Disparities in Black Wealth/White Wealth: What Can Be Done?, Served on panel with Melvin L. Oliver (Ford Foundation); Ted Shaw (NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund); and Darren Walker (Abyssinian Development Corporation), Columbia Law School, New York, NY
- 06/04/1998 Who Owns America (II), panelist, Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

OTHER PUBLIC TALKS

- 9/30/2021 Information Technology Industry Council, Guest Presentation to Board of Directors and Staff, *Promoting Social and Racial Justice: Combining a Bottom Up and Top Down Approach*, Washington, D.C.
- 8/25/2021 A.B.A. Section of State and Local Government Law’s 2021 Heirs’ Property Virtual Conference. Plenary speaker

- 4/12/2021 Amherst College, Black Alumni Week, Conversation with fellow MacArthur Fellow and Amherst College alum, Kellie Jones
- 3/18/2021 A.B.A./Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section/Estate Planning Council of Metro Louisville eCLE Webinar - *Heirs' Property – Pervasive Ownership Problems and Discrimination Hiding in Plain Sight*, panelist along with Senator Jennifer Leigh McClellan (Virginia state senator)
- 2/25/2021 Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Experts Talk on the Carter: The Art of Change, *John Quincy Adams Ward's The Freedman: The Continuing African American Struggle for 40 Acres and a Mule and Full Citizenship*
- 2/23/2021 California Association of Black Real Estate Professionals, *Helping To Preserve Family Wealth: A Conversation with Professor Thomas Mitchell*
- 2/16/2021 Atlanta Bar Association, Thought Leader Series: Zooms at Noon, *Heirs' Property—A Substantial But Underappreciated Problem Hiding in Plain Sight*
- 2/5/2021 U.S.C. Lusk Center for Real Estate, Graduation Speaker, USC Ross Minority Program in Real Estate
- 1/22/2021 Habitat for Humanity International, *Building the Beloved Community* (panelist for panel addressing fair housing and property matters impacting racial wealth gap)
- 1/6/2021 National Association of Realtors, REALTOR® Party Training Conference, *Focus on Fair Housing: The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act* (national training for all the state realtor associations)
- 11/19/2020 THE HILL, Diversity and Inclusion Summit, Building a Culture of Equity (panelist with a number of prominent state and federal elected officials, civic leaders, corporate leaders, nonprofit leaders, academics, and media personalities).
- 11/18/2020 THE ASPEN INSTITUTE, *All Land is not Creating Equal: Unleashing Family and Community Wealth through Land Ownership* (plenary panel and law & policy breakout panel)
- 10/8/2020 Urban Land Institute, Los Angeles – Urban Marketplace, A Vision For the Future – Action for the Next 20 Years
- 03/28/2019 Organizer of Plenary Panel and Presenter, *Out with the Old, In with the New?: Evaluating the Costs and Benefits of Gentrification*, American College of Real Estate Lawyers' mid-year meeting, La Quinta, CA
- 10/11/2018 Invited Presenter, *Heirs' Property Ownership: Overview and Legal Developments*, Sustainable Forestry African-American Land Retention Program Conference, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities (the organizer), Greenville, SC

- 06/15/2017 Keynote Speaker, *Heirs' Property Ownership: Moving from Seeming Intractable Problems to Workable Solutions*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, (keynote speech for *Heirs' Property in the South: Fostering Stable Ownership to Prevent Land Loss and Abandonment*, conference co-sponsored by Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and U.S. Forest Service's Southern Research Station), Atlanta, GA
- 03/14/2017 Presenter, *The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act: Commonsense Reform Stabilizing Ownership for Many Vulnerable Families*, webinar sponsored by the American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law
- 03/11/2017 Presenter, Black Folks Land Legacy Conference, sponsored by Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition, St. Helena Island, South Carolina
- 03/09/2017 Panelist, *In the Clear: Barriers to Recovery, Restoration, and Relocation*, Res/Con Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 03/14/2017 Invited Presenter, *The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act: Commonsense Reform Stabilizing Ownership for Many Vulnerable Families*, A.B.A. Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Webinar
- 11/08/2016 Panelist, *The "Legalized" Theft of Native American and African American Lands*, American Bar Association, Section of State and Local Government Law, Fall Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 12/01/2015 One of two invited speakers who gave a presentation (about heirs' property) to the Mississippi Access to Justice Commission at the Commission's quarterly meeting.
- 03/12/2015 Grand Boule of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Guest Lecturer, Madison, WI
- 10/16/2011 Presenter, Black Farmers and Urban Gardeners Conference, New York, NY
- 08/06/2011 Invited Presenter, American Bar Association, Annual Meeting, *Protecting Heirs Property: Uniform Laws and Social Justice*, Toronto, Canada
- 02/11/2011 Presenter, American Bar Association, Midyear Meeting, panelist on one of six featured public interest panels at A.B.A. meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 09/11 - 09/13/2008 Presenter, Corporation for Enterprise Development, Asset Learning Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 11/20/2007 Presenter, Land Rich Project Briefing, University of Wisconsin School of Business, Madison, WI

- 04/12/2007 Keynote Speaker, Land Rich II Conference, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, NC
- 09/20/2006 Presenter, Corporation for Enterprise Development, Asset Learning Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 06/12/2006 Presenter, Farmers' Legal Action Group, *This Is Not Your Grandpa's Farm Law: Cutting Edge Legal Issues in Agricultural Law*, continuing legal education workshop, St. Paul, MN
- 05/08 -05/12/2006 Presenter, Facilitator, and Policy Team Member, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, for Kellogg Foundation's Rural People, Rural Policy initiative, Scottsdale, AZ
- 04/08/2006 Invited Presenter, Amherst College, African American Alumni in Academia Panel, Amherst, MA
- 04/07/2006 Invited Presenter, Land Rich Conference, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, NC
- 03/25/2006 Invited Presenter, 4th Annual North American Baha'i Law Conference, University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA
- 10/04/2005 Invited Presenter, Ford Foundation Convening, Asset Building: The Perspective of People of Color, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama
- 02/09/2002 Presenter, 4th Black Land Loss Summit, Atlanta, GA
- 02/05/2002 Invited Presenter, Congressional Black Caucus Black Land Loss Town Meeting, Washington, D.C. (testified before Congressional panel on legal mechanisms that have led to forced sales of black-owned land in rural America).
- 11/14/2001 Taught the Legal Justice class at East High School, Madison, WI
- 04/21 -04/22/1997 Native American Land Issues Workshop. Organized two-day workshop at the Menominee Indian Reservation in April, 1997 addressing land tenure issues that impact Native Americans in the Midwest and Far West Region. Keshena, WI

MEDIA INTERVIEWS and APPEARANCES

- 10/19/2021 Shalina Chatlani, *Black Louisiana Farmers' Land Leases are Vanishing. Some Say Racist Policies are To Blame*, WWNO - NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC RADIO

- 10/15/2021 Jason Johnson, *Black to the Land: Will the Reversal of the Racist Land Grab at Bruce's Beach Spark a Trend?*, SLATE: A WORD . . WITH JASON JOHNSON
- 10/10/2021 Danny Hajek, A Martínez, & Kelley Dickens, *A Black Family Got Their Beach Back — and Inspired Others to Fight Against Land Theft*, NPR MORNING EDITION
- 10/4/2021 Video, *Heirs Property and Generational Land Loss*, Planning for a Diverse and Equitable Future Video Series, The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (co-presented with David Diedrich)
- 6/28/2021 David Condos, *Federal Payments to Black Kansas Farmers Come Too Late for Generations Who Faced Discrimination*, HIGH PLAINS PUBLIC RADIO
- 6/24/2021 Andrew Balaban, *Heirs' Property: "The Biggest Problem You've Never Heard Of,"* THE MAROON (New Palz High School Newspaper, New Palz, NY)
- 6/8/2021 Keir Miller & Kelly Gordon, *Debt Relief for Black Farmers and Other Farmers of Color*, MPR News (Minnesota Public Radio)
- 4/7/2021 Keith Romer, *How Jacob Loud's Land Was Lost*, NPR PLANET MONEY
- 4/3/2021 Michaëlle Bond, *When the Title to a House is Not Clear; A New City Program Waives Fees and Helps Untangle the Paperwork to Ownership*, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
- 3/25/2021 Elizabeth Rempert & Shelly Banjo, *Black Farmers Head to Capitol Hill to Fight for Economic Relief*, BLOOMBERG EQUALITY
- 3/18/2021 Soledad O'Brien, *The Battle for Black Land*, DISRUPT AND DISMANTLE (aired on BET)
- 3/9/2021 Megan U. Boyanton, *Biden Bill's Aid to Minority Farmers Spotlights Post-Trump Pivot*, BLOOMBERG LAW
- 3/3/2021 Alexia Smokler, *Repairers of the Breach*, REALTOR® Magazine (March-April 2021 edition) (National Association of REALTORS® official magazine)
- 2/28/2021 Amanda Little, *Will Biden Finally Deliver Justice to Black Farmers?*, BLOOMBERG OPINION
- 2/23/2021 Frantz Farreau, *RPLS eNews Interview with Thomas Mitchell*, Real Property Law Section of the California Lawyers Association
- 2/21/2021 Safiya Charles, *Alabama's Aging Black Farmers Uncertain About Future as They Struggle to Create Lines of Succession*, MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER
- 2/1/2021 Matt Reynolds, *How Jim Crow-Era Laws Still Tear Families From Their Homes*, ABA JOURNAL

- 2/1/2021 California Lawyers Association, Featured Interview
- 1/31/2021 Hiroko Tabuchi & Nadja Popovich, *Two Biden Priorities, Climate and Inequality, Meet on Black-Owned Farms*, THE NEW YORK TIMES
- 1/25/2021 Leonardo Blair, *Discrimination Cost Black Farmers at Least \$250B in Property Law Scholar Says*, THE CHRISTIAN POST
- 1/11/2021 James Ferguson, *Protecting Heirs Property Rights*, Protecting Heirs Property Rights, RFD TV
- 12/11/2020 Crystal S. Carter, *Producing Outstanding Scholarship*, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY
- 12/9/2020 Nadra Nittle, *Once Called Naïve for His Focus on Returning Land to Black Farmers, Thomas Mitchell Is Now a MacArthur Genius*, CIVIL EATS
- 12/3/2020 Megan U. Boyanton and Elizabeth Elkin, *Jim Crow' Land Ownership Spurs Black Farmers' Appeals to Biden*, BLOOMBERG
- 11/19/2020 Tom Philpott, *Black Farmers Have Been Robbed of Land. A New Bill Would Give Them a "Quantum Leap" Toward Justice*, MOTHER JONES
- 10/28/2020 Sophia Wolmer, *Alumnus Awarded MacArthur Grant for Work Remediating Racial Wage Gap*, THE AMHERST STUDENT
- 10/27/2020 Jared Brey, *Thomas W. Mitchell, MacArthur "Genius" Grantee, on Black Land Ownership*, NEXT CITY
- 10/14/2020 Kathryn Rubino, *This Law School Professor Is A Real 'Genius'*, ABOVE THE LAW
- 10/13/2020 Karen Sloan, *Texas A&M Law Professor Wins 'Genius Grant' for Property Rights Reform Work*, THE TEXAS LAWYER
- 10/9/2020 Lizzie Presser, *Black Landowners Will Benefit from New Funding to Prevent Land Loss*, PROPUBLICA
- 10/7/2020 Megan Rodriguez, *Texas A&M Law School Professor Selected for "Genius Grant,"* THE EAGLE, Bryan, TX
- 10/7/2020 Katie Geleff and John McGill, *MacArthur 'Genius' Grant Winner Fights to Reform U.S. Property Laws That Hurt Black Families*, CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION (radio interview and print media)
- 10/6/2020 Chris Odinet, *Thomas Mitchell Awarded MacArthur "Genius" Grant*, PROPERTYPROF BLOG
- 10/6/2020 Ellen McCarthy, *Proving Good Things Can Happen in 2020, the MacArthur Foundation Names 21 New "Geniuses,"* THE WASHINGTON

- POST (quoted and one of the article's featured fellows noting I was only lawyer selected in 2020).
- 10/6/2020 Petra Mayer, *Amidst Global Troubles, MacArthur 'Genius Grant' Winners 'Provoke And Inspire'*, NPR
- 10/6/2020 KERA, NPR Affiliate in Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (radio interview)
- 9/21/2020 April Simpson, *Racial Justice Push Creates Momentum to Protect Black-Owned Land*, PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS
- 8/26/2020 Greg Barlow, *Mitigating Property Loss Through Historic Partition Law Reform in the U.S.*, LSA STORIES, LAW & SOCIETY ASSOCIATION (LSA STORIES is the Law and Society Association's exclusive feature story series).
- 6/23/2020 *Florida Enacts UPPHA*, BLACK NEWS NETWORK (national cable news network)
- 4/24/20 *Losing Ground*, VICE (airs on Showtime), Lyle Kendrick, lyle.kendrick@vice.com (featured expert)
- 12/11/2019 Renzo Downey, *Senate Panel Advances Randolph Bracy Heir Property Inheritance Bill*, FLORIDA POLITICS
- 12/3/2019 Madison McVan, *Writing the Law: Missouri Farm Bill Rooted in History*, COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN
- 10/17/2019 Juan Pablo Garnham, *Texas' \$7 Billion Plan to Remake Houston Highways Once Again Targets Homes, Businesses in Communities of Color*, TEXAS TRIBUNE
- 9/25/2019 Michelle Chen, *Black Lands Matter: The Movement to Transform Heirs' Property Laws*, THE NATION magazine (quoted and referenced extensively in article)
- 8/21/2019 Arren Kimbel-Sannit, *USDA Faces Pressure to Implement Farm Bill Heirs' Property Provisions*, POLITICO, (quoted extensively in article)
- 8/14/19 Carey L. Biron, *U.S. Government Hears Woeful Testimony from 'Heirs' Property' Owners*, THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION (quoted in article)
- 7/25/2019 Reid Singer, *A Turning Point for Family Forests: How Heirs-Property Reform is Empowering Georgia's Landowners*
- 7/23/2019 Tim Carman, *Black Families Once Lived Off Their Southern Farmland. Their Descendants are Struggling to Hold Onto It*, THE WASHINGTON POST, (quoted at length in article)
- 7/15/2019 Lizzie Presser, *Kicked Off The Land: Why So Many Black Families are Losing Their Property*, The New Yorker Magazine and ProPublica each published this award-winning article

- 7/8/2019 Insight Center: Hidden Truths Podcast: Interviewed by the Executive Director for the Insight Center, an Oakland, California-based national research and economic justice organization
- 6/18/2019 April Simpson, *New Laws Help Rural Black Families Fight for Their Land*, STATELINE, a publication of the Pew Charitable Trusts
- 5/24/2019 Rosalind Bentley, *New Farm Bill Could Help Southern Black Farmers Tap Loans, Keep Land*, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (quoted in article and my uniform real property act featured)
- 5/02/2019 *CAP Report Highlights Inequities for Black Farmers*, Food and ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK, (based in New York, NY), (quoted in article).
- 4/22/2019 Columbia Missourian: Interviewed for possible article on Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act bill in Missouri legislature.
- 3/19/2019 *Going, Going, Gone: New Tactic by Real Estate Investors Forcing Some New Yorkers from Their Homes*, Spectrum News NY1, New York, New York (television interview and quoted extensively in accompanying article on website that highlighted my uniform act).
- 3/03/2019 Freelance reporter & journalism professor at the University of San Francisco: Interviewed at length about my scholarship and legal reform/policy development work on behalf of disadvantaged property owners.
- 2/19/2019 *The Most Substantial Reform of Partition Law in Modern History: Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act – Podcast Interview of Professor Thomas W. Mitchell*, Leadership Nature (national environmental organization based in Virginia), Tom Davidson
- 2/07/2019 *Fighting the Ghost of Strom Thurmond with Texas A&M Law Professor Thomas Mitchell*, The CAP-Impact Podcast (Produced by McGeorge School of Law Capital Center for Law & Policy)
- 1/16/2019 *Fix for Heirs Property: Farm Bill Could Smooth Path for States to Eliminate Forced Farmland Sales*, DTN: Progressive Farmer, (national farmers' media organization based in Birmingham, Alabama) (quoted and my work on heirs' property discussed at length) (this story was also disseminated by several other media outlets in Mississippi and Nebraska).
- 1/07/2019 *Farm Bill Advances Reform of Heirs' Property Law*, Dairy Business: The Future of Dairy (Indianapolis, IN) (quoted and my work on heirs' property discussed at length).
- 1/03/2019 *Farm Bill Advances Reform of Heirs' Property Law: Draws Upon the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act Authored by Thomas W. Mitchell*, Morning Ag Clips (Greenwich, NY) (quoted and my work on heirs' property discussed at length).

- 12/22/2018 *AgriLife Extension Experts Offer Their Thoughts on 2018 Farm Bill*, The Eagle, Bryan, TX (quoted).
- 12/19/2018 *Newly Passed Farm Bill Helps Heirs' Property Owners Achieve Land Rights*, KBTX-TV, Bryan, TX, (television interview).
- 12/12/2018 *Sen. Tim Scott's Provisions in Approved Federal Farm Bill to Aid SC Heirs' Property Owners*, The Post and Courier, Charleston, SC (South Carolina's largest newspaper) (quoted).
- 9/23/2018 Interviewed at length by ProPublica reporter based in New York, NY about African-American land ownership and loss and about my Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act for a forthcoming article in both The New Yorker magazine and ProPublica. After initial interview, I had two follow-up interviews.
- 07/07/2017 "Heirs' Property," Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Economy Matters Podcast (1 of 2 expert participants).
- 06/26/2017 *African Americans Have Lost Untold Acres of Land Over the Last Century*, The Nation (quoted and my work was featured in article)
- 06/16/2017 Fort Worth Business Press, Legislative Success: *Texas A&M Law School Professor Helps Push Through Fair Property Rights Reforms*
- 05/31/2017 Texas A&M Today, Texas A&M Law Professor's Partition Law Reform Bill Becomes Law in Texas
- 04/12/2017 NPR's Here & Now, *In Georgia, Inherited Property Creates Risks for Vulnerable Communities*
- 01/20/2017 Quoted, *Inherited Property Puts Vulnerable Georgia Communities at Risk*, Georgia Public Broadcasting, Atlanta, Georgia
- 12/03/2015 Quoted extensively in two, front-page articles about African-American landownership that were published in the JACKSON ADVOCATE, Mississippi's leading African-American newspaper.
- 07/15/2015 Quoted extensively in *Stateline* (publication of the Pew Charitable Trusts) article about heirs' property challenges.
- 06/22/2015 Featured guest on Washington, D.C.-based radio station WPFW on its program "To Heal DC." Discussed history of land acquisition and loss within African-American community and efforts to preserve remaining black-owned land.
- 03/21/2015 Quoted in The Day newspaper (New London, CT) in article titled *Experts agree: Luster is Off Eminent Domain after U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Kelo*

- 07/24/2013 Wisconsin Public Radio, State Supreme Court Decision May Change How Utilities and Government Buy Property
- 02/18/2011 Quoted in Dow Jones Newswires article “New Model for Family Property”
- 12/2001 Quoted in award winning, Associated Press series titled Torn From the Land that explored African-American land loss in the 20th century.

GRANTS

- 10/1/2021 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE
Principal investigator for one-year cooperative agreement titled *Identifying and characterizing agricultural heirs’ property, owners, and production decisions*.
- Fall 2012 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN GRADUATE SCHOOL
Received funding in fall competition for Summer 2013-Summer 2014.
- Fall 2011 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN GRADUATE SCHOOL
Received funding in fall competition for Summer 2012.
- 06/09/2006 THE FORD FOUNDATION
Principal investigator on \$175,000 Ford Foundation grant. The grant is to fund a book project that is tentatively entitled Beyond 40 Acres and a Mule: Race and the New Deal Farming Communities.
- 12/05/2001 THE FORD FOUNDATION
Principal investigator on \$230,000 Ford Foundation grant funded through the University of Wisconsin. The project is entitled Forced Sales of Black-Owned Land in the Rural South: Assessing Impacts on Black Wealth and Effects on African American Participation in Civil Society. I have received an additional \$30,000 supplementary grant under the main grant.
- 12/07/2001 THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON GRADUATE SCHOOL
Awarded \$10,000 “Flexible Fund” Grant.
- 01/2000 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
One of five grant writers that worked on grant proposal submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a Center for Minority Land and Community Security that would be jointly run by Tuskegee University and the Land Tenure Center at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. In January 2,000, the USDA funded the grant proposal. The \$3.5 million grant covers a 4-year period.

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED AS REFEREE

Racially Restrictive Covenants – Were They Dignity Takings? for Law & Social Inquiry (2015)

El Titulo en la Mano: The Impact of Titling Programs Upon Low Income Housing in Texas Colonia for Law & Social Inquiry (2008)

Psychological Aspects of Property and Ownership for Law & Social Inquiry (2007)

Intestate Succession, Property, and the Persistence of Poverty: Implications for the Appalachia Region for Land Economics (2006)

Do Human Rights Require Enforceable Property Rights? A Review of Human Rights and Land Reform in Zimbabwe for the Law & Society Review (2006)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Affiliate, Land Tenure Center, The Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (since 2012)
- Faculty Fellow, James A. Graaskamp Center for Real Estate, University of Wisconsin School of Business (since 2007)
- Member, Board of Directors, Farmers' Legal Action Group (since 2001)
- Member, The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association
- Member, Insight Center for Community Economic Development, Experts of Color Network for the Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Initiative (2007-present)

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Committee Service

- Chair, Career Services and Externship Advisory & Oversight Committee
- Member, Building and Space Committee
- Originator and Member, Judicial Clerkships Committee

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

Law School Service:

- Chair, Hastie Fellowship Committee (2011-2016)
- Curriculum Committee (2015-2016)
- Tenure Committee (2015-2016)
- Advisory Board Member, Laurie Carlson Progressive Ideas Forum (2011-2016)
- Chair, Employment Task Force (2011-2012)
- Graduate Programs (2011-2014)
- A.B.A. Self-Study Committee (2011-2012)
- Academic Planning Council (2010-2013)
- Director and founder of the Program in Real Estate, Land Use, and Community Development (2009-2012)
- Real Estate Initiative Committee (2008-2009)

- Chair, Appointments Committee (2009-2010)
- Appointments Committee (2006-2009)
- Academic Programming: Subcommittee on Skills Training (2010-2011) and Subcommittee on Adjuncts (2009-2011)
- Institute for Legal Studies project/workshop boards
- New Legal Realism Project (2007-2011)
- Law & Humanities (2006-2011)
- Board Member, Great Lakes Indian Law Center (2009-2011)
- Hastie Fellowship Committee (2006-2009)
- Judicial Clerkship Committee, (2006-2007)
- Public Interest Committee (2006-2007)

University Service:

- Faculty Diversity Working Group, (2010-2011)
- NCAA Athletics Self-Study Certification: Academic Integrity Subcommittee (2008-2010)
- Ad-Hoc Land Tenure Center Advisory Committee (2009-2011)
- Mentor, Chancellor Scholarship Program (2007-2011)

OTHER SERVICE

- Legal Services Corporation's Housing Task Force, April 2021- present
- External Reviewer for faculty member at the University of Arkansas School of Law who was being considered for promotion from Associate Professor to full Professor
- External Reviewer for the State of Arkansas of the University of Arkansas School of Law's LL.M. Program in Agricultural and Food Law, (2013)
- Member, Board of Directors, Association for Law, Property, and Society (2009-2012)
- Member, Board of Directors, Gathering Waters Conservancy (July 2014–March 2016, President; January 2014–July 2014, Vice President; Member 2011-March 2016)
- Member, National Advisory Board, Rural Policy Research Institute (2009-2012)
- Reporter, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2007-2010) (I have continued working with the Uniform Law Commission as we have been working to get our uniform act – the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act – enacted into law in various jurisdictions since the A.B.A. endorsed it in 2011)
- Member, Board of Directors, Farmers' Legal Action Group (2001-present) (the leading public interest law firm which serves family farmers across the nation)
- American Bar Association's Property Preservation Task Force (task force of the A.B.A.'s Real Property, Trust and Estates Law Section)(2006-2009)
- Member, National Rural Assembly (2007-2008) (one of 300 national rural leaders invited to participate in the National Rural Assembly that was held in Washington, D.C., in June 2007 and 2008. The Rural Assembly is sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National Rural Funders Collaborative)
- Insight Center for Community Economic Development/Ford Foundation, Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Project (2007) (chaired the Land Acquisition, Retention and Utilization Working Group that developed a

policy proposal over the course of 5 months that was presented by me at a 2007 convening at the Ford Foundation)

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE LAW

- California (1993); District of Columbia (1993)