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EDUCATION

- 1999 B.A., *with distinction*, Sociology (Intensive) and Political Science, Yale University
- 2002 J.D., *Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar*, Columbia Law School
- 2008 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2008 – *Present* Associate Professor of Law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law
- 2010 – *Present* Associate Adjunct Professor, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 2008 – *Present* Senior Fellow, Center for Genetics and Society, Berkeley, CA.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Bioethics; Constitutional Law; Sociology of law; Race; Reproductive and Genetic Technologies

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012 **Emerging Scholar Award**
Named one of 12 Emerging Scholars in Academia under the age of 40 by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.
- 2011 **John Hope Franklin Award**
Awarded by the Law & Society Association for *Do Blind People See Race? Social, Legal, and Theoretical Considerations*, this prize “recognizes exceptional scholarship in an article published within past two years on the subject of race, racism and the law.”

- 2011 **Distinguished Article Award (Runner-up)**
 Selected by the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Law Section for *Do Blind People See Race? Social, Legal, and Theoretical Considerations* as the Runner-up for the best article in the field published between 2008 and 2010.
- 2008 **Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar Post-doctoral Fellowship**
 Columbia University (declined)
- 2004 - 07 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**
- 2002 - 04 **Graduate Opportunity Program Fellowship**
 University of California, Berkeley

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Forthcoming BLINDED BY SIGHT: HOW BLIND PEOPLE UNDERSTAND RACE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR LAW AND SOCIETY, (Stanford University Press, under contract).

Articles

- Forthcoming 2012 *The Return of Biological Race? Regulating Race and Genetics Through Administrative Agency Race Impact Assessments*, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW JOURNAL
- 2011 *Life, Monetized* (invited book review of Harriet Washington's *Deadly Monopolies*), 10 THE AMERICAN PROSPECT 70 (November 2011)
- 2011 *All That Glitters Isn't Gold* (with Troy Duster), 41 HASTINGS CENTER REPORT 15 (peer reviewed).
- 2010 *Do Blind People See Race? Social, Legal, and Theoretical Considerations*, 44 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 585 (peer reviewed).
- 2010 *Prisoners as Human Subjects: A Closer Look at the Institute of Medicine's Recommendations to Loosen Current Restrictions on Using Prisoners in Scientific Research*, 6 STANFORD JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES 41.
 1. Reprinted in Ira P. Robbins, PRISONERS AND THE LAW (Thomson/West, six vols., 2011).
- 2008 *Beyond Best Practices: Strict Scrutiny as a Regulatory Model for Race-Specific Medicines*, 36 JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE, & ETHICS 491.
- 2008 *Race-Specific Drugs: Regulatory Trends and Public Policy* (with David Winickoff), 29 TRENDS IN PHARMACOLOGICAL SCIENCES 277.

2006 *Anything but a Hypocrite: Interactional Musings on Race, Colorblindness, and the Redemption of Strom Thurmond*, 18 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM 451.

Book Chapters

2011 *Race, Genetics, and the Regulatory Need for Race Impact Assessments*, in RACE AND THE GENETIC REVOLUTION: SCIENCE, MYTH, AND CULTURE (Sheldon Krimsky and Kathleen Sloan, eds.) Columbia University Press.

2006 *Race in Law & Society: A Critique*, in RACE, LAW AND SOCIETY (Ian Haney-Lopez ed.) Ashgate Press.

2004 *Social Responsibility as a Professional Virtue*, in A FUTURE FOR EVERYONE: INNOVATIVE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, (David Maurrasse ed.) Routledge.

Reports

2009 PLAYING THE GENE CARD?: A REPORT ON RACE AND HUMAN BIOTECHNOLOGY, CENTER FOR GENETICS AND SOCIETY.
1. Excerpted (in German): *Abstammung und typologisches Denken*, GEN-ETHISCHER INFORMATIONSDIENST, Nr. 197 Dezember 2009

Op-eds & Commentaries

2011 *Black Salt: Should the Government Single Out African-Americans for Low-sodium Diets?*, SLATE, April 18.

2011 *Clinical Trials on Trial*, NEW SCIENTIST, January 22.

2010 *Human Subjects Research With Prisoners: Putting the Ethical Question in Context*, (with Keramet Reiter), 25 BIOETHICS 55.

2010 *The Dangers of Growing DNA Databases*, LOS ANGELES TIMES, April 9.

2010 *When Scientists Pick a Fight With the Law*, SCIENCE PROGRESS, April 7.

2009 *Ten Years Later: Jesse Gelsinger's Death and Human Subjects Protection*, BIOETHICS FORUM, October 22.

2009 *Return of the Race Myth*, NEW SCIENTIST, July 4.

2009 *The Color of Our Genes: Balancing the Promise and Risks of Racial Categories in Human Biotechnology*, SCIENCE PROGRESS, June 15.
1. Reprinted in GENEWATCH, Volume 22, No. 3-4, pgs. 25- 27 (July/August 2009)

2008 *Back From the Dead: What Dog Cloning Means for Our Human Future*, ALTERNET, June 16.

- 2007 *Food from Cloned Animals – A Bait and Switch?*, (with Pete Shanks), SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, October 5.
- 2007 *Picking Nits or Learning Lessons? Defensiveness on Display in Gene Therapy Death* (with Marcy Darnovsky), BIOETHICS FORUM, September 17.
- 2007 *Medical Exploitation* (with Allen Hornblum), PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, September 13.
- 2007 *The Rebirth of a Nation*, COLORLINES MAGAZINE, (September/October).
- 2007 *Racial Alchemy*, NEW SCIENTIST, August 18.
- 2007 *Gene Therapy Risky Business for Patients*, SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER, August 17.
- 2007 *Racial Alchemy: Bioethics and the Skin Tone Gene*, BIOETHICS FORUM, May 18.
- 2007 *Hypertension: What Oprah Doesn't Know*, LOS ANGELES TIMES, May 17.
- 2007 *'Wal-Martization' of Embryos*, BOSTON GLOBE, February 1.
- 2007 *Wedge Issue is Back on the Table* (with Parita Shah), SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, January 17.
- 2006 *When is the Racial Pharmacy Bad Medicine?* (with David Winickoff), BIOETHICS FORUM, July 19.
- 2006 *Of Mice, Men, and Stem Cell Research*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, February 20.
- 2005 *Designing Your Own Baby*, BOSTON GLOBE, August 8.
- 2005 *One Step Forward, Two Steps Back*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, July 5.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

- In Progress *'Race' Ipsa Loquitur: How Blind People Understand Race and Its Implications for Equal Protection*
- In Progress *Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells and Differential Property Rights in Gametes and Somatic Cells: Rethinking the Divide* (with Helen Theung)
- In Progress *Race in the Life Sciences: 1950 – 2000* (with Julie Harris)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2011 *The Dangers of DNA Forensics*, Three O’Clock Report with Roy Ulrich, KPFK Los Angeles, April 16.
- 2009 *Designer Babies*, KQED Forum (NPR) With Michael Krasny, March 10.
- 2007 *Race and Hypertension*, OPRAH AND FRIENDS RADIO (with Dr. Mehmet Oz), XM Radio Channel 156, May 18.
- 2005 *Gene Doping*, THE KOJO NNAMDI RADIO SHOW (with Gary Wadler, Richard Pound, Andy Miah, and Jose Canseco) September 26.

INVITED TALKS

- 2011 *Do Blind People See Race?* Stanford Program in Law & Society, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA. November 9.
- 2011 *‘Race’ Ipsa Loquitur: How Blind People Understand Race and Its Implications for Equal Protection*, UCLA School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA. September 30.
- 2010 *Are 21st Century Technologies Reinventing 19th Century Theories of Race?* Center on Social Disparities in Health, UCSF, San Francisco, CA. November 17.
- 2010 *Blinded By Sight: How Blind People Understand Race and Its Implications for Law and Society . . . and Population Health?*, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Seminar, UCSF, San Francisco, CA. October 21.
- 2010 *Prisoners as Human Subjects: A Closer Look at the Institute of Medicine’s Recommendations to Loosen Restrictions on Using Prisoners as Human Subjects*, UCSF, Medical Effectiveness Research Center for Diverse Populations (MERC), San Francisco, CA. June 1.
- 2010 *Revisiting Laura Gomez’s ‘A Tale of Two Genres,’* Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. May 28.
- 2010 *Prisoners as Human Subjects: A Closer Look at the Institute of Medicine’s Recommendations to Loosen Restrictions on Using Prisoners as Human Subjects*, Fordham Law School, New York, NY. April 29.
- 2010 *Cruel and Unusual Ethics?: A Closer Look at the IOM’s Recommendation To Loosen Administrative Policies on Using*

Prisoners as Human Research Subjects, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA. February 16.

- 2009 *Cruel and Unusual Ethics: Examining Recent Efforts to Loosen Restrictions On Using Prisoners in Medical Research*, Ruth Chance Lecture Series, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA. October 19.
- 2009 *A Closer Look at the IOM's Recommendation to Loosen Restrictions on Using Prisoners as Human Subjects*, Gender Consortium at the University of California, Berkeley, Fall Colloquium, Berkeley, CA. October 7.
- 2009 *Cruel and Unusual Ethics?: A Closer Look at the IOM's Recommendation To Loosen Administrative Policies on Using Prisoners as Human Research Subjects*, Kaiser Permanente Department of Research, Oakland, CA. June 19.
- 2009 *'Race' Ipsa Loquitur: How Blind People Understand Race and Its Implications for Equal Protection,* UCLA Department of Sociology, Los Angeles, CA. April 23.
- 2009 *Are Biological Notions of Racial Difference Making a Comeback? Commercial and Forensic Applications of Human Biotechnology and the Promise of Race Impact Assessments*, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), San Francisco, CA. April 15.
- 2007 *Is Separate but Equal Now OK? The Growing Tensions between Race Based Medicine and Civil Rights Advocacy*, Race Based Medicine: A New Approach to Race, Health, and Society? University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. April 27.
- 2007 *Is Separate but Equal Now OK? Tensions between Race Based Medicine and Civil Rights*, Symposium on Race and Genetics, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. February 26. (Weather Cancellation).
- 2006 *Bioethical Issues in Genetic and Reproductive Technologies*, St. Anthony Hall, Yale University, New Haven, CT. February 23.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*, Supreme Court Review & Preview, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA. September 29.
- 2011 *Integrating Critical Race Theory and Empirical Methods: Challenges and Opportunities*, West Coast Law & Society Retreat, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA. February 12.
- 2010 *The Racial Politics of Genetic Technologies*, Transforming Race Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. March 12.

- 2009 *Regulatory Approaches to Consumer and Forensic Genetics: Towards Race Impact Assessments*, 108th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. December 5.
- 2009 *A Few Comments on Race Impact Assessments and Attempts to Expand the Use of Prisoners as Human Subjects*, Council for Responsible Genetics Forum on Race and Genetics, Oakland, CA. August 13.
- 2009 *Race in the Blind Community*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. May 28.
- 2009 *Towards Empirical Ethics: A Critique of the IOMs Proposal to Loosen Regulations on Using Prisoners as Human Subjects*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. May 28.
- 2007 *Prisons as Biorepositories: The Racial Impact of Using Prisoners in Clinical Trials*, Conference on the Business of Race and Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. March 31.
- 2006 *Prisons as Biocolonies: The Racial Impact of Using Prisoners in Clinical Trials*, Who Owns Nature: BioProspecting, Biotechnology, and Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA. October 27.
- 2006 *Strict Scrutiny and the FDA: A Model Form of Race Regulation or a Recipe for Disaster?* Conference on Race, Pharmaceuticals, and Medical Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. April 7.
- 2006 *Beyond Planned Parenthood: Innovative Approaches to Reproductive Rights Lawyering*, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT. February 24.
- 2006 *Genetics & Justice: The Science, Policy, and Politics of the New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies*, University of California, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, CA. February 15.
- 2005 *Race, Equal Protection, and Inheritable Genetic Modifications*, Tenth Annual LatCrit Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 7.
- 2005 *Rethinking Pet Cloning: Beyond the Slippery Slope*, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. August 7.
- 2005 *Race in Law & Society Literature*, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV. June 5.
- 2005 *Hypocrite? Rapist? Revisiting the Life and Times of J. Strom Thurmond in Understanding the Relationship Between Identity and Subordination*, Eyes on the Mosaic Conference, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. May 7.
- 2004 *Anything but Free: Public Health Care and the Politics of Containment*,

(with Ruha Benjamin), Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. August 17.

- 2004 *Law & Society . . . and Race*, Third Annual Hawaii International Conference on the Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI. June 18.
- 2004 *Neoliberalism and the Prosecution of Drug Dependent Women*, Seventy-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. April 16.
- 2003 *Correlation and Causality: Looking at the Socio-Legal Implications of Prosecuting Women Who Experience Stillbirths While Drug Dependent*, Sociologist for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. August 17.
- 2002 *Re-Reading Korematsu, History and Theory Conference*, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. November 2.
- 2001 *The Public/Private Distinction and Social Responsibility in the Next Generation*, Symposium hosted by the Center for Innovation in Social Responsibility at Columbia University, New York, NY. October 26.
- 2001 *Semiological Understandings of Judicial Significations*, Asian Pacific American Legal Scholarship Workshop, Point Reyes, CA. July.