

## Sean Hill

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law**, Columbus, OH

*Assistant Professor of Law*

July 2020 – Present

*Faculty Member*, Drug Enforcement & Policy Center

Courses Taught: Criminal Law

**Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, D.C.

July 2018 – June 2020

*Law Research Fellow & Adjunct Professor of Law*

Courses Taught: Race to Risk Assessment (Seminar)

### EDUCATION

**Harvard Law School**, J.D., May 2012

Activities: *Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* (Technical Editor, Spring 2011); Black Law Students Association (Co-Chair of Leadership & Mentorship Program, 2010 – 2012); 2L Class Representative; 1L Section Representative

**Duke University**, A.B. in English, Minor in Italian Studies, June 2009

Activities: Blue Devils United (LGBT affinity group); Black Student Alliance

### PUBLICATIONS

*Defensive Force & The Right to Violence* (work-in-progress)

*The Right to Violence*, 3 UTAH L. REV. (forthcoming 2024)

*Drug Crimes: The Case for Abolition*, OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. (forthcoming 2024) (symposium essay)

[\*Bail Reform & The \(False\) Racial Promise of Algorithmic Risk Assessment\*](#), 68 UCLA L. REV. 910 (2021)

[\*Precarity in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter\*](#), 45 WOMEN'S STUDIES QUARTERLY 94 (Fall/Winter 2017)

### OTHER WRITING

[“Ma’Khia Bryant, George Floyd point to why police should be abolished now,”](#) THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH, Apr. 22, 2021 (Editorial)

[“Reading Bail Reform Through a Critical Race Lens,”](#) LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY BLOG, Feb. 14, 2020

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, **On Race and Risk Assessment**, OSU Translational Data Analytics Inst., April 2023

Moderator, **An Abolitionist Approach to Public Safety**, Drugs & Pub. Safety Symp., March 2023

Panelist, **What is the Criminalization of Dissent?**, N.Y.U. Rev. L & Soc. Change Symp., March 2023

Speaker, **Compromising the Social Contract**, Deason Crim. Just. Reform Ctr., January 2023

Panelist, **Confronting the Racialized Role of Technology in the Criminal Justice System**, Berkeley Tech. L.J. Symp., Nov. 2022

Speaker, **Risk & Violence: Offering a New Paradigm for Public Safety**, Drug Pol’y All., June 2022

Panelist, **Disinformation and Political Violence**, OSU Mershon Ctr., Apr. 2022

Panelist, **The Intersection of the Fourth Amendment and Race**, Ohio State L. J. Symp., Feb. 2022

Panelist, **Abolition and Technology**, UCLA L. Rev. Symp., Jan. 2022

Panelist, **Reimagining an Antiracist Approach to Drug Sentencing**, OSU Drug Enf’t & Pol’y Ctr., Oct. 2021

Speaker, **Abolition Is...**, OSU Dep’t of Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Stud., Sept. 2021

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice**, New York, NY

June 2017 – July 2018

*Senior Legal Fellow*

Coordinated and drove policy campaign to reform New York’s bail statute and other pretrial practices.

- Analyzed statutes, detention data, and research reports to identify how bail and other pretrial practices influence pretrial incarceration rates
- Communicated recommendations for bail reform to statewide network of criminal justice advocates, during monthly calls as well as in written publications
- Generated, analyzed, and edited language for legislative bills related to pretrial justice reform
- Educated legislators, elected officials, and other political stakeholders on bail and its relationship to race- and wealth-based disparities in pretrial detention rates
- Collaborated with community-based organizations to host public forums across the state

**Youth Represent**, New York, NY

January 2016 – June 2017

*Senior Staff Attorney*

Represented formerly-incarcerated youth in civil and criminal proceedings arising from contact with the criminal legal system.

- Routinely maintained highest caseload in office, with docket that included: criminal summonses, child support & custody matters, licensing hearings, and criminal record error corrections
- Directly supervised and trained junior attorneys, clinical interns, summer interns, and paralegals
- Coordinated the hiring of new staff as the chair of the Hiring Committee
- Contributed to strategic planning and overall vision as member of Senior Management Team
- Won major child support decision, subsequently published in the *New York Law Journal* (*Matter of Salas v. Delgado*, F-39590-11/14C, October 21, 2016)
- Designed intensive, trial-academy style Family Court training for new attorneys

*Equal Justice Works Fellow & Staff Attorney*

September 2012 – December 2015

Established and oversaw ‘Family Stability Project,’ which expanded the office’s practice to matters of child support, custody, and visitation.

**Trauma & Learning Policy Initiative, Cambridge, MA**

January 2012 – May 2012

*Student Attorney*

Directly represented parents whose children were denied special education services to address past trauma. Drafted complaint to be filed at Bureau of Special Education Appeals. Researched federal and state special education laws and regulations.

**Criminal Justice Institute, Cambridge, MA**

October 2011 – May 2012

*Student Attorney*

Represented adult and juvenile clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies in criminal court. Investigated scenes and interviewed witnesses to develop facts and theories of the case. Negotiated the disposition of cases with district attorneys.

**GA Public Defender Standards Council, Appellate Division, Atlanta, GA**

August 2011

*Legal Intern*

Conducted legal research and writing on GA state criminal law. Reviewed trial transcript and psychological records for claims that could be raised at the appellate stage of the proceedings.

**Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP**

May 2011 – July 2011

*Summer Associate*

Researched and drafted legal memoranda regarding labor disputes and lender liability. Reviewed and drafted research agreements. Delivered winning opening statement at Summer Associates Mock Trial.

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

**National Conference of Black Lawyers**

January 2016 – March 2018

*Co-Chair, New York Chapter*

- In collaboration with other members, created fully functional mass defense network that provides legal observers and defense attorneys to organizers affiliated with the Movement for Black Lives.
- Hosted Roma delegation brought to the United States through the Open Society Justice Initiative to engage with lawyers from marginalized communities.

**Law4BlackLives**

July 2015 – March 2017

*Steering Committee Member*

- Helped organize Law4BlackLives Conference, held in the summer of 2015 and attended by more than 1000 lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers. Planned and facilitated panel entitled ‘#AllBlackLivesMatter,’ to explore the role of women and the LGBTQ community in the greater Movement for Black Lives.
- Actively contributed to the development of a strategic vision and plan, as the collective transitioned into a formally funded provider of legal support.