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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, MORITZ SCHOOL OF LAW**, Columbus, OH  
*RAISE Tenure-Track Fellow in Law*, Fall 2023-Fall 2025  
*Assistant Professor*, Fall 2025-

### ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

*In Place of Prison*, \_\_ HASTINGS L.J. \_\_ (forthcoming 2025)

First academic article describing and providing conceptual framework about the Manhattan Felony Alternative-to-Incarceration Court, a specialized criminal court assigning social services instead of incarceration for felonies of every level, including violent felonies.

*What Is A Prison?*, \_\_ MICH. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

Book review of Tommie Shelby's 2022 book, *The Idea of Prison Abolition*. The review constructs an elemental and harm-based definition of prison.

*Associations in Prison*, 13 UC IRVINE L. REV. 1119 (2023)

Provides a typology of associations in prison and a conceptual framework of the regulations and rules that govern them. Argues that these associations produce both democracy-enhancing effects and communitarian ones, and that their ability to form and function should be more stringently protected.

*Time-In-Cell 2021: A Snapshot of Restrictive Housing Based on a Nationwide Survey of U.S.*

*Prison Systems* (co-authored with Judith Resnik, Skylar Albertson, and Jennifer Taylor) (2022)

Fifth national survey presenting longitudinal data collections conducted by the Liman Center and Correctional Leaders Association.

*Interview with Tarra Simmons: Forging the Way for Formerly Incarcerated Lawyers*, 43 N.Y.U.

REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE (2018), available at [https://socialchangenyu.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/GraceLi\\_Harbinger\\_Volume43.pdf](https://socialchangenyu.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/GraceLi_Harbinger_Volume43.pdf)

Interview with Tarra Simmons, formerly incarcerated lawyer, now Member of the Washington State House of Representatives.

### SHORTER WRITTEN WORKS

*The Hidden Labor of Associations in Prison*, LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY (Forthcoming Spring 2024)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### *In Place of Prison*

Yale Law School Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest, created and organized panel,  
February 15, 2023  
Stanford Law & Society Association Junior Scholars Conference, May 5, 2023  
Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, May 23, 2023  
CrimFest, July 18, 2023  
Ohio State University Criminal Justice Research Center, October 6, 2023  
Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution AALS Workshop, October 14, 2023  
ABA Criminal Justice Roundtable, November 17, 2023  
Markelloquium, December 1, 2023  
AALS,  
Section on Minority Groups Infrastructures of (In)Justice Works-in-Progress Panel,  
January 3, 2024,  
Section on Criminal Procedure Works-in-Progress Panel, January 6, 2024  
Seminar & Colloquium: Dispute Resolution, Equity, and Social Justice, Ohio State  
University Moritz College of Law, February 12, 2024

Discussant at *The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of Informal Justice and the Death of ADR*, by  
Amy Cohen, Robert J. Reinstein Chair in Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law,  
Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop, March 8, 2023

### *Marriage in Prison*

Law & Society, June 2, 2023  
Gender Studies seminar, Swarthmore College, October 25, 2023  
American Legal History Society, October 27, 2023

## **SELECT SERVICE**

Committee Work: Faculty Workshops, 2023-2024.

Chair of Nominating & Governance Committee, 2023-24; Trustee 2022-present; New York  
Regional Advisory Board Member, 2016-2022, The Petey Greene Program.

Volunteer Advocate, Parole Preparation Program, 2016-2020.

Legal Research Class Instructor and Curriculum Developer, Taconic Prison, 2016-2018.

## **EDUCATION**

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
J.D., 2019

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar – full-tuition public service scholarship

Vanderbilt Medal Recipient – for outstanding contributions to the School of Law  
*Review of Law and Social Change*, Senior Articles Editor  
Global Research Institute Fellowship Recipient, Berlin, Germany  
Activities: Prison Reform and Education Project, Education Director, Access Project Founder;  
Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association, Public Interest Chair;  
Bail Fund, Advocate; Law Revue, Band Member

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, NJ**

A.B. in the School of Public and International Affairs, Certificate in Finance, *cum laude*, 2014  
Senior Thesis: *FDI Follows the Flag: State Influence Over Foreign Firms in China*  
Honors: Charles W. Puttkammer '58 Criminal Justice Fellowship  
Activities: Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR), President and Founder;  
The Petey Greene Program, Campus Leader and Volunteer GED Tutor

**CLERKSHIP**

**HON. THEODORE MCKEE, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD CIRCUIT, Philadelphia, PA**  
*Law Clerk*, Fall 2020-Fall 2021

Researched and drafted bench memoranda and opinions. Researched and recommended dispositions for motions. Volunteered as tutor for Reentry Court participants and attended weekly meetings with Reentry Court members.

**PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**YALE LAW SCHOOL, ARTHUR LIMAN CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST, New Haven, CT**  
*Fellow in Residence, Lecturer in Law*, Fall 2021-Spring 2023

Co-teach and develop curriculum for Liman Projects experiential class and *Imprisoned: From Conception and Construction to Abolition* seminar. Supervise Liman Project students and teach written advocacy and research. Plan and lead conference for Liman Summer Fellows. Volunteer as committee member of Clinical Pedagogy workgroup.

**OTHER PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

**NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, New York, NY**  
*Kirkland & Ellis Public Service Fellow/Staff Attorney*, Fall 2019-Fall 2020

**EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE, Montgomery, AL**  
*Clinical Student Attorney*, Spring 2019

**JUSTLEADERSHIPUSA, New York, NY**  
*Legal Intern*, 2018

**COLORADO STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, Grand Junction, CO**

**2L Certified Intern**, Summer 2018

**FEDERAL DEFENDER CLINIC, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY**  
**Clinical Student Attorney**, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY**  
**Teaching Assistant for Professor Shanda Sibley**, Fall 2017-Spring 2018  
**Research Assistant for Professor Rachel Barkow**, Summer 2017-Winter 2018

**BRONX DEFENDERS, CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE, New York, NY**  
**Legal Intern**, Summer 2017

**GUGGENHEIM CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT PRINCETON, COLUMBIA, AND BARNARD, New York, NY**  
**Seminar Leader**, Summer 2015

**PETEE GREENE PROGRAM, New York, NY**  
**Monitoring and Evaluation Manager**, Summer 2015-Summer 2016  
**Regional Field Manager**, Summer 2014-Summer 2015

Created and managed New York region's new programs with 50 volunteer tutors to supplement academic programs in New York City area federal jails and Rikers Island. Created training curriculum, strategic plan, budget, partner agreements. Led tutor trainings and supervised tutors.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.