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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER J.D., 1984

Honors

Clark Foundation Scholar

Activities

Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic (1983-84)

SPELMAN COLLEGE B.A. - French and Political Science, 1980

Honors

Magna cum laude; Charles E. Merrill Scholarship for Study Abroad; Haitian Summer Study Abroad Scholarship; National Merit Scholar

Activities

Haitian-American Institute, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1978
L'Université de Nantes, Nantes, France, 1979-80

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY - WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

September 1999 to present. Directed the Community Economic Development Law Clinic for AY 2001-2002. Co-teach the seminar for the Community Economic Development Clinic and supervise law students representing non-profit organizations, small businesses, resident councils and other entities seeking to incorporate, obtain federal and state tax-exempt status, develop programs and secure funding. Teach Legal Ethics course to second year students.

PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

July 1998 to August 1999. Co-taught the seminar for the Civil Practice Clinic and supervised eight law students representing indigent clients in a variety of civil matters including bankruptcy, divorce, public benefits, and landlord and tenant matters.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR COUNSEL FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY, NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

March 1988 to June 1998. Advocacy of issues affecting women's employment, education and economic security through litigation, legislative activity, legal research and public education. Developed a legal services program for women in the criminal justice system. Acquired expertise on substance abuse prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDS and other health issues. Gained knowledge of programs that assist low-income families to move from poverty and which prevent criminal justice involvement and other negative outcomes including substance abuse and pregnancy.

ATTORNEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 1986 to March 1988. Represented indigent juveniles and adult criminal defendants in the District of Columbia Superior Court at all stages of criminal proceedings including trial and sentencing. Worked extensively on alternatives to incarceration.

LAW CLERK, THE HONORABLE GLADYS KESSLER: Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

September 1984 to September 1986. Researched and drafted judicial opinions and orders for judge during her tenure as the Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court. Gained intimate knowledge of child welfare, housing, public health, and education systems. Assisted judge during tenure on Civil I calendar by managing discovery and drafting opinions and orders in complex civil litigation.

HONORS

Emmalee C. Godsey Research Award, American University, Washington College of Law (January, 2005)

District of Columbia Women's Hall of Fame, District of Columbia Commission for Women (1998)

Champion of Liberty, District of Columbia Public Defender Service (November 22, 1997)

Kellogg National Leadership Development Fellowship, Group XIII (1993-1996)

APPOINTED COMMISSIONS

National Prison Rape Elimination Commission (November 2003). Appointed by House Minority Leader Mrs. Nancy Pelosi to federal commission established by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, Public Law 108-79. The Commission is charged with carrying out a comprehensive legal and factual study of the penological, physical, mental, medical social and economic impacts of prison rape in the United States on federal, state and local governments and on communities, social institution and individuals in those communities and social institutions.

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Nunn, et al. v. Michigan Department of Corrections, et al., Case No. 96-CV-71416-DT (E.D. Mich. 2000). Retained as expert to evaluate current status of training for female inmates on staff-inmate sexual misconduct. Issued expert report and recommendations about the design, structure and content of future training for female inmates.

In the Matter of Ava Marie Suah, A37-085-273, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Exec. Office for Immigration Rev., Office of the Immigration Judge (Miami, August 18, 2000). Retained as expert on the issue of women in prison. Testified about challenges women with criminal justice background have reintegrating into community and about realistic measures of progress and success for this population.

SELECT CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Center for Innovate Public Policy, Inc., 2006. Completing research on criminal and civil liability for police, jails and lockups with regards to sexual abuse of persons in custody. Developed a 50-state survey of criminal law in the area, a summary of relevant news stories, and case summaries of legal decisions in the area.

The Moss Group, Inc. Provided technical assistance, training and legal analysis on sexual violence in institutional setting and related issues including confidentiality, criminal law, constitutional law and civil liability.

National Institute of Corrections, 1999-Present. Principal Investigator on multi-year cooperative agreement funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections. Provide training programs to corrections and jail stakeholders on investigating and addressing staff sexual misconduct with inmates. Provide a range of services including training and technical assistance in the areas of gender and criminal justice. Direct specific projects, including training executives and managers in the legal and policy implications of sexual misconduct in prison. Provide technical assistance in reformulating training and technical assistance efforts so that they are more responsive

to gender.

The Ford Foundation, 2000, 2002, 2003. Assisted the Program Officer for the Women's Right portfolio to assess current grantmaking and made recommendations for future grantmaking with a view toward enhancing the visibility and effectiveness of women of color and women from the global south in the international human rights agenda. Assisted the Program Officer for Women's Rights in the Ford Foundation East Africa Office to evaluate grantmaking over past 10 years in East Africa and made recommendations about improving the grantmaking process. Also made recommendations about emerging issues that required funding support.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1993-2000. Chaired and participated in peer review panel evaluating multi-year grant proposals in the area of substance abuse, mental health and HIV/AIDS. Prepared summaries and critiques of the proposals and made recommendations regarding approval for funding.

Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1998-1999. Prepared a report in conjunction with Hoytt and Associates analyzing efforts that grantees of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative had made to address disproportionate minority confinement in their jurisdictions.

The CDM Group, 1997. Reviewed publication on the intersection of domestic violence and substance abuse for style and content prior to publication.

INVITED LECTURES

Keynote Speaker, *Behind Bars: The Impact of Incarceration on Women and Their Families*—2007 Women's Rights Law Reporter Symposium, Rutgers University Women's Rights Law Reporter, March 7, 2007 (Rutgers, NJ)

Panelist, *Prison, Punishment and Sexuality, presenting paper, "Rethinking Prison Sex,"* Symposium on Sexuality and the Law, Columbia Journal of Gender and the Law, February 24, 2006 (New York, NY)

Speaker, *Re(Discovering) Women's Voices in the Struggle for Political, Economic and Social Justice,* Martin Luther King Commemoration Program, American University, Washington College of Law, February 8, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Visiting Faculty Speaker, *Watching You, Watching Me: Judicial Response to Cross Gender Guarding of Male and Female Inmates,* Southwestern Law School, January 31, 2005 (Los Angeles, CA)

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

ARTICLES

Brenda V. Smith & Nairi M. Simonian. ["Anti-fraternization Policies in Community Corrections: A Tool to Address Staff Sexual Misconduct in Community Correction Agencies."](#) *Perspectives*. Winter 2007: 43-48.

Brenda V. Smith, *Rethinking Prison Sex: Self-Expression and Safety*, Symposium on Sexuality and the Law, 15 Colum. J. Gender & L. 185 (2006)

Brenda V. Smith, *Sexual Abuse of Women in Prison: A Modern Corollary of Slavery*, 33 Fordham Urb. L.J. 571 (2006)

Brenda V. Smith, *Analyzing Prison Sex: Reconciling Self Expression with Safety*, 13 No. 3 Hum. Rts. Brief 17 (Spring 2006)

Brenda V. Smith & Nairi Simonian, *Integrity in Jail Operations: Addressing Employee/Inmate Relationships*, American Jail Mag., Jul.-Aug. 2006 at 27-28.

Brenda V. Smith & Nairi Simonian, *Addressing Employee/Offender Relationships: Guidance for Sheriffs*, Sheriff Mag., May-Jun. 2006 at 9-10, 13, 15-16, 18-19 .

Brenda V. Smith, Nairi Simonian & Jaime Yarussi, *The Health Concerns of Incarcerated Women—Part 1: Profiles, Chronic Diseases, and Conditions, Part 2: Communicable Diseases and Treatment Issues Women, Girls & Crim. Just.*, Vol. 7, No. 3, Apr. – May 2006 at 33-34, 39-45 and Vol. 7, No. 4, Jun.-Jul.2006 at 49-55.

Brenda V. Smith, *Watching You, Watching Me*, 15 Yale J. L. & Fem. 223 (2004)

Brenda V. Smith, *The Health Concerns of Imprisoned Women*, National Black Women's Health Project (2004)

Brenda V. Smith, *Battering, Forgiveness and Redemption* , 12 AM.UN. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 1, 921 (2003) ; *Received Emmalee C. Godsey Research Award*

Brenda V. Smith, *Remarks*, 7 Univ. D.C. L. R. 232 (2003)

Maureen Buell, Elizabeth Layman, Susan W. McCampbell and Brenda V. Smith, *Addressing Sexual Misconduct in Community Corrections*, PERSPECTIVES, 27 Amer. Prob. & Par. J. Assoc. 2 (Spr. 2003).

Bridgewater, Pamela & Smith, Brenda V. *Introduction to Symposium, Homophobia in the Halls of Justice: Sexual Orientation Bias and Its Implications with the Legal System*, 11 AM. U.J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 1, 1 (2002).

Brenda V. Smith, *Sexual Abuse Against Women in Prison*, 16 A.B.A. CRIM. JUST. MAG. 1, 31 (2001).

OTHER PAPERS

Smith, Brenda V., *Women Prisoners & HIV: Risks and Remedies*, African-American Women and the Law: Exerting Our Power, Reclaiming Our Communities National Conference (1995).

Brenda V. Smith, *The Evolution of Women's Legal Status in the United States: Where We Have Come From and Where We Are Going* (Speech in Cotonou, Benin, 1992).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Brenda V. Smith, *Battering, Forgiveness and Redemption: Exploring Alternative Models for Addressing Domestic Violence in Communities of Color*, in *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AT THE MARGINS : READINGS ON RACE, CLASS, GENDER, AND CULTURE* (Rutgers University Press, 2005).

Brenda V. Smith, *Incarceration*, in *WOMEN'S HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: A COMPREHENSIVE PERSPECTIVE* (Lippincott, 1997).

PRACTICE MANUALS

Brenda V. Smith, *AN END TO SILENCE: PRISONERS' HANDBOOK ON IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT* (2d ed., 2002).

Brenda V. Smith, *AN END TO SILENCE: WOMEN PRISONERS' HANDBOOK ON IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT* (1998).

CURRICULA

Brenda V. Smith, *INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDE: ADDRESSING STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH INMATES*, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS (2002, 2004).

Brenda V. Smith, *PARTICIPANT NOTEBOOK: ADDRESSING STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH INMATES*, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS (2004)

REPORTS

AALS Equal Justice Project, *Pursuing Equal Justice: Law Schools and the Provision of Legal Services* (AALS 2002)(summaries of meetings in Washington, DC and Syracuse New York).

Brenda V. Smith, et al., *Pathways to Juvenile Detention Reform: Reducing Racial Disparities in Juvenile Detention* (Annie E. Casey Foundation 2002).

Brenda V. Smith, *Fifty State Survey of Criminal Laws Prohibiting Sexual Abuse of Individuals in Custody* (July 2004).

SELECT PRESENTED TESTIMONY

Testimony in Support of House Bill 456 concerned Sexual Abuse of Persons in Custody before House Judicial Proceedings Committee, Maryland State Legislature (February 15, 2006)

Briefing on Inmates with Severe Mental Illness and Mental Health Courts, Congressional Women's Caucus and Correctional Officers' Caucus, U.S. House of Representatives (1999).

Oral Intervention of International Human Rights Law Group on Report of Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, United Nations Commission on Human Rights, E/CN.4/1999/SR.33, Summary Records of the 33rd Meeting (1999).

Sexual Offenses -- Custodial Employees and Persons in Custody, Senate and House of Delegates (Md. 1997 & 1998).

COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner, Public Hearing, *Sexual Violence in Lock-ups, Native American Detention Facilities and Texas Penal and Youth Institutions*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, March 26-27, 2007 (Austin, TX)

Commissioner, Public Hearing, *Reporting, Investigation, and Prosecuting Prison Rape – What is Needed to Make the Process Work?*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, August 3, 2006 (Detroit, MI)

Commissioner, Hearing, *Elimination of Prison Rape: Focus on Juveniles in Custody*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, June 1, 2006 (Boston, MA)

Commissioner, Hearing, *Eliminating Prison Rape: The Correctional Perspective*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, March 23, 2006 (Miami, FL)

Commissioner, Hearing, *At Risk: Sexual Abuse and Vulnerable Groups Behind Bars*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, August 19, 2005 (San Francisco, CA)

Commissioner, Hearing, *The Costs of Victimization: Why Our Nation Must Confront Prison Rape*, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, United States Congress, Cannon House Office Building, June 14, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Commissioner, National Prison Rape Reduction Commission, Commission Meetings (July 7, 2004, August 31, 2004, September 30, 2004, November 15, 2004, February 17, 2005, March 10, 2005, June 15, 2005, November 11, 2005).

EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS

Respondent, *Improving the Prison Environment – Can Private Funding Have an Impact*, JEHT Foundation, March 1, 2007 (New York, NY)

Respondent, *Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003: Presenting the National Inmate Survey* (December 8, 2006)

Reviewer, *Juvenile Video Review*, The Moss Group, Inc. (February 28, 2006)

Prison Rape Elimination Commission Advisory Committee for U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Moss Group, Inc. (June 11-12, 2005).

Workshop on Inmate Self-Report of Sexual Assault Victimization, United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (March 23-24, 2005).

Expert, Workshop on the Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (December 15-16, 2003).

Steering Committee, AALS Equal Justice Project (2000, 2001).

Chair, Selection Committee, Soros Justice Fellows: The Center on Communities Crime and Culture of the Open Society (1998; 1999; & 2001).

Strategy Committee, *Improving the Condition of Girls in the Juvenile Justice System* (2000).

Steering Committee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Second National Conference on Women (1999).

Expert Panel, National Symposium: The Economics of Inmate Labor Force Participation, George Washington University (1999).

Chair, Initial Review Group on Women and Violence, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services (1998).

Member, NAACP Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (1998).

Facilitator, *How Can the GAINS Center Support the Courts in Developing Innovative Dispositions for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders Involved with the Justice System: A Planning Meeting* (1998).

Core Member, GAINS Center and Open Society Colloquia on Criminal Justice Issues (1998).

Facilitator, *Female Adolescents with Co-Occurring Disorders in the Justice System* (1997).

Peer Review Committee, *Pre- and Post-Booking Jail Diversion for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders*, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services (1997).

The Open Society, Center on Crime, Communities and Culture Advisory Group (1997).

SELECT PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Training Conference Chair, *Responding to Inmate-Inmate Sexual Violence*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, March 11-16, 2007 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Medical and Mental Health Confidentiality in Correctional Settings*, Health Care Meeting, Moss Groups Inc., February 24, 2007 (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist, *Overview of the Prison Rape Elimination Act*, National Association of Attorneys Generals State Defensive Litigation Seminar, February 23, 2007 (Baltimore, MD)

Small Group Workshop Leader, *Candidates' Workshop Program*, AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, November 2, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Respresenting Youth under the Prison Rape Elimination Act*, Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, October 28, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Facilitator, *Improving Prosecutions of Allegations of Sexual Abuse in Correctional Settings – State Prosecutors* NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape October 27, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Facilitator, *Improving Prosecutions of Allegations of Sexual Abuse in Correctional Settings – Federal Prosecutors* NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape October 27, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Chair, *Institute of Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Persons Under Supervision*, Kansas Correctional Association, September 18, 2006 (Olathe, KS)

Presenter, *The Prison Rape Elimination Act: Impact on Juvenile Corrections*, American Correctional Association, August 15, 2006 (Charlotte, NC)

Panelist, *The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA): Creating Safe Correctional Environments through the Elimination of Sexual Assault*, Southern States Correctional Association Conference, July 17, 2006 (Charleston, WV)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 9-14, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Juvenile Videoconference --Addressing Sexual Abuse of Youth in Custody*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, June 28, 2006 (Spokane, WA)

Presenter, *Women Offenders: Developing an Agencywide Approach*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, June 15, 2006 (Longmont, CO)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Federal Prisoners*, Office

of Inspector General, June 6-8, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Convener, *Focus Group on Developing a Curriculum on Addressing Sexual Abuse of Youth in Custody*, NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape, June 2, 2006 (Miami, FL)

Presenter, *Autonomy – Rethinking Prison Sex*, Fifth Annual European-American Consortium on Legal Education, American University, Washington College of Law, May 26, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Legal and Policy Issues in Addressing Prison Rape: Understanding the Impact ... Prison Rape Elimination Act*, Executive Summit — Commonwealth of Massachusetts, May 23, 2006 (Worcester, MA)

Moderator, *Preventing Lawyer Misconduct: What the Disciplinary System, Law Schools and the Bar can do to Promote Ethical Practice*, Thirty-Third Annual Disciplinary Conference of the District of Columbia, May 3, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Legal Issues Affecting Women Offenders*, Working with Women Offenders: Implications for Administrators, Managers and Supervisors, National Institute of Corrections and Virginia Department of Corrections, April 19, 2006 (Crozier, VA)

Presenter, *Women in Prison: Behind Bars and Beyond Justice?*, Women of Color Collective, Georgetown University Law Center, April 11, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Convener, *Focus Group on Developing a Curriculum on Addressing Inmate on Inmate Rape*, NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape, March 24, 2006 (Miami, FL)

Convener, *Focus Group on Developing a Curriculum on Addressing Sexual Abuse of Youth in Custody*, NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape, March 20, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, March 12-17, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, The Prison Rape Elimination Act; Investigating Sexual Assault Allegations in Institutional Settings, *Legal Considerations in Addressing Allegations of Prison Rape*, American Correctional Association Winter Meeting American Correctional Association Winter Meeting, January 30, 2006 (Nashville, TN)

Commentator, *Restorative Justice Reconceived*, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: Race and Rights in the 21st Century: Next Generation Issue, January 28, 2006 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Legal Issues in Working with Women Offenders*, Working with Women Offenders, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, January 10, 2006 (Sacramento, CA)

Planning Committee Member, *Working Group on Integrating Gender into Legal Education in India*,

December 19-21, 2005 (Pune, India)

Commentator, *Clinical Legal Education: First Annual South Asian Conference of Law Teachers*, V. M. Salgaocar College of Law, December 16-18, 2005 (Goa, India)

Presenter, *PREA 2005 Regional Meeting for Executive Level Administrators from Adult Correctional Systems and Jail Facilities*, December 1-2, 2005 and December 8-9, 2005 (Phoenix, AZ and Austin, TX)

Training Conference Chair, National Institute of Corrections/Washington College of Law Cooperative Agreement on Addressing Prison Rape, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Youth in Custody*, Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, November 6-10, 2005 (Lexington, KY)

Presenter, Faculty Scholarship Awards Luncheon, Elizabeth Payne Cubberly Scholar Award to Professor Darren Hutchinson, October 19, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *National Institute of Corrections/Washington College of Law Cooperative Agreement on Addressing Prison Rape*, National Institute of Corrections Advisory Board, October 18, 2005 (Arlington, VA)

Co-Convenor, *Clinical Legal Education and Experiential Learning Network*, Gender and Legal Education in India, October 16-22, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *The Prison Rape Elimination Act: What Does it Mean for Women and Girls*, National Conference on Women and Girls in Corrections, October 15, 2005 (Minneapolis, MN)

Trainer, *The Prison Rape Elimination Act: What Does it Mean for Community Corrections; Staff Sexual Misconduct in the Field: Breaking Professional Trust and the Law*, New England Council on Crime and Delinquency, 66th Annual Training Institute, October 4-5, 2005 (Killington, VT)

Trainer, *Overview of the Prison Rape Elimination Act*, Prison Rape Elimination Act Training, September 28, 2005 (Sykesville, MD)

Panelist, *Videoconference on Addressing Prison Rape in Community Corrections*, American Probation and Parole Association Conference, July 25, 2005 (New York City, NY)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Individuals under Correctional Supervision*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 10-15, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Legal Issues, Operational Practices in Women's Prisons*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, June 9, 2005 (Alexandria, VA)

Trainer, *Limited Equity Cooperative Property Tax Training*, Coalition for Non-Profit Housing and Economic Development, May 24, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Convener, *Planning Meeting: Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders*, National

Institute of Corrections/Washington College of Law Project on Addressing Prison Rape, May 19-20 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Human Rights and Juvenile Detention*, Broken Dreams: Human Rights and Juvenile Justice in Mississippi, April 29, 2005

Speaker, *The Impact of Human Rights Norms on Practicing Criminal Law in the United States*, Humphrey Fellows, American University, Washington College of Law, April 14, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Faculty Host, University of Ottawa, *Women, Crime and Law: Battered Women who Kill – A Comparative Perspective*, American University, Washington College of Law (April 7, 2005).

Presenter, Conference Overview, *From Law School to Esquire: You Can Get There from Here, Part II*. Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law, American University, Washington College of Law, April 2, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, Accepted Applicants Day, Office of Admission, American University, Washington College of Law, April 1, 2005. (Washington, DC)

Speaker, *The Importance of Using International Human Rights Norms in Domestic Legal Practice*, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University, Washington College of Law, March 17, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, March 7-12, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Introduction of Speaker, *International Child Custody*, American University, Washington College of Law, February 25, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Faculty Host, Ritsumeikan University Law School, American University, Washington College of Law, February 22, 2005 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *National Videoconference on Strategies to Address Prison Rape*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, January 26-27, 2005 (Richmond, KY)

Trainer, *Critical Issues in Managing Women Offenders*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, January 20, 2005 (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist, *Videoconference: A Town Hall Meeting: Addressing Prison Rape*, American Correctional Association Conference, January 10, 2005 (Phoenix, AZ)

Planning Committee Member, *Working Group on Integrating Gender into Legal Education in India*, December 6-16, 2004 (Bangalore and Delhi, India)

Respondent, *U.S. Detention Policies and Practices*, Midwest Voice for Human Rights, University of

Minnesota Law School, November 12, 2004 (Minneapolis, MN)

Moderator, *Decarceration: The Movement to Close Adult Prisons and Juvenile Detention Facilities*, Criminal Law Society, Washington College of Law, October 21, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Moderator, *Feminism: Is it Just a White Thing?, A Panel Discussion on Building Coalitions for Women's Right Across Racial Boundaries*, Women's Law Association, Washington College of Law, October 13, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Meeting the Needs of Women and Girls in the Justice System*, SAMHSA Women and Children's Treatment Grantee Training and Technical Assistance Forum, August 4, 2004 (Baltimore, MD)

Panelist, *The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 – Response and Implementation Intensive Workshop*, American Correctional Association Workshop, August 3, 2004 (Chicago, IL)

Panelist, *National Videoconference – Phase I: How the Prison Rape Elimination Act Affects You*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 21, 2004 (Spokane, WA)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 11-16, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Human Rights and U.S. Law*, Ford Foundation Forum, "Close to Home: Human Rights and Social Justice Advocacy in the United States, June 21, 2004 (New York, NY)

Participant, Gender and Legal Education in India Initiative, June 16, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Legal Issues – Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates and Cross Gender Supervision*, National Institute of Corrections, "Operational Practices in Working with Women Offenders," June 9, 2004 (Atlanta, GA)

Panelist, *Having Fun with Technology*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, "Back to the Basics, Back to the Future, May 4, 2004 (San Diego, CA)

Moderator, *Thematic Table on Prison Conditions*, Strengthening Criminal Justice Advocacy: How to Use the International Human Rights System, April 30, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Prisoners' Rights*, Use of U.N. Human Rights Mechanisms: A How, When and Why for Domestic Public Interest Lawyers, Bringing Human Rights Home Lawyers Network CLE Training, April 16, 2004 (New York, NY)

Panelist, *Women and Prison: A Panel Discussion on the Issues Facing Incarcerated Women and Female Ex-Offenders*, April 15, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Speaker, *Conference Overview, From Law School to Esquire: You Can Get There From Here*, The Eighth Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law, April 3, 2004 (Washington,

DC)

Panelist, *Intimacy, Sexuality and Fertility with Specific Reference to Women Prisoners: Animating the Feminist Body*, Feminism and Legal Theory Project: Celebrating 20 Years of Pedagogy, Praxis and Prisms, March 19, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Offenders*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Mar. 7-12, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Moderator, Ann Ferren Teaching Conference, *Doing Justice to Ethics in the Classroom*, January 10, 2004 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Critical Issues in Managing Women Offenders: A Policy Perspective*, November 20, 2003 (Frederick, MD)

Presenter, *Experiential Learning Group on the Role of Prisons in the United States*, Washington College of Law, October 13, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Commentator, *Implications of Federal Sentencing Policy on Women and Children*, National Association of Women Judges Conference, October 11, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Integrating Gender into Legal Education in India*, Brown Bag Series, Washington College of Law, September 16, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Speaker, *Politics, Prejudice and Indifference: U.S. Policy Towards Haitian Refugees*, Washington College of Law, September 2, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Preventing and Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct in Corrections*, American Correctional Food Service Association, August 6, 2003 (Baltimore, MD)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 13-18, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Planning Committee Member, *Working Group on Integrating Gender into Legal Education in India*, June 24-27, 2003 (Delhi, India)

Convener, *Addressing Sexual Misconduct in Community Corrections*, June 2-4, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Faculty Speaker Series, *Sexual Abuse of Women in United States Prisons: A Modern Corollary of Slavery*, April 25, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Access to Care: Black Women in Custody*, The National Colloquium on Black Women's Health, April 11, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Commentator, *Re/Enfranchising the African-American Community: Engaging the Political Process*, The

Sylvania Woods Conference, April 5, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Moderator, *Our Own Stories: Negotiating Reproduction in the Private Sphere, Re/Dis/Un Covering Reproductive Rights in the Americas*, March 26, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Mar. 9-14, 2003 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Battering, Forgiveness and Redemption*, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory Workshop, Catholic University, November 22, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Meeting the Treatment Needs of Women and Girls in Conflict with the Law, Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment in Response to the Needs of Women, Children and Families*, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, November 22, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Chair, *National Planning Meeting on Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct in Corrections*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, November 14-15, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Trainer, *Critical Issues in Managing Women Offenders: A Policy Perspective*, September 8-11, 2002 (Maui, HI)

Panelist, *Family Unfriendly: The Impact of Criminal Justice Policies on Women Offenders and Children*, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 10, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 7-12, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Women's Issues: The Impact of the Criminal Justice System, Ten Years in the Fight for Justice*, National Association of Sentencing Advocates, May 9, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Speaker, *Battering and Forgiveness*, Symposium on Confronting Domestic Violence and Achieving Gender Equality: Evaluating Battered Women & Feminist Lawmaking by Elizabeth Schneider. *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*, Apr. 20, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Obtaining Public Interest Fellowships*, Career Services Office, Washington College of Law, Apr. 18, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Guest Lecturer, *Legal Ethics and Law Students*, Legal Rhetoric and Writing Program, Washington College of Law, Mar. 27, 2002 (Washington, DC).

Presenter, *Intimacy, Sexuality and Fertility*, The Louisa Van Wezel Schwartz Symposium on Mental Health Issues in Correctional Institutions, University of the District of Columbia, Mar. 25, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Mar. 10-15, 2002 (Washington, DC)

Videoconference Chair/Presenter, *Videoconference on Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Dec. 13, 2001 (Spokane, WA)

Keynote Speaker, *Community Fellows Conference*, Open Society Institute, Nov. 7, 2001 (Baltimore, MD)

Lecturer, *Sexual Misconduct and Re-Entry Issues Facing Women Offenders*, The Prisoners' Rights and Advocacy Clinic Seminar, University of the District of Columbia, Oct. 23, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Custodial Sexual Misconduct*, Not Part of the Penalty: Ending Prison Rape, Oct. 19, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Lecturer, *Ain't I a Woman: Women in Prison and Feminist Legal Theory*, George Washington University Department of Women's Studies, Oct. 16, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Panelist, *Opportunities in Community Economic Development*, National Association for Public Interest Law Career Fair, Oct. 7, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Lecturer, *Constitutional Concerns of Women in Prison*, Corrections and the Constitution, American University, Sept. 26, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, July 8-13, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Commentator, *Incarceration of Women and the Effects on Parenting*, Conference on the Effects of Incarceration on Children and Families, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, May 5, 2001 (Evanston, IL)

Acting on Your Passion: Making a Difference in the Community, Georgetown University Law Center Eighth Annual Women's Forum, "Celebrating 50 Years of Women at the Law Center", Apr. 21, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Moderator, *The African-American Lawyer: Protecting Progress, Maintaining Success*, Sylvania Woods Conference Luncheon, Apr. 7, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Keynote Speaker, *The Path Least Taken: Institutional Reform for Women in the Criminal Justice System*, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia, Mar. 29, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Mar. 11-16, 2001 (Washington, DC)

Training Conference Chair, *Addressing Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, United States Department of

Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Dec. 3-8, 2000 (Washington, DC)

Plenary Speaker, *Walking the Same Path — Women in Prison and Girls in the Juvenile Justice System*, Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Oct. 27-29, 2000 (Houston, TX)

Training Conference Chair, *Investigating Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates*, National Institute of Corrections, Sept. 24-29, 2000 (Washington, DC)

Questioner, *Quality of Courage — A Dialogue with Human Rights Defenders*, Washington College of Law, Sept. 18, 2000 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, Concurrent Session, *Constructions of Culture: Merit, Class and Privilege*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2000 (Albuquerque, NM)

Plenary Speaker, *Transnational Justice*, Women, Justice and Authority: A Working Conference, Yale Law School, Apr. 2000 (New Haven, CT)

Moderator, *The Impact of Sentencing Laws on Women and Families*, Washington College of Law, Mar. 2000 (Washington, DC)

Moderator and Plenary Presenter, Soros Foundation Equal Justice Fellows Meeting, Mar. 2000 (New York, NY)

Commentator, Courts in America, *Focus on Gender: The Future of the Violence Against Women Act*, Washington College of Law, Feb. 2000 (Washington, DC)

Plenary Presentation, *Building the Case --Why Focus on Women Offenders? — Women in Conflict with the Law in the International Context*, National Symposium on Women Offenders, Dec. 1999 (Washington, DC)

Plenary Presentation, *Community Based Justice Education: Integrating Gender into Law Teaching*, Global Alliance for Justice Education Conference, Dec. 1999 (India)

Plenary Presentation, *Evolving Identities as Clinical Teachers*, American Association of Law Schools, Workshop on Clinical Legal Education, May 1999 (California)

Jailed Parents and Child Support Enforcement, 36th Annual Training Conference of the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association, May 1999 (Florida)

Sentencing the Juvenile Offender; Does Race Affect the Disposition, Washington College of Law, 100th Anniversary of Juvenile Courts, Apr. 1999 (Washington, DC)

Presenter, *Treatment of Women in Detention*, Amnesty International Conference on Women in Detention, Mar. 1999 (London, England)

Human Rights in the United States, The Rebellious Lawyering Conference at Yale, Feb. 1999 (New

Haven, CT)

Women in Prison, Clearinghouse on Women's Issue, Oct. 1998 (Washington, DC)

Moderator, *Roundtable — Developing a Human Rights Campaign Against the Prison Industrial Complex*, Critical Resistance: Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex, Sept. 1998 (California)

Trainer, *Train-the Trainers — Addressing Sexual Misconduct Between Staff and Inmates*, National Institute of Corrections Academy, Sept. 1998 (Virginia)

Trainer, *Cross-Gender Supervision -- Competing Claims and Interests*, Operational Practices for Supervising Female Offenders, National Institute of Corrections Academy, Aug. 1998 & Aug. 2000 (Colorado)

Trainer, *Addressing Sexual Misconduct between Staff and Inmates*, Ohio Department of Corrections, June 1998 (Ohio)

Moderator, *Women in Prison Roundtable with Radhika Coomaraswamey, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Cause and Consequences*, Washington College of Law, American University, June 1998 (Washington, DC)

Public Roundtable on Prison Construction, D.C. City Council, Apr. 1998 (Washington, DC)

Are We All Equal Under the Law?, Symposium, Cornell Political Forum, Apr. 1998 (Ithaca, NY)

Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates, National Institute of Corrections Academy, Mar. 1998 and Mar. 1999 (Virginia)

Sexual Misconduct Against Women in Prison, Symposium on the Treatment of Women Prisoners, New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement, New England School of Law, Jan. 1998 (Boston, MA)

Institutional Racism against African-American Women and Girls in the Justice System, National Council for Negro Women Annual Conference, Dec. 9, 1997 (Washington, DC)

Staff Sexual Misconduct with Inmates, National Institute of Corrections Academy, Nov. 13-15, 1997 (Colorado)

African-American Women in the Criminal Justice System, National Council of Negro Women, Sept. 1997 (Washington, DC)

Services for Women in the Criminal Justice System, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Conference on Women, Sept. 1997 (Arizona)

Welfare Reform and Corrections: A Blueprint for Failure, Seventh National Conference on Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders, Sept. 1997 (Minnesota)

Challenges of Welfare Reform, Changes in Disability Eligibility and Strategies that are Responsive, 1997 CSAT Annual Grantee Meeting, Apr. 1997 (Maryland)

Women and Criminal Justice, Yale University, Mar. 1997 (New Haven, CT)

Managing Staff Sexual Misconduct, National Institute of Corrections Academy, Jan. 1997 (Colorado)

Critical Issues in Managing Women Offenders, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, Sept. 1996; May 1999; and Aug. 1999 (Colorado)

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

DOCUMENTARY

Facing Prison Rape (2004)

The Children of Criminal Offenders & Foster Care (1999)

Rights for All: Amnesty International's Campaign on the USA (1998) (discussing legal and policy implications of custodial sexual misconduct).

NEWS AND TALK SHOWS

Male Prisoner Rape, KMOX Radio, St. Louis; Justice for All, April 1, 2007

Captive Victims, KMOV- News 4 St. Louis: News 4 Investigates, November 16, 2006,
http://www.kmov.com/localnews/4investigates/stories//kmov_localnews_061116_prison.44a8e994.html

NPR, *Morning Edition*, August 1, 2005 (discussing Bureau of Justice Statistics Report on prison rape)

WIID Radio, March 16, 2003 (discussing issues facing women in prison)

BBC Radio, October 21, 2002 (discussing lack of dialogue in mid-term elections on crime and gun control)

NPR, *The Tavis Smiley Show*, March 18, 2002 (discussion women in prison with mental health problems)

Debates, Debates (Feb. 2000) (discussing the legal and policy implications of cross-gender supervision of women inmates).

CNN (Oct. 1998) (discussing legal and policy implications of shackling pregnant prisoners).

Court TV (Aug. 1998) (critiquing trial decision relating to sexual misconduct in prison).

To the Contrary (July 1998) (discussing sexual misconduct in prison and new publication).

SELECT MEDIA QUOTES

MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

Close to Home: Case Studies of Human Rights Work in the United States, The Ford Foundation, January 2004

Violated, VIBE Magazine, January 2004

Accepting Corporate Responsibility, WASH. LAW., Nov. 2002.

Girls Sentenced to Abuse, MARIE CLAIRE, June 2002.

Women in Prison, MS., Sept./Oct. 1998.

Teaching for Change, WOMEN'S REV. OF BOOKS, WELLESLEY COLLEGE, July 1997.

Project Aims to Change Corrections' Approach Toward Female Inmates, THE CORRECTIONS PROF., July 25, 1997

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Affairs with Felons led to firings at halfway houses, The Dallas Morning News, January 23, 2007

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Associated Press, March 3, 2006,
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A Sorry State of Affairs, WASH. POST, Aug. 19, 1998.

Rights Groups Fault Va. Decision not to Free Inmate for Abortion, WASH. POST, Oct. 24, 1997.

Getting the Treatment, WASH. CITY PAPER, July 25, 1997.

Tough Terms for Women Lead to US Prison Crisis, THE GUARDIAN (LONDON), July 23, 1997.

Population of Female Inmates Reaches a Record, USA TODAY, July 21, 1997.

PRO BONO AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

CURRENT:

Board of Trustees, The Maret School
Board, Our Place, DC
Member, Local School Restructuring Team for Murch Elementary School
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Co-Counsel, *Women Prisoners v. D.C.*
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Steering Committee, Equal Justice Initiative, AALS
Chair, Selection Committee, Soros Foundation Equal Justice Fellowships
Treasurer, Frederick B. Abramson Foundation
Steering Committee for the Second National Conference on Women
Commissioner, D.C. Domestic Partnership Benefits Commission
Task Force of the District of Columbia Circuit on Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias
D.C. Bar Judicial Evaluation Committee
Board of Directors, Family and Child Services of Washington, DC
Steering Committee, D.C. Bar Section on Criminal Law and Individual Rights
Barrister, American Inns of Court
Board, National Network for Women in Prison

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, May 1985
District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Nov. 1986
United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Dec. 1998
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Sept. 1989
United States Supreme Court, Mar. 1995

LANGUAGES

Fluent in written and spoken French.
