

Law Teaching Appointments

Southwestern Law School

Associate Professor of Law, 2025–Present

Courses Taught or Teaching:

140: Evidence

155: Legal Profession

Washburn University School of Law

Teaching Fellow, 2023–2025

Adjunct Instructor, 2023

Courses Taught:

Law 732: Property

Law 757: Evidence

Law 763: Directed Research

Law 770: Professional Responsibility

Law 841: Federal Indian Law

Law 875: Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I

Law 876: Legal Analysis, Research & Writing II

Education

Washburn University School of Law

JD, summa cum laude – *Law* – 2022

Law & Government Certificate with distinction

Distinguished Pro Bono Honors

University of Missouri-Kansas City

PhD – *English and Humanities* – 2022

Dissertation: *Revising the Future: Exploring Ethnofuturism*

Minnesota State University, Mankato

MFA – *Creative Writing, Fiction* – 2009

Washburn University

BA, magna cum laude – *English* – 2006

Recent Publications

LAW JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Inventing New Devils: Seeing through the Futility of Anti-Critical Race Theory Laws, 17 NE. U. L. REV. 225 (2025).

A Preponderance of Bias: Why Artificial Intelligence Should Be Qualified Immunity's Fatal Flaw, 61 WASHBURN L. J. 565 (2022).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Three Chords and a Wailing Woman: La Llorona Es Punkera, in *WEeping WOMEN: LA LLORONA'S PRESENCE IN MODERN LATINX AND CHICANX LORE* (Kathleen Alcalá & Norma E. Cantú eds., forthcoming).

Queer, Latina, and Punching Nazis: A New America Breaking Borders, in *FEMINIST READINGS OF COMICS: NEW ESSAYS ON INTERPRETATION, GENDER, AND VISUAL NARRATIVE* 62 (Sandra Cox ed., 2021).

Consumed by El Otro Lado: Alterations of the Neoliberal Self in Sleep Dealer, 4 CHIRICÚ J. 38 (2019).

After Jim Kelly: Hybrids of Hip Hop and Kung Fu as Nostalgia, in NETFLIX NOSTALGIA: STREAMING THE PAST ON DEMAND 123 (Kathryn Pallister ed., 2019).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Lessons from the Future: What the Law Stands to Learn from Science Fiction, in J. KAN. BAR ASS'N, Nov./Dec. 2021, at 22.

Remixing Teaching: Contract Grading, REMIXING THE HUMANITIES (Jan. 29, 2019), <https://perma.cc/CJ3F-TQJP>.

Decolonizing Through Contracts, MELUSBLOG: PEDAGOGY AND MULTIETHNIC LITERATURE (Oct. 31, 2018), <https://perma.cc/L72L-DG5M>.

Episode 124: Books from the Southern United States, THE BOOKMARK (July 2018), <https://perma.cc/XW5C-ZK9M>.

Other Teaching Experience and Courses Taught

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2014–2017

Courses Taught:

Adjunct Instructor, 2017–2019

English 214: Introduction to Fiction

English 321: American Literature II

Discourse 100: Money, Medicine, Morals (2 sections), Reasoning and Values (1 section)

Discourse 200: Nazi-Occupied Europe (1 sections), Race in American Film (1 section), Culture and Diversity (3 sections)

Discourse 300: Film Adaptation (1 section), The Artist in Society (1 section), Civic and Community Engagement (7 sections)

Washburn University

Adjunct Instructor, 2010–2011; 2016–2019

Courses Taught:

English 100: Developmental Writing

English 101: Freshman Composition

English 300: Advanced Composition

Northwest Missouri State University

Instructor, 2012–2014

Courses Taught:

English 111: Composition I

English 112: Composition II

English 220: Introduction to Literature

Eastern Oklahoma State College

Instructor, 2011–2012

Courses Taught:

English 1113: Freshman Composition I

English 1213: Freshman Composition II

English 2993: Intro to Creative Writing

Business Administration 1233: Grammar for Business

Humanities 2213: Global Humanities II

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2006–2009

Courses Taught and Assisted:

English 100: Introduction to Composition

English 101: Freshman Composition

English 242: Introduction to Creative Writing

English 443: Fiction Workshop

English 444: Poetry Workshop

English 448: Contemporary Literature

Law-Related Experience**U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas** Term Clerk to Judge Daniel Crabtree, 2022–2023**Washburn Civil Litigation Clinic** Legal Intern, Spring 2022**National Labor Relations Board** Summer Intern, Summer 2021**Kansas Supreme Court** Judicial Intern to Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Spring 2021**Kuckelman Torline Kirkland** Summer Associate, Summer 2020**Conferences and Presentations (selected)****Law and Society Association Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, CA May 2026Presenter—“Shoring Up for the Next Fight: State-Level ICWA Laws as
Sovereignty-Strengthening”**Kansas Paralegal Association 2025 Annual Seminar**, Online June 2025

Presenter—“SCOTUS and Native American Rights”

Trump 2.0 Colloquium, Topeka, KS March 2025

Presenter—“Can We Trust the Trust Relationship?”

Kansas Bar Association Diversity CLE, Topeka, KS June 2024

Presenter—“SCOTUS and Native American Rights”

LATCRIT Junior Faculty Development Workshop, Ithaca, NY October 2023

Panelist—“Intersectionality in the Classroom”

Washburn Law Student Scholarship Series, Topeka, KS January 2022Presenter—“A Preponderance of Bias: Why Artificial Intelligence Should Be
Qualified Immunity’s Fatal Flaw”**Central States Law Schools Association Conference**, Topeka, KS September 2021Presenter—“Revising the Future: Exploring Ethnofuturism’s Intersection
with Law”**WU-Mester Faculty Panel**, Topeka, KS April 2019

Presenter—“Free Speech and the Misuse of Science”

SW Popular/American Culture Association Conference , Albuquerque, NM	February 2019
Presenter—"Collisions of Afrofuturism and Afropessimism in <i>BLACK</i> "	
Midwest Modern Language Association , Kansas City, MO	November 2018
Presenter—"Consumption of the Other, Consumption of the Self: Aesthetic Mutilation as Neoliberal Critique"	
The Unexpected Caribbean Symposium , Lawrence, KS	October 2018
Presenter—"Detection and the Communist Subject in Padura's Havana Quartet"	
MELUS National Conference , Las Vegas, NV	May 2018
Presenter—"Between Africa and the Stars: The Liminal Spaces of Nnedi Okorafor"	
SW Popular/American Culture Association Conference , Albuquerque, NM	February 2018
Presenter—"Speculative Dialects: Language as Disruption in <i>How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe</i> "	
Ohio Latin Americanist Conference , Columbus, OH	October 2017
Presenter—"Queer, Latina, and Punching Nazis: A New America Between Borders"	
MELUS National Conference , Cambridge, MA	April 2017
Presenter—"After Jim Kelly: Hip Hop and Kung Fu Hybridization in the New Millennium"	
Univ. of Kansas Film & Media Studies Graduate Symposium , Lawrence, KS	January 2017
Presenter—"Chasing <i>El Otro Lado</i> : Identity and Appropriation in <i>Sleep Dealer</i> "	
MELUS National Conference , Charleston, SC	March 2016
Presenter—"Latinas Bearing Magic"	
Univ. of Kansas Film & Media Studies Graduate Symposium , Lawrence, KS	February 2016
Presenter—"The Stone the Builder Refused: Ethnofuturist Visions Beyond Postracial in <i>The Boondocks</i> "	
PCA/ACA National Conference , New Orleans, LA	April 2015
Presenter—"Importation of Myth and Folklore in <i>American Born Chinese</i> "	
<u>Service (selected)</u>	
Judge, Goodell Intramural Moot Court Competition , Washburn Law School	2023–2025
Coach, NALSA Moot Court Team , Washburn Law School	2023–2025
Workshop Leader, Dean's Office , Washburn Law School	February 2022
Student Academic Writing Workshop	
President, Native American Law Students Association , Washburn Law School	2021–2022
Member, Dean's Council on Diversity and Inclusion , Washburn Law School	2021–2022
Treasurer, Rainbow Bar , Washburn Law School	2020–2022

Shawnee County Youth Court , Topeka Youth Project	2020–2022
Academic Fellow , Washburn Law School	2020–2022
First-Gen Student Mentor , Washburn U.	2018–2019
Washburn Transformational Experience Mentor , Washburn U.	
AWP Conference—Portland, OR (2 student mentees)	March 2019
AWP Conference—Tampa, FL (1 student mentee)	March 2018
Workshop Leader, Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching , UMKC	December 2018
Faculty contract grading workshop	
Workshop Leader, Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning , Washburn U.	2017–2018
Campus-wide faculty contract grading workshops (1 per semester)	
Academic Bowl Coach , Eastern Oklahoma State College	2011–2012
Latimer County Writers in the Schools Residency , Wilburton, OK	2011–2012
<u>Awards, Grants, and Fellowships (selected)</u>	
Achieving Excellence Teaching Award , Washburn University	November 2024
Frank Rice Scholarship , Kansas Bar Foundation	April 2022
Top Note Award—Washburn Law Journal , Washburn Law School	April 2021
Romano Dril Award for Top First-Year Student , Washburn Law School	May 2020
SWPACA Best Paper Award , Albuquerque, NM	February 2019
CMAS-Benson Latin American Collection Research Fellowship , Univ. of Texas	June 2017
Ilus W. Davis 2017-18 Doctoral Teaching Fellowship , UMKC	May 2017
English Department Outstanding Graduate Paper , UMKC	
“An Exploration of Language as Interruption in <i>How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe</i> ”	April 2017
“A Magic Space: The Fantastic as Liminal Language in Minority Literatures”	May 2015
Farnsworth Fellowship in Postcolonial Studies , UMKC	April 2017
Honorable Mention	
2016 English Dept. Sosland Teaching Award , UMKC	Spring 2016
Farnsworth Fellowship in Postcolonial Studies , UMKC	April 2016
Sch. of Grad. Studies Superior Teaching Award , UMKC	April 2016
Community of Scholars Paper Competition Winner , UMKC	April 2015

Bar Memberships and Professional Affiliations

Kansas State Bar	2022–present
U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas	2022–present
Cherokee Nation Bar Association	2022–present
American Association of Law Schools	2023–Present
Society of American Law Teachers	2023–Present
American Bar Association	2023–Present
National Native American Bar Association	2022–Present
Hon. Sam A. Crow Inn of Court	2021–2025
Kansas Bar Association	2019–Present
KBA Journal Editorial Board	<i>2023–Present</i>
Diversity Committee	<i>2023–2025</i>
Young Lawyers Section Board, Social Chair	<i>2023–2024</i>
National Native American Law Students Association	2019–Present
Topeka Bar Association	2019–2025
Federal Bar Association	2019–2024
Kansas City Metro Bar Association	2019–2023