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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in the School of Justice Studies  
J.D. in the College of Law  
*Arizona State University, August 2006*

Dissertation:

*Racial Juris-Fiction: Federal Indian Law from the Discovery Doctrine to Allotment*

B.A. *University of California, Berkeley, May 1995*  
Major in Ethnic Studies

#### **Current Appointment:**

Assistant Professor  
Legal Studies Department  
Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies  
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### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in American Indian Studies,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2006-2007

Research Associate, University of California Humanities Research Institute, 2002-2006

- Assisted with the editing of journal and book publications
- Organized conferences, seminars and lectures
- Provided research assistance to research residence groups addressing themes including "Law and Humanities," "Cloning Cultures: The Social Injustices of Sameness," "The Ethics of the Neighbor," and "The Object of Media Studies"

Editorial Assistant, *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*, 1999-2004

- Responsibilities included reviewing submissions, editing articles, and corresponding with contributors about article revisions

Graduate Research Associate, Asian Pacific American Studies, ASU, 2000-2002

- Researched the racial configuration of Native Hawaiians in law and the implications of the shift to colorblindness in legal and cultural discourses in Hawai'i in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Rice v. Cayetano*

Graduate Research Associate, Death Interrogation project, Center for Urban Inquiry, ASU, 2000-2001

- Conducted research for a study on the death penalty in Arizona

Graduate Research Associate, School of Justice Studies, ASU, 1998-2000

- Research topics included American Indian repatriation rights and violations of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in university research, the legal construction of whiteness, and the social-political history of the Horn of Africa

Law Clerk, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, San Francisco, Summer 1998

- Research issues included the Civil Rights Act as a basis for environmental racism lawsuits; anti-immigrant discrimination and federal legislation; and Latina/o voting rights

Legal research assistant to attorney for the Klamath Tribes of southern Oregon, Spring 1998

- Researched and wrote memoranda on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to assist in the preparation of a repatriation rights case presented to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the Klamath Tribes

Managing Editor, *CrossRoads*, 1995-1996

- Coordinated production of a nationally distributed political analysis magazine
- Primary responsibility for editing articles
- Mentored student writers to assist them in preparing essays for publication

## **TEACHING AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE**

UIS courses taught:

*Jurisprudence*, Spring 2008

*Legal Institutions and Processes*, Fall 2007

*Legal Research and Citation*, Fall 2007

Instructor, *Law, Culture, and Justice*, School of Justice Studies, Arizona State University (ASU), Spring 2002

- Designed and taught a new course that examined the entanglement of law and culture, with an emphasis on the legal and cultural constitution of race, gender, and sexuality
- Course readings included historical and contemporary court decisions and theoretical texts from the fields of cultural studies, critical race theory, feminist theory, gender studies, and critical legal studies

Instructor, *Theories of Justice*, School of Justice Studies, ASU, Fall 2001

- Taught a course that addressed the liberal philosophical tradition (e.g., Kant and social contract theory), while also exploring a range of social theories that critique and depart from liberalism

Tutor, Academic Success Program, College of Law, ASU, 1997-1998

- Tutored Criminal Law and Property Law for a program that provides academic services for first-year law students who need additional educational support
- Prepared instructional presentations to supplement course lectures
- Developed essay examination questions and graded students' answers; provided written comments and held conferences with students to discuss their exams

Tutor, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Laney College, Oakland, CA, 1994

- Tutored students in English as a Second Language, Spanish, social studies, and math for a program that provides services for low-income community college students

Tutor, United Indian Nations, Oakland, CA, Summer 1993

- Tutored students in a community-based organization's Adult Education Program in English and math
- Introduced students to literature on American Indian sovereignty, land rights, and resistance movements

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Editor. *Race, Deconstruction, Critical Theory*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press (forthcoming).

Author. "Reflections on 'Of Mimicry and Man: The Ambivalence of Colonial Discourse' by Homi Bhabha." In *Race Critical Theories: Text and Context*. Eds. Philomena Essed and David Theo Goldberg. Oxford: Blackwell (2001).

First co-author, with David Theo Goldberg. "Boundaries of the Racial State: Two Faces of Racist Exclusion in United States Law." *Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal* 17 (2001): 85-111.

Guest Co-Editor, *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*, vol. 7, no. 2. (June 2001).

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

"Enemy Lines in Federal Indian Law," presented at the American Indian Studies colloquium series, 6 November 2006, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Co-organizer and panel chair, tRACES: Race, Deconstruction, and Critical Theory, 10-11 April 2003, Irvine, California

Coordinator, Cultural Hemispheres/Hemisferios Culturales, 29 January-1 February 2003, San Rafael de Heredia, Costa Rica

Coordinator, Redress in Social Thought, Law, and Literature, biweekly seminar series, January-May 2003, Irvine, California

“Dirge for Modernity, Part II: The Beatles and Orientalism,” presented at the Fosteriana conference, 25 October 2001, Tempe, Arizona

Moderator, American Indians and the Criminal Justice System Roundtable at the Prison and Welfare Policies: Economic Exclusion, Social Control, and the Hidden Apartheid conference, 8-9 April 1999, Tempe, Arizona

“Media, Race, and War,” presented at the Media and Democracy Congress, March 1996, San Francisco, California

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (speaking, reading, writing)

French (reading)

Italian (reading)

Yaqui (intermediate reading)