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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston College

August 2014 -

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
Assistant Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies Program
Assistant Professor, Boston College School of Law (by courtesy)

Indiana University at Bloomington

August 2013 - June 2014

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication and Culture
Affiliate Faculty, Center for Intellectual Property Research at Maurer School of Law

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication, June 2013

University of Washington Department of Communication

Dissertation: Created Differences: Rhetorics of Race & Resistance in Intellectual Property Law

Committee: Ralina Joseph (Chair and Advisor), James Jasinski, Leah Ceccarelli, LeiLani Nishime, Zahr Said, Kathleen Woodward (Graduate School Representative)

LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and Policy, June 2007

University of Washington School of Law

Thesis: Genetically Modified Organisms & Wind-Blown Seeds: Possibilities for Patent Reform

Advisor: Sean M. O'Connor

J.D., May 2006

Emory University School of Law

B.S. in Psychology, with Honors, May 2004

B.A. in International Relations, with Honors, May 2003

Specializations in Environmental Economics and Western European Studies

Michigan State University

Thesis: Writing Sexual Violence in the War in the Former Yugoslavia: A Comparative Analysis of Rhetorical Choices in News Media and Academic Literature

Advisors: Colleen Tremonte and Lawrence Messe

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Anjali Vats. "Cooking Up Hashtag Activism: #PaulasBestDishes and Counternarratives of Southern Food," *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* 12(2) (2015), 209-213.

Anjali Vats. "Racechange is the New Black: Racial Accessorizing and Racial Tourism in High Fashion as Constraints on Rhetorical Agency." *Communication, Culture & Critique* 7(1) (2014), 112-135.

Anjali Vats and LeiLani Nishime. "Containment as Neocolonial Visual Rhetoric: Fashion, Yellowface, and Karl Lagerfeld's 'Idea of China.'" *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 99(4) (2013), 423-447.

Law Review Articles

With Deidré Keller. "Centering Education in the Next Great Copyright Act: A Response to Professor Jaszi." *Duquesne Law Review* 54 (2015) (Forthcoming).

With W. Ann Warner. "Annual Survey of Michigan Law: Civil Rights Law." *Wayne Law Review: Survey Edition* 52(2a) (2006): 391-434.

Book Chapters

Anjali Vats. "Civic Engagement through Policy Debate: Possibilities for Transformation." In *Navigating Opportunity: Policy Debate in the 21st Century*, ed. Allan D. Louden, 242-249. New York: International Debate Education Association, 2010.

Book Reviews

Anjali Vats. "Transforming Citizenships: Transgender Articulations of the Law (Review)," *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 18(2) (2015), 389-392.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

"(Dis)owning Bikram: Anti-Colonial Rhetorical Praxis in the Yoga Wars" at *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* (Revise & Resubmit).

"Disidentificatory Rhetorics in Andy Warhol's *Mammy*," at *The Southern Journal of Communication* (Invited for Special Issue on Race and Rhetoric) (Minor Revisions).

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

"Nationalizing Yoga," Supersession Presentation at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 27-29, 2016 (Upcoming).

"Transforming' Horatio Alger: Reading the (White) American Dream in Fair Use Jurisprudence," Paper Presentation at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, October 8-11, 2015 (Upcoming).

"Race, Social Media, and Affect: Exploring the Intense Aftermath of Recent Events of Police Brutality," Roundtable Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 19-22, 2015 (Upcoming).

"On the Affective Racial Histories of Favorite Things." Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 19-22, 2015 (Upcoming).

"Decolonizing Vernaculars: Resistance to Intellectual Property Law in the Yoga Wars." Paper Presentation at Communication, Postcoloniality, and Social Justice: Decolonizing Imaginations, Villanova, PA, March 26-29, 2015.

"(Dis)owning Bikram: Anti-colonial Rhetorical Praxis in the Yoga Wars." Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-23, 2014.

“#SolidarityisforWhiteWomen in Debate.” Panel Discussion at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-23, 2014.

“#AmericasRacistGrandmother: Paula Deen, Home Cooking and the Temporalities of Post-Racial Rhetorics.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-23, 2014.

“Rhetoric and Legacies of Race in the United States,” Preconference Respondent at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-23, 2014.

“Mapping the Urban Terroir: Food Trucks and the Material Rhetorics of Race in the City.” Paper Presentation at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-9, 2014.

With Deidre Keller. “Whiteness as (Intellectual) Property: Authorship and Transformativeness as Possession.” Paper Presentation at c, Los Angeles, CA, October 2-4, 2014.

“‘Not in a Mean Way,’ Y’All: Post-racial Apologia and Southern Hospitality as Antiracist Excuses in *Deen v. Jackson*.” Paper Presentation at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 22-26, 2014.

“Building Connections and Breaking Linkages: The Politics of Coalition-Building in Resistance and Activism in Competitive Policy Debate.” Respondent at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 21-24, 2013.

“Rebranding Aunt Jemima: Mammy and Resistive Rhetorics of Black Womanhood.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC, November 21-24, 2013.

“Yoga Piracy and the Resistive Politics of India’s Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.” Paper Presentation at Popular Culture and World Politics VI: Pirating Popular Culture, Stockholm, Sweden, September 13-14, 2013.

“Unfixing Fixation: Tangibility, Ephemerality, and Embodiment in Copyright Law and Performance Art.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 15-18, 2012.

“Gendered COMMunities in Intercollegiate Debate: Participation, Attrition, and Equality in and Outside of Rounds.” Panel Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 15-18, 2013.

With LeiLani Nishime. “Containment as Neocolonial Visual Rhetoric: Fashion, Yellowface, and Karl Lagerfeld’s ‘Idea of China.’” Paper Presentation at Crossroads in Cultural Studies, Paris, FR, July 2-6, 2012.

“Fashioning Race for the ‘Post’ Era: Racial Tourism, Rhetorical Agency, and the Neoliberal Citizen.” Paper Presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Rhetoric Society of America, Philadelphia, PA, May 25-28, 2012.

“*Mammy*: Andy Warhol, Aunt Jemima, and Intellectual Property at the Intersections of Race, Labor, and Gender.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-20, 2011.

“Blackface Chic: High Fashion and Racechange in a ‘Post’ Era.” Scholar-to-Scholar Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA, November 14-17, 2010.

“Argument as Praxis: Examining Methods of Critical Race Pedagogy in Policy Debate.” Paper Presentation at the Second Race and Pedagogy National Conference, Tacoma, WA, October 28-30, 2010.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Bill Ayers Communication Forum: Communicating for Social Justice - #BlackLivesMatter.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 19-22, 2015 (Upcoming).

“Postracial Creators, Hyperracial Pirates.” Presentation at the Race and Media Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, September 26, 2015 (Upcoming).

“Yoga Piracy and the Resistive Politics of India’s Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.” Presentation at Microsoft Research, Cambridge, MA, April 23, 2013.

“Debate as Empowerment: Effectively Deploying Dialogue, Argument, and Advocacy.” Guest Lecture at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, Connell, WA, August, 29, 2012.

“*Mammy*: Andy Warhol, Aunt Jemima, and Intellectual Property at the Intersections of Race, Labor, and Gender.” Guest Lecture at the University of Washington School of Law, November 30, 2011.

“Debate Organizations on the Web.” Alternative Models of Debate Discussion Group Member at the National Debate Development Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, June 5-7, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal

Supreme Court of Nevada	Carson City, NV
Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice A. William Maupin (retired)	8/2007 - 1/2009

Washington Attorney General’s Office	Seattle, WA
Intellectual Property Extern	1/2007 - 6/2007

American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia	Atlanta, GA
Field Placement Intern	1/2006 - 5/2006

The Coca-Cola Company	Atlanta, GA
Field Placement Intern	8/2005 - 12/2005

Michigan Department of Civil Rights	Lansing, MI
Civil Rights Law Intern	Summer 2004 & 2005

Research

University of Washington, Department of Communication	Seattle, WA
Research Assistant to Christine Harold, Ralina Joseph, and LeiLani Nishime	9/2009 - 6/2010

Emory University School of Law
 Research Assistant to Martha Grace Duncan
 Atlanta, GA
 8/2004 - 1/2005

Teaching & Debate Coaching

Harvard Debate Council
 Public Speaking and Argumentation Workshop Instructor
 Cambridge, MA
 7/2012 - 8/2012

University of Washington, Department of Communication
 Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor
 Seattle, WA
 9/2010 - 6/2013

Whitman National Debate Institute
 Instructor
 Walla Walla, WA
 Summer 2010 & 2011

University of Puget Sound
 Adjunct Faculty & Head Policy Debate Coach
 Tacoma, WA
 9/2009 - 5/2011

University of California, Berkeley
 Assistant Debate Coach
 Berkeley, CA
 1/2008 - 5/2009

Whitman College Debate Team
 Assistant Policy Debate Coach
 Walla Walla, WA
 9/2006 - 5/2007

University of Kansas Debate Team
 Assistant Debate Coach
 Lawrence, KS
 9/2005 - 5/2006

Michigan State University
 Assistant Debate Coach
 East Lansing, MI
 8/2004 - 5/2005

Spartan Debate Institute
 Instructor & Administrative Assistant
 East Lansing, MI
 Summer 1999 & 2002-2005

Kaplan Test Preparation
 LSAT Class Instructor
 Multiple Locations
 5/2002 - 5/2007

Non-Profit and Fundraising

Washington Debate Coalition
 Founder and President
 Seattle, WA
 4/2008 - 1/2014

Lupus Scholarship Fund
 Founder and President
 Bloomfield Hills, MI
 5/1999 - 5/2003

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor of Record

Graduate

Law, Rhetoric & Public Culture (Spring 2014) (joint-listed in law)

Undergraduate

Reading Race at the Millennium (Fall 2015)
 Black Popular Culture (Fall 2014, Spring 2014)
 Race, Law & Media (Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2015)
 Rhetoric, Law & Culture (Fall 2013)
 Rhetorical Criticism (Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012, and Winter 2012)
 Essentials of Argument (Fall 2011)

Course Director

Argumentation and Public Advocacy (Spring 2014)

Teaching Assistant & Grader

Race, Gender, and Power in Asian American Media (Spring 2013)
 Black Cultural Studies (Winter 2012)
 Introduction to Communication II (Spring 2011)
 Discourse Analysis (Winter 2011)
 Introduction to Communication I (Fall 2010)

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Doctoral Committee, Bridget Sutherland, Indiana University, Department of Communication and Culture

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (Declined) One of 89 grantees selected from a pool of 693 applicants in a national competition [\$20,000]	2013
International Summer Institute for the Cultural Study of the Law Scholarship to attend an intensive two-week program on cultural studies and law in Osnabrueck, Germany led by Rosemary Coombe and Fiona MacMillan [Full tuition and 850E]	2012
Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States Publication Fellowship Grant to support completion of an article-in-progress [\$5,283]	2012
Simpson Center for the Humanities, Graduate Student Interest Group Collaborator on grant for Performing the Gap: Performance as Political and Popular Transformation [\$1,000]	2012
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship Selected from a pool of hundreds of applicants in a national competition [\$21,000]	2012
Simpson Center for the Humanities Society of Scholars Research Fellowship One of three graduate students selected for a year-long research fellowship [\$10,566]	2012
Open Society Youth Initiative Global Debates Grant writer on collaborative grant to support public debate events sponsored by the Washington Debate Coalition and the University of Washington [\$5,500]	2012

Peter Clarke Graduate Research Fund Award for support of research that promises to yield social benefits [\$1,000]	2011
Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Madeline Jones Campbell Scholar Award for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service [\$1,500]	2011
Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Top Scholar Award Research assistantship for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service [\$14,391]	2009 - 2010
Merit-Based Law School Scholarship Three-quarters tuition award for three years at Emory University School of Law [\$69,057]	2003 - 2006
Semifinalist Award, Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Selected as one of the top 130 students out of an incoming class of approximately 7,000 (top 2%) at Michigan State University [\$1,500]	1998
HONORS AND AWARDS	
Nominee for the Reverend John R. Trzaska, S.J. Award Nominated for one of sixteen leadership awards given annually to Boston College faculty	2015
Top Paper in Communication and Law Division Selected by peer-review from the division at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association from 36 entries	2014
National Center for Institutional Diversity Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation Selected by the University of Michigan as a scholar with an exemplary commitment to diversity	2013
National Communication Association Breakthrough Scholar Award Selected from over thirty peer-reviewed entries for noteworthy scholarly contribution	2010
Order of Advocates Award Selected by faculty from over two hundred students for excellence in advocacy	2006
Dean's Public Service Award Selected by faculty from over two hundred students for commitment to public service	2006
Emory Public Interest Committee, Summer Grant Selected for two consecutive years for a summer grant for public interest work	2004 & 2005
Moot Court Society, Special Teams One of eighteen students selected from over one hundred competitors to travel nationally to compete in the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition	2004
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society Selected for induction for junior and senior year	2002 - 2003
Michigan State University Debate Team Ranked in the top sixteen teams at the Cross-Examination Debate Association National Championship and the top thirty-two teams in the country at the National Debate Tournament	1998 - 2003

CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC DEBATE ORGANIZING

- “Public and Policy Debate in Washington State,” Conference Organizer for the University of Washington Debate Union and the Washington Debate Coalition, Seattle, WA, May 29, 2013.
- “Redefining Cybercrime After Aaron Swartz: A Roundtable Discussion,” Public Debate Organizer for the University of Washington Debate Union, Seattle, WA, March 4, 2013.
- “Are Fish Advisory Programs Effective?” Debate Organizer and Public Debate Coach at the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Portland, OR, November 2-5, 2009.
- “Using Intercollegiate Debate to Inform Environmental Policy Discourse in America.” Debate Organizer and Public Debate Coach at the Environmental Protection Agency’s Community Involvement Training Conference, Seattle, WA, August 18, 2009.
- “Predatory Lending and Your Community,” Conference Organizer with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lansing, MI, August 18, 2005.

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| Co-Organizer and Panelist
Situating Ferguson: Anti-Black Racism, Justice and Police Accountability
Boston College | 2014 |
| Reviewer
<i>Women’s Studies in Communication, Review of Communication, and Culture, Theory & Critique</i> | 2014 |
| Volunteer Judge
Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Practice | 2014 |
| Discussion Pod Leader, Midwest Winter Workshop
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Communication | 2014 |
| Committee Member
Cross-Examination Debate Association Diversity Committee | 2013 |
| Reviewer, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division,
Annual Convention of the National Communication Association | 2013 - 2014 |
| Co-Director, UW Chapter of the Rhetoric Society of America
University of Washington, Department of Communication | 2011 - 2013 |
| New Graduate Student Mentor
University of Washington, Department of Communication | 2011 - 2013 |
| Policy Debate and Public Debate Organizer
University of Washington, Department of Communication | 2011 - 2013 |
| Undergraduate Student Mentor
Emory Alumni Association | 2009 - 2013 |

Volunteer Debate Coach Carson High School	2008 - 2009
Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Volunteer Red Cross of America	2005
Member, Student Legal Services Co-Director Emory University School of Law	2004 - 2006 2005 - 2006
Member, Emory Public Interest Committee Special Events & Loan Repayment Assistance Coordinator Emory University School of Law	2004 - 2006 2004 - 2005
Community Service Volunteer Hands on Atlanta	2004 - 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Success Program National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity	2014
Attendee, The Tucson Book-Banning Controversy University of Washington School of Law	2013
Invited Attendee, Brand New World: Distinguishing Oneself in the Global Flow UC Davis School of Law	2012
Attendee, International Summer Institute for the Cultural Study of the Law University of Osnabrueck	2012
Attendee, Digital Humanities Summer Institute University of Victoria	2012
Organizer and Attendee, Tough Critics: Reading Reviews and Publishing in the Humanities University of Washington	2012
Attendee, Women of Color Collective Writing Retreat University of Washington	2012
Attendee, Society of Scholars Grantwriting Workshop University of Washington	2011
Attendee, What Composers and Copyright Owners Can Teach Each Other Washington Lawyers for the Arts	2010

MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association (2014 - Present)
Washington State Bar Association (2012 - Present)
Rhetoric Society of America (2011 - Present)
National Communication Association (2010 - Present)

American Bar Association (2006 - Present)
Michigan Bar Association (2007 - Present)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French
Proficient in Hindi and Punjabi