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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 8.2014 - Present** **Boston College**
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication
Assistant Professor, African and African Diaspora Studies Program
Assistant Professor, Boston College Law School (by courtesy)
- 12.2017 - Present** **Microsoft Research New England, Social Media Collective**
Visiting Consultant
- 5.2017 - 6.2017** **Microsoft Research New England, Social Media Collective**
Consulting Researcher
- 8.2016 - 3.2017** **UC Davis School of Law**
Visiting Professor of Law
- 8.2013 - 6.2014** **Indiana University**
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication and Culture
Affiliate Faculty, Center for Intellectual Property Research at Maurer School of Law

EDUCATION

- 6.2013** **University of Washington**
Ph.D. in Communication, June 2013
Dissertation: "Created Differences: Rhetorics of Race & Resistance in Intellectual Property Law," under the direction of Ralina Joseph (Chair), James Jasinski, Leah Ceccarelli, LeiLani Nishime, Zahr Said, Kathleen Woodward
- University of Washington School of Law**
LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and Policy, June 2007
Thesis: "Genetically Modified Organisms & Wind-Blown Seeds: Possibilities for Patent Reform," under the direction of Sean M. O'Connor
- Emory University School of Law**
J.D., May 2006
- Michigan State University**
B.S. in Psychology, with Honors, May 2004 and
B.A. in International Relations, with Honors, May 2003
Specializations in Environmental Economics and Western European Studies
Thesis: "Writing Sexual Violence in the War in the Former Yugoslavia: A Comparative Analysis of Rhetorical Choices in News Media and Academic Literature," under the direction of Colleen Tremonte and Lawrence Messe

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Vats, Anjali. "Marking Disidentification: Race, Corporeality, and Resistance in Trademark Law." *Southern Communication Journal* 81(4) (2016): 237-251.

Vats, Anjali. "(Dis)owning Bikram: Decolonizing Vernacular and Dewesternizing Restructuring in the Yoga Wars." *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies* (2016): 1-21.

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

Vats, Anjali. "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.

Vats, Anjali and Nishime, LeiLani. "Containment as Neocolonial Visual Rhetoric: Fashion, Yellowface, and Karl Lagerfeld's 'Idea of China.'" *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 99(4) (2013), 423-447. **Included on Routledge's online bibliography of key works in Visual Communication**

Law Review Articles

Vats, Anjali and Keller, Deidré. "Critical Race IP." *Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal* 36 (Forthcoming).

Keller, Deidré and Vats, Anjali. "Centering Education in the Next Great Copyright Act: A Response to Professor Jaszi." *Duquesne Law Review* 54 (Winter 2016): 173-196.

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

Book Chapters

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

Book Reviews

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

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

The Color of Creatorship: Intellectual Properties, Racial Scripts and the Making of Americans (Under Advanced Contract at Stanford University Press)

"Take My Name, I Don't Need It": Prince, Naming & Intellectual Property Rights for Black Creators (For Special Issue on Prince at the *Howard Journal of Communication*)

With Campbell, Peter Odell. "Imported from Detroit: Race, Labor, Automobility and the Production of Enthymematic Racial Feeling" (For *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*)

INVITED EVENTS

With Peter Campbell. "Imported from Detroit: Race, Labor, Automobility and the Production of Enthymematic Racial Feeling." Paper Presentation at the Race and Media Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 11-13, 2018 (Upcoming).

"Copyright Thuggery: Historicizing the Development of a Strategic Rhetoric of Whiteness," Harvard Journal of Racial and Ethnic Justice Symposium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 22, 2018.

"Copyright Thuggery: Historicizing the Development of a Strategic Rhetoric of Whiteness," Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property, University of New Hampshire Law School, Concord, NH, March 12, 2018.

"The Emotional Politics of Piracy, Or Why We Feel Intellectual Property Infringement as National Trauma," Comparative Media Studies, MIT, Cambridge, MA, December 7, 2017.

"Take My Name, I Don't Need It': Prince, Naming & Intellectual Property Rights for Black Creators," University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, October 9, 2017.

"The Emotional Politics of Piracy, Or Why We Feel Intellectual Property Infringement as National Trauma," Southern Colloquium on Rhetoric, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, October 5-6, 2017.

"Doing Law and Rhetoric," Workshop Co-Leader, Rhetoric Society of America Summer Institute, May 25-27, 2017.

"Postracial Creatorship in a Hyperracial World," Department of Writing and Rhetoric, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, March 30, 2017.

"Theorizing the Hyperracial Infringer: Constructing China as Postmillennial Yellow Peril," Department of Communication, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, February 28, 2017.

"Theorizing the Hyperracial Infringer: Constructing China as Postmillennial Yellow Peril," Department of Communication, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, February 27, 2017.

"Theorizing the Hyperracial Infringer: Digital Piracy and the Rhetorical Darkening of Russian Whiteness," Department of Civic Communication & Media and Department of American Ethnic Studies, Willamette University, Salem, OR, February 23, 2017.

"Theorizing the Hyperracial Infringer: Glivec and the Rhetorical Construction of India as Insolent Democracy," Presentation for Science and Technology Studies, UC Davis, Davis, CA, March 2, 2017.

"Prince and the Politics of Symbolic Naming" Presentation for the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, CA, January 24, 2017.

"Hyperracializing Infringement and the Global Intellectual Property Anti-Citizen," International Center for Global Law and Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 12-13, 2016.

"Decolonizing Intellectual Property: A Yoga Case Study," Presentation for the Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Student Association, UC Davis School of Law, Davis, CA, October 27, 2016.

"Princely (Intellectual) Properties," Presentation at the Race and Media Conference, New York University, New York, NY, October 21, 2016.

“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.

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

“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.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Prince of Intellectual Property: On Creatorship, Copyright, and Black Capitalism in the Life/Afterlives of the Purple One,” Paper Presentation at Prince from Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, April 16-18, 2018.

With Peter Campbell. “Imported from Detroit: Race, Labor, Automobility and the Production of Enthymematic Racial Feeling.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19, 2017.

“Citizen Creatorship.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19, 2017.

“Yoga Nationalism.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 10-13, 2016.

“Cultivating Conference Panel Diversity: A Roundtable Conversation on Obstacles and Best Practices in Disrupting Whiteness.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 10-13, 2016.

“Nationalizing Yoga,” Supersession Paper Presentation at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 27-29, 2016.

“Postracial Creators, Hyperracial Pirates,” Paper Presentation at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 27 - 29, 2016.

“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.

With Amanda Edgar. “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.

- “‘Transforming’ Horatio Alger: Reading the (White) American Dream in Fair Use Jurisprudence,” Paper Presentation at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada, October 8-11, 2015.
- “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: Anticolonial 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 Deidré Keller. “Whiteness as (Intellectual) Property: Authorship and Transformativeness as Possession.” Paper Presentation at Critical Race Studies, 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal and Law Related

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| 8.2007 - 1.2009 | Supreme Court of Nevada
Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice A. William Maupin (retired) |
| 1.2007 - 6.2007 | Washington Attorney General's Office
Intellectual Property Extern |
| 1.2006 - 5.2006 | American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia
Field Placement Intern |
| 8.2005 - 12.2005 | The Coca-Cola Company
Field Placement Intern |
| Summer 2004 & 2005 | Michigan Department of Civil Rights
Civil Rights Law Intern |

Research Assistantships

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| 9.2009 - 6.2010 | University of Washington, Department of Communication
Research Assistant to Christine Harold, Ralina Joseph, and LeiLani Nishime |
| 8.2004 - 1.2005 | Emory University School of Law
Research Assistant to Martha Grace Duncan |

Debate Coaching & Non-Academic Teaching

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| 7.2012 - 8.2012 | Harvard Debate Council
Public Speaking and Argumentation Workshop Instructor |
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9.2010 - 6.2013	University of Washington, Department of Communication Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor
Summer 2010 & 2011	Whitman National Debate Institute Lab Instructor and Lecturer
9.2009 - 5.2011	University of Puget Sound Forensics Program Adjunct Faculty and Head Policy Debate Coach
1.2008 - 5.2009	University of California, Berkeley Policy Debate Team Assistant Policy Debate Coach
2.2006 - 5.2007	Whitman College Debate Team Assistant Policy Debate Coach
9.2005 - 5.2006	University of Kansas Debate Team Assistant Policy Debate Coach
8.2004 - 5.2005	Michigan State University Debate Team Assistant Policy Debate Coach
Summer 2002 - 2005	Spartan Debate Institute Lab Instructor, Lecturer and Administrative Assistant
5.2007 - 5.2007	Kaplan Test Preparation LSAT Class Instructor
Non-Profit and Fundraising	
4.2008 - 1.2014	Washington Debate Coalition Founder and President
5.1999 - 5.2003	Lupus Scholarship Fund Founder and President

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor of Record

Graduate & Professional

Critical Race Theory (Spring 2017) (law school)
Race, National Identity and Intellectual Properties (Fall 2016) (law school)
Law, Rhetoric & Public Culture (Spring 2014) (crosslisted in communication and law school)

Undergraduate

Critical Race Theory (Spring 2019)
Reading Race at the Millennium (Spring 2016, Fall 2015)
Black Popular Culture (Spring 2014, Fall 2014)
Race, Law & Media (Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2014)

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

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)

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

2018 - Present	Race and Communication Mentorship Group, Boston College
2017 - Present	McNair Scholar Mentor, Angelina Vallejo, Boston College
2016 - Present	Doctoral Committee Member, Caliesha Comley, Boston College, Sociology Department
2013 - Present	Doctoral Committee Member, Bridget Sutherland, Indiana University, Department of Communication and Culture

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2016	American Association of University Women Postdoctoral Fellowship [\$30,000]
2016	Finalist, National Center for Institutional Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship
2015	Boston College, Institute for Liberal Arts Major Grant [\$33,250]
2013	American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship [Declined]
2012	International Summer Institute for the Cultural Study of the Law [Tuition + 850E]
2012	University of Washington, IESUS Summer Publication Fellowship [\$5,283]
2012	Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship
2012	Simpson Center for the Humanities Society of Scholars Research Fellowship [\$10,566]
2012	Open Society Youth Initiative Global Debates [\$5,500]
2011	Peter Clarke Graduate Research Fund [\$1,000]
2011	Mortar Board Alumni/Tolo Foundation Madeline Jones Campbell Scholar [\$1,500]
2009 - 2010	Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Top Scholar Award [\$14,391]
2003 - 2006	Merit-Based Law School Scholarship [\$69,057]

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016	National Center for Institutional Diversity Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation
2015	Nominee for the Reverend John R. Trzaska, S.J. Award
2014	Top Paper in Communication and Law Division
2013	National Center for Institutional Diversity Exemplary Diversity Scholar Citation
2010	National Communication Association Breakthrough Scholar Award
2006	Order of Advocates Award
2006	Dean's Public Service Award
2004 & 2005	Emory Public Interest Committee, Summer Grant
2004	Moot Court Society, Special Teams

2002 - 2003 Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
 1998 - 2003 Michigan State University Debate Team

CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC DEBATE ORGANIZING

"Race + IP," ILA Grant Principal Investigator and Co-Organizer, Boston College, April 20-22, 2017.

"Public and Policy Debate in Washington State," Conference Organizer, 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, University of Washington Debate Union, Seattle, WA, March 4, 2013.

"Are Fish Advisory Programs Effective?" Debate Organizer and Public Debate Coach, 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, Environmental Protection Agency's Community Involvement Training Conference, Seattle, WA, August 18, 2009.

"Predatory Lending and Your Community," Conference Co-organizer (with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development), Lansing, MI, August 18, 2005.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

2017 - Present Advisory Board Member, Intersectional Rhetorics Series at OSU Press
 2017 Editorial Board, *Communication Law Journal*
 2016 Ad Hoc Reviewer, *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics*
 2016 Editorial Board Member, *Women's Studies in Communication*
 2014 Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Women's Studies in Communication*
 2014 Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Review of Communication*
 2014 Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Culture, Theory & Critique*

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2018 Elected Member, Board of Directors, Rhetoric Society of America
 2018 Aquino Scholarship Committee Member, Boston College
 2015 - Present Reviewer, Asian Pacific Association Division, National Communication Association
 2016 - 2017 Department Strategic Planning Committee, Boston College
 2016 Invited Participant, Educational Policy Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Discussion Group, Boston College
 2016 Invited Participant, Cultural Diversity and the Core Committee, Boston College
 2016 Invited Speaker, "Teaching About Whiteness and Privilege," Excellence in Teaching Day, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College
 2015 - Present Reviewer, Critical/Cultural Studies Division, National Communication Association
 2015 Facilitator, Asian American Studies Program, Privilege Walk
 2014 Invited Speaker on Race, BC Ignites, Boston College
 2014 Co-Organizer and Panelist, "Situating Ferguson: Anti-Black Racism, Justice and Police Accountability," Boston College
 2014 Volunteer Judge, Saul Lefkowitz Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition Practice, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Sherman Minton Moot Court Society

2014	Discussion Pod Leader, Midwest Winter Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Communication
2013	Committee Member, Cross-Examination Debate Association Diversity Committee
2013 - Present	Reviewer, Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division, National Communication Association
2011 - 2013	Co-Director, UW Chapter of the Rhetoric Society of America, University of Washington
2011 - 2013	New Graduate Student Mentor, University of Washington
2011 - 2013	Policy/Public Debate Organizer, University of Washington
2009 - 2013	Undergraduate Student Mentor, Emory University Alumni Association
2008 - 2009	Volunteer Debate Coach, Carson High School
2005	Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Volunteer, Red Cross of America
2004 - 2006	Student Legal Services, Emory University School of Law (Co-Director, 2005 - 2006)
2004 - 2006	Emory Public Interest Committee, Emory University School of Law (Special Events & Loan Repayment Assistance Coordinator, 2004 - 2005)
2004 - 2006	Community Service Volunteer, Hands on Atlanta

MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association (2014 - 2016)
 Washington State Bar Association (2012 - Present)
 Rhetoric Society of America (2011 - Present)
 National Communication Association (2010 - Present)
 American Bar Association (2006 - 2015)
 Michigan Bar Association (2007 - Present)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French
 Proficient in Hindi and Punjabi