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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Florida International University College of Law

Assistant Professor of Law, 2025 – present

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Investigations, Seminar (Police, Crime, and Education)

Indiana University Bloomington

Assistant Professor of Education Law, School of Education, 2023 – 2025

Courses: Education Law, Advanced Education Law

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Postdoctoral Associate, Race and Crime Center for Justice, 2021 – 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University

Department of Education Policy Studies

Dr. Macia Clarke-Yapi Dissertation Memorial Award for Outstanding Dissertation on Racial Equity

J.D. The Pennsylvania State University—Penn State Law

Public Interest Law Fellow; American Legal Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholastic and Leadership Award; President of the Latina/o Law Student Association

M.A. Columbia University

Philosophy and Education

B.A. University of Florida

Criminology & Law, Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Law and Peer-Review Articles (* denotes peer review)

The Role of State Laws in the Privatization of Police on Campus, HARV. EDUC. REV. (forthcoming 2025) *

Private Campus Police and the Fourteenth Amendment, 102 DENV. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2025)

Race Centers as Essential Curriculum Spaces in Law Schools, 76 MERCER L. REV. 609 (2025) (with Katheryn Russell-Brown)

A National Survey and Critical Analysis of University Police Statutes, 72 BUFF. L. REV. 751 (2025)

Students Under Surveillance: Big Data Policing and Privacy Rights, 54 EDUC. RESEARCHER 234 (2025) * | [Link](#)

Policing the College Campus: History, Race, and Law, 29 WASH. & LEE J. CIV. RTS. & SOC. JUST. 59 (2023) (with Katheryn Russell-Brown)

The Race to Ban Race: Legal and Critical Arguments Against State Legislation to Ban Critical Race Theory in Higher Education, 88 MISSOURI L. REV. 61 (2023) (with Neal Hutchens and Frank Fernandez)

Florida's Stop WOKE Act: A Wake-Up Call for Faculty Academic Freedom, 48 J.C.U.L. 35 (2023) (with Neal Hutchens)

The Politicization of Education Law and the Implications for Re-envisioning the Law School Curriculum for Racial Justice, 24 RUTGERS RACE & L. REV. 1 (2022) (with Maria Lewis and Raquel Muñiz)

Joint Identities? A Self-Case Study of the Professional Identity Development of JD/PhD Professionals in Education Law, 49 J. LAW & EDUC. 393 (2020) (with Raquel Muñiz, Dwayne Kwaysee Wright, Rafael Alvarado, and Queen McGrew)

Works in Progress

Private Campus Police Forces. Selected for the Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference and the Education Law Association Early Career Faculty Fellows Program.

Nationalizing the Campus Police

Book Chapters

Predictive Policing in American Schools and Universities, (forthcoming 2026) in *THE DIGITIZED CAMPUS: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND BIG DATA IN HIGHER EDUCATION* (Frank Fernandez, Neal Hutchens, Rachel Dean, Vanessa Miller, and Brandi Hephner LaBanc, eds.) SUNY Press.

A Critical Legal Analysis of Campus Police Authority, (2024) in *COPS ON CAMPUS: RETHINKING SAFETY AND CONFRONT POLICE VIOLENCE* 17-32 (Yalile Surriel, Grace Watkins, Jude Paul Matias Dizon, and John Joseph Sloan III, eds.) University of Washington Press.

Public Scholarship

Legal Brief, *Federal Law Information and Undocumented Students*, National Association of Secondary School Principals (May 2025) (with Janet Decker & Maria Lewis) | [Link](#)

Research Brief (Criminal Justice, Race & Ethnicity), *Impacts of the State Laws that Govern University Police Powers* (July 29, 2024). Scholars Strategy Network | [Link](#)

Op-Ed, *Police Repression is the Problem, Not the Solution*, Inside HigherEd (May 1, 2024) (with Charles H.F. Davis, III, Jude Paul Dizon, and Jessica Hatrick) | [Link](#)

Research Brief, *What legal authority do university police at public colleges and universities have in each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam?* (January 8, 2024). Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University Bloomington | [Link](#)

Library Guide, *Campus Policing and Race*, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center (with Katheryn Russell-Brown, Elizabeth Hilkin, Edith Perez, and Avery Vinson)

Policy Report, *Florida Youth in Solitary Confinement*, Race and Crime Center for Justice (April 2023) | [Link](#)

Policy Report, *A Look at Florida Corrections*, Race and Crime Center for Justice (February 2023) | [Link](#)

Comment, *Class dismissed: Ascertainability, adequacy, and the college bribery cases*, AM. J. EDUC. FORUM (May 5, 2020) | [Link](#)

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- University of Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference (2025)

- Education Law Association Early Career Scholar Fellow (2024)
- Leading Woman in Higher Education (2024) by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*
- Diversity Scholars Network (2024) at University of Michigan, National Center for Institutional Diversity

SELECTED LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroft LLP

Associate, 2020 – 2021

Summer Associate, 2019

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Summer Public Interest Law Fellow, 2018

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Summer Public Interest Law Fellow, Educational Opportunities Project, 2018

United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Judicial Extern for Honorable Magistrate Judge William I. Arbuckle, III, Williamsport, PA, 2017

New York State Office of the Attorney General, Civil Rights Bureau, New York, NY

Graduate Research Intern, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

Selected Panels and Presentations

“Dismantling Injustice in Campus Policing and Reimagining Safety,” Panelist, American Education Research Association Annual Conference, Division J Presidential Session, Philadelphia, PA (April 12, 2024).

“Fourth Amendment and School Policing Update,” Panelist, Education Law Association Annual Conference, Reno, NV (October 28, 2023)

“The School-to-Prison Pipeline: A Comprehensive Overview and Recent Legal Challenges,” Presenter, Education Law Association Annual Conference, Reno, NV (October 26, 2023)

“Latina/o/e/x Voices from the Field,” Panelist, American Educational Research Association, Latina/o/e/x SIG Panel (October 12, 2023)

“Building Anti-Carceral and Transformative Justice Futures,” Panelist, Yale Law School, Rebellious Lawyering Conference, New Haven, CT (March 11, 2023)

“You Can’t Teach That! CRT and Ethnic Studies Bans in P-20 Education,” Panelist, University of Kentucky, Education and Civil Rights Initiative (March 9, 2023)

“Hot Topics in Higher Education Law,” Higher Education and the Carceral State Panelist, Education Law Association Conference, Orlando, FL (November 2, 2022)

“Campus Policing and Race,” Presenter, University of Florida Postdoctoral Association Seminar Series, Gainesville, FL (June 8, 2022)

Invited Talks and Other Presentations

Invited Speaker to present “Private Campus Police” for *Denver Law Review* Symposium on Modern Interpretations of the Fourteenth Amendment, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO (April 4, 2025).

Presented Work-In-Progress (relating to private campus police and off-campus jurisdiction), Northeastern University Law School Junior Scholars Conference, Boston, MA (February 28-March 1, 2025)

Presented Work-In-Progress (relating to school policing, assimilation, and American Indian children), AALS Midyear Section on Education Law & Children and the Law WIP Session (with Neoshia Roemer),

Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, New Orleans, LA (September 20-21, 2024)
 Presented Work-In-Progress (relating to big data, surveillance, and university police), Northeastern University Law School Junior Scholars Conference, Boston, MA (March 1-2, 2024)
 Invited Speaker (to discuss research on campus police, virtual), University of South Carolina, College of Education, Antiracist Educational Leadership course (November 29, 2023)
 Invited Speaker (to discuss research on qualitative legal research methods, virtual), California State University, Stanislaus, Qualitative Methods course (November 17, 2023)
 Invited Speaker for Faculty Colloquium (to discuss research on campus police and artificial intelligence), University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM (October 25, 2023)
 Presented Work-In-Progress (relating to artificial intelligence, big data, and school and university police), AALS Midyear Section on Education Law & Children and the Law WIP Session, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL (September 22-23, 2023)
 Invited Speaker (to discuss research on university police statutes), Appalachian State, Department of Counseling, Family Therapy, and Higher Education, Higher Education and Law course (September 21, 2023)
 Cohort Member, Law and Governance in Higher Education Mentoring Roundtable at The Pennsylvania State University (workshopped paper on university police statutes), University Park, PA (May 15-18, 2023)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Indiana University Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society Faculty Seed Grant, 2024. (\$3500). Awarded grant to investigate Clery Act crime notifications by university police department.
- Indiana University School of Education Proffitt Summer Faculty Fellowship, 2024. (\$10,000). Awarded summer research grant to examine surveillance, big data policing, and schools.
- Pennsylvania State University Education Policy Studies Research Writing Grant, 2019. (\$3500)
- B.A. Women's Alliance Graduate Public Scholar, 2018.
- Cuban American Bar Foundation Scholarship, 2018. Awarded scholarship for Cuban American law student.

MEDIA COVERAGE

"The Supreme Court curbed federal oversight of schools. It's a big deal," *USA TODAY*. July 10, 2024 (interviewed to discuss the impact of the *Loper Bright* Supreme Court decision on higher education's federal crime and safety reporting) <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2024/07/10/supreme-court-chevron-schools-ruling-lgbtq/74269157007/>

"Miller named among most impactful women in higher education," *Indiana University School of Education*. <https://education.indiana.edu/news/2024/jan-jun/2024-02-09-miller-named-among-most-impactful-women-in-higher-education.html>

"Affiliate Faculty Spotlight Series: An Interview with Dr. Vanessa Miller," *Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, Indiana University* (interviewed to discuss research). <https://crres.indiana.edu/research/affiliate-spotlight/vanessa-miller-spotlight.html>

"16% of drivers stopped by UT System police are Black despite making up 7% of system population," *The Daily Texan*. November 29, 2023 (interviewed to discuss research on racial disparities and campus police). <https://thedailytexan.com/2023/11/29/16-of-drivers-stopped-by-ut-system-police-are-black-despite-making-up-7-of-system-population/>

SERVICE AND PUBLIC SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

Affiliate Faculty, Indiana University Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society, 2023 – 2025
 Affiliate Faculty, Indiana University Center for Evaluation and Educational Policy, 2023 – 2025
 Facilitator, Indiana University Faculty Scholarly Writing Group, 2024 – 2025
 Faculty Appointments Committee, Indiana University School of Education, 2024 – 2025

Scholar Strategy Network (SSN) Member <https://scholars.org/scholar/vanessa-miller>

Mentor, Penn State Law Minority Mentorship Program, 2023 – present

Mentor, University of Florida Association of Hispanic Alumni, 2020 – present

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Criminology*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *The Yale Law Journal*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *Social Problems*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *American Journal of Education*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *American Educational Research Journal*