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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Justice Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ** **2019**
- Dissertation: [*How Yoga Became “White:” Yoga Mobilities, Race, and the US Settler Nation \(1937-2018\).*](#)
- M.A.** **Cinema Studies, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, NY** **2011**
- Paper: *Law, Nation Building, and 1920’s Cinema: Resurrecting Valentino’s, The Young Rajah, in the Context of U.S. vs. Bhagat Singh Thind.* Law and Cinema Panel, Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference, 2012
- J.D.** **University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA** **2003**
- Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic, 2002
 - Legal journalism intern at the [U.S. Supreme Court with National Public Radio](#), 2002
- B.A.** **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA** **1999**
- Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Honors College
 - *Summa Cum Laude*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary interests: Property, Race and the Law, Contracts, Intellectual Property
Additional interests: Yoga, Wellness, and the Law; Law and Technology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Law Review Article (Job Talk Paper): *Yoga as Property: A Century of U.S. Yoga Copyrights (1937 - 2021)*, LatCrit Symposium 2021.

Talk: *Yoga as Property* at [Stanford University Medical School. Contemplation by Design Summit](#), October 31, 2021.

Paper: *Yoga As Property: Mapping A Critical Geography of Yoga in the Public Domain*, Panel on Critical Perspectives on Theory and Jurisprudence; RESISTANCE AND TRANSFORMATION: MAPPING CRITICAL GEOGRAPHIES AND ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES IN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP AND PRAXIS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, [LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference](#), University of Denver, Sturm College of Law (October 9, 2021).

An Introduction to Critical Yoga Studies and the Law: Yoga, Wellness, and Contemporary Spirituality. Bloomsbury Religion in North America. (Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming November, 2021).

[*A Critical Yoga Studies Approach to Grappling with Race: Introducing “Racial Tourism,” “Racial Mobilities,” and “Justice Storytelling” in the Context of Racial Fraud in the Academy.*](#) Genealogy. Volume 5, no. 2: 44 (MDPI, 2021).

[Yoga's Entry into American Popular Music is Racialized \(1941-1967\): A Critical Yoga Studies Analysis of Race, Othering and "Belonging."](#) Resonance: The Journal of Sound and Culture. Vol.1, no. 2 (University of California Press, 2020)

Presentation: [Online Pedagogy: Technical and Cultural Competency](#), Yoga Alliance, April 9, 2020.

[How Yoga Became "White:" Yoga Mobilities, Race, and the US Settler Nation \(1937-2018\)](#). Unpublished dissertation (Arizona State University, 2019).

Accepted Paper: *Yoga As Property: Mapping A Critical Geography of Yoga Shrinking in the Global Public Domain*, Traditional Knowledge Panel, International Meeting on Law and Society, Law and Society Association. June 20-23, 2017.

[Towards Yoga As Property](#). Chapter in, *Yoga and the Body: An Intersectional Analysis of Contemporary Body Politics, Mindfulness, and Embodied Social Change* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

[Keynote address: Law and Yoga at the Crossroads](#), Race and Yoga Conference, Center for Gender and Race, University of California, Berkeley. April 22, 2016.

[Court Allows Yoga in Public Schools: We Won, But at What Cost?](#) Elephant Journal. July 23, 2013.

PRE-LAW TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University, Monterey Bay

Fall 2020 - Present

[Assistant Professor, Law and Civic Engagement](#), School of Humanities and Communication

Tenure-track professor teaching law subjects, including *Race and Gender Justice*, which includes sections on Property Law; *Politics and Participation*, and *Professional Writing*. Pre-law advisor to a campus of primarily first-generation undergraduate legal scholars. Elected to the university-wide Academic Senate; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Hybrid, in-person and online (synchronous) courses.

Arizona State University

2015-2019

Graduate Instructor, School of Social Transformation, Justice and Social Inquiry Department

Taught interdisciplinary law subjects, such as *Race and the Law*, *Women, Work, and Law*, *Drugs and Justice*, *Youth and Justice*, and *Introduction to Justice Studies*. Four years of online teaching experience.

City College of the City University of New York

2009-2010

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Taught law subjects such as *Federalism and the U.S. Supreme Court*, *Constitutional Law and Equal Protection*, *Law and Social Change*, *Law and Cinema*. Served as pre-law advisor to first-generation students of color. A highlight was taking pre-law students to the Yale Critical Race Theory conference.

Pace University

2007-2008

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Taught pre-law subjects, including *U.S. Supreme Court* and *International Politics and Economic Organizations*. Awarded the highest university teaching award for my innovative pre-law course, *Hip Hop Politics: The First Amendment and Sampling*.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (Admitted, 2013)
Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department

LAW & PUBLIC SERVICE WORK EXPERIENCE

[Standards Review Advisor, Yoga Alliance](#) 2017 - 2020
First Indian American advisor to Yoga Alliance, the global yoga governing body and accreditation association. I helped shape credentialing standards for yoga teachers and yoga studios worldwide.

[Facilitator, U.S. Department of Justice, VAWA Project](#) 2014 - 2017
[NAPSIEV: National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence](#)
Led nationwide workshops on advocacy methods for service providers at rape crises centers in primarily migrant, immigrant, and indigenous communities with a focus on restorative justice, mediation, and legal assistance as one essential element in wrap-around social services for marginalized victims.

[Director of Public Advocacy, San Francisco County Rape Crisis Center](#) (CA) 2006-2007
Collaborated with the Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco to implement an innovative, housing-based, victims advocacy program focused on Single Resident Occupancy hotels in the Mission District and the Fillmore neighborhoods of urban San Francisco, with an emphasis on preventative care. Based on my housing advocacy work, I was invited to be a contributing author to [Displacing the Dream: A Report on Bay Area Newspaper Coverage of Development and Gentrification](#) (2010).

[Family Law Offices of Jacqueline Coulter-Peebles](#) (Oakland, CA) 2004-2006
Law clerk at a private practice focusing on African American family law. Conducted intakes and legal research; communicated with counsel regarding case management and procedural requirements.

[Habeas Project, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children](#) (CA) 2003-2005
Pro-bono advocate with the Habeas Project, a statewide collaborative effort to free battered women in California state prisons under a new California Penal Code §1473.5, which enabled victims of domestic violence incarcerated as a result of a crime committed while escaping abuse to submit a petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging their original conviction. I advocated in Central California Women's Facility (Chowchilla, CA), the largest female correctional facility in the U.S. I conducted intakes, interviewed witnesses, and testified before the California Board of Prison Terms on behalf of petitioners seeking a new trial, a reduced sentence, and other equitable remedies such as parole.

[American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties](#) 2001
Summer legal intern, recipient of the Edley Grant, University of California Berkeley Law Public Interest Fellowship. Authored a memo on the "Right to Search Students," for senior ACLU attorneys involved in a Fourth Amendment case in which a San Diego high school conducted an unreasonable search of the bodies and attire of only female students seeking to enter a school dance.

[Legal Aid Society](#) (San Diego, CA) 1999
Client intake in Housing Law at the Legal Aid Clinic, Catholic Charities Diocese; a downtown hub for services geared towards chronically homeless and housing insecure populations in urban San Diego.

AWARDS & GRANTS

2020 Fellow, The New School, [Social Movements + Innovation Lab](#)
2018 Justice and Social Inquiry Research Development Grant, Arizona State University
2018 Dissertation Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Association, ASU
2017 Woodside Community Action Grant, ASU
2016 Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Research Award, ASU
2012 Diversity Scholarship, Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference
2009 Innovation in Teaching Award, Pace University
2001 Edley Grant, University of California Berkeley Law Public Interest Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Present - 2019 American Studies Association, Member of the Committee on Graduate Education
Present - 2013 New York State Bar Association
Present - 2019 Law and Society Association
Present - 2012 Society of Cinema and Media Studies
Present - 2009 Yoga Alliance: Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT, 200)