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Academic Experience

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2023 to Present

University of Pittsburgh School of Law - Pittsburgh, PA

- Teach Civil Procedure, Education Law, and required 1L course on professional identity development
- Research interests: health justice, law and design, special education law
- 2023 SLU - Health Law Scholar

Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusive Excellence

July 2020 to June 2023

University of Pittsburgh School of Law - Pittsburgh, PA

- Set priorities and lead initiatives specific to Pitt Law's vision of an equitable and inclusive academic environment
- Served as the Chair of the faculty Diversity Committee
- Facilitated meetings of the Office of Equity and Inclusive Excellence's Student Advisory Council

Clinical Associate Professor of Law

May 2020 to June 2023

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

July 2015 to May 2020

University of Pittsburgh School of Law - Pittsburgh, PA

- Established and direct medical-legal partnership between the Hickton Center for Community Legal Services and Clinical Education and UPMC – Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Supervised certified legal interns in case work involving special education advocacy, childhood SSI, and substitute medical decision-making
- Taught the *Health Law Clinic*, an eight-credit experiential learning course
- Co-taught *Race Equity Consciousness*, an intercession course, and *Pitt Law Academy*, a required 1L course that satisfies the requirements of ABA standard 303

Clinic Instructor – Supervising Attorney

August 2013 – June 2015

University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law – Washington, DC

- Co-taught the Took Crowell Institute - Juvenile and Special Education Clinic; part of a nationally-ranked clinical legal education program
- Supervised certified legal interns on case work involving special education advocacy and student discipline

Professional Experience

Senior Attorney – Training Coordinator

September 2012 – August 2013

Staff Attorney

October 2008 – September 2012

Children's Law Center – Washington, DC

Equal Justice Works Fellow

August 2006 – September 2008

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland – Cleveland, OH

Education

B.A., Denison University	2001
J.D., Case Western Reserve University	2006
LL.M, University of the District of Columbia	2015
Systems Thinking Certificate, Cornell University	2020

Publications

Pierson-Brown, T. N. *(Systems) Thinking Like A Lawyer*. 26 Clin. L. Rev. 515 (2020).

Johnson, A. E., Pierson-Brown, T. N., et al. (2021). *Racial Diversity among American Cardiologists: Implications for the Past, Present, and Future*. *Circulation*, 2395-2405. doi:[10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.121.053566](https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.121.053566)

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Pierson-Brown, T. N. (2022). *Calls for Change: Seeing Cancel Culture from a Multi-Level Perspective*. *Cuadernos del Centro de Estudios en Diseño y Comunicación*, 157.

Pierson-Brown, T. N. *It's Not Irony, it's Interest Convergence: A CRT Perspective on Racism as Public Health Crisis Statements*. *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 50(4), 693-702. doi:[10.1017/jme.2023.10](https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2023.10) (2022)

Schebesta, H., Pierson-Brown, T., et al. (2024). *The Future of Food Law: Synopsis Article and Research Agenda*. *Rivista Di Diritto Alimentare*, 18. <http://www.rivistadirittoalimentare.it/rivista/2024-01/RASSEGNAFLG.pdf>

Jarrell, J. T., Pierson-Brown, T., et al. (2024). *Using a Transition Design Approach to Explore the Adolescent Shift to Adulthood*. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 23. <https://doi.org/10.1177/16094069241236216>

Selected Speaking Engagements

The Systems Design Approach to Anti-Racist Teaching 2024
18th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop
Duke University School of Law – Durham, NC

Theory + Community: Toward Health Justice Praxis 2024
47th Annual ASLME Health Law Professors Conference
Temple University Beasley School of Law – Philadelphia PA

<i>Where DEIB meets Academic Freedom: The Tea and The Tips</i> , AALS 2024 Annual Meeting Program - Section on Balance & Well-Being in Legal Education – Washington, D.C.	2024
<i>Facilitating Difficult Classroom Discussions</i> , University of New Hampshire School of Law – Concord, NH	2023
<i>The Transition Design Approach to Studying and Reforming the Civil Justice Ecosystem</i> Law and Society Conference – San Juan, PR	2023
<i>(Systems) Thinking Like a Lawyer</i> Future of Food Law Conference – Wageningen University & Research (WUR) Netherlands	2023
<i>(Moderator) Adversarial Allies: Power Dynamics Among Black Women and White Women Leaders in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion</i> , National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education Annual Conference – Baltimore, MD	2023
<i>The Role of MLP in Advancing Racial Justice</i> , Medical-Legal Partnerships: Equity, Evaluation and Evolution, Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School – New Haven, CT	2023
<i>It's Not Irony, it's Interest Convergence: A CRT Perspective on Racism as Public Health Crisis Statements</i> , Health Justice: Engaging Critical Perspectives in Health Law and Policy Workshop, UCLA School of Law – Los Angeles, CA	2022
<i>Empowering Effective Advocates</i> , Harvard Law School – Cambridge, MA	2022
<i>(Moderator) Vigilantism and White Supremacy: The Power of the Courts to Defend and Disrupt</i> , <i>This is Not Normal: Allyship and Advocacy in the Age of COVID-19</i> Town Hall Series, University of Pittsburgh Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Pittsburgh, PA	2022
<i>(Moderator) Structures of Inequity: A Conversation on Social Justice</i> , Remarks by Anthony Ray Hinton, EJI; ReNike Moore, ACLU; Candi Castleberry-Singelton, Dignity & Respect, Inc.; Sheila Velez Martinez, University of Pittsburgh School of Law. University of Pittsburgh Diversity Forum – Pittsburgh, PA	2021
<i>Microaggressions and Managing Difficult Conversations</i> , Ohio Access to Justice Foundation	2021-2022
	2021

<i>Law as SDH: Health, Justice, and Medical-Legal Partnership</i> , University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health – Pittsburgh, PA	
<i>(Moderator) 2021 Nordenberg Lecture in Law, Medicine, and Psychiatry – “Policing Reproduction: From Slavery Through the Present”</i> , remarks by Prof. Michele Bratcher Goodwin, Chancellor’s Professor at the University of California Irvine. University of Pittsburgh School of Law – Pittsburgh, PA	2021
<i>What Just Happened? Race, Justice, and Politics after the Capitol Siege</i> , University of Pittsburgh Center on Race and Social Problems and the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – Pittsburgh, PA	2021
<i>Positive Transitioning: From Middle School through High School and Beyond</i> , Positive Steps Webinar – Pittsburgh, PA	2020
<i>The Legal Perspective of Transition: What Do I Need to Know as an Adolescent and Young Adult?</i> Bridges For Transition Conference, UPMC-Children's Hospital	2020
<i>Statute of Limitations under the IDEA</i> , Snapshots of Special Education Law 2020, Pennsylvania Bar Institute – Pittsburgh, PA	2020
<i>Racism in Medicine Part Two - How is Race a Social Determinant of Health?</i> PHM from Pittsburgh Podcast– Pittsburgh, PA	2020
<i>Health, Law Enforcement, and the Media</i> , University of Pittsburgh Offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Health Sciences Diversity “This is not normal” – Allyship and Advocacy in the Age of COVID-19 Town Hall Series – Pittsburgh, PA	2020
<i>Navigating Transition in Health Care: Liftoff and Landing</i> , Disability and Mental Health Summit – Pittsburgh, PA	2020
<i>Medical Ethics, Law, and Professionalism</i> , University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	2019-2022
<i>Supporting the Bridge: Utilizing a SDOH Framework to Design Holistic Transition Care</i> , National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership "Whole Person. Whole Team. Whole Communities." Summit – Washington, D.C.	2019
<i>(Facilitator) Teaching Innovations and Challenges Workshop</i> , Academic Medical-Legal Partnership Convening for Law School Faculty, Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance – Washington, D.C.	2019
<i>The Legal Perspective of Transition: What Do I Need to Know as an Adolescent and Young Adult?</i> Bridges for Transition Conference, UPMC-Children's Hospital – Pittsburgh, PA	2019

<i>Advocating for Patients Through Medical-Legal Partnerships</i> , University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine – Pittsburgh, PA	2019
<i>Advocating for Patients Through Medical-Legal Partnerships</i> , UMPC-Children's Hospital – Pittsburgh, PA	2019
<i>Breaking Out of Silos: Bridging Disciplines to Create the Next Generation of Collaborators for Justice</i> , AALS Annual Conference – New Orleans, LA	2019
<i>Law as a Social Determinant of Health</i> , Social Epidemiology seminar, University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health – Pittsburgh, PA	2018
<i>Diversity within the Model: Interprofessional Clinics and the Future of Legal Services Practice</i> , Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference, Notre Dame School of Law – South Bend, IN	2018
<i>Legal Planning for Patients and Families Transitioning to Adult Care</i> , 6th Annual Adolescent and Young Adult Health Research Symposium: Opportunities and Challenges for Youth on the Path to Adult Care, UPMC-Children's Hospital – Pittsburgh, PA	2018
<i>Medical-Legal Partnerships</i> , University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	2018
<i>Bridging the Gaps: Discussion of Medical-Legal Partnerships</i> , Black Health Matters Conference, Harvard University – Cambridge, MA	2017
<i>Law as a Social Determinant of Health & Legal Services as a Public Health Intervention</i> , Center for Women's Health Research and Innovation – Pittsburgh, PA	2017
<i>Negotiation in the Workplace</i> , Perkins Eastman – Pittsburgh, PA	2017
<i>Linking Civil Needs with Social Determinants of Health and Population Health</i> , ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference – Pittsburgh, PA	2017
<i>Collaborative Rounding 360</i> , Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities 20th Annual Conference, Stanford University – Stanford, CA	2017
<i>A Systems Thinking Approach to Understanding the ACA</i> , Teach-In: Health Care, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work – Pittsburgh, PA	2017

Other Relevant Experience

Completed the NADOHE Standards of Professional Practice Institute	2023
Chair, Board of Trustees, The Ellis School	<i>July 2022 to Present</i>
Member, Board of Trustees, The Ellis School	2018-2022
Reviewer, African Heritage Nationality Room Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh	2019
Pitt Law Working Group on Diversity, Inclusion, and Learning Environment	2018-2019
OUTLaw Faculty Advisor	2016-2020