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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai'i, Manoa, Honolulu, HI (January 2009 – Present)

William S. Richardson School of Law

Associate Professor of Law. Teach Climate Change Law and Policy, Tort Law, Environmental and Climate Justice.

Island Climate Center: The Center for Island Resiliency and Climate Policy

Director. Inaugural director of University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program's Center devoted to climate change adaptation for island communities.

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO (January 2006 – December 2008)

Associate Professor of Law. Taught Environmental Law, Tort Law, International Development, and Race and American Law.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), Berkeley, CA

J.D., May 2002

Honors:

Jonathan Wilcox Scholarship

American Jurisprudence Award for Feminist Legal Theory, Spring 2002

Activities:

Law Students of African Descent ('99-'02)

Admissions Committee (Spring '01)

African American Law & Policy Report, Editor-in-Chief ('00)

Berkeley Journal of International Law, Senior Member ('99-'00)

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science, June 1998

Honors: Weber H. Arkenburgh Memorial Scholarship (1998), Mead Government Intern

Scholar (1997), Dean's List (1994-1998), Bronfman Family Scholarship (1996)

Exeter College, Oxford University, Williams-Oxford Program, United Kingdom (1996-1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Maxine Burkett, *Much Ado About . . . Something Else: D.C. v. Heller, The Racialized Mythology of the Second Amendment, and Gun Policy Reform*, 12 J. GENDER RACE & JUST. 57 (2008)

Maxine Burkett, *Just Solutions to Climate Change: A Climate Justice Proposal for a Domestic Clean Development Mechanism*, 56 BUFFALO L. REV. 169 (2008)

Maxine Burkett, *Reconciliation and Non-Repetition: A New Paradigm for African-American Reparations*, 86 OR. L. REV. 99 (2007).

Maxine Burkett, *Strategic Voting and African Americans: True Vote, True Representation, True Power for the Black Community*, 8 MICH. J. RACE & L. 425 (2003).

Elizabeth J. Cabraser, Joshua P. Davis, Maxine Burkett, *Current Issues Involving Rule 12(b)(6) and Rule 9(b)*, A.L.I., SH009 ALI-ABA 721 (2002).

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Maxine Burkett, *Climate Reparations: Climate Change, The Developed World and Small Island Developing States* (work in progress)

Maxine Burkett, *Quibbling While the Globe Burns: Climate Justice, Law and Economics, and the Tragic Distraction* (work in progress)

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Paul Johnson Park & Niles, Honolulu, HI (September 2004 – August 2005)
Associate. Researched and wrote legal memoranda on property, real estate, commercial law and Native Hawaiian land claims. Drafted motions for court.

The Honorable Susan Illston, United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco, CA (September 2003 – August 2004)
Law Clerk. Researched and wrote bench memos for pending motions in civil, criminal, habeas, social security, bankruptcy and §1983 cases. Resolved discovery disputes. Presented recommendations to the Judge. Wrote orders for the Court.

Davis Levin Livingston Grande, Public Interest Fellow, Honolulu, HI (July 2002 – July 2003)
Law Clerk. Performed all duties of a first-year associate in areas of disability rights, medical malpractice, and class action construction defect. Conducted extensive legislative research for and advocated on behalf of Native Hawaiian Homelands issues.
Teaching Assistant. Assisted Mark Davis and Michael Livingston in Pre-Trial Civil Litigation course at the University of Hawai‘i, Richardson School of Law.

Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, San Francisco, CA (Summer 2001)
Summer Associate. Conducted extensive research and prepared legal memoranda concerning plaintiff class actions for senior associates. Drafted discovery requests. Drafted motions for court. Contacted potential class members. Contributed research and writing to pertinent legal articles.

Public Health Institute, Oakland, CA (May 2000 – January 2001)
Graduate Research Intern, Pharmaceuticals and Indigent Care Program (PIC). Coordinated focus groups and site visits. Analyzed project data. Wrote reports interpreting technical material for policy audiences. Conducted research and drafted a report launching a three-year study on providing access to pharmaceuticals for the indigent.

Williams College, Office of Admission, Williamstown, MA (July 1998-June 1999)
Assistant Director of Admission. Dealt with all aspects of the college admissions process. Coordinated Caribbean student recruitment. Co-coordinated student of color recruitment. Evaluated applications for prospective members of the Class of 2003.

The White House, Office of Public Liaison, Washington, DC (Summer 1997)
Intern to the Director of Public Liaison. Assisted Maria Echaveste, Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison. Edited weekly progress reports to the President. Wrote briefings for Ms. Echaveste and letters to constituents. Organized meetings with interest groups. Helped coordinate presidential events.

Summerbridge Cambridge, Cambridge, MA (Summer 1996)
Staff-Teacher. Taught Literature and Politics to sixth and seventh graders. Created and facilitated student and staff gender workshops.

Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Appeals Board, Washington, DC (Summer 1994)
Intern. Assisted all office attorneys. Drafted case correspondence. Checked proposed exhibits. Prepared case recordings and transcripts.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

The Climate of Environmental Justice: Taking Stock, University of Colorado Law School, March 16-17, 2007.
Conference organizer and host. Conference convened to initiate dialogue regarding climate change and disproportionate impacts in the US and abroad. Leading academics, activists, and legal practitioners in the Environmental Justice field addressed the emerging interplay between race, poverty, and global warming.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Growing a Sustainable Community,” Moderator, *Shifting Baselines & New Meridians: Water, Resources, Landscapes, & the Transformation of the American West*, Natural Resources Law Center, Annual Summer Conference, University of Colorado Law School, June 4, 2008.

“Domestic and Global Climate Justice Issues,” Presenter, *Climate Change + Environmental Justice = Climate Justice*, *Compelling a Climate of Change*, 26th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon Law School, Eugene, Oregon, March 7, 2008.

“Climate Change, Peak Oil, and Development in Jamaica,” Video Presentation/Interview featured in *Jamaica for Sale*, Documentary forthcoming Fall 2008 (directed by Esther Figueroa).

“Climate and Conflict,” Presenter, *Climate Change and the Seeds of Unrest: The Ecological Origins of the Darfur Genocide*, Focus the Nation, University of Colorado, Boulder, January 31, 2008.

“Climate Change and Developing Nations,” Presenter, *The Injustice of Climate Change*, Focus the Nation, University of Colorado, Boulder, January 31, 2008.

“Climate Change Ethics and Justice,” Panelist, American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Teleconference, January 30, 2008.

“Climate Change and Jamaica,” Guest, *Looking Back Looking Forward*, News Talk 93 FM, Jamaica, West Indies, December 23, 2007.

“Poverty and Climate Change,” Panelist, Poverty Awareness Forum, University of Colorado, Boulder, December 3, 2007.

“Environmental and Climate Justice,” Presenter, National Lawyers Guild Chapter, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, November 7, 2007.

“A Tragic Distraction: The Climate Justice Critique of Law and Economics,” Presenter, Works-in-Progress, LatCrit XII, The Twelfth Annual LatCrit Conference, “Critical Localities,” Miami Beach, Florida, October 6, 2007.

“Pragmatic Community-based Racial Reconciliation and Reparation Efforts for the 21st Century” Panelist, International Conference on Law and Society in the 21st Century Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, July 28, 2007.

“Just Solutions to Climate Change: A Proposal for a Domestic Clean Development Mechanism,” Lecture Series Presenter, Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Georgia State University College of Law, April 2, 2007.

“The Climate of Environmental Justice,” Introduction, *The Climate of Environmental Justice: Taking Stock*, University of Colorado Law School, March 17, 2007.

“Making the Case for Climate Justice,” Geography Colloquium Series, University of Colorado, Department of Geography, February 23, 2007.

“Environmental Justice in Colorado,” Moderator, Bioneers 2006, Colorado Bioneers, University of Colorado, October 21, 2006.

“Judicial Deference and Environmental Law,” Workshop on Deference, University of Colorado School of Law, August 18-19, 2006.

“Reconciliation and Non-Repetition: A New Paradigm for African-American Reparations,” Works-in-Progress, Northeast People of Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, July 6, 2006.

“African-American Reparations,” Conference, Forging Links: Africa, Americas, Asia & Pacific Islands, University of Hawai'i, East-West Center, November 2004.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of American Law Teachers (2006- Present), SALT Representative (2007)
American Bar Association (2005 – Present)
Hawai'i State Bar Association (2005 – Present)
Executive Committee, Sierra Club Hawai'i Chapter, At-Large Member (2004-2005)

CLIMATE-RELATED PUBLIC SERVICE

The Climate Project

Assistant District Manager for the State of Hawai'i and Climate Messenger. One of 1,000 people invited to Nashville, Tennessee and trained to educate audiences on the science and policy of climate change. Selected presentations include:

Boulder, Colorado, September 2007. Presented to faculty and staff of the University of Colorado Law School.

Dakar, Senegal, August 2007. Presented to an international audience of 60, including employees of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States Embassy, the United Nations, members of the Dakar Women's Group, and faculty, staff, and students of The International School of Dakar and Suffolk University (Dakar campus).

County of Hawai'i, Hawai'i, June 2007. Presented to an international audience of 100 in the district of Ka'u. Attendees included residents of coastal communities in the United States, New Zealand, Australia, Jamaica, and the United Kingdom.

Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 2007. Presented at annual meeting of Hawaii Association of Public Accountants.