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Educational Experience

Masters of Arts in English

Chicago State University, Chicago, IL

2012 – 2018

Honors: Recipient, Irwin J. Suloway Graduate Paper Award, English graduate;
Graduated 4.0 GPA

Juris Doctor

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

1996 - 1999

Activities: Moot Court Board; Articles Editor, *Wisconsin International Law Journal*;
President, Black Law Students Association; Public Relations Director of the
Midwest Regional Black Law Students Association

Honors: Regional Finalist, National Appellate Advocacy Competition (1999);
Best Brief—Third Place, Midwest Region / Fifth Place, Finals, National Appellate
Advocacy Competition (1999)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

1992 - 1996

Major: English

Minor: Spanish

Honors: Opportunity at Iowa Scholar (1992 – 1996); Recipient, Darwin T. Turner Award, Department of English (1996); Dean’s List (1994 – 1995)

Study Abroad Student

University of the Basque Country, San Sebastian, Spain

September 1994 – December 1994

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed Attorney, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Committee (ARDC), State of Illinois

- Licensed Date: November, 1999 – January, 2024

Online Teaching Certification (School of Global Citizenry)

- Licensed Date: August 29, 2023

Continuing Education Unit Instructor Certification (School of Global Citizenry)

- Licensed Date: June 21, 2023

Professional Experience Legal Experience

Creator and Curator Legaleaze

Please!

Hazel Crest, IL

2022 – present

Online digital platform created to deconstruct, decode, and demystify legal language for non-legal laypersons through legal education, consultation and collaboration.

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice

Roosevelt University

Chicago, IL

2023 - present

Teach criminal justice courses to undergraduate students in the areas of criminal law, criminal justice, mental health issues and criminal justice, police and society, criminology, juvenile justice, race, gender, and politics, and special topics in criminal justice.

Assistant Teaching Professor of Criminal Justice

Roosevelt University

Chicago, IL

2018 - 2022

Taught criminal justice courses to students in the areas of criminal law, criminal justice, mental health issues and criminal justice, police and society, criminology, juvenile justice, race, gender, and politics, and ethics in criminal justice.

Created experiential learning opportunities for students in the form of the completion of mock jury trials and mock bench trials with jurors and judges of Cook County.

Mentored students who are criminal justice students and facilitate the creation of mentoring relationships between students and criminal justice professionals.

Collaborated with legal organizations and professionals and created opportunities whereby the students observe and participate in “law in action”, including working with Chicagoland lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officials.

Adjunct Professor, Dual Credit Program

Harold Washington College, City Colleges of Chicago Chicago,

IL

2014 – 2018

Participated in dual credit program for Chicago Public School juniors and seniors in high school whereby students receive college credit while in high school. Instructed students on the administration of criminal justice and the administration of juvenile justice.

Pre-Law Teacher

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago, IL

2012 - 2018

Created and facilitated a four-year honors law program for high school students at Al Raby School for Community and Environment.

Instructed students on criminal law, civil and constitutional law, criminal psychology/criminology, and facilitated an academic seminar and internship program for senior students.

Assisted in recruitment of future LPSA students by attending high school fairs.

Coached students in preparation for two mock trial events in collaboration with several Chicago Public Schools.

Led the Raby Sophomore Grade Level Team that planned programs and events which built academic and behavioral excellence for the sophomore class.

Assistant Public Defender
Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender
Chicago, IL
2000 - 2012

Maintained a caseload of over 100 traffic and criminal felony cases heard in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Reviewed files, research law and other legal literature, and analyze evidence and information applicable to case to assess the options available to the defense and to advise client of the same.

Maintained a caseload of over 125 abuse and neglect cases heard in the Child Protection Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Teaching Experience

Faculty Teaching Experience

- School of Global Citizenry: (June 2023 – present)

Making It Plain: How to Make Legal Language Understandable and Accessible for the Everyday Person (April 2024)

Roosevelt University: Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice (August 2023 – present)

Roosevelt University: Assistant Teaching Professor of Criminal Justice (2018 – 2022)

- Roosevelt University (Summer 2022)

Ensuring Student Success, Equity Training Academy (faculty class, remote)

- Roosevelt University (Spring 2022)

Intro to Criminal Justice, CJL 200.01 (remote)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)

Criminal Law, CJL 250.98 (online)

Police & Society, CJL 300.01 (remote)

- Roosevelt University (Fall 2021)

Intro to Criminal Justice, CJL 200.01 (face-to-face)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.01 (face-to-face)

Criminal Law, CJL 250.01 (face-to-face)

Police & Society, CJL 300.98 (online)

- Roosevelt University (Summer 2021)

Mental Health Issues in Criminal Justice, CJL 389.98 (online)

Ensuring Student Success, Equity Training Academy (faculty class, remote)

- Roosevelt University (Spring 2021)

Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJL 200.01 (remote)

Introduction to Criminal Justice, Honors / Experiential Learning, CJL

200.99 (remote)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)

Intro to Criminology, CJL 240.98 (online)

- Roosevelt University (Fall 2020)

Intro to Criminal Justice, CJL 200.01 (remote)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.01 (remote)

Criminal Law EXL, CJL 250.01 (remote)

Police & Society, CJL 300.98 (online)

- Roosevelt University (Spring 2020)

Intro to Criminal Justice, CJL 200.01 (guest professor)

Criminal Law EXL, CJL 250.01

Police and Society, CJL 300.01

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)

Intro to Criminology, CJL 240.98 (online)

- Roosevelt University (Fall 2019)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.01

Criminal Law EXL, CJL 250.98

Police and Society, CJL 300.98 (online)

Ethics in Criminal Justice, 310.98 (online)

- Roosevelt University (Summer 2019)

Race, Gender & Politics, CJL 389.01 (international students)

- Roosevelt University (Spring 2019)

Juvenile Justice, CJL 220.98 (online)

Intro to Criminology, CJL 240.01

Criminal Law, CJL 250.98 (online)

Police and Society, CJL 300.01

- Roosevelt University (Fall 2018)

Criminal Law, CJL 250.01

Police and Society, CJL 300.98 (online)

Ethics in Criminal Justice, CJL 310.98 (online)

Mental Health Issues and Criminal Justice, CJL 389.01

Harold Washington College: Pre-Law Teacher (2014 – 2018)

- Administration of Criminal Justice (CRM JUS 102)
- Administration of Juvenile Justice (CRM JUS 114)

Loyola Law School: Co-Facilitator (Fall 2019)

- Professional Identity Formation, LAW 424 004

Guest Faculty Teaching Experience

Sankofa CPE and Legaleaze Please: (May 2023 – October 2023)

- *Legal Issues in Sacred Spaces*

Oakton Community College (April 2022)

- *Social Justice Issues for Seniors & News You Can Use: Stopping Scammers 101*

McCormick Theological Seminary (September 2019)

- *Women's Experience in the Criminal Justice System and Holistic Needs for Care, Womanist and Feminist Approaches to Pastoral Care, MPC 337*

Publications and Presentations Publications

- Monthly Columnist, *The Souttown Magazine* (May 2022 – present)
- Guest Contributor, “*What Shall We Say In All These Things*”, Community Renewal Society (2022)
- Guest Contributor, “*The Meaning of Juneteenth*”, Roosevelt University Blog (2021)
- Guest Contributor, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference online magazine (2018)
- Columnist, “*A Legal Point of View*”, *The Point Magazine* (20132015)
- Contributor, *The Trumpet Magazine* (Online Newsmagazine, 20132014)
- Contributor, *INTEEN Magazine* (1992)

Presentations

National

Robinson, N.L. (May 2023). *Words Matter: Training Chaplains on Utilizing Racial and*

Gender Inclusive Language in Spiritual Care. ACPE 2023 Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Robinson, N.L. (April 2023). (virtual presentation). *It's An Inside Job: Conversations about DEI at the Intersection of our Heads and Hearts*. ACE-UP (Advancing Community Equity & Upward Mobility) and CSW (Corporation for a Skilled Workforce)

Robinson, N.L. (April 2023). (virtual presentations). *Abolition Academy 101* in partnership with Abolitionist Sanctuary

Robinson, N.L. (February 2023). *Down in the Valley Where the Girls Get Naked: Womanist Ecclesiology Perspectives at the Intersectionality of Law, Sexuality, and Theology*. Samuel DeWitt Proctor 2023 Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

Robinson, N.L. (October 2020). (virtual presentation). *Is Justice Just? A conversation on systematic racism and bias*. American Academy of Process Educators.

Robinson, N.L. (September 2020). (virtual presentation) *Say Her Name: Grand Jury Indictments in Breonna Taylor's Killing*, Roosevelt University.

Robinson, N.L. (February 2019). *Mass Criminalization in the Age of Afrophobia: _____ while Black*, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Birmingham, AL

Regional

Robinson, N.L. (October 2022). *It's the TREATs for Me*. Retreat Facilitator, College of Pharmacy, Roosevelt University

Robinson, N.L. (October 2020). (virtual presentation) Annual Conference for

Teachers of Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Democracy Project, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (February 2020). *Be Cyberwise Regarding Cybercrime*, Delta Youth Empowerment Conference, Matteson, IL

Robinson, N.L. (November 2019). *Cheers!—Customer Service and Hospitality in the Church*, Retreat Co-Presenter, West Point Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (October 2019). *Know Your Rights / The Power of the Jury*, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (August 2019) Co-Presenter, *Experiential Learning*, Faculty Conference, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (May 2019). *Who Do You Love?* Womens' Conference, Oakdale Covenant Church, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (October 2018). *Civil Rights, Civil Wrongs*, Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (July 2018). *The American Jury: A Deliberation*, The More Perfect Union Institute, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (April 2018). *A Walk on the Wild Side*, 2018 Chicago Public School Tech Talk

Robinson, N.L. (October 2017). *Flag on the Play: A Discussion on Our Constitutional Right to Protest*, Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (August 2017). *Who Gonna Check Me, Boo?: The Importance of Connection Before Correction*, All Staff Professional Development, Al Raby School for Community and Environment, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (Summer 2015). Elder Law Presentation, West Point Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (January 2015). *The Moral of the Story*, Know Your Rights Youth Seminar, Charles G. Hayes Family Center, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (January 2015). *Know Your Rights*, Chicago Air Force Academy, Chicago, IL

Robinson, N.L. (October 2013). Annual Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Civics, Law, and Government, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

Television Appearances

CourtTV guest legal analyst (August 2022 – present)

WGN guest legal analyst (November 2022 - present)

Panels and Podcasts

Virtual

Robinson, N.L. (November 2023). Guest, Women of Color In Ministry Broadcast.

Robinson, N.L. (November 2023). Guest, *The Porshanality Podcast*.

Robinson, N.L. (June 2023). Guest, *The Courageous Voice*.

Robinson, N.L. (March 2023). Women's History Guest Host for the month, *Beyond the Gatekeepers*.

Robinson, N.L. (March 2023). Guest, *The Peace People's Assembly*.

Robinson, N.L. (March 2023). Guest, *Timely Wisdom*

Robinson, N.L. (March 2023), Guest, *AB3 Speaks with Monica and Takiyah Podcast* (Academic Business and Branding and Braintrust).

Robinson, N.L. (January 2023). Guest, *Who You Got with Mike & Mario Podcast*.

Robinson, N.L. (October 2022). Guest, *The Shift and Pivot Podcast*.

Robinson, N.L. (August 2022). Guest, *Speaking in the Key of WE*

Robinson, N.L. (July 2022). Virtual Panelist, *You Won't Break My Soul*, hosted by Dr. Renita Weems

Robinson, N.L. (October 2020). *Justice Reimagined*, Interviewee, Justus Junkie

Robinson, N.L.. (August 2020). Moderator, *On Criminal Justice Reform with Mayor Richard Irvin and Attorney Jarrett Adams, Esq.*

Robinson, N.L. (August 2020). Panelist, *Grown-ish: Conversation on Do's and Don'ts for Teens*, Joliet Area South Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Robinson, N.L. (August 2020). Guest, *The Brown Suga Theory Podcast*

Robinson, N.L. (August 2020). Guest, "Transgender through Time", *And Justice For All Podcast*, Roosevelt University

In Person

Robinson, N.L. (October 2023). Panelist, *Critical Race Theory in Higher Education: How It Can Help Empower Students of Color*. Chicago State University, Chicago.

Robinson, N.L. (August 2023). Moderator / Panelist, *Black Women in Law: Nothing Affirming about Affirmative Action*. Black Women's Expo, Chicago.

Robinson, N.L. (July 2020). Panelist, *Dismantling Inequities and Injustices in Criminal Justice*. American Society for Public Administration's Section on Democracy and Social Justice,

Robinson, N.L. (February 2020). Moderator, "Just Mercy", Film Viewing and Panel Discussion, Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Center for Community Health, Northwestern University, Chicago

Robinson, N.L. (February 2020). Panelist. *Free, Protected, and Civic Speech Under the First Amendment*, Black History Month, Roosevelt University

Awards

- 2023 Milestone Circle Alumnae, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center
- 2021 Presidential Award for Social Justice, Roosevelt University
- 2020 Recipient, Sixth Annual Breakfast of Honor in Education (Higher Education), Chicago Central Section, National Council of Negro Women
- 2017-2018 Department of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2017-2018 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2016-2017 Sophomore Teacher of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2016-2017 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2015-2016 Recipient of The Top Ladies of Distinction Crown Jewel Award Women in the Legal Profession
- 2014-2015 Freshmen Teacher of the Year, Al Raby High School
- 2014-2015 Grade Level Team of the Year, Al Raby High School
- November 2014 Teacher of the Month, Al Raby High School
- 2012-2013 Top Defense Attorneys in Illinois

Professional, Civic, and Communal Organizations

Member, Illinois State Bar (1999 -2024)

Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (1995 – present)

Former Member, Illinois State Board of Education

Former Member, Illinois Public Defender Association

Former Faculty Member, Office of the State Appellate Defender Trial Advocacy Program

Service Communal

- Commissioner, Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commissioner (October 2022 – September 2023)
- Board Member, Community Renewal Society (December 2020 – August 2022)
- Past Legal Ministry Co-Chairperson and Lead Servant, Trinity U.C.C. and West Point M.B.C.

Professional

Guest Instructor, Equity Training Academy, Roosevelt University (May 2021 – July 2022)

Committee Member, Equity Training Academy, Roosevelt University (September 2020 – present)

Guest Lecturer, “What is Law?”, Professor Jim Fine, Roosevelt University (2019 - 2021)

Presenter, Harper College, Open House (June 2019)

Panelist, “King: Past, Present, and Future”, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, Roosevelt University (January 2019)

Panelist, “Grad School: A-Z”, Roosevelt University (November 2018)

Participant, “Undergraduate Preview Day”, Roosevelt University (November 2018)

References

Available upon request