



James Forman, Jr.
Yale Law School
127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT 06520
james.forman@yale.edu • (203) 436-9297

Experience

- YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT 2011 - present
- Clinical Professor of Law
 - Courses: Constitutional Law; Race and Law
 - Clinics: Innovations in Policing Clinic; Educational Opportunity and Juvenile Justice Clinic
- OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION FELLOW** 2013-2014
- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY 2009 - 2010
- Visiting Professor of Clinical Law, Fall 2010
 - Scholar in Residence, 2009-2010
 - Courses: Juvenile Defense Clinic (co-taught with Randy Hertz)
- GEORGETOWN LAW**, Washington, DC 2003 – 2011
- Professor of Law, 2007-2011
 - Associate Professor of Law, 2003-2007
 - Courses: Criminal Procedure; Education Law and Policy; Race and Crime; Juvenile Justice
- MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL**, Ann Arbor, MI 2001-2003
- Visiting Professor of Law
 - Courses: The War on Drugs; Urban Education: Law and Reform; Race, Poverty and the American City; Police and Policing
 - Named Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year for 2002 by the Michigan Law School Black Law Students' Alliance
- THE NEW AMERICA FOUNDATION**, Washington, DC 2001-2002
- Fellow
- MAYA ANGELOU PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**, Washington, DC 1997-present
- Co-Founder of school for students who have not found success in traditional schools, including court-involved youth
- PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** 1994-2000
- Lead counsel in over a dozen felony trials, including homicide, rape, and assault
 - Training Director from 1999-2000
- JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, U.S. SUPREME COURT** 1993-1994
- Law Clerk
- JUDGE WILLIAM NORRIS, 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS** 1992-1993
- Law Clerk

Education

Yale Law School

J.D., 1992

- Activities: Book Reviews Editor, Yale Law Journal (1991-1992)
National Runner-Up, Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition,
National Black Law Students' Association (1992)
- Student Note: *Driving Dixie Down: Removing the Confederate Flag from Southern State Capitols*, 101 YALE L.J. 505 (1991); awarded the Michael Egger Prize for best student note or comment on current social problems in the Yale Law Journal

Brown University

A.B., *Magna Cum Laude*; Degree with Honors; 1988

- Honors: Claiborne Pell Award for Excellence in American History
- Honors Thesis: "A Comparative Analysis of the Origins of Racial Protest Movements in Brazil and the United States"
- Junior Year: Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Brazil (1986-1987)

Academic Publications

[*Racial Critiques of Mass Incarceration: Beyond the New Jim Crow*](#), 87 N.Y.U. L. REV. 21 (2012)

[*The Black Poor, Black Elites, and America's Prisons*](#), 32 CARDOZO L. REV. 791 (2011)

[*A Circle of Trust: The Story of the See Forever School*](#) (co-authored with David Domenici), in STARTING UP: NEW SCHOOLS IN NEW TIMES (Marv Hoffman & Lisa Arrastia, eds., 2012)

[*What It Takes to Transform a School Inside a Juvenile Facility: The Story of the Maya Angelou Academy*](#) (co-authored with David Domenici), in JUSTICE FOR KIDS: KEEPING KIDS OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (Nancy Dowd, ed., 2011)

[*Why Care About Mass Incarceration?*](#) 108 MICH. L. REV. 993 (2010) (reviewing PAUL BUTLER, LET'S GET FREE: A HIP-HOP THEORY OF JUSTICE (2009))

[*Exporting Harshness: How the War on Crime Helped Make the War on Terror Possible*](#), 33 N.Y.U. REV. L. SOC. CHANGE 331 (2009)

[*The Rise and Fall of School Vouchers: A Story of Religion, Race and Politics*](#), 54 UCLA L. REV. 547 (2007)

[*Do Charter Schools Threaten Public Education? Emerging Evidence from Fifteen Years of a Quasi-Market for Schooling*](#), 2007 U. ILL. L. REV. 839 (2007)

[*The Secret History of School Choice: How Progressives Got There First*](#), 93 GEO. L.J. 1287 (2005)

[*Race and Class in the 21st Century: From Martin Luther King, Jr. to Bill Cosby*](#), 50 VILLANOVA L. REV. 213 (2005)

[*Juries and Race in the Nineteenth Century*](#), 113 YALE L.J. 895 (2004)

[*Community Policing and Youth as Assets*](#), 95 J. OF CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 1 (2004)

Children, Cops and Citizenship: Why Conservatives Should Oppose Racial Profiling, in INVISIBLE PUNISHMENT: THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF MASS IMPRISONMENT (Marc Mauer & Meda Chesney-Lind, eds., 2002)

[*A Little Rebellion Now and Then is a Good Thing*](#), 100 MICH. L. REV. 1408 (2002)
(reviewing NICHOLAS N. KITTRIE, REBELS WITH A CAUSE: THE MINDS AND MORALITY OF POLITICAL OFFENDERS) (2000))

[*Driving Dixie Down: Removing the Confederate Flag from Southern State Capitols*](#), 101 YALE L.J. 505 (1991) (student note)

- Reprinted in CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS IN THE CONTEMPORARY SOUTH 195-223 (J. Michael Martinez, et al., eds. 2000)

Other Publications

[*The Society of Fugitives*](#), THE ATLANTIC, October 2014 (reviewing On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City, by Alice Goffman)

[*What Maya Angelou Taught Our Students*](#), AL-JAZEERA AMERICA, June 1, 2014

[*Beyond Stop and Frisk*](#), N. Y. TIMES, April 20, 2012, at A23 (with Trevor Stutz)

[*Harm's Way: Understanding Race and Punishment*](#), BOSTON REV., Jan./Feb. 2011
(reviewing Texas Tough, by Robert Perkinson, and The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander)

[*Education for Liberation*](#), 2 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 75 (2008)

[*No Ordinary Success: The Boundaries of School Reform*](#), BOSTON REV., May/June 2009
(reviewing Whatever It Takes, by Paul Tough, and Work Hard, Be Nice, by Jay Mathews)

[*Out of Jail and Into Jobs*](#), EDUC. NEXT, Fall 2008, at 44-51

[*Why Prison Instead of Preschool?*](#), 161 ARCHIVES PEDIATRICS & ADOLESCENT MED. 809-810 (2007)

[*Foreword: Separate but Equal: The Status of America's Public Schools Symposium*](#), 8 MICH. J. RACE & L. 151 (2002)

[*Arrested Development: The Conservative Case Against Racial Profiling*](#), NEW REPUBLIC, Sept. 10, 2001, at 24

- Reprinted as *Law Enforcement Agencies Should Eliminate Racial Profiling*, in CRIME AND CRIMINALS: OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS (James D. Torr ed., 2004)

Bar Membership

Member, District of Columbia Bar; Connecticut Bar

Non-profit Boards

The Education Trust

The Maya Angelou Public Charter School

Principal, The BJA Executive Session on Police Leadership

Selected Academic Presentations

“Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Washington, D.C. since 1975,” Hoffinger Colloquium, NYU Law School, April 28, 2014

“The Roots of Prosecutorial Discretion: How Mandatory Minimums Came to Washington D.C.’s Local Courts,” American Association of Law Schools Mid-Year Criminal Justice Conference, San Diego, CA, June 10, 2013

“Marijuana Decriminalization and the Politics of Responsibility,” Law and Society Annual Conference, Boston, MA, May 30, 2013

“America’s Black State: Race, Crime and Punishment in Washington, D.C.,” Criminal Justice Roundtable, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, April 26, 2013

“America’s Black State: Race, Crime and Punishment in Washington, D.C.,” University of Minnesota Robina Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April 25, 2013

“America’s Black State: Race, Crime and Punishment in Washington, D.C.,” Michigan Law School Legal Theory Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI, April 17, 2013

“America’s Black State: Race, Crime and Punishment in Washington, D.C.,” Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Ithaca, NY, April 5, 2013

“Marijuana Decriminalization and the Politics of Responsibility,” Berkeley Law School Faculty Workshop, Berkeley, CA, Mar. 12, 2013

“Racial Critiques of Mass Incarceration,” Workshop, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, Feb. 10, 2011

“Racial Critiques of Mass Incarceration,” Faculty Workshop, NYU Law School, New York, NY, November 29, 2010

“Black Elites, the Black Poor, and America’s Prisons,” Public Law Workshop, Columbia Law School, September 17, 2010

“Race, Class, and Incarceration in a Majority-Black City,” Acknowledging Race in a Post-Racial Era Conference, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, April 30, 2010

“Race, Class, and Incarceration in a Majority-Black City,” Critical Race Theory Conference, UCLA Law School, March 13, 2010

“At-Risk Students: The Children Left Behind?” Harvard Journal on Legislation Symposium, Cambridge, MA, February 25, 2010

“Disproportionate Minority Contact in a Majority-Black City,” Juvenile Justice Project Conference, University of Florida Law School, Gainesville, FL, February 19, 2010

“Class (blindness), Race and Criminal Law,” Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY, October 24, 2009

“Isolation, Empathy, and the Politics of Crime,” Faculty Workshop, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA, September 18, 2009

“Wars on Crime and Terror,” Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London, England, February 23, 2009

“Obama and the War on Terror,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, January 29, 2009

“The End of Integration: The Roberts Court and *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle*,” Waseda University, Tokyo Japan. September 28, 2008

“Exporting Harshness: How the War on Crime Helped Make the War on Terror Possible,” Summer Faculty Workshop, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., July 8, 2008

“Comments on the 20th Anniversary of Charles Lawrence’s *The Id, Ego and Equal Protection*,” Univ. of Conn. Law School, Hartford CT, November 2, 2007

“Comments on the 50th Anniversary of *Cooper v. Aaron*,” St. Louis Law School, St. Louis, MI, October 5, 2007

“Do Charter Schools Threaten Public Education?” Faculty Workshop, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., April 2006

“Race and Class in the 21st Century: From Martin Luther King, Jr. to Bill Cosby,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture, Villanova Law School, Philadelphia, PA, January 19, 2005

“The Secret History of School Choice: How Progressives Got There First,” Faculty Workshop, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., September 30, 2004

“The Progressive History of School Choice,” *Bolling v. Sharpe* Symposium, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., April 13, 2004

“The Progressive Case for School Vouchers,” Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, February 9, 2004

“Juries and Race in the Nineteenth Century,” Legal History Forum, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, September 30, 2003

Selected Other Panels and Presentations

Keynote Address, "The Other America," MLK Day, Vanderbilt University, January 19, 2015

"The Next Great Crime Control Challenge," 9th Circuit Judicial Conference, San Diego, CA, July 15, 2013

"Finding the Balance: Ensuring Public Safety, Ending Mass Incarceration and Protecting Civil Rights," NAACP LDF Conference, Washington, D.C. June 6, 2013

Keynote Address, "Choosing the Future of Juvenile Justice" conference, UNLV Boyd School of Law, April 12, 2013

Keynote Address, "Solitary Confinement in Michigan and Beyond" conference, Michigan Law School, Feb. 2, 2013

"Race and Education: The Color and Caste of Achievement in the Classroom," NYU Law School, New York, NY, April 13, 2010 (with Professor Pedro Noguera)

"Commenter: Respect: Nourishing Goodness in Education, by Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C., Mar. 25, 2010

"Commenter: Why Can't You Teach Me to Read?, by Beth Fertig, Hunter College, New York, NY, Mar. 16, 2010

"Commenter; The Black-White Achievement Gap, by Roderick Paige," Fordham Institute, Washington, DC, Feb. 24, 2010

"School Choice and Civil Rights," Art of Social Change Course, Harvard Law School, Cambridge MA, October 1, 2009

"Education for Liberation," Florida Association of Charter Schools, Orlando, FL, November 21, 2008

"Can Alternative Education be Excellent Education?" NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Airlie Conference, Warrenton, VA, Oct. 2008

"Schools and Justice," BPI Annual Dinner Celebration, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2008

"Successful Alternative Education," Bridgespan Consulting Group Annual Retreat, Cambridge MA, May 2008

"A Civil Rights Agenda for Our Generation," Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Lecture, Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, January 21, 2008

"Race and Affirmative Action in the United States," Federal University of Ouro Preto, Ouro Preto, Brazil, Nov. 2007; Lecture delivered in Portuguese

"Charter Schools and Juvenile Justice," National Association of Public Charter Schools Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, October 23, 2007

“Social Activism in the Law,” Brown University, Providence, RI, April 2007

“What Works in Educating Vulnerable and Disconnected Youth,” Youth Transitions Funders Group, Washington, D.C., May 8, 2007

“The Promise and Limits of Education Reform: A Response to Richard Rothstein” Child Advocacy Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 14, 2007

“African American Males and Schools,” Congressional Black Caucus, Washington, D.C., April 16, 2007

“The State of the African-American Male,” Kaiser Foundation, Washington, D.C., July 18, 2006

“The Plight of the African-American Male,” Guest Sermon, St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., 2006

“Educating Adjudicated Youth,” Yale Law School, Rebellious Lawyering Conference, February 25, 2006

“Law and Entrepreneurship: Building a School,” Alumni Weekend, Yale Law School New Haven, CT., November 4, 2005

“Making a Difference in Education Through Law,” Teach for America Alumni Conference, Washington, D.C., 2005

“Innovative Solutions to a Juvenile Justice Crisis: the Maya Angelou Way,” DC Family Court Conference, Washington, D.C., 2004

“The Legacy of *Brown v. Bd. of Education*” University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, Iowa, March 26, 2004