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I. EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, June 2024

Neubauer Family Foundation Distinguished Scholar Doctoral Fellow

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Sociology, June 2021

University of California-Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2019

Honors: UCI Law Dean's Merit Scholarship; Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Scholarship

University of Missouri, Columbia, Columbia, MO

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, May 2016

Honors: Dean's List (2012-2016), Phi Beta Kappa, Honors College

II. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California-Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2025 to present

Fred T Korematsu Center For Law and Equality Faculty Affiliate, July 2025 to Present

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

Research Assistant Professor of Law, Race, Place, and Equity Fellow, August 2023 to August 2025

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Preceptor for the Department of Sociology BA Thesis Seminar, August 2020 to May 2022

III. ARTICLES

Christopher Williams, *Tethered: The Connectedness of Citizens and Non-Citizens*, 60 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 42 (2026).

Christopher Williams, *The Black Tax: 150 Years of Theft, Exploitation, and Dispossession in America* by Andrew Kahrl. University of Chicago Press 2024, 59 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 1-3 (2025).

Christopher Williams, *Abolition in the Real World: A Case Study of Cash Bail Abolition in Illinois*, 60 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 444 (2025).

Christopher Williams, *Ferguson & Me: A Transformative Ten Years*, 78 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 61 (2025).

Robert Vargas, Christopher Williams, Phillip O'Sullivan, Christina Cano, *Capitalizing on Crisis: Chicago Policy Responses to Homicides, 1920-2016*, 89 U. CHI. L. REV. 405, (2022).

Christopher Williams, *Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crime Statutes*, 55 U. MICH. J. L. REFORM 139 (2021).

Christopher Williams, *Gatekeeping the Profession*, 26 CARDOZO J. EQUAL RTS. & SOC. JUST. 171 (2020).

IV. BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, NO MORE RANSOM, FORTHCOMING UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, SEARCHING FOR SPACE: *CREATING ROOM IN GLOBAL STUDIES*, (CHAPTER IN INVISIBLE INSTITUTIONALISMS: COLLECTIVE REFLECTIONS ON THE SHADOWS OF LEGAL GLOBALISATION), (SWETHAA BALLAKHRISHNEN & SARA DEZALAY, BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING (2021))

V. LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Law & Society Annual Meeting: Speaker
Abolition Plenary, May 2026

No More Ransom Book Conference: Organizer & Speaker
Lead Convener and Presenter, April 2026

UCI Law Admissions BLSA Q&A
Faculty Representative, April 2026

Fred T. Korematsu Center Constitutional and Legal Issues Surrounding Recent Events and Federal Actions: Panelist
Policing and Minneapolis, February 2026

UCI EAOP Winter 2026 Choosing a Major Conference: Panelist
Breakfast & The Fourth Amendment, February 2026

Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County: Panelist
Probable Paws, February 2026

Cardozo School of Law Abolition and The Law Colloquium: Speaker
Abolition In The Real World, October 2025

UCI Law EDI Committee Limits of Executive Power Speaker Series: Presenter
The History of CRT, September 2025

Crimfest: Presenter
Pragmatic Abolition, July 2024

John Mercer Langston Conference: Discussant
Saving Black Lives: The Black Homicide Crisis as Racial Injustice, June 2024

John Mercer Langston Conference: Presenter
Pragmatic Abolition, June 2024

University of Chicago Justice Project Mini Conference: Moderator
Lessons from Misinformation Campaign in CHI, NYC, and SF, June 2023

Law & Society Annual Meeting: Discussant
Academia and Teaching About Racism, July 2022

Law & Society Annual: Discussant
Legal Education's Highest Aspirations, July 2022

University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform: Author Talk Series
Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crime Statutes, Nov 2021

Law and Society: Discussant
Blue Racing: The Racialization of Police in Hate Crimes, May 2021

Law and Society: Discussant
Centering California in the History of U.S. Racism and Resistance, May 2021

American Constitutional Society: Co-Moderator
*Elevating and Engaging with Black Lives on Law School Campuses
(Part II), August 2020*

Law and Society: Panelist
Author Meets Reader: Unequal Profession, August 2020

Law and Society: Panelist
Legal Education Roundtable, June 2020

VI. SERVICE

Fred T. Korematsu Center For Law and Equality Fellowship

Fellow Search Committee Member, March 2026 to Present

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Journal

Editorial Board Member, February 2026

Western Region Black Students Conference

UCI Law Faculty Representative, January 2026

UCI Law EDI Committee

Faculty Representative. August 2025 to Present

Law and Society Association

Diversity Committee, August 2025 to Present

Law and Society Association

Undergraduate/Graduate Paper Prize Committee Chair, August 2024 to May 2025

Law and Society Association

Program Committee Member, August 2024 to May 2025

VII. MEDIA

Christopher Williams, *ESSAY: Ending cash bail shows that we shouldn't lead with fear*, THE TRIIBE, Jul. 9, 2024.

Krystal Nurse, *State Police Now Tracking Incidents of Bias against Police Officers in Michigan*, LANSING STATE J. Mar. 26, 2023.

John Eligon, *At University of Missouri, Black Students See a Campus Riven By Race*, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 11, 2025.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California

Admitted 2019

American Bar Foundation Fellow

December 2025 to Present