

# SHAUN OSSEI-OWUSU

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School**

Presidential Professor of Law, 2022-Present  
Presidential Assistant Professor of Law, 2019-2021  
Courses: Criminal Law, Law and Inequality (1L course), Legal Profession, Antidiscrimination Law

### **Columbia Law School**

Academic Fellow; Kellis E. Parker Teaching Fellow, 2016-2017; 2018-2019

### **University of Southern California**

Doheny Postdoctoral Fellow, History Department, 2014-2016

## EDUCATION

### **University of California, Berkeley**

J.D., School of Law, 2016  
Ph.D., African American Studies, 2014

### **University of Chicago**

Exchange Scholar, Department of Sociology, 2010

### **University of Pennsylvania**

M.L.A., Urban Studies and Africana Studies, 2008

### **Northwestern University**

B.S., Communication Studies, Minor in African American Studies, 2007

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Law & Society Association (Board of Trustees, Class Representative)	2021-2023
New America Fellowship	2020
William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Early Career Scholar Fellowship	2018
National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship (New-York Historical Society)	2018
Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars Award from the American Society for Legal History	2017
The Huntington Library Research Fellowship (San Marino, California)	2015
Sidley Austin Diversity Scholarship	2014
American Society of Criminology Graduate Fellowship	2013
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Diversity Fellowship	2012
Law & Society Association/American Bar Foundation Law and Social Science Dissertation and Mentoring Fellowship	2010
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship	2008

## **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES AND ESSAYS**

- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (Forthcoming, 2022). “New Penal Bureaucrats,” *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (Forthcoming, 2022). “The Welfarist Right to Counsel,” *UCLA Law Review*.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2022). “Civil vs. Criminal Legal Aid,” [\*Southern California Law Review\*](#).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “Kangaroo Courts,” [\*Harvard Law Review Forum\*](#)  
- Response to Alexandra Natapoff’s “Criminal Municipal Courts” 134 *Harvard Law Review*\_\_ (2021).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “Racial Revisionism,” [\*Michigan Law Review\*](#)  
- Review essay on Corey’ Robin, *The Enigma of Clarence Thomas* (2019).
- Atinuke (Tinu) Adediran and Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “The Racial Reckoning of Public Interest Law,” [\*California Law Review Online\*](#).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “Velvet Rope Discrimination,” [\*Virginia Law Review\*](#).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “Police Quotas,” [\*New York University Law Review\*](#).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021). “Criminal Legal Education,” [\*American Criminal Law Review\*](#).
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2019). “The Sixth Amendment Façade: The Racial Evolution of the Right to Counsel,” 167 [\*University of Pennsylvania Law Review\*](#) 1161.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2018). “The State Giveth and Taketh Away: Race, Class, and Urban Hospital Closings,” 92 [\*Chicago-Kent Law Review\*](#) 1037.
- Spencer Headworth and Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2017). “The Accused Poor,” 44 [\*Social Justice\*](#) 55.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2017). “Code Red: The Essential Yet Neglected Role of Emergency Care in Health Law Reform” 43 [\*American Journal of Law and Medicine\*](#) 344-387.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2016). “Racial Horizons and Empirical Landscapes in the Post-ACA World,” 2016 [\*Wisconsin Law Review\*](#) 493.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2010). “Gimme Some More: Centering Gender and Inequality in Criminal Justice and Discretion Discourse,” [\*American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law\*](#) 18: 607

## **BOOKS**

- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (Forthcoming). THE PEOPLE’S CHAMP: LEGAL AID FROM SLAVERY TO MASS INCARCERATION. Harvard University Press.
- Shaun Ossei-Owusu (Under Contract). RENEGADE AT LAW: HOW OUR LEGAL INDUSTRY CREATES, JUSTIFIES, AND COMPOUNDS INEQUALITY. Liveright/W. W. Norton & Company

## **OTHER SCHOLARLY WORKS**

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2014). “A People’s History of Legal Aid: A Brief Sketch,” *Routledge Handbook on Poverty in the United States*, New York: Routledge, page 378.

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2012). “Decoding Youth and Neo-Liberalism: Pupils, Precarity, and Punishment,” *Journal of Poverty* 16(3): 296.

## **SELECT EMPLOYMENT**

### **Sidley Austin LLP**

Associate, September 2017-September 2018 (Litigation and Healthcare Enforcement)  
Summer Associate, May 2015-August 2015

### **Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**

Pro Bono Fellow, Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project, April 2017-September 2017

### **Whitman-Walker Health**

Pro Bono Fellow, April 2016-August 2016

### **Bronx Defenders**

Legal Intern, May 2014-August 2014

## **SELECT MAINSTREAM ARTICLES**

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2021) “Making Penal Bureaucrats,” *Inquest*, August 23, 2021.

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2020). “For Minority Law Students, Learning the Law can be Intellectually Violent,” *ABA Journal*. [https://www.abajournal.com/voice/article/for\\_minority\\_law\\_students\\_learning\\_the\\_law\\_can\\_be\\_intellectually\\_violent](https://www.abajournal.com/voice/article/for_minority_law_students_learning_the_law_can_be_intellectually_violent)

- One of the top 5 Columns of 2020

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2020). “More Mobility, More Problems,” *Public Books*.  
<https://www.publicbooks.org/more-mobility-more-problems/>

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2020). “Coronavirus and the Politics of Disposability,” *Boston Review*.  
<http://bostonreview.net/class-inequality-race-politics/shaun-ossei-owusu-coronavirus-and-politics-disposability>

- Reproduced in Boston Review’s *The Politics of Care From COVID-19 to Black Lives Matter* (Verso, 2020)

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2016). “Race and the Tragedy of Quota-Based Policing,” *American Prospect*.  
[prospect.org/article/race-and-tragedy-quota-based-policing-0](http://prospect.org/article/race-and-tragedy-quota-based-policing-0)

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2016). “Will Black Lives Matter to the Supreme Court?,” *American Prospect*.  
[prospect.org/article/will-black-lives-matter-supreme-court](http://prospect.org/article/will-black-lives-matter-supreme-court)

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (2014). “The Problem with Body Cameras,” *Jacobin*.  
<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2014/12/the-problem-with-body-cameras/>

## **BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of American Law Schools  
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities  
Law and Society Association

American Society for Legal History  
District of Columbia Bar