# **ELAINE M. CHIU**

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

June 2014 - present

# Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights, Director

Jamaica, NY

- Lead the oldest academic center at St. John's University School of Law
- Manage the Center's flagship Ron Brown Law School Prep Program for College Students, one of the country's premier prelaw pipeline programs
- Co-advise the Center's nationally renowned scholarly journal, *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development*, which has enriched legal scholarship for the past thirty years by publishing symposium issues and student notes
- Mentor and support the Ron Brown Scholars, a select cohort of full scholarship law students with a focus on internships, job placements, writing competitions and other important opportunities
- Build a community of diverse students, faculty, and alumni interested in civil rights issues, legal history, explicit and implicit bias, current events, etc. to educate and raise awareness around these important issues
- Help plan an annual gathering of legal academics of color as the chairperson of Planning Committee for the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference
- Raise funds from foundations, law firms, in house legal departments, bar associations, and individuals to support the work of the Ron Brown Center
- Speak with varying audiences on topics such as diversity in higher education, the best practices in pipeline work, educating culturally excellent students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, etc.

July 2002 – present

# St. John's University School of Law, Professor of Law

Jamaica, NY

- An expert scholar on topics such as the challenge of multiculturalism in the legal regulation of parenting, domestic violence, and general reform of the criminal justice system.
- Teach first year criminal law amnd lawyering skills, foundational family law course, civil rights scholarly writing seminar, legal methods and contemporary criminal justice course.
- Faculty advisor to Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and Coalition for Social Justice student organizations

June 2001 -May 2002

## Columbia Law School, Research Fellow

New York, NY

- Drafted scholarly article under guidance of faculty members.
- Participated in seminar on legal education and other related courses.

Jan. 1999 - Dec. 2000

Harvard Law School, Climenko Thayer Teaching Fellow Cambridge, MA

- Taught an elective lawyering skills course for two spring semesters. Used roleplaying to teach skills such as interviewing and advising clients, researching diverse legal sources, negotiating, problem-solving, drafting contractual language, and advanced legal writing. Created and updated curricular material.
- Co-taught on-line distance learning course on violence against women at Berkman Center.
- Assisted Professor Martha Minow with research on hate crimes and domestic violence reforms.

Sept. 1998 -May 1999

# Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Adjunct Professor New York, NY

• Taught legal writing and research course to first year law students for entire academic year. Created original writing assignments within a designed curriculum including client letter, summary judgment motion and memo, and moot court brief.

Sept. 1994 - Dec. 1998

New York County District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney New York, NY

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases from arrest to trial. Managed intense caseload. Specialized in domestic violence and welfare fraud matters.
- Represented state in over twelve trials and fifty suppression hearings.
- Co-authored respondent's brief to defendant's appeal before the Appellate Division and drafted complaints, motion responses and arrest and search warrants.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

That Guy's A Batterer!: A Scarlet Letter Approach to Domestic Violence in the Information Age, 44 Fam. L. Q. 255 (2010)

Foreword: Domestic Violence Symposium: Thinking Outside the Box: New Challenges and New Approaches to Domestic Violence, 24 St. John's J. Legal Comment. (2010)

*The Culture Differential in Parental Autonomy*, 41 <u>U.C. Davis L. Rev.</u> 101 (2008)

Culture As Justification, Not Excuse, 43 American Crim. L. Rev. 1317 (Fall 2006)

Culture in Our Midst, 17 U. Fl. J. L. & Pub. Pol'y 231 (Summer 2006)

The Challenge of Motive in the Criminal Law, 8 Buffalo Crim. L. Rev. 653 (2005)

Confronting the Agency in Battered Mothers, 74 S. Cal. L. Rev. 1223 (2001)

#### **EDUCATION**

# **Columbia University School of Law**

Juris Doctor • 1994 • Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar Columbia Law Review, Senior Editor

**Cornell University**, College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts • 1991 • Cum Laude • Distinction in All Subjects

Majors: Economics and Government • Concentration: International Relations

## **SERVICE**

Member of various SJU Law Faculty Committees (Appointments, Admissions, Diversity, Student-Faculty Liason Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Public Interest)

Member of various SJU Committees (annual university-wide Academic Lecture Series faculty committee, Middle States Site Visit Sub-Committee on Assessments)

Member of New York City Bar Association Committee on Domestic Violence (2011-2014)

#### **AWARDS**

Dean's Award for Outstanding Service by a Faculty Member (2015)

Winner of Inaugural Scholarly Paper Competition of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (2006)

Asian American Law Fund of New York Award for Law Teaching (2004)