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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA
January 2022 – Present

- Director of the Decarceration and Community Reentry Clinic

CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE FIRST 72+, New Orleans, LA
May 2015 – June 2021

- Responsible for fundraising, organizational development, and communications
- Responsible for growing the organization from \$0 to an annual budget exceeding \$1,800,000 and a staff of 22, with full healthcare benefits for all staff.
- Responsible for program development and coordination
- Responsible for media strategy and press communications
- Supervising attorney for Reentry Legal Clinic

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, BARD EARLY COLLEGE OF NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans, LA
January 2017 – May 2020

- Courses Taught: Entrepreneurship and Social Change [Spring 2018, Spring 2019],
Represent The City [Spring 2017]

STAFF ATTORNEY, SPECIAL LITIGATION DIVISION, ORLEANS PUBLIC DEFENDERS (OPD), New Orleans, LA
September 2015 – September 2016

LAW CLERK, UCLA LABOR CENTER, Los Angeles, CA
December 2014 – May 2015

LAW CLERK, LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKER CENTER (LA – BWC), Los Angeles, CA
December 2014 – May 2015

LAW CLERK, CRIMINAL TRIALS DIVISION, ORLEANS PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE (OPD),
New Orleans, LA
May 2014 – August 2014

LAW CLERK, NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW (NCYL) – JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT,
Oakland, CA
June 2013 – August 2013

CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, CAMPAIGN TO END LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCING FOR
JUVENILES, JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT OF LOUISIANA (JJPL) & CITIZENS FOR SECOND
CHANCES (CFSC), New Orleans, LA
December 2008 – August 2012

DEPUTY FIELD DIRECTOR, DON CRAVINS, JR. FOR CONGRESS (LA-07 CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT)
September 2008 – December 2008

REGIONAL FIELD DIRECTOR, JOSH SEGALL FOR CONGRESS (AL-03 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

May 2008 – September 2008

EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles School of Law – Juris Doctorate

August 2012 – May 2015

Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy; Critical Race Studies Program; Business Law and Policy Specialization

Clinics: El Centro Legal – Executive Director; Co-Chair; Re-Entry Clinic; Skid-Row Legal Clinic; Community Economic Development Clinic; Affordable Housing Transactions Clinic

Activities & Service: Criminal Justice Society, Co-President; Experiential Clinical Learning Fac. Comm., Student Representative

University of Colorado at Boulder - Bachelor of Arts

August 2004 - May 2008

Summa cum laude honors

Majors: Political Science, Women and Gender Studies; Minor: Ethnic Studies

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Louisiana State Bar, May 2016 – Present
- United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, November 2019- Present
- District of Columbia Bar, March 2022 – Present
- Virginia State Bar, September 2022 - Present

QUALIFICATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- J.M.K. Innovation Prize 2020 – J.M. Kaplan Fund.
- Top 50 Leader in Law, 2019 – New Orleans City Business, Leadership in Law Issue
- Michael Rubinger Community Fellowship 2018 – Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Global Good Fund Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship 2018 – The Global Good Fund
- Richard Cornuelle Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2017 – Manhattan Institute
- UCLA School of Law, Public Service Fellowship 2015 – UCLA School of Law
- Echoing Green Fellow 2015 – Echoing Green
- Summa Cum Laude, Women and Gender Studies, 2008— University of Colorado at Boulder
- Jacob Van Ek Scholar, 2008 —University of Colorado at Boulder
- Community Service Award, 2007 —University of Colorado at Boulder
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Grant Recipient, 2007 —University of Colorado at Boulder
- Recipient of the Jean Dubofsky Scholarship in Women and Gender Studies, 2007 —University of Colorado at Boulder
- Women Who Make A Difference Award, 2006—University of Colorado at Boulder, Women’s Resource Center

PUBLICATIONS

Kelly Orians and Troy Rhodes. "Community-based Re-entry: Breaking the Cycle of Reincarceration." In Jon B. Gould and Pamela R. Metzger, eds. *Transforming Criminal Justice: An Evidence-based Agenda for Reform*. New York: NYU Press. (2022)

Kelly Orians, *In Defense of Reentry: A Response to Shreya Subramani's Productive Separations*, 47 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 993 (2020) (with Thomas Frampton)

Kelly Elizabeth Orians, "*I'll Say I'm Home, I Won't Say I'm Free*": *Persistent Barriers to Housing, Employment, and Financial Security for Formerly Incarcerated People in Low-Income Communities of Color*. 25 NAT. BLACK L.J. ___ (2016)

- Cited in the majority opinion of *State v. Kelliher*, 854 S.E.2d 584 (N.C. 2021)

Kelly Elizabeth Orians, *One Year Later: State Level Response and Implementation of Miller v. Alabama*, YOUTH L. NEWS, Vol. 32, No. 3 (Sept. 2013)

PRESENTATIONS

University of Virginia School of Law. Shaping Justice Conference. February 2, 2024. Panel Discussion on Creative Solutions to the Criminalization of Poverty.

Association of American Law Schools. Unshackled: Stories of Redemption and Hope in Post-Conviction Work in Parole & Clemency Cases. January 5, 2024.

University of Virginia School of Law. Moderating the panel "Community Activism in Cville: A Focus On Reentry." November 14, 2023.

University of Virginia School of Law. Hosting "The Visiting Room Project." April 6, 2023.

University of Virginia School of Law. Shaping Justice Conference. Panel Discussion on Advocating for Formerly Incarcerated People. February 2022.

Orleans Public Defenders. 1 hour CLE on the issue of Parole Revocations: Process and Advocacy. October 2021.

ACLU of Louisiana. HB 46 campaign kick-off event, spoke on panel on the issue of limiting pre-trial detention time and guaranteeing a right to counsel at preliminary hearings. March 2021.

Tulane University, Taylor Center. Social Venture Accelerator Program, guest lecturer on the issue of choosing the right entity structure when forming a social enterprise. November 2016, March 2017, February 2018, February 2019, February 2020, February 2021, March 2022.

Sixth Annual REAL Help Conference. 1 hour CLE on the issue of Reentry Legal Services. April 2019, October 2020

University of California Los Angeles, Business Law and Policy Program, Founders Series. October 2020.

University of California Los Angeles School of Law, Critical Race Studies Program, "Dismantling Racism: Critical Race Studies in Action." July 2020.

Credit Builder's Alliance – 2020 Symposium. Presented on the issue of "Reducing Recidivism Through Asset Building: Strategies for Supporting Returning Citizens." June 2020.

Echoing Green – All Fellows Conference, November 2019. Presented on "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Resisting and Dismantling White Supremacy in Social Enterprises."

Echoing Green – All Fellows Conference, November 2019. Selected speaker on progress towards United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

“In Defense of Reentry: A Response to Shreya Subramani’s Productive Separations,” Fordham Urban Law Journal Fall Symposium. November 2019.

Louisiana State Bar Association, Access to Justice Commission. 1 hour CLE on the issue of Reentry Legal Services. December 2015, February 2019, July 2019.

TEDxTU (Tulane University), February 2017. Selected to speak on the issue of supporting formerly incarcerated people pursue entrepreneurship.

“Till Say I’m Home, I Won’t Say I’m Free”: Persistent Barriers to Housing, Employment, and Financial Security for Formerly Incarcerated People in Low-Income Communities of Color, Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, June 2016.

“Till Say I’m Home, I Won’t Say I’m Free”: Persistent Barriers to Housing, Employment, and Financial Security for Formerly Incarcerated People in Low-Income Communities of Color, New Profit: A Gathering of Leaders, Annual Conference, September 2015.

Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, Annual Convening, 2011 - “Campaign Communication between Lawyers, Community Organizers, and People Most Impacted.”

United States Human Rights Fund, Annual Convening, 2011 – “Developing Campaign Infrastructure and Decision Making Protocol,” co-presented with Jamil Dakwar of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, Annual Convening, 2010 - “Telling Your Story: Communicating with Allies, Opponents, and Media.”

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Law Review Symposium 2010. 1 hour CLE on the issue of Louisiana’s laws regulating the transfer of juveniles to the adult criminal justice system.

MISC. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Fountain Fund – Board Member October 2021 - *Present*
- Our Fortune – Board Member September 2021 – *Present*
- The First 72+ – Board Member June 2021 – *Present*