

FOCUS	My recent research focuses on assessing how we should construct legal and political institutions to respond to various forms of social and economic inequality; the history of African American political thought; the ethics of punishment; and race theory.
EMPLOYMENT	The University of Michigan Professor of Law (2026-present) Professor of Philosophy (by courtesy) (2026-present) Assistant Professor of Law (2021-2026) Assistant Professor of Philosophy (by courtesy) (2021-2026) Research Scholar (2020-2021) Princeton University Laurence S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow (2023-2024) The United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Roger L. Gregory (2019-2020) Philadelphia District Attorney's Office Assistant District Attorney (2018-2019)
EDUCATION	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> (PhD) in Philosophy (2022) <i>Graduate Certificate</i>, Africana Studies Dissertation: <i>Repairing Reparative Justice</i> Advisors: Anita L. Allen & Samuel Freeman The University of Michigan Law School Ann Arbor, MI <i>Juris Doctor</i> (JD) with Honors (2018) University College London London, England <i>Master of Arts</i> (MA) with 1st Class Distinction in Philosophy (2011) Thesis: <i>On Being Tolerant</i> Advisor: Michael Otsuka John Jay College (CUNY) New York, NY <i>Bachelor of Science</i> (BS) with Honors in Criminal Justice (2010)
OTHER EXPERIENCE	<u>Washtenaw County Advisory Council on Reparations</u> Washtenaw County, MI Councilor (2024-present) <u>Goodman & Hurwitz, PC</u> Detroit, MI Part-time Law Clerk (2017-2018) <u>Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)</u> Montgomery, AL Summer Law Clerk (Summer 2016) <u>Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse</u> Ann Arbor, MI Volunteer (2015-2016)

[American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#) Philadelphia, PA
Analyst and Legal Researcher (2013-2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Fryer, Daniel. *Policing the Privileged*. _ NOMOS _ (forthcoming)

Fryer, Daniel. *What's the Point of Reparation?* 61 TULSA LAW REVIEW 335-359 (2026)

Fryer, Daniel. *Justice as Repair*. 63 AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY 143-155 (2026) (peer review)

Clay-Gilmore, Miron J., **Fryer, Daniel**, Peebles, Ian, et. al. *Contemporary Issues in Black Philosophy: Pluralism in Methodological Approaches*. 63 AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY 111-117.

Fryer, Daniel. *Reforming Abolition*. 124 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 187-236 (2025)

- Selected for presentation at the Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum

Fryer, Daniel. *Inter-American Philosophy: Born of Struggle?* in PHILOSOPHIZING THE AMERICAS: AN INTER-AMERICAN DISCOURSE, edited by Jacoby A. Carter and Hernando Arturo Estevez. Fordham University Press (2024)

Fryer, Daniel. *Idealizing Abolition* 17(3) CRIMINAL LAW & PHILOSOPHY 553-572 (2023) (peer review)

Fryer, Daniel. *Which America?: Judge Roger L. Gregory and the Tradition of African American Political Thought* 78 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 1087-1101 (2021)

Fryer, Daniel. *Race, Reform, and Progressive Prosecution* 110 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 769-802 (2020)

- Excerpted in Nancy J. King, Orin S. Kerr, and Eve Brensike Primus, KAMISAR, LAFAVE, AND ISRAEL'S MODERN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (16th ed. 2023).

Book Reviews

[Review](#) of Abby Phillip's *A Dream Deferred: Jesse Jackson and the Fight for Black Political Power*, in THE WASHINGTON POST (Oct. 2025).

[Review](#) of Brandon Hogan, Michael Cholbi, Alex Madva, and Benjamin S. Yost's *The Movement for Black Lives: Philosophical Perspectives*, in ETHICS (January 2024)

[Review](#) of Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Andrew S. Curran's *Who's Black and Why?: A Hidden Chapter From the Eighteenth-Century Invention of Race*, in THE WASHINGTON POST (April 2022)

[Review](#) of Michael Eric Dyson's *Entertaining Race: Performing Blackness in America*, in THE WASHINGTON POST (Dec. 2021)

[Review](#) of Randall Kennedy's *Say It Loud!: On Race, Law, History, and Culture*, in THE WASHINGTON POST (Sept. 2021)

PRESENTATIONS

Comments on Valerie Soon's Social Capital as Social Power. Race, Politics, and Ethics Workshop. New Orleans, LA: May 29, 2026.

“What’s the Point of Reparation?” Tulsa Law School. Tulsa, OK: April 16, 2026

“Policing the Privileged.” Boston College Law Junior Faculty Roundtable. Boston, MA: March 27, 2026.

“Optimism in Black Political Thought.” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting. New Orleans, LA: November 14, 2025.

“Justice as Repair.” Vrije Universiteit Normative Philosophy Workshop. Amsterdam, Netherlands: July 22, 2025.

“Reforming Abolition.” Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum. Cambridge, MA: June 3, 2025.

“Policing the Privileged.” Harvard’s CULP Colloquium. Cambridge, MA: June 2, 2025.

Commentary on David Pozan’ THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WAR ON DRUGS. New Books in Criminal Law Workshop. Villanova, PA: May 16, 2025.

Commentary on Youngjae Lee’s *Criminalizing Disobedience* (manuscript). NOMOS Virtual Book Workshop: May 14, 2025.

Talk at Anita Allen’s Retirement Conference. Penn Law School. Philadelphia, PA: April 25, 2025.

“Policing the Privileged.” Fordham Law & Philosophy Colloquium. New York, NY: March 3, 2025.

Comments on Tommie Shelby’s The Idea of Prison Abolition. Eastern APA Author Meets Critic Session. New York, NY: January 10, 2025.

Discussant. Disagreement and Democracy: Reparations. Stanford, CA: January 6, 2025.

Panel Member. New York Institute of Philosophy Project of the Philosophy of Race and Racism Panel: Philosophical Foundations of Reparations. New York, NY: December 6, 2024.

Panel Member. Harvard University’s CRISES Reparations Conference. Cambridge, MA: December 4, 2024.

“Policing the Privileged.” Michigan Law Junior Faculty Forum. Ann Arbor, MI: November 15, 2024.

“Reforming Abolition.” NYU Crim Workshop. New York, NY: November 7, 2024.

Keynote Presentation. First Annual Roundtable on Philosophy and the Black Experience at Emory University. Atlanta, GA: October 24, 2024.

“What’s the Point of Reparation?” Yale Law & Philosophy. New Haven, CT: October 22, 2024.

“Reforming Abolition.” Michigan State Law School. Lansing, MI: September 11, 2024.

“What’s the Point of Reparation?” Criminal Law Theory Workshop. St. Louis, MO: September 6, 2024.

“Reforming Abolition.” John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop. Chicago, IL: June 28, 2024.

Talk on Reparations. Stateville Correctional Center. Crest Hill, IL: May 15, 2024.

Commentary on Alec Walen’s Punishment, Penalty, and Incapacitation. New Books in Criminal Law Workshop. Villanova, PA: May 10, 2024

“Reforming Abolition.” Columbia Law School’s Criminal Law Roundtable. New York, NY: May 3-4, 2024.

“Reforming Abolition.” Rutgers Law School. Newark, NJ: February 28, 2024. Comments on Jennifer Lackey’s CRIMINAL TESTIMONIAL INJUSTICE. American Philosophical Association (Central) Author Meets Critics Session. New Orleans, LA: February 21, 2024.

“What’s the Point of Reparation?” Princeton’s UCHV Workshop. Princeton, NJ: September 18, 2023.

“Idealizing Abolition.” Chicago Criminal Law Theory Workshop. Northwestern Law School. Chicago, IL: November 4, 2022.

“Idealizing Abolition.” Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH: October 3, 2022.

Comments on Neil Roberts’s “Policing’s Unfreedom.” American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (NOMOS). Cambridge, MA: September 30, 2022.

Roundtable Discussion: “The Use of Force.” University of Virginia Law School. Charlottesville, VA: September 9-10, 2022.

“Law, Ethics, and Black Political Thought.” Dartmouth’s Law & Ethics Fellowship Lecture. Hanover, NH: April 22, 2022.

“What’s the Point of Reparation?” Harvard’s Law and Philosophy Workshop. Cambridge, MA: April 6, 2022.

“The Problems with Prosecutorial Leniency.” William & Mary’s Symposium on Mass Incarceration. Williamsburg, VA: March 4, 2022 (zoom).

“The Idea(l) of Abolition.” IHS’s Workshop on Policing and Political Philosophy. Washington, DC: October 17, 2021 (zoom).

“Race, Reform, and Progressive Prosecution.” Northwestern Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology 2020 Symposium. Chicago, IL: February 28, 2020.

“Poverty and Criminal Prosecutions.” UPenn Integrated Studies Program. Philadelphia, PA: March 14, 2019.

Roundtable Discussion: “In the Archives: Black Radical Thought.” Michigan Institute for the Humanities. Ann Arbor, MI: February 9, 2018.

“Repairing Reparative Justice.” Michigan Race, Gender, and Feminist Philosophy Working Group. Ann Arbor, MI: November 3, 2017.

“Phantom Trials.” Michigan Race, Law, and History Proseminar. Ann Arbor, MI: April 5, 2017.

“On William Fontaine’s Political Philosophy.” Department of Philosophy, Morgan State University. Baltimore, MD: November 8, 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Inaugural Summer Retreat Fellow, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute (2026)

Laurence S. Rockefeller Fellowship, Princeton University (2023-2024)

Race, Law, and History Fellowship, University of Michigan (2016-2017)

Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowship for Social and Economic Justice, National Lawyers Guild (2016)

Geo L. Harrison Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (2014-2015)

William Fontaine Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2012-2015)

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2012-2015)

Mack Family Foundation Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (2012-2013)

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Women Also Know Law, Advisory Board Member (2021-present)
Michigan Journal of Law & Society, Advisory Board Member (2021-present)
Color of Change Hollywood, Consultant (2020-present)
Michigan Law's Student Recognition Committee (2021-2022; 2024-2025)
Michigan Law's Dean Search Advisory Committee, Member (2022-2023)
Michigan Law's Entry Level and Lateral Hiring Committee, Member (2022-2023)
Michigan's Program in Race, Law, and History, Co-director (2022-2023); Member (2021-2022; 2023-present)
High School Ethics Bowl Judge (2021; 2025)
High School Ethics Bowl Coach, Carver High School (Philadelphia; 2020-2021)
Head Graduate Fellow, UPenn's Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute (2014-2019)

Peer Referee for: *American Philosophical Quarterly*; ASPEN; *Columbia Law Review*; *Criminal Justice Review*; *Criminal Law and Philosophy*; *Ergo*; OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Philosophical Association (APA; 2014-Present)
Member, Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy (SSAP; 2009-Present)
Member, Society of Young Black Philosophers (SYBP; 2009-Present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania (active)
US Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit