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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

- 1981 Harvard Law School, J.D.
- 1978 State University of New York at Buffalo
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Recipient of Beta Gamma Sigma award for best academic record in Business School; Graduated with high honors

PRESENT POSITION

- January 1989 - Present Professor of Law
State University of New York at Buffalo
- Subjects: Mindfulness and Law
Conflict of Laws
African American Legal History
Religion and the Constitution
Critical Race Theory
Securities Regulation
The Theory of "Just War"
Discover Law: The Constitution and Religious Freedom

FELLOWSHIP

- 2012 - 2013 American Academy of Religion/Luce Foundation Fellow
Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology

Mindfulness Teacher Certification

- September 2018 Certified Teacher of Law and Mindfulness, 2018 Mindfulness in Law Teacher Training Program, Berkeley CA

GRANTS RECEIVED

- June 2017 Grant from Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, to sponsor workshop entitled “Countering the Effects of Stress on Police Officers’ Health and Functioning: Mindfulness-Based Resilience Training”
- May 2015 S.U.N.Y. “Conversations in the Disciplines” Grant, funding conference held in March 2016 entitled “Launching S.U.N.Y. Initiatives on Mindfulness and Health” (co-sponsored grant application)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- January 1995-
April 1995 Expert witness on Securities Regulation in The People of the State of New York v. Domestic Capital, William Suchocki, et al.
- February 1988 -
December 1988 Hastie Fellow, University of Wisconsin Law School
- September 1983 -
February 1988 Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.
Miami, FL (formerly Arky Freed Stearns Watson Greer Weaver & Harris)
Attorney (Commercial Litigation)
- July 1982 -
August 1983 United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
San Francisco, CA
Law Clerk, Office of Staff Attorneys
- September 1981 -
June 1982 University of Miami School of Law
Miami, FL
Instructor (Labor Law; Women and Law; Legal Writing)
- Summer 1980 Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis
Philadelphia, PA
Summer Associate
- Summer 1979 Professor Duncan Kennedy
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant

BAR AFFILIATIONS

- 1984 Admitted to Florida Bar (currently inactive)
- 1983 Admitted to Pennsylvania Bar (currently inactive)

PUBLICATIONS

- S. Phillips, "Mindfulness in Education: Tools for Effective Conflict Resolution," *Journal of the Association of Women in Colleges of Education* (Lagos, Nigeria; 2016)
- S. Phillips, "Teaching African American Legal History," in *Teaching Legal History: Comparative Perspectives* 185 (Robert M. Jarvis, ed.) (London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing; 2014)
- S. Phillips, "'Intolerance of Intolerance' in the Unitarian Controversy: The Theology of *Baker v. Fales*" in *After Secular Law* 101, Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Robert Yelle, and Mateo Taussig-Rubo, eds. (Stanford University Press, 2011)
- S. Phillips, "Trying a New Way: Barack Obama's Tolerance of Intolerance," *18 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* 803 (2010)
- S. Phillips, "Beyond Competitive Victimhood: Abandoning Arguments that Black Women or Black Men Are Worse Off," in *Progressive Black Masculinities* (A.D. Mutua, ed.) (Routledge, 2006)
- S. Phillips, "The Convergence of the Critical Race Theory Workshop with LatCrit Theory: A History," *53 U. Miami L. Rev.* 1247 (1999)
- S. Phillips, "Claiming Our Foremothers: The Legend of Sally Hemings and the Tasks of Black Feminist Theory," *8 Hastings Women's Law Journal* 401 (1997)
- S. Phillips, Review of *Straight from the Heart*, by Jesse L. Jackson, *Journal of Law and Religion*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (1990)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“David and Jonathan: Exegesis and Pastoral Theology” (under submission)

“Mindfulness as Secular Endeavor: An Inquiry” (work in progress)

RECENT CONFERENCES ATTENDED AND PAPERS GIVEN

- September 2018 Paper Presented: “Mindfulness as Secular Endeavor: An Inquiry”
Mindfulness and Law Teacher Training Workshop
Muir Beach, CA
- August 2017 Lecture and Meditation: “Mindfulness Meditation and Your Health”
National Conference of African American Librarians
Atlanta, GA
- November 2016 Paper Presented: “Trans Spirituality”
Transgender Spectrum Conference
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- March 2016 Project Director for Conference: Launching S.U.N.Y. Initiatives on
Mindfulness and Health (funded by S.U.N.Y. grant for “Conversations in the
Disciplines”); Planning Committee Member; Panelist (“Mindfulness &
Campus Services”)
S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo
- July 2015 Keynote Address: “Mindfulness in Education: Tools for Effective Conflict
Resolution”
Annual Conference of the Association of Women in Colleges of Education
in Nigeria
Atlanta, GA
- April 2015 Participant in Colloquium: Social Justice and Contemplative Pedagogy
Convened by The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society
Amherst, MA
- February 2015 Paper Presented: Homophobia in the Black Church

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- Duke University
Durham, NC
- January 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools
Washington, D.C.
- November 2014 Paper Presented: Homophobia in the Black Church
Annual Conference of the National Women’s Studies Association
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- January 2014 Conference Attended: The National Conference on LGBT Equality:
Creating Change
Houston, TX
- November 2013 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of
Religion
Baltimore, MD
- June 2013 Panel Participant: Workshop on Law and Mindfulness
Berkeley Law School
Berkeley, CA
- November 2012 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of
Religion
San Francisco, CA
- November 2011 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of
Religion
San Francisco, CA
- September 2011 Conference Attended: “40 Years After the Attica Uprising: Looking Back,
Moving Forward”
Panel Moderated: “Prison Violence in Feminist Perspective: Gender,
Sexuality, and Race”
- December 2010 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the Society of American Law
Teachers; Panel Participant, “Law and Mindfulness”
Honolulu, Hawaii
- October 2010 Conference Attended: The Mindful Lawyer: Practices and Prospects for
Law School, Bench, and Bar; Member, Organizing Committee; Convened
and Moderated Three Panels

- July 2010 Conference Attended: "We've Come Too Far to Turn Back Now: Rochester Regional Clergy and Faith Leaders Symposium on HIV/AIDS"
Rochester, NY
- June 2010 Conference Attended: "Race, Law and the Courts: Framing the Discussion for a Post-Racial America"
Panel Moderated: "Post-*Gruder* Patterns in Law School Admissions and Bar Passage Rates"
New York, NY
- May 2010 Conference Attended: "Race and Reconciliation Conference"
Panel Moderated: "Civil Liberties Post-9/11"
Buffalo, NY
- May 2010 Paper Presented: "Once Again, Christianity Is Not 'A White Man's Religion': A Reply to Makau Mutua"
Faculty Workshop
University at Buffalo School of Law
- April 2010 Conference Attended: "Interfaith Understanding Conference"
Nazareth College, Rochester, NY
- February 2010 Lecture Attended: Gustav Niebuhr, "Beyond Tolerance"
Institute for the Global Study of Religion
Canisius College, Buffalo NY
- November 2009 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- October 2009 Conference Attended: LatCrit XIV
Paper Presented: "Trying a New Way: Barack Obama's Tolerance of Intolerance"
American University Washington College of Law
- May 2009 Conference Attended: "Re-Describing the Sacred/Secular Divide: The Legal Story II"
Paper Presented: "Liberal Protestant Theology as 'Secular' Legal Principle: Intolerance of Intolerance in the Unitarian Controversy and Contemporary Politics"
Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy
University at Buffalo Law School

- April 2009 Conference Attended: "CRT 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future"
Paper Presented: "Why I Do Critical Race Theory"
University of Iowa College of Law
- October 2008 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the American Academy of
Religion
Chicago, IL

LAW TEACHING AWARDS

Students of Color; Teacher of the Year;
presented at 2011 Students of Color Dinner

Critical Race Theory Founders Award
Presented at CRT 20 Conference
April 2, 2009, University of Iowa College of Law

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier

American Academy of Religion

Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education

The Mindfulness Alliance of Western New York

Society of American Law Teachers

Workshop on Critical Race Theory

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Partnership for the Public Good

Unity Fellowship Church

VOICE-Buffalo

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Addenda
Present Areas of Focus:

ADDENDUM #1: LAW AND MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness Teacher Certification

September 2018 Certified Teacher of Law and Mindfulness, 2018 Mindfulness in Law
Teacher Training Program, Berkeley CA

Law School Mindfulness Teaching

Seminar: “Mindfulness and Professional Identity: Becoming a Lawyer
While Keeping Your Values Intact”

Seminar: “Religion, Spirituality, and Cognitive Science: Current
Establishment Clause Issues”

Mindfulness Grants Received

June 2017 Grant from Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, to sponsor workshop
entitled “Countering the Effects of Stress on Police Officers’ Health and
Functioning: Mindfulness-Based Resilience Training”

May 2015 S.U.N.Y. “Conversations in the Disciplines” Grant, funding conference held
in Spring 2016 entitled “Launching S.U.N.Y. Initiatives in Mindfulness
and Health” (co-sponsored grant application)

Mindfulness Work in Progress

2019 “Mindfulness as Secular Endeavor: An Inquiry”

Mindfulness Conferences, Meetings, and Papers Presented

- September 2018 Paper Presented: “Mindfulness as Secular Endeavor: An Inquiry”
Mindfulness in Law Teacher Training Workshop
Berkeley, CA
- March 2016 Project Director for Conference: Launching S.U.N.Y. Initiatives on
Mindfulness and Health (funded by S.U.N.Y. grant for “Conversations in the
Disciplines”); Planning Committee Member; Panelist (“Mindfulness &
Campus Services”)
S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo
- July 2015 Keynote Address: Bringing Mindfulness Practices into Educational
Institutions: Tools for Effective Conflict Resolution
Annual Conference of the Association of Women in Colleges of Education
in Nigeria
Atlanta, GA
- April 2015 Participant in Colloquium: Social Justice and Contemplative Pedagogy
Convened by The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society
Amherst, MA
- April 2015 Organizing Committee: “A Conversation with S.U.N.Y. Trustee Joseph
Belluck: Making Mindful Citizens”
- October 2014 Organizing Committee: “Contemplation for 21st Century Education”
Lecturer: Daniel Barbezat, Ph.D. (Executive Director, Center for
Contemplative Mind in Society; Professor of Economics, Amherst College)
2014 Genteels’ Excellence in Teaching Seminar
Sponsored by Office of Educational Innovation and Assessment
S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo
- June 2013 Panel Participant: Workshop on Law and Mindfulness
Berkeley Law School
Berkeley, CA
- December 2010 Conference Attended: Annual Meeting of the Society of American Law
Teachers; Panel Participant, “Law and Mindfulness”
Honolulu, Hawaii
- October 2010 Conference Attended: The Mindful Lawyer: Practices and Prospects for
Law School, Bench, and Bar; Member, Organizing Committee; Convened
and Moderated Three Panels

Mindfulness Organizational Affiliations

Member and Co-founder, The Mindfulness Alliance of Western New York (previously “Western New York Faculty/Staff Working Group on Contemplative Pedagogy”)

Member, National Steering Committee, Law and Mindfulness National Study

Member, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education

Member, AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education; Co-sponsor of Mindfulness Affinity Group

Mindfulness Training

Feb-Sept 2018	Mindfulness in Law Teacher Training, Berkeley CA; Certificate of Completion Awarded in September 2018
July 2015	Insight Meditation Society, Barre, MA
January 2015	Insight Meditation Society, Barre, MA
January 2011	Insight Meditation Society, Barre, MA
November 2010	"Unity and Diversity within the Buddhist Practice Traditions" One-Day Retreat with Shinzen Young Buffalo Mindfulness Community (at Daemen College) Buffalo, NY
September to November 2010	Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Course School of Social Work S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo Buffalo, NY

Mindfulness Community Service

February 2018 Introduction to Mindfulness for the First Year Law School Class

February 2018 Introduction to Mindfulness for the First Year Law School Class

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- 2012-2018 Meditation Instruction at annual event by Domestic Violence Task Force
- 2011-2015 Weekly “Drop in Meditation” sessions at U.B. Law School

ADDENDUM #2: HOMOSEXUALITY & THE BLACK CHURCH

Conferences Attended and Papers Given

- November 2016 Paper Presented: Trans Spirituality
Transgender Spectrum Conference
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- February 2015 Paper Presented: Homophobia in the Black Church
Duke University
Durham, NC
- November 2014 Paper Presented: Homophobia in the Black Church
Annual Conference of the National Women’s Studies Association
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Community Forums Organized

- March 2018 Service of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS
Church service co-sponsored by Unity Fellowship and the National Black
Leadership Council on AIDS, Rochester, NY
- April 2015 Symposium: “The Gospel of Liberation: Reconciling Issues of Gender and
Sexuality”
Unity Fellowship Church, Buffalo, NY
(with grant from WNY EMBRACE)
- October 2014 LGBT Revival: “All God’s Children”
Unity Fellowship Church, Buffalo, NY
- June 2010 Film Showing: "All God's Children" (followed by discussion on
homophobia in the black community)
Unity Fellowship Church, Buffalo, NY
(held at Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Merriweather Branch)

Publications

- April 2015 “The Gospel of Liberation Welcomes All”
Challenger Community News, Buffalo, NY
- October 2014 “Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle Opens Gay Revival”
Challenger Community News, Buffalo, NY
- 2010 S. Phillips, "Trying a New Way: Barack Obama's Tolerance of Intolerance,"
18 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the
Law 803 (2010)

Work Under Submission

- 2019 “David and Jonathan: Exegesis and Pastoral Theology”

ADDENDUM #3: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

- 2016 Certification by International Institute for Restorative Practices

ADDENDUM #4: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY**Law School Seminars (co-taught with Athena Mutua)**

- Spring 2009 African American Legal History Part One: Abolition of Slavery
- Spring 2011 African American Legal History Part Two: Reconstruction
- Spring 2012 African American Legal History Part Three: Jim Crow
- January 2018 African American Legal History Part Four: The Civil Rights Movement
- Fall 2019 African American Legal History Part Five: The Black Power Revolt
(forthcoming)

Publication

S. Phillips, “Teaching African American Legal History,” in *Teaching Legal History: Comparative Perspectives* 185 (Robert M. Jarvis, ed.) (London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing; 2014)