

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois

Juris Doctor, May 2002

DISTINCTIONS

- Lincoln Scholar, Full Merit Based Scholarship
- Associate Editor, Elder Law Journal
- Publication, Elder Law Journal
- High Honors Distinction in Legal Research and Writing
- Honors Distinction in Introduction to Advocacy

Southern Illinois University School of Law Mediation Certificate, 2002

Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland

Bachelor of Science, May 1998: Computer Science, *summa cum laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of New Mexico School of Law, Assistant Professor, August 2018 – present, Albuquerque, New Mexico

University of New Mexico, Provost's Office, Special Advisor to the Provost on First-Year Projects, February 2018 – August 2018, Albuquerque, New Mexico

University of New Mexico School of Law, Adjunct Faculty, January 2016 – May 2018, Albuquerque, New Mexico

University of New Mexico, University College, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Program Development, August 2012 – August 2018, Albuquerque, New Mexico

University of New Mexico, Africana Studies Program, Senior Lecturer August 2008 – May 2018, *Associate Director*, August 2009 – August 2012, Albuquerque, New Mexico

University of New Mexico, University Advisement, Interim Director, November 2016 – July 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico School of Law

- Introduction to Constitutional Law
- Family Law
- Family Law in Practice
- Lawyering in the Digital Age
- Race and the Law
- Torts
- Torts for Master of Studies in Law

Undergraduate Courses

- Black Leaders in the United States
- Black Women
- Civil Rights Movement
- Cultural Capital in the Digital Age
- Race and the Law
- Race, Family, and the Law
- Race in the Digital Age
- Black Liberation and Theology

University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign, English Department, *Graduate Teaching Assistant*,
August 2001 – May 2002
ENGL: Web Design (instructor of record)

University of Illinois College of Law, *Teaching Assistant*, August 2000 – December 2000
LAW: Legal Research & Writing

PUBLICATIONS

Work in Progress:

De Facto Segregation and the Modern Legal Classroom: Encouraging Law School Dialogue about Implicit Bias.

Experiencing the Law: Qualitative Analysis of Law Student Family Law Courtroom Visits.

Articles in Refereed Journals:

Technological Tethereds: Potential Impact of Untrustworthy Artificial Intelligence in Criminal Justice Risk Assessment Instruments, WASHINGTON & LEE L. REV. (forthcoming 2021).

Improving Retention and Graduation Rates at a Hispanic-Serving Institution, Reinvention Collaborative RC20/20 Higher Education Conference 1 (2018) (with Tim Schroeder and Joe Suilmann).

Black Kinship Circles in the 21st Century: Survey of Recent Child Welfare Reforms and How It Impacts Black Kinship Care Families, 12 WHITTIER J. CHILD & FAM. ADVOC. 1 (2013).

Why They Won't Take the Money: Black Grandparents and the Success of Informal Kinship Care, 10 ELDER LAW JOURNAL 153 (2002).

Published Abstracts:

Innovation in First-Year Learning Communities, Center for Teaching Excellence, Success in the Classroom – Sharing Practices that Work, Published Abstract (2014).

“Reading it Gave Me Information, But Living It Gave Me Understanding”: Using Excursions to Enhance the Classroom Experience,” Office of Support for Effective Teaching, UNM Community Conference for Teachers by Teachers, Published Abstract (2010).

Published Report:

Sonia Gipson Rankin, Alfred Mathewson, Melanie Moses, G. Matthew Fricke, Kathy Powers, Gabriel R. Sanchez, Christopher Moore, Elizabeth Bradley, Mirta Galesic & Joshua Garland, *Regarding Docket No. FR-6111-P-02, HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard*, Federal Register (Regulations.Gov) 7 pages (2019).

Continuing Legal Education Sessions Taught:

Brooks, A., Gipson Rankin, S., Urias, D., Villa, C., *Diversity & Inclusion: Collaboration for Change Virtual*, Hispanic National Bar Association Region XV Conference (2020, August).

Gipson Rankin, Sonia. (2019, November). *When They See Us: Navigating Expungement in New Mexico*, Moderator, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia. (2019, September). *Hackable Deep Neural Networks, Weaponized AI, and Fairness*, Presenter at University of New Mexico School of Law Colloquium, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gipson Rankin, S., Henderson, S., & Hoover, S. (2018, November). *Social Media and Your Law Practice*. Co-presenter at New Mexico Black Lawyers Association Cyber Security, Social Media and Cell Phones: How to Use Technology in Business & Practice Continuing Legal Education, Albuquerque, NM.

Ahranjani, Maryam & Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2017, March). *Mass Incarceration*. Co-presenter at Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession Diversity Continuing Legal Education, New Mexico State Bar, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2017, July). *Roots and Fruits of Mass Incarceration*. Presenter at New Mexico Annual State Bar Conference, Ruidoso, NM.

Invited Lectures and Addresses:

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2020, June). *Legal Issues During COVID-19, Wearing a Mask While Black*, Lecture for New Mexico Office of African American Affairs online.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia. (2020, June). *Black Lives Matter: Law School Teach-in*. University of New Mexico School of Law.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia. (2020, June). *Statewide Townhall: Census 2020*. Panelist at African American Christian Clergy Coalition online townhall.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2020, May). *Candlelight Vigil for George Floyd*. Speaker at Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2020, April). *Implicit Bias*. Training session for University of New Mexico Center for Academic Program Support tutors and staff, Albuquerque, NM.

Carver, D., Gipson Rankin, S., Lopez, N., Sedillo Lopez, A. (2020, March). *Who is Caught up in New Mexico's Criminal Justice System?*, Panelist at the University of New Mexico Libraries, Albuquerque, NM.

Ahranjani, M., Creel, B., Gipson Rankin, S. (2020, March). *Just Mercy Discussion Panel*, Panelist at the University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2020, January). *Arcing Towards Justice: Dr. King's 2020 Vision*. Keynote speaker at Sandia National Laboratories for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Program, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, December). *Engineering and the Law*. Lecture for students at the University of New Mexico School of Engineering, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, November). *Equity by Design: Addressing Microaggressions and Implicit Bias*. Training for School of Architecture + Planning at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Ahranjani, M., Gipson Rankin, S., Kastenber, J. (2019, October). *Impeachment Teach-in*, Panelist at University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, September). *Asymptomatic or Just Dormant: Unconscious Bias and Microaggressions*. Lecture at Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Conference, University of New Mexico Hospital, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, July). *Civil Law – Contracts and Torts*. Lecture at New Magistrate Judges Orientation Phase II Training, Judicial Education Center, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, June). *Microaggressions and Unconscious Bias*. Lecture at University of New Mexico for American Indian Student Services Scholars, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, April). *United to Lead*. Keynote at Alpha Phi Alpha Black & Gold Scholarship Gala, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, April). *Thinking Like the Queen of Sheba*. Luncheon Keynote at Women's Luncheon at National Baptist Convention Walter Cade Jr. Far Midwest Laymen Workshop, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, April). *Facing Challenges*. Keynote at New Mexico Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, March). *When They Show You Who They Are: Microaggressions and Unconscious Bias*. Lecture at University of New Mexico Men of Color Initiative, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, February). *First, Do No Harm: Microaggressions and Unconscious Bias*. Keynote at University of New Mexico Hospital Black History Celebration, Albuquerque, NM.

Brooks, Aja & Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, February). *Jurymandering: Is it Possible to Impanel a Jury of Your Peers in New Mexico?*, Co-Presenter at New Mexico Black History Organizing Committee Race & the Law Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2019, January). *Remember, Celebrate, Act: "King's Vision Tied in Single Garment of Destiny"*. Keynote at Clovis Martin Luther King Commission Dr. King Celebration, Clovis, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, November). *Research Like a Lawyer*. Lecture for First-Year Research Experience program at University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, October). *Microaggressions, Bias, and How to Deal with Racism in This New Era*. Lecture for University of New Mexico Men of Color Initiative, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, September). *Roots of Racism*, Lecture for ACLU – New Mexico Trustees, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, September). *This Is Your Constitution*. Luncheon Keynote for Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, February). *Yesterday's Promise, Tomorrow's Vision*. Dinner Keynote at New Mexico State Black x Southwest Student Summit, Las Cruces, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2017, October). *Steadfast and Immovable*. Luncheon Keynote at NM NAACP Statewide Conference, Las Cruces, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2017, February). *Purple Tie Gala*. Keynote at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2017, January). *13th*. Panelist at University of Texas El-Paso, El-Paso, TX.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, October). *Slavery Resistance and Abolition: Causes and Legacies*. Panelist at University of New Mexico University Libraries, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, October). *Using Assessment in High Impact Practices to Break Down Academic Silos in 21st Century Learning*. High Impact Practices keynote address at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, June). *Death by 1,000 Cuts: Microaggressions and Unconscious Bias*. Speaker at New Mexico Nursing Educators Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Brooks, Aja & Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, March). *Fisher v. University of Texas – An Affirmative Action Update*. Co-presenter at Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession Diversity Continuing Legal Education, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, March). *Developing College Foundations Through Foundational Math*. Presenter at New Mexico Higher Education Department Co-requisite and Math Pathways Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2016, February). *The Black Panthers*. Panelist at NM Black History Month Organizing Committee Forum, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2014, November). *Criminal (In)Justice Policy & Prevention*. Panelist at Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2014, September). *Implications of Cultural Bias in Domestic Violence Cases*. Guest Lecture at Rutgers University Domestic Violence Course, New Brunswick, NJ.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2013, April). *Title IX – An Unleveled Playing Field?*, Panel Facilitator at UNM African American Student Services' Forum, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2012, February). *Nurturing Inclusive Excellence in the Desert*. Keynote Speaker at U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2011, January). *Using Critical Race Theory in Undergraduate Courses*. Talk at Albuquerque Critical Race Theory Working Group Educational Forum, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2010, November). *Legal Ramifications of Stereotypes in Kinship Care Placements*. Speaker at University of New Mexico TEDxUNM, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2010, October). *Black Women and the Eternal Quest for Equality and Justice*. Guest Lecturer at University of Kentucky Civil Rights History Course, Lexington, KY.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2010, February). *My Black is Beautiful: The Quest to Change the Representation of Black Women in the Media*. Keynote at University of New Mexico Art Museum Outstanding Speaker Series, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2009, March). *Two Fights, One Cause: Black Women and the Women's Rights Movement*. Lecture at Civic Literacy Colloquium, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2008, September). *The Historical and Political Status of America and Its Relationship to Civic Literacy*. Lecture at University of New Mexico Civil Rights Symposium, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2008, August). *The Lasting Legacy of Slavery and the Impact of the Civil Rights Movement*, Keynote at Association of Community College Trustees Governance Leadership Institution on Diversity, Bernalillo, NM.

Contributed Presentations:

Gipson Rankin, S., Schroeder, T., & Suilmann, J. (2018, November). *Improving Retention and Graduation Rates at a Hispanic-Serving Institution*. Co-Presenter at Reinvention Collaborative 2018 National Conference: Cultivating Curiosity, Creativity & Discovery: Undergraduate Educational Experiences in Research Universities, Alexandria, VA.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2018, February). *Talking Race: Teaching Millennials (and Gen Z) to Navigate Difficult Classroom Conversations*. Presentation at First-Year Experience Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2015, October). *Using Assessment to Reimagine Your High Impact Practices*. Presentation at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2015, February). *Moving FYE Programs from the Peripherals to an Institutional Practice*. Presentation at First-Year Experience Conference, Dallas, TX.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2014, April). *Black Americans and Tech Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age*. Presenter at UNM Africana Studies Faculty Colloquium, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2014, March). *Advising Students to Be HIP: Benefit of High Impact Practices*. Presentation at New Mexico Academic Advising Association, Las Vegas, NM.

Gipson Rankin, S., Hahn, L., & Sanchez, J. (2014, February). *Creating and Assessing Academic Communities at UNM*. Presentation at New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Banks, L., Benavidez, J., Gipson Rankin, S., & Northup, D. (2014, February). *Innovation in the First-Year Learning Communities*. Presentation at UNM's Success in the Classroom Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2011, March). *Cultivating the Black Pearl in the 21st Century: Survey of Recent Child Welfare Reforms and How It Impacts Black Kinship Care Families*. Works-in Progress Presentation at SE/SW/MW People of Color Scholarship Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Gipson Rankin, Sonia (2010, February). "Reading it Gave Me Information, but Living It Gave Me Understanding": *Using Excursions to Enhance the Classroom Experience*. Presentation at UNM's Success in the Classroom Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

"UNM legal experts break down judge's decision to hold alleged rapist in pretrial detention." NBC. KOAB News 4. Albuquerque. 30 Jan. 2020. Television.

"Impeachment Updates: LIVE." NBC. KOAB News 4. Albuquerque. 4 Dec. 2019. Television.

"How to talk to your kids when hate, bigotry is in the headlines." CBS. KRQE News 13. Albuquerque. 24 Aug. 2017. Television.

"Race, Police Shootings and the Justice System in New Mexico." *New Mexico in Focus*. PBS. KNME. Albuquerque. 15 Jul. 2016. Television.

"Why do we celebrate Black History Month?" *LNG*. U-Public TV – Albuquerque. 17 Feb. 2015. Television.

"UNM hopes new advising plan will reduce student dropout rates." NBC. KOBT. Albuquerque. 29 Aug. 2014. Television.

"State of Affairs for African Americans in New Mexico." *NM Indy Media*. Public Access – Albuquerque. 21 Oct. 2010. Television.

"State of Affairs for African Americans in New Mexico." *NM Indy Media*. Public Access – Albuquerque. 30 Sept. 2010. Television.

Radio

Musings with Prof. Sonia Rankin on Kinship Care and the Black Community in New Mexico, Duke City Radio, October 17, 2017.

'From Pain to Power' – *Black Cultural Conference*, "Voices" Radio Program, 1550 KIVA AM, February 28, 2010.

Why Black History Month? Morning Edition Radio with Elaine Baumgartel, 98.1 KUNM FM, February 17, 2010.

UNM Civil Rights Symposium “Voices” Radio Program, 1550 KIVA AM, September 21, 2008.

Print News

Fernandez, Elizabeth. *Will Machine Learning Algorithms Erase The Progress Of The Fair Housing Act?*, Forbes.com, November 17, 2019.

Santa Fe Institute, *NM experts fight for transparency and fairness in housing algorithms*, October 24, 2019.

Durrani, Anayat, *Consider First-Year Interest Groups as International Student*, U.S. News & World Report, August 15, 2017.

Shepard, Maggie, *UNM boosts graduation rate*, Albuquerque Journal, November 23, 2015.

Chanez, Denise M. & Gipson Rankin, Sonia, *UNM’s Law’s new co-deans right for school*, Albuquerque Journal Op-Ed, June 28, 2015.

Holthaus, David, *Procter & Gamble’s ‘My Black’ campaign connects with African-American women*, Cincinnati Sunday Enquirer, July 11, 2010.

UNM News

Law School professors and alumni chosen to serve on state racial justice commissions, UNM Law News, August 6, 2020.

Peña-Parr, Victoria. *Addressing new forms of racism Part II: Addressing Microaggressions*, Racism: An Educational Series, UNM News, July 21, 2020

Peña-Parr, Victoria. *Addressing new forms of racism Part I: Defining Microaggressions*, Racism: An Educational Series, UNM News, July 17, 2020

Delker, Kim. *UNM faculty part of team studying bias in housing application algorithms*, UNM Newsroom (October 24, 2019)

Hilf, Aaron, *Foundational Math: Taking fear, anxiety out of learning mathematics*, UNM News, June 16, 2017.

Rankin named acting director of University Advising, UNM Advising, October 31, 2016.

Kerkez, Mara, *Rankin honored for work on behalf of first-year college students*, UNM News, January 27, 2016.

Suilmann, Joe, *UNM discontinues remedial Introductory Studies courses*, UNM News, October 27, 2015.

Kerkez, Mara, *University College offers freshmen Academic Community Program support*, UNM News, August 25, 2015

Kerkez, Mara, *University College offers budding entrepreneurs Business Boot Camp*, UNM News, May 11, 2015

Kerkez, Mara, *ExceedU pilot program offers freshmen easier transition to college life*, UNM News, September 10, 2014.

UNM marks effort to establish Foundations of Excellence, UNM News, May 15, 2014.

Kerkez, Mara, *New Student Orientation undergoes a redesign*, UNM News, May 2, 2014.

Kerkez, Mara, *BUS program at University College undergoes big changes*, UNM News, April 24, 2014.

Social Media

Featured American Indian Student Services Campus Partner, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. September 18, 2019.

Conferences Attended:

American Bar Association National Institutes Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Conference – January 2020

Association of American Law Schools, New Faculty Conference – June 2018

First Year Experience – February 2014, February 2015, February 2016

SW Conference on Transforming STEM Education in Hispanic-Serving Institutions – November 2017

National Bar Association – July 2010, July 2011

National Conference of Bar Presidents – February 2016

National Society of Black Engineers (Fall Regional Conference) – November 2016

National Society of Black Engineers (National) – March 2017

New Mexico Annual State Bar Conference – July 2017, August 2018, August 2019

Reinvention Collaborative (Curricular/Co-Curricular Subcommittee) – June 2015

Reinvention Collaborative (National) – November 2014, November 2016

SE/SW/MW People of Color Law Scholarship Conference, February 2011

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Professional:

Member, State Bar of New Mexico, 2004

Treasurer, New Mexico Black Lawyers Association, member since 2004, former President, 2011 – 2012, 2015 – 2017, Vice-President 2010, 2014, 2017 – 2018, Secretary 2009)

Member, State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Diversity, 2004, 2011, 2015 – present

Steering Committee Member, New Mexico Supreme Court Committee on Equity and Inclusion, 2020 – present

Commissioner, State Bar of New Mexico Committee on Professionalism, 2011, 2015 – 2017

Association of Deans and Directors of University Colleges, 2013 – 2018

National Bar Association, Region X Secretary (2016 – 2017), Technology Subcommittee (2017-2019), Civil Rights Division

Reinvention Collaborative Curricular/Co-Curricular Engagement Subcommittee, 2014 – 2018

Legal Education:

American Association of Law Schools Balance in Legal Education Section, Executive Committee, 2020-2022

Member, State Bar of New Mexico Bar Passage Subcommittee, 2020 – present

State:

Invited to Roundtable discussion with U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich on Bias in AI, July 2020 (with Dr. Melanie Moses and Katie Hoepfner)

Invited to Roundtable discussion with U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich on issues in the Black New Mexico community, June 2020 (with Black leaders throughout the state)

Steering Committee member, New Mexico Supreme Court Committee on Inclusion and Equity, 2020

New Mexico Higher Education Commission, Math Pathways Committee, 2016

New Mexico Higher Education Commission, Math Co-Requisite Committee, 2016

University:

Provost's Committee on Diversity, 2011 – present (Curriculum subcommittee)

Speaker, Men of Color Initiative, 2014 – 2019

Higher Learning Commission Criterion Four Committee, 2015 - 2018

Chair, Web Advisory Committee, 2015 – 2018

Reinvention Center, Co-Curricular Committee, 2014 – 2018

Chair, New Student Orientation Redesign, 2013 – 2018

Ex-Officio Member, First-Year Steering Committee, 2013 – 2018

Speaker, African American Student Services, 2008 – 2018

LoboReading Experience, 2012 – 2018

ADVANCE at UNM, Internal Advisory Board, 2017

Provost's Division for Equity and Inclusion Taskforce, 2017

Truman Fellowship Selection Committee, 2012 – 2017

Office of Institutional Analytics Director Search, 2015

Provost Committee on Academic Success Textbook Subcommittee, 2014 – 2015

Provost Committee on Non-Standard Instruction, 2014

New Student Orientation Director Search, 2014

Accessibility Program Review, 2013

UNM Non-Cognitive Advisory Team, 2013

Keynote, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Induction, 2013

CAPS Director Search, 2013

Foundations of Excellence Roles and Purpose Subcommittee, 2012 – 2013

Panelist, UNM Women Academics of Color, Women Studies Program, 2012

Committee on Core Curriculum Redesign, 2009

UNM School of Law:

DC Program Committee, chair, 2018 – present

Virtual Community Building – present

Curriculum Committee, 2018 – 2020

Committee on Student Suspension, Retention and Readmission, Summer 2019
COVID-19 Taskforce – Summer 2020

Africana Studies Program:

Academic Program Review Committee, 2014 – 2015
Assessment Committee, 2012 – 2014
Black History Month Committee, 2008 – 2017
Curriculum Committee, 2010 – 2016
Africana Studies Web Master and Social Media Coordinator, 2010 – 2014
Budget Committee, 2009 – 2012
Associate Director, 2009 – 2012
Undergraduate Academic Advisor, 2009 – 2012
McNair Advisor, 2010 – 2011

Faculty Advisor:

UNM School of Law Moms in Law, 2020 – present
UNM School of Law IP Society, 2019 – present
UNM Black Law Student Association, 2019 – present
National Society of Black Engineers – UNM Chapter, 2016 – 2018
Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, 2010 – 2018

Community:

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Women's Ministry (2016 – present, Leader)
Albuquerque Public Schools (2008 – present, Lecture on the legal profession, U.S. Constitution, ethics, higher education, and Black history)
YMCA (2010 – 2012, Pre-teen Girls Volleyball Coach)
Wills for Heroes Program (Volunteer)
Marie Hughes Elementary School PTO (Vice-president, 2009- 2011)
Ralph Bunche Charter School, (2008 – 2009, Trustee and legal advisor)
High-Tech High School [now, AIMS@UNM Charter School] (2005, Trustee)
Family Mediator, Best Interest of Children 2002

HONORS

Frederick Douglass Award for Excellence in Higher Education, NM Black History Organizing Committee and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-Albuquerque Chapter, 2019
Ella Baker Leadership and Service Award, UNM Africana Studies, 2019
Order of the Coif, 2018
Woman of Influence Award, Albuquerque Business Journal, 2018
Finer Womanhood Award Honoree, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 2017
Bright Spots Award, New Mexico *Mission: Graduate* Program, 2016
Outstanding First-Year Advocate, University of South Carolina & National Resource Center, 2016
Finalist, Louie Award for Outstanding Student Service Provider, 2016
Semifinalist, Outstanding First-Year Advocate, National Resource Center, 2015
UNM Nominee for the 2013 – 2014 Lecturer of the Year Award

UNM Nominee for the 2012 – 2013 Lecturer of the Year Award

Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Publication, University of Illinois College of Law, 2002

Russell Bundesen Scholarship, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2002