

Taylor A. Dumpson

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EDUCATION

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

J.D. Candidate, Concentration in Rights and the State, Class of 2021

Honors: Kay Family Award, Anti-Defamation League (2019)

Digital Ethics Award, Center for Digital Ethics and Policy at the Loyola University Chicago (2019)

2019 Summer Fellow, Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy

National Emerging Leader Award, American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (2019)

Frank R. Parker Client Award, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (2018)

Cardozo Public Service Scholar

Activities: Inclusion Chair, Moot Court Honor Society (2020-2021); Staff Editor, Moot Court Honor Society (2019-2021)

Vice President, Cardozo Black Law Students Association (2019-2020)

Member, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Higher Education Committee of 50 (2017-2019)

American University, Washington, D.C.

B.A. in Law and Society, Concentration in Social Sciences, May 2018

Honors: 2017 Newman Civic Fellow, Campus Compact

2018 Harold Johnson Student Achievement Award

Activities: President, American University Student Government (2017-2018)

Vice-President, Student Advocates for Native Communities (2016-2017)

NON-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS:

Dumpson, Taylor. "Chapter 2. Taylor Dumpson." *American Hate: Survivors Speak Out*, edited by Arjun Sethi, New Press, 2018, pp. 25-35.

EXPERIENCE

Cardozo Criminal Defense Clinic, New York, NY

Legal Intern, 2020-2021

Expect to engage in field work in Manhattan Criminal Court, or remotely, representing misdemeanors from the case's inception through final disposition. Expect to participate in a companion seminar to gain intensive instruction in criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence.

New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

Legal Intern – Education Policy Center, Summer 2020

Assisted attorneys with a variety of litigation and advocacy projects related to education across New York state. Conducted legal research on the school-to-prison pipeline, school-to-deportation pipeline, First Amendment, and surveillance technology in schools.

Cardozo Civil Rights Clinic, New York, NY

Legal Intern, 2019-2020

Participated in federal §1983 litigation, under the supervision a practicing attorney, on behalf of incarcerated persons and victims of police misconduct. Conducted factual investigation and investigate new cases, interviewed and counseled clients, and participated in simulated cases.

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, NY

Legal Intern – Education/Criminal Justice, Summer 2019

Participated in factual investigations, reviewed discovery, conducted legal research, and drafted memorandum in ongoing school desegregation cases. Assisted with research in a capital punishment case.

Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C.

Undergraduate Intern for the STOP HATE Project, Spring 2018

Developed “Best Practices” tool kits for university stakeholders seeking to combat hate and bigotry on campuses around the nation. Assisted community leaders, organizations, and law enforcement officials in improving their hate crime response protocol.

Office of Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Washington, D.C.

Capitol Hill Intern, Fall 2017

Responded to constituents through in-person interactions, phone conversations, and e-mail correspondence. Attended special events, hearings, and briefings. Drafted memoranda and prepared various documents.

American University Center for Community Engagement and Service, Washington, D.C.

Explore DC Through Social Justice Program Consultant, Summer 2017

Explore DC Through Social Justice Program Coordinator, Summer 2016

Co-facilitated the Welcome Week Program that introduced approximately 900 first-year students to topics of diversity, inclusion, and equity. Planned and executed five evening programs centered around various social justice issues such as community policing, homelessness, and food security.

Alternative Break Leader, 2015-2016 Academic Year

Co-led an Alternative Break Program studying systemic racism and oppression in the inner-city of Baltimore, MD following the death of Freddie Gray and the subsequent “Baltimore Uprising.”

Teaching Assistant for “Theatre as Protest,” Fall 2015

Maryland’s District 37A Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes’ Office, Salisbury, MD

Legislative Intern, Summer 2015

Represented and responded to constituents on behalf of the Delegate through in-person interactions and correspondence. Accompanied the Delegate to local and statewide events, and attended in her absence.

Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office, Salisbury, MD

Intern, Summer 2015

Opened, filed and updated criminal cases for Circuit Court records. Shadowed attorneys at pre-trial hearings, plea proceedings, and jury trials. Conducted legal research on state, and federal, cases and statutes.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEER WORK

New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY – July 2020 (Remote due to COVID-19)

Speaker for the Education Policy Center's "Lunch & Learn: Hate Speech, Impact Litigation, and Creative Remedies" Presentation

Women's Fund of Rhode Island, Providence, RI – May 2020

Panelist for "Cocktails and Conversations" Webinar on Democracy

South By South West (SXSW), Austin, TX – March 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19)

Panelist for Rock the Vote's "Election 2020: On the Front Lines of Youth Culture" Panel

Purdue University Northwest, Hammond, IN – March 2020

Keynote Speaker for Women's History Month

Adas Israel Congregation, Washington, D.C. – January 2020

Keynote Speaker for "Lev B'lev Speaker Series"

Anti-Defamation League: Never Is Now! Summit, New York, NY – November 2019

Panelist for "Bias and Hate Online and How the Law is Falling Short" Panel

University of Southern California Homegrown Violent Extremism Summit, Los Angeles, CA

– November 2019 | Panelist for "Extremism and Digital Media" Panel

Center for Digital Ethics and Policy at the Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL –

November 2019 | Inaugural Recipient of the Digital Ethics Award

Anti-Defamation League: 25th Annual In Concert Against Hate, Washington, D.C. –

November 2019 | Kay Family Award Recipient

American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity, Indianapolis, ID – June 2019

Inaugural Recipient of the National Emerging Leader Award

Beyond the Black Letter Law, New York, NY – April 2019

Co-planner and Moderator for "A Critique of Law School Through a Critical Race and Gender Perspective" Panel

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, New York, NY – December 2018

Recipient of the Frank R. Parker Client Award

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Branch #7028, Salisbury, MD –

October 2018 | Keynote Speaker for Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, Theme: "What Do We Do After We Vote!"

South By Southwest (SXSW) Education Conference, Austin, TX – March 2018
Keynote Speaker for Student Voice’s “The United States of Student Civic Engagement” Session

Wicomico County Public Schools, Salisbury, MD – March 2018
Special Guest – Motivational Speaker

Maryland General Assembly, Annapolis, MD – February 2018
Testified at the “Public Institutions of Higher Education – Hate-Bias Incident Prevention” Hearing
- Guest of Delegate Angela Angel of District 25

Anti-Defamation League: Never Is Now! Summit, San Francisco, CA – November 2017
Panelist for “Personal Stories: Empowerment in the Face of Hate” Panel

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension, Washington, D.C. – October 2017 | Submitted Written Statement for “Explore Free Speech on College Campuses” Hearing - Guest of Senator Patty Murray

House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Washington, D.C. – September 2017
Testified at the “Affirmative Action, Inclusion, and Racial Climate on America’s Campuses” Hearing - Guest of Ranking Chairman Congressman Bobby Scott

RISE TOUR, Washington D.C. – August 2017
Special Guest - Motivational Speaker, Interviewed by Van Jones

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Washington, D.C. – July 2017
Submitted Written Statement for Hearing on “Challenges to Free Speech on College Campuses” - Guest of Minority Party

NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program, New Orleans, LA – July 2017
Sports, Justice, Leadership and Expression Panelist

TEDx American, Washington D.C. – June 2017
Motivational Speaker

Mary House, Washington, D.C. – Spring 2017
After-School Program Volunteer