

# Dr. T. Anansi Wilson

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## **EDUCATION:**

### **University of Texas at Austin, Doctor of Philosophy, Spring 2021**

Department: African & African Diaspora Studies  
Major Focus: Black Queer Studies, Critical Race Studies, Black Political Thought, Race, Law & Society  
Awards: Graduate Recruitment Fellow, High Honors (Qualifying Exams & Prospectus Defense)  
Dissertation: *"Furtive Blackness: On Being In & Outside of Law"*  
Committee: Stephen Marshall (Chair), Xavier Livermon, Imani Perry, Shirley Thompson, Jossianna Arroyo Martinez  
Activities: Journal of Law & Political Economy (UC Davis), Executive Committee  
Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT School of Law, Graduate Affiliate  
Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis, UT Austin, Graduate Affiliate

### **Howard University School of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2017**

Major Focus: Critical Race Studies, Criminal Defense, Civil Rights  
Awards: Merit Scholar  
Independent Study: *"BlaQueers On The Run: Hate Crimes, The Carceral State & Racial-Sexual Terror In America and Jamaica"*  
Activities: Student Bar Association, Social Action Committee  
National Body Camera Policy Group  
Clinic Day of Action 2017 Chair  
Student-Attorney, Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia  
Student Advisory Council, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)

### **Tufts University, Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, May 2013**

Major: American Studies: Race, Law & Sexuality  
Minor: Leadership Studies  
Honors: Honus Civicus  
Tisch Scholar, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship & Public Service  
Awards: Student Leader of The Year  
Shapiro Award "Outstanding Senior Paper in American Studies"  
Thesis: *"HIV Criminalization: A Form of Racial-Sexual Terror Exacted On The Bodies of Black MSM"*  
Activities: Black Student Union, President  
Queer Students of Color & Allies, President  
Tufts Community Union, Senator & Diversity Officer  
Social Chair & House Manager, Theta Chi Fraternity Inc.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota**

*Assistant Professor of Law, May 2021-Present*

Teaching doctrinal courses such as constitutional civil liberties and criminal procedure as well as critical seminars such as critical race theory; race, law and sexuality and Black Lives Matter and the law. Participating in faculty governance and providing service, training and support to local organizations at the nexus between race, policing and law.

### **University of California, Hastings Law, San Francisco, California**

*Affiliated Scholar (Center for Racial & Economic Justice) & Adjunct Professor of Law, July 2020-July 2021*

Creating teaching modules—interwoven with critical race analysis—to supplement student learning in criminal law, constitutional law and torts. In this position I also created and taught two seminars (Race, Sexuality & Law; Black Lives Matter: Retracing The "Black" in Black Letter Law) in addition to co-teaching Constitutional Law II (with Rory Little), in the fall and spring semesters.

### **Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis, University of Texas, Austin, Texas**

*Graduate Affiliate & Research Assistant, August 2020-Present*

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In this role I'm currently conducting a 50 city review of police "use of force policies" on behalf of the Black Legislative Caucus. This review will help inform a bevy of forthcoming legislative proposals aimed at creating a state-wide use of force and police credentialing standard.

## **Middle Tennessee State University**, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

*Dissertation Fellow and Lecturer in Political Science & International Relations and Global Studies & Human Geography*, August 2019-May 2020

This fellowship provides additional dissertation funding in exchange for making substantial progress on the document and independently teaching one class per semester. In this position I taught both Black Political Thought (remotely due to COVID-19) and Introduction to Cross Cultural Connections.

## **University of Texas, Austin**, Austin, Texas

*Teaching Assistant*, August 2018-May 2019

Numbering Race is introductory quantitative analysis course that teaches students to extrapolate narratives around racial and social difference from data sets using SPSS. Responsibilities include grading assignments, quizzes and midterms in addition to lectures, leading labs and attending to student inquiries via office hours. Race, Law & U.S. Society is an interdisciplinary, writing intensive course taught to upper division undergraduates in a lecture-style format.

## **Journal of Law & Political Economy**, University of California at Irvine

*Executive Committee Member*, December 2017-December 2019

Launching a new interdisciplinary law journal under the auspices of Professor Angela Y. Harris, and in concert other legal scholars. Soliciting new executive and subcommittee members. Soliciting articles from senior and emerging scholars. Organizing roundtables and panels at various conferences on law, society and political economy.

## **StandUpKC**, Kansas City, MO

*Labor & Community Organizer*, June 2017-August 2017

Organizing community members and fast food workers in support of the nationwide "Fight for Fifteen." This included creating direct action and long-term strategies to support wage increases, the accumulation of health benefits and paid sick leave.

## **Ashoka Foundation**, Washington, DC

*Social Entrepreneurship Consultant*, February 2017-May 2017

Providing insights on best practices for fostering strong social entrepreneurship organizations, particularly as it relates to diverse community stakeholders.

## **Criminal Justice Clinic**, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC

*Student Defense Attorney*, August 2016-May 2017

Providing direct representation to clients facing charges in D.C. Superior Court; from initial lockup to the resolution of the matter. Responsibilities include; negotiation of terms of release, filing of pleadings, presentation of arguments at status hearings, presenting motions and arguing at trial. Supervision was provided by two clinical attorneys that serve in a mostly advisory role. In this role I have participated in one trial, won a dismissal and participated in multiple investigations and hearings on behalf of other students.

## **Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia**, Washington, DC

*Law Clerk*, January 2016-August 2017

Providing direct representation to clients facing parole hearings and legal assistance to trial lawyers with active cases, including witness depositions, investigations, filing of motions, sentencing letters, innovative legal research and representation before parole hearing officers. I have reported directly to the chief of the parole division and the supervisory trial attorney on the case at hand.

## **Demand Progress**, Washington, DC

*Policy Intern*, October 2015-December 2015

Produced legal and policy memorandums on issues concerning net neutrality, national security and the right to privacy. Wrote blogs, policy papers, analytical briefs and official letters to Congress in support of Demand Progress' positions regarding open government, campaign finance reform and human rights.

## **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**, Washington, DC

*Enforcement, Policy & Supervision Extern*, August 2015-January 2016

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In this role I analyzed data informing policies meant to remedy disparities in loan acquisitions for low-income Americans and racial minorities. In the enforcement arena, I drafted several motions and briefs in civil cases—particularly regarding auto loans, private student loans and credit cards—including the successful *Navient* matter.

## **Professor Harold McDougal, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC**

*Research Assistant*, June 2015-August 2016

Provided analysis of cases and developing social issues and movements concerning racial-sexual equity, neoliberalism, civil rights and community development using the frameworks of black feminist theory, critical race studies and queer theory. Findings will be published in an upcoming book and article.

## **Haas Institute for a Fair & Inclusive Society, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA**

*Summer Law Fellow*, July 2015-August 2015

Provided an analysis and memos of current legal landscape for LGBTQ equity, by coupling the logic of *Obergefell v. Hodges* with a collection of state-by-state data while creating a knowledge bank of information about the global Movement for Black Lives. Utilized the concept of targeted-universalism to implement social justice and human rights goals through policy.

## **Saving The Lives of The Men We Care About, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Washington, DC**

*National Planning Committee*, May 2013-November 2015

Organized communities and stakeholders nationwide—on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—to eradicate the HIV/AIDS crisis, particularly HIV criminalization schemes, in Black LGBTQ communities through panels, literature reviews, workshops and webcasts.

## **AIDS Action Committee of MA, Boston, MA**

*Corporate & Foundation Relations Coordinator*- February 2014- August 2014

Managed and recruited volunteers while building relationships with funders and stakeholders through grant writing, meetings and tailored events resulting in \$350,000.

## **GLAD (Gay Lesbian Advocates & Defenders), Boston, MA**

*Community Outreach, Public Affairs & Education Intern* – August 2012- May 2013

Created community informed legal and public affairs strategies for marriage equality and HIV criminalization.

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

*Dissertation Completion Fellow*, University of Texas, Austin, August 2020-May 2021

*Diversity Dissertation Fellow & Instructor in Political Science & Black Studies*, Middle Tennessee State University, July 2019-July 2020

*Graduate Summer Fellowship*, Audre & Bernard Rappaport Center, University of Texas School of Law, May 2019-August 2019

*Andrew Mellon Summer Dissertation Bootcamp*, (Full Tuition & Stipend) UT Austin, Summer 2019

*Ousley Scholar In Residence*, Beloit College, September 2018

*Futures of American Studies Summer Residency*, Dartmouth College, Summer 2018

*Voice of The Year (Blog Under 700 Words)*, *SheKnows/BlogHER Media*, June 2017

*National Thought Leader* (Writing Contract), Association of Black Clinicians & Sexologists, December 2014-May 2017

*Summer Law Fellow*, Haas Institute, University of California – Berkeley, Summer 2015

*Top 100 Black LGBT Leader*, National Black Justice Coalition, December 2014

*Top 100 Emerging LGBTQ Leader in the United States*, Vice President Joe Biden, July 2012

*Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow*, University of California-Berkeley, May 2012

## **CONFERENCE PANELS**

*“Mediation: Embedded Assumptions From Whiteness,”* ADR Section, American Bar Association, April 2021

*“Pandemics and the Crisis of Care,”* *LatCrit Fridays Virtual Conference*, October 2020

*“Fugitivity, Furtivity, Privacy and Property: BlaQueer Responses to Precedents of Anti-Blackness,”* *ClassCrits Law Conference*, Western New England University Law School, November 2019 (Panelist)

*“A Different Type of Penumbra: The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Furtivity and BlaQueer Being,”* American Studies Association, November 2019 (Panelist)

*“Furtive Blackness: On Being In/Outside of Law(s),”* Law & Society Conference, May 2019 (Panelist)

*“BlaQueer Furtivity: A Queer Intervention,”* Cultural Studies Association, (Invited) May 2019

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- “*Beyond Fugitivity: BlaQueer Furtivity and The Queering of Law & Blackness, Law, Culture & Society Conference*” (Invited) March 2019
- “*Thinking Blackly: On Flight, Fugitivity and Black Letter Law*,” American Studies Association, November 2018 (Panelist)
- “*BlaQueers, Fugitivity and The Problem of Law*,” National Women’s Studies Conference, November 2018 (Panelist)
- “*Utopian Dreams in Dystopian Times*,” ClassCrits Law Conference, Tulane Law School, November 2017 (Panelist)
- “*BlaQueers On The Run: Hate Crimes, The Carceral State & Racial-Sexual Terror*,” LatCrit Law Conference, September 2017 (Panelist)

## **INVITED LECTURES & PANELS**

- “*Queering Class Roundtable*,” University of Kansas/ClassCrits, April 2021
- “[AntiBlackness & The Law: Know Your Rights, Live Beyond Them](#),” Thurmond Thursdays Series, Morehouse College, April 2021
- BlaQueers On The Run: The Strict Scrutiny of BlaQueer Life*,” McGeorge School of Law, University of The Pacific, March 2021
- “*BlaQueer Magic: The Fierce Urgency of Us*,” Crown Forum, Morehouse College, February 2021
- “*Racial Health Disparities: Police Violence as an Underlying Health Condition of COVID*,” UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy & the Center for Racial & Economic Justice, January 2021 (Moderator)
- “*Furtive Blackness & BlaQueer Furtivity: A Method of Reading & Living Despite The Law*,” Guest Lecturer for Professor Russell Robinson, UC Berkeley Law, October 2020
- “*Furtive Blackness and the Stricter Scrutiny & Sexual Profiling of Black BlaQueer Life*,” Diversity in Legal Thought & Practice Series, UC Hastings College of Law, October 2020 (keynote)
- “*BlaQueer Furtivity and RacialSexual Deviance*,” Berea College, October 2019 (keynote)
- “*The Power of Black Witnessing and The Afterlives of Law*,” Ousley Scholar In Residence, Beloit College, September 2018 (keynote)
- “*Be Real Black For Me: Black Lives, Black Letter Law and Methods Of Testimony*,” Harvard Journal on Racial & Ethnic Justice (Spring Symposium), Harvard Law School, March 2018 (Lecture)
- “*21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing: Youth and the Police: Finding Common Ground Convening Panel & Town Hall with Loretta Lynch and Minority Police Chiefs*,” Howard University, October 2016 (Panelist)
- “*The Practice of Love: Race, Law & Power Plays*,” Free The Universe Collective, May 2016 (Keynote)
- “*Articulating Intraracial Power in BlaQueer Flesh*,” Queer and/or Trans\* People of Color Conference, UC-Berkeley, April 2016 (Lecture & Workshop)
- “*Survival Jujitsu, Racial-Sexual Terror & Corrective Action*,” Dear Belinda Series, Harvard University School of Law, April 2016 (Keynote)
- “*Violence, Love & Solidarity: A Guide Toward Critical Love Ethics*,” Justice? Conference, United World College – USA, February 2014 (Keynote)

## **PUBLIC READINGS**

- “*Godless Circumcisions Tour: An Intimate Reading and Q&A*,” DC Public Library, March 2016
- “*Godless Circumcisions Tour: On Race, Space and the Un/Lawfulness of Queer Joy*,” The Potters House, July 2016
- “*Godless Circumcisions Tour: A Love Letter To My BlaQueer Brothers*,” Multicultural AIDS Coalitions, August 2016
- “*BlaQueer Magic: Somewhere Beyond The Margins*,” Tufts University, September 2016
- “*Godless Circumcisions Tour: An Intimate Dialogue*,” Charis Bookstore, October 2016

## **MULTIMEDIA SPECIALS, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES**

- “*Furtive Blackness & The Fourth Amendment: On Black Privacy & Black Life*,” OrganEyez, July 2019
- “*Thoughts On The American DayDream*,” [PBS RE: Dream Feature Documentary](#) (Documentary Special), May 2016

## **BOOKS**

- “*Godless Circumcisions: A Recollecting & Re-membering of Blackness, Queerness & Flows of Survivance*,” The Griots’ Pen, January 2016

## **PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

- T. Anansi Wilson, *And What Of The Black In Black Letter Law? A BlaQueer Reflection*, Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality (In Press), Spring 2021
- T. Anansi Wilson, *The Strict Scrutiny of Black and BlaQueer Life*, 48 Hastings Const. L.Q. 181 (2020). Available at: [https://repository.uchastings.edu/hastings\\_constitutional\\_law\\_quaterly/vol48/iss1/6](https://repository.uchastings.edu/hastings_constitutional_law_quaterly/vol48/iss1/6)
- T. Anansi Wilson, *Furtive Blackness: On Blackness and Being*, 48 Hastings Const. L.Q. 141 (2020). Available at: [https://repository.uchastings.edu/hastings\\_constitutional\\_law\\_quaterly/vol48/iss1/5](https://repository.uchastings.edu/hastings_constitutional_law_quaterly/vol48/iss1/5)

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## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“*Thinking Blackly: U.S. Law, State Sanctioned Violence and Legal Death Dealing*,” Black Youth Project, April 2018  
“*Black Panther/s: Flight, Fugitivity, and Combustibility*,” Race and The Law Prof Blog, March 2018  
“*ack People Have a Right To Bear Arms*,” CassiusLife, November 2017  
“*We are not yours: I’m tired of white women’s racial-sexual terrorism of my BlaQueer body*,” AfroPunk, November 2017  
“*Black Flesh, Red Blood, White Law: The Criminalization of Black Sexualities*” TheBody.com, June 2015  
“*The Truth About Black Gay Privilege*,” [Gawker](#), May 2015

## CHAPTERS

“*HIV Criminalization: Racial-Sexual Terror Unmasked*,” Critical Black Studies Reader, Peter Lang Publishing, November 2016

## REPORTS

“*Three Strikes: The Wrong Way to Justice*,” Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice (Harvard Law), July 2012

## GRANTS

UT College of Liberal Arts, Summer 2019 (Travel Grant)  
UT College of Liberal Arts/Andrew Mellon Foundation, Summer 2019 (Summer Dissertation Bootcamp)  
UT Graduate Student Organization, Spring 2019 (Travel/Conference Grant)  
UT Department of African & Africana Diaspora Studies Spring 2019 (Conference Grant)  
Wharfield Center, Spring 2019 (Conference Grant)  
UT Department of African & African Diaspora Studies/College of Liberal Arts (Summer Research Grant)  
UT Department of African & African Diaspora Studies Fall 2018 (Research Grant)  
American Studies Association, Fall 2018 (Travel Grant)  
National Women’s Studies Association, (Conference Grant)  
Wharfield Center, Fall 2018 (Conference Grant)  
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