

VERYL POW

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

J.D., May 2017

Enrolled in David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy and Critical Race Studies Specialization

Activities: UCLA Law Review, Volume 64, *Articles Editor*

Criminal Justice Society, *Co-Chair*

UCLA National Lawyers Guild, *Co-Chair*

UCLA Committee on Diversity & Equal Opportunity (CODEO), *Graduate Student Representative*

Traffic Ticket Amnesty Clinic, *Co-Chair*

Awards: Critical Race Theory, *Masin Family Academic Gold Award* (awarded to top student of class)

Re-Entry, Work, & Race, *Masin Family Academic Gold Award*

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

B.A., International Studies and Political Science, May 2009

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

July 2025 - Present

Associate Professor of Law

Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA

July 2022 – July 2024

Associate Professor of Law

- Design and teach Property Law, Race & Property, and Critical Race Theory.
- Serve on Admissions and Appointments Committees.
- Co-direct the Social Justice and Public Interest Track for the JD Flex (hybrid online/in-person) Program.

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

July 2019 – July 2022

Teaching Fellow, Community Development Clinic and Law & Organizing Course

- Co-teach a six-credit Community Development Clinic (CDC) with Jaime Lee.
- Co-teach a Law & Organizing seminar with Elizabeth Keyes.
- Serve as faculty advisor for the National Lawyers Guild and Black Law Students Association.
- Serve on Anti-Racism Subcommittee.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Sustainable Economies Law Center, Oakland, CA

August 2023 – Present

Staff Attorney and Scholar

- Provide direct representation to grassroots nontraditional business associations such as indigenous land trusts, community land trusts, cooperatives, and urban farms, on a range of land use, land and real estate acquisition, contractual, tax-exemption, and business entity formation issues.
- Engage in policy advocacy around legislation limiting speculative land grabs by for-profit corporations, enabling worker cooperative formation in prisons and among small businesses facing bankruptcy, new zoning designations for non-federally recognized tribes, and expanding restrictive housing zoning designations from single family norm.

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

September 2017 – June 2019

Associate Counsel and Skadden Fellow, Criminal Justice Project

- Provided direct representation to indigent defendants who are sued by bail bonds companies in civil debt collection suits in the District Court for Baltimore City.
- Affirmatively challenged Baltimore's bail bond industry using consumer protection and insurance law.

- Filed *Alice Hughes et al. v. 4 Aces Bail Bonds Inc. et al.* in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (case no. 24C18006137), a class action against a major unlicensed bail bond company in Baltimore, its debt collection law firm, its debt collection agency, and the two surety insurance companies that underwrite its bail bonds. After ruling against defendants' motions to dismiss, defendants settled the case. The case received major news coverage from The Atlantic and CNN.

Cherry Hill Food Co-Op, Baltimore, MD March 2019 – August 2019
Steering Committee Lawyer

Baltimore Action Legal Team, Baltimore, MD October 2018 – June 2019
Legal Brain Trust Attorney

UCLA Law Criminal Defense Clinic, UCLA Law, Los Angeles, CA January 2017 – May 2017
Student Counsel

Research Assistant for Professor Noah Zatz, UCLA Law, Los Angeles, CA July 2016 – June 2017

Hadsell Stormer & Renick, LLP, Pasadena, CA May 2016 – August 2016
California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA)'s 2016 Employee Justice Fellow

A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA August 2015 – August 2016
Law Clerk

Debt-Free Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA October 2015 – June 2016
Founder of Organizing Campaign

UCLA School of Law Reentry Legal Clinic, UCLA Law, Los Angeles, CA September 2015 – May 2017
Clinic Chair

Research Assistant for Professor Khaled A. Beydoun June 2015 – May 2017

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA May 2015 – August 2015
Summer Law Clerk

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Earth Equity, San Quentin Prison, CA August 2024 – Present
Senior Advisory Board Member

PUBLISHED WORKS

Law Review Articles

- Veryl Pow, *Grassroots Movement Lawyering: Insights from the George Floyd Rebellion*, 69 UCLA L. REV. 80 (2022) (analyzing the transformative horizon of the George Floyd rebellion to property law).
- Veryl Pow, Comment, *Rebellious Social Movement Lawyering Against Traffic Court Debt*, 64 UCLA L. REV. 1770 (2017) (outlining a new theory of activist lawyering through a case study of the fight to eliminate traffic court debt in California).

Podcast Interviews

- Veryl Pow, *Solidarity Economics*, CULTURE STEW PODCAST (forthcoming April 2026).
- Veryl Pow & Mohini Mokim, *Hospicing the Law*, DEATH PANEL PODCAST (Mar. 23, 2026).
- Veryl Pow & Dylan Rodriguez, *Non-Profits & Repression*, OUTLAW PODCAST (Aug. 15, 2025).

- Veryl Pow, *Higher Ground: Movement Lawyering for Land Liberation*, Northeastern University School of Law Magazine (March 6, 2026), <https://magazine.law.northeastern.edu/in-my-opinion/higher-ground>.
- Veryl Pow & Mohini Mokim, *From Movement Lawyering to Prefigurative Lawyering: Living Out Liberatory Values Now*, Law & Political Economy Blog (Oct. 30, 2025), <https://lpeproject.org/blog/from-movement-lawyering-to-prefigurative-lawyering-living-out-liberatory-values-now>.
- Veryl Pow, *Celebrating the HERstoric Liberation Easement on Homefulness 1*, Sustainable Economies Law Center Blog (Sept. 5, 2025), https://www.theselc.org/liberation_easement_blog.
- Veryl Pow, *Cash Rules Everything Around Me: Contesting the Profiteers of Money Bail*, A.B.A. YOUNG LAW. DIVISION C.R. & SOC. JUST., Vol. 1 No. 6 (Winter 2018) (discussing the importance of affirmatively challenging the bail industry to achieve meaningful bail reform).
- Veryl Pow, *Taking on the Bail Industry: A Call to Consumer Advocates to Participate in Bail Reform*, NAT. ASS. OF CONSUMER ADVOCATES, July 20, 2018 (Blog Post), <https://www.consumeradvocates.org/blog/2018/taking-bail-industry-call-consumer-advocates-participate-bail-reform> (encouraging consumer advocates to take on bail reform).
- Veryl Pow & Khaled A. Beydoun, *Mizzou in the Eyes of Non-Black People of Color*, MUSLIM MATTERS, Nov. 12, 2015 (Opinion), <http://muslimmatters.org/2015/11/12/mizzou-in-the-eyes-of-non-black-people-of-color> (discussing the broader social movement implications of the student protest at the University of Missouri).
- Veryl Pow & Myesha Braden, *Unlicensed Bail Bond Companies Prey Upon Baltimore's Most Needy*, AFRO - AM., Apr. 20, 2018 (Opinion), <https://www.afro.com/unlicensed-bail-bond-companies-prey-upon-baltimores-needy> (discussing the business of unlicensed bail bond companies who prey on Baltimore's poor communities of color).
- Veryl Pow & Myesha Braden, *Unlicensed, Baltimore-Based Bail Bond Companies Perpetuate Economic Inequality Along Racial Lines*, MEDIUM, Dec. 4, 2018 (Opinion), <https://medium.com/@LawyersComm/unlicensed-baltimore-based-bail-bond-companies-perpetuate-economic-inequality-along-racial-lines-95abadca7d12> (discussing the filing of the *Hughes* class action).

SELECTED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Panelist, *Epoch: Power of Defiance in the Face of Law*, Seattle University Law Review & Black Law Students Association, Seattle, WA (Mar. 13, 2026).
- Panelist, *Love and Liberation Lawyering Pt. II*, National Lawyers Guild, Northeastern University Law School, Boston, MA (Feb. 6, 2026).
- Panelist, *Anti-Capitalist Campaign Case Studies*, Law For Black Lives, Webinar (Oct. 30, 2025).
- Panelist, *Love and Liberation Lawyering Pt. I*, Center for Public Interest and Collaboration, Northeastern University Law School, Boston, MA (Oct. 30, 2025).
- Panelist, Workable Futures Conference, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA (May 23, 2025).
- Panelist, *Serve the People: Cooperative Economics and the Lessons from the Black Panthers*, All Power to the People: Reclaiming Populism as a Tool for Liberation!, Berkeley Journal of Black Law and Policy, University of Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (Apr. 18, 2025).
- Panelist, *Land Back in Action!*, Sogorea Te' Land Trust & Bay Area Resource Generation, Webinar (Oct. 1, 2024).
- Panelist, *Land Back in the PNW: An Exploration of Tools and Ways to Support and Promote Native Lands in Native Hands and Investing in Healing the Land and Its People*, Northwest Land Camp, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (July 10-12, 2024).
- Panelist, *Labors of Love and Care Work: How Do We Nurture Caregivers Under Capitalism?*, The Future of Work, Sustainable Economies Law Center, Oakland, CA (May 28, 2024).
- Panelist, The Future of Work, *From Cells to Liberation: Are Cooperatives Controlled by Incarcerated Persons Part of an Abolitionist Strategy?*, Sustainable Economies Law Center, Oakland, CA (May 23, 2024).
- Panelist, *Black Legal Futurism: When We Center African-American Interests*, Program on Race, Gender & Policing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law (April 5-6, 2024).

- Panelist, *Racial Justice Lawyering Symposium*, The Center for Racial and Economic Justice, University of California Law San Francisco (March 22, 2024).
- Panelist, *Food Justice and the Right to Eat*, Maryland Law Review Symposium: Food, Sustainability, and the Environment (March 1, 2024).
- Panelist, *On Lawbreaking, Defiance, and Noncompliance*, ClassCrits XIV: Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment, Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 9-10, 2024).
- Panelist, *Love Against the Law: Law, Anti-Blackness and Critical Love Ethics*, American Studies Association, Montreal, QC (Nov. 4, 2023).
- Panelist, *Taking Marx Seriously*, ClassCrits XIII: Unlocking Race and Class for Just Transitions Conference, Houston, TX (Oct. 21, 2022).
- Panelist, *Perspectives on the Job Market*, 2022 Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference, Chicago, IL (Oct. 13, 2022).
- Panelist, *AntiBlackness: Precedents, Refusals, and Methods to Live Otherwise*, Law For Black Lives Lawyering for Liberation Conference, St. Louis, MO (July 15, 2022).
- Panelist, *Bad Trouble: Critical Race Theory In Jeopardy*, Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Law School Diversity Professionals, New York, NY (May 5, 2022).
- Panelist, *Community Engagement as a Foundational Lawyering Skill*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Virtual (April 28, 2021).
- Moderator, *Civil Disobedience, Democracy and Structural Racism: What's Federalism Got to Do with It?*, University of Baltimore Law in Focus Discussion Webinar Series (Sept. 30, 2020) (contextualizing the George Floyd uprising within social movement history and the implications of the federal government response on federalism).
- Panelist, *Rebellious Lawyering as Critical Race Studies in Practice*, UCLA Law Critical Race Studies 2020 Symposium, Los Angeles, CA (March 12, 2020) (postponed due to COVID-19).
- Panelist, *Poverty Offenses*, University of Miami Law Review and University of Miami Law's Human Rights Clinic, Miami, FL (Sept. 20, 2019) (discussing effects of deindustrialization on mass incarceration and debt economy).
- Interviewee, *States Are Trying to Change a System that Keeps Poor People in Jail. The Bail Industry Is Blocking Them*, CNN (Aug. 30, 2019) (discussing effects of bail industry on low-income communities for television feature on bail industry).
- Panelist, *Carceral Capitalism: Challenging the Profiteers of Money Bail in Maryland*, Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore, MD (May 23, 2019) (discussing legal strategies to challenge bail industry).
- Panelist, *Anti-Capitalism: Exploring Our Political Grounding*, Law For Black Lives (May 7, 2019) (discussing community development alternatives to racial capitalism on a webinar broadcasted to a network of 5,000 movement lawyers).
- Opening Speaker, *Poverty, Racial Inequity, and Human Rights*, Maryland Legal Aid 2018 All-Staff & Board Conference, Anne Arundel, MD (Nov. 27, 2018) (discussing effects of deindustrialization on Baltimore's demography).
- Panelist, *Community Listening: A Response to an Established Community Lawyering Practice*, National Legal Aid & Defender Association, Houston, TX (Nov. 1, 2018) (discussing community lawyering approach to Maryland bail reform).
- Panelist, Criminal Justice Reform Panel at "Kappas on Capitol Hill," Kappa Alpha Psi's Annual James "Biff" Carter Legislative Policy Conference, Washington, D.C. (Mar. 5, 2018) (discussing bail reform).
- Panelist, *Agents of Change*, UCLA Law's Public Interest Program and the Institute on Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA School of Law (Apr. 6, 2016) (discussing race and class dimensions of past and contemporary social movements).

SELECTED SERVICE & TRAININGS

- Legal Instructor, *Transactional Lawyers & Legal Workers: Building & Protecting Black-Led Infrastructure*, Law For Black Lives, Baltimore, MD (forthcoming June 22-25, 2026).
- Guest Lecturer, Public Interest Seminar, Boston University (Mar. 26, 2026) (taught by Yoana Kuzmova).
- Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Community Economic Development, Boston College (Jan. 29, 2026) (taught by Carlos Teuscher).

- Guest Lecturer, Lawyering in a Time of Authoritarian Threat, Northeastern University School of Law (Nov. 10, 2025) (taught by Rachel Rosenbloom).
- Guest Lecturer, Critical Race Theory, University of California, Davis, School of Law (April 2, 2024) (taught by Jyoti Nanda).
- Guest Lecturer, Critical Race Theory, University College of Law, San Francisco (April 1, 2024) (taught by Jyoti Nanda).
- Guest Lecturer, Race and the Law, University of Southern California Gould School of Law (Nov. 7, 2023) (taught by Jyoti Nanda).
- Guest Lecturer, Critical Race Theory, University College of Law, San Francisco (Mar. 27, 2023) (taught by Jyoti Nanda).
- Guest Lecturer, Rebellious Lawyering, Golden Gate University School of Law (Jan. 29, 2023) (taught by Rachel Van Cleave).
- Guest Lecturer, *Towards an Anti-Capitalist Equity*, EMPA 321: Inclusion, Equity, and Accessibility, Golden Gate University Executive Master of Public Administration program (Nov. 19, 2022) (taught by Sylvia Rosales-Fike).
- Guest Lecturer, Lawyers and Social Change Practicum, University of Alabama Law (2020 and 2021) and Seattle University School of Law (Oct. 11, 2022) (taught by critical race theory founders Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic).
- Guest Lecturer, Special Topics in Applied Feminism seminar, University of Baltimore Law.
- Guest Lecturer, the Bronfein Family Law Clinic, University of Baltimore Law.
- Faculty Advisor, National Lawyers Guild, University of Baltimore (July 2021 – June 2022).
- Co-Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association, University of Baltimore Law (June 2020 – June 2021).
- Member, Anti-Racism Subcommittee, University of Baltimore Law Clinics (July 2020 – June 2022).
- Facilitator, *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* Teaching Workshop for Law Faculty, University of Baltimore Law (Feb. 28, 2020).
- Legal Instructor, *Forming Cooperative Legal Structures*, Baltimore Cooperative Academy, Baltimore, MD (Jan. 25, 2020, July 23, 2020, Oct. 10, 2020, & April 3, 2021) (4 separate trainings on the legal considerations and procedures in becoming a worker cooperative in Maryland for cooperative startups enrolled in local cooperative academy).
- Legal Instructor, *Black in Baltimore Sit-In & Teach-In*, University of Baltimore Law Students for Liberation (Aug. 15, 2020) (teaching law student organizers on connection between law and racial capitalism).
- Volunteer of the Month, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (Oct. 2019).
- Legal Instructor, *Representing Consumers in Bail Bond Collections Actions*, Maryland Legal Aid Consumer Task Force, Baltimore, MD (Jan. 24, 2019) (training pro bono attorneys in the statewide network of Maryland Legal Aid on issue spotting and defenses to bail bond consumer debt collection claims).