

Dr. Chance Meyer

Visiting Professor of Practice

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education and Human Development

Doctor of Education, Ed.D., Leadership and Learning in Organizations, 2023, 4.0

- Studied learning sciences, data science, improvement science, program evaluation, change leadership, organizational decision-making and problem-solving, justice and equity pedagogies, design thinking, systems thinking, business strategy

Tulane Law School

J.D., 2007, magna cum laude

Middle Tennessee State University

B.S., Music Industry, Minor in Mass Communication, 2003, summa cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New England Law | Boston

Visiting Professor of Practice (2020-present)

- Courses: Legal Analysis, Elements of Legal Reasoning, Criminal Law (AY20)
- Metacognitive training in schema-development, encoding, problem-solving, and self-assessment
- Online interventions with measurable impacts on learner outcomes
- Situated design of learning environments to invite authentic participation across learner identities along trajectories of greater belonging

Director of Online Programming Initiatives (2021-23)

- Online program design and implementation in response to pandemic

Grant-Funded Research

- AY20 Co-Director of study funded by AccessLex Institute investigating relationships between academic overconfidence, performance, and belonging

Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University

Assistant Dean of Academic Success and Professionalism (2018-19)

- Designed and implemented program focused on legal analysis and professional identity formation
- Oversaw department of five faculty members
- During tenure July first-time bar pass rate increased 16 percentage points

Professor of Practice (2016-18)

- Courses: Lawyering Skills & Professionalism, Criminal Law (AY17), Multistate Bar Exam Lab (various subjects), Death Penalty Workshop

Adjunct Professor of Law (2013-2020)

- Courses in J.D. program: Federal Sentencing
- Courses in Master of Science in Law program: Effective Advocacy Skills, Professional Communication (conflict resolution, psychology of persuasion, sensemaking, heuristics and biases, storytelling)
- Courses in Paralegal Program: Legal Research and Writing

Southern University Law Center

Adjunct Professor, LRW (2020)

- Courses: Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing (online during pandemic)

Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-South, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Special Assistant Counsel (2021)

Assistant Counsel (2008-16)

- Represented death-sentenced defendants in postconviction proceedings in trial and appellate courts in state and federal jurisdictions
- Oral argument in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Specialization in U.S. Supreme Court petitions
- Bench-trial format evidentiary hearings, direct/cross of mental health experts, law enforcement, defendant family members
- Field investigation
- Death warrants litigation

United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Law Clerk to Hon. Robert T. Dawson (2007-08)

- Advised judge in all aspects of criminal and civil trials
- Drafted post-*Booker* decisions analyzing sentencing discretion under the newly advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, such as *United States v. Coughlin*, 20 Fed. Sent. R. 215 (W.D. Ark. 2008)

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarship and Research

The Grey Box of Legal Analysis: Disentangling Knowledge and Skill, forthcoming in U. Detroit Mercy Law Review (co-authored with Nicole Noël, New England Law | Boston)

A Model of Evidence-Based Practice for Law Schools to Improve System Outcomes, forthcoming in St. Mary's Law Review

Major Reform with Minor Risk: Implementation of Change Initiatives as a Learning Challenge, forthcoming in U. New Hampshire Law Review (co-authored with Professor Sara Berman, USC Gould School of Law)

Professional Communication: A Path to Healthy Personality, Reflective Mindfulness, and Self-Development Management, Health Economics and Management Review, 3(3), 99-108 (2022) (co-authored with Professor Bahaudin Mujtaba, Nova Southeastern University, College of Business and Entrepreneurship)

Research Spotlight: Iterative Design and the Thrill of Praxis, Raising the Bar, Vol. 5, Issue 4 (2022) (co-authored with Nicole Noël), <https://www.accesslex.org/tools-and-resources/raising-bar-vol-5-issue-4>

Twas the Devil: Hearing the Constitutional Infirmity of the Modern American Death Penalty in the Bygone Songs of Ozark Folklore, 87 Mississippi Law Journal 767 (2019)

Death Penalty “Trump Effect”, 9 Law Journal for Social Justice 65 (2018)

Hurst v. Florida’s Ha’p’orth of Tar: The Need To Revisit Caldwell, Clemons, and Proffitt, 70 University of Miami Law Review 1118 (2016) (co-authored with Professor Craig Trocino, Director of Miami Law Innocence Clinic) (quoted and cited by Florida Supreme Court in *Reynolds v. State*, No. SC17-793, 2018 WL 1633075, at *6 (Fla. Apr. 5, 2018))

The Newly Informed Decency of Death: Hall v. Florida Endorses the Marshall Hypothesis in Eighth Amendment Review of the Death Penalty, 45 Stetson Law Review 153 (2016) (cited in Wayne R. LaFare, Criminal Law, 6th Ed., Hornbook Series)

Opinion

Distinguished Commentary: Beyond Best Practices, Raising the Bar, Vol. 65, Issue 1 (2023) (co-authored with Professor Nicole Noël, New England Law | Boston), <https://www.accesslex.org/tools-and-resources/raising-bar-vol-6-issue-1>

Highlighter Junkies, the National Jurist, Mar. 17, 2021.

Online Malign, New England Law Review | Forum, Faculty Blog (co-authored with Professor Nicole Noël), <https://www.newenglawrev.com/faculty-blog/online-malign>

Law Schools Need Improvement Science, Now More Than Ever, Syllabus, Spring 2020 (51:3), American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar

Sleight of Hand in Florida’s New Death Penalty: Requiring, But Not Requiring, Jury Unanimity, JURIST - Academic Commentary (Mar. 21, 2017)

Mitigation Paradigms: What Reduces Criminal Sentences, Explanation or Excuse?, 89-OCT Florida Bar Journal 18 (2015) (feature article)

Edited

Death Penalty, Chapter 22: Sentencing, PAUL BERGMAN AND SARA J. BERMAN, THE CRIMINAL LAW HANDBOOK: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND SURVIVE THE SYSTEM 503-09 (15th ed. 2018)

PRESENTATIONS

The Role of Knowledge in Problem-Solving, researchED, A day of connecting with evidence-informed education and the people, Greenwich, Connecticut, April 6, 2024

The Grey Box of Legal Analysis: Disentangling Knowledge and Skill, presenter, Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, An Exploration of Legal Pedagogy (March 9, 2024)

How Law Schools Make Decisions, discussion group moderator, Leading Edge Conference (July 11, 2023)

Beyond Best Practices: Learning Design in Context, presenter, Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Conference at Denver Law (Sept. 23, 2022)

How Did You Even Begin? Stories from Starting a Program Assessment, panelist, AccessLex webinar, discussing iterative, evidence-based program evaluation (May 22, 2022)

Lawyering with Creativity and For Equity, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, co-presenter with the Director of the UM Innocence Clinic, discussing conducting clinical education according to situated learning theory (May 9, 2022)

Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy: Toward Defining Best Practices in Legal Education, Pre-Conference Workshop, panelist, discussing pandemic changes in research agendas and online education (April 1, 2022)

Discussion Group: Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor—Perspectives on the Breonna Taylor Case, discussant, SEALS Conference (July 27, 2021)

From Zero to Zoom: Lessons from the Forced Experiment of Online Learning in Legal Education, panelist, Gallup/AccessLex webinar releasing and interpreting results of research on legal education during the pandemic (June 16, 2021), <https://www.youtube.com/embed/K0uUEmZeS18?start=979&end=4469>

Professionalism Education and the Road to Bar Passage, co-presenter, AALS Annual Meeting, Fresh Partnerships to Understand Student Learning Through Empirical Studies, Sections on Academic Support & the Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession (January 3, 2019)

Evil or Broken: How to Better Understand Mental Illness in Murder and Sentencing, speaker, Empire State College, New York, NY (April 21, 2016)

How Proceduralism Kills Equity in Federal Habeas, guest speaker, Innocence Clinic of the University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL (March 3, 2016)

Cruel and Unusual: Abolition by way of the Eighth Amendment, presenter, Death Penalty Abolition Conference, Consortium for Restorative Justice in Florida, Barry University, Miami, FL (April 10, 2015)

The Pitfalls of Legislative Attempts to Streamline Capital Punishment, co-presenter, Death Penalty Symposium, Inter-American Center on Human Rights, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

(October 7, 2014)

Westlaw National Conference, panelist, Miami, FL (2012) (discussing WestlawNext user experience for attorneys engaged in heavy research)

INTERVIEWS AND COMMENTARY

Death row or not, Mesac Damas will not leave Florida prison alive, quoted, Naples Daily News, Naples, FL (Oct. 26, 2017)

Death Row Inmates Sue To Block Florida Timely Justice Act, interview, WFSU, Florida Public Radio, Tallahassee, FL (June 27, 2013)

Attorneys Challenge Timely Justice Act, quoted, WXTL, ABC News 27, Tallahassee, FL (aired June 28-29, 2013)

SERVICE

Academic and Bar Success Advisory Board for the AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence (2018)

NOTEWORTHY CASES

Reaves v. Secretary, Florida DOC, No. 15-11225 (11th Cir. 2017)

Oral argument in USCA for the Eleventh Circuit, defending lower court order for new sentencing in a capital case

Lambrix v. Jones, Florida Supreme Court Case No. SC16-56

Challenged execution of defendant sentenced under death penalty statute declared unconstitutional in *Hurst v. Florida*, 136 S. Ct. 616 (2016)

Abdool v. Bondi, 39 Fla. L. Weekly S421 (Fla. June 12, 2014)

Petition to Florida Supreme Court on behalf of 167 death-row inmates and four capital postconviction law firms challenging the constitutionality of Florida's Timely Justice Act

In re . . . Capital Postconviction Rules, SC13-2381 (Fla. July 3, 2014)

Comments successfully challenging rule committee's proposal to reduce time limitations for capital defendants to bring claims based on newly discovered evidence and new rules of law

Valle v. Florida, 132 S. Ct. 1 (2011)

Cert petition to Supreme Court challenging constitutionality of execution following a prolonged period of incarceration, prompting a dissent from Justice Breyer, who would have granted a stay of execution

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

State of Florida

State of Arkansas (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida

HONORS

Wrote and co-produced [Ashdown](#), an americana album nominated for 2019 Alt Country Album of the Year at the Independent Music Awards; Extern to Hon. Carl J. Barbier, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (2006-2007); TLS Moot Court Board; Phi Delta Phi of TLS; American Constitution Society; TLS Academic scholarship; honorable recognition from TLS Community Service Program for 165 service hours; Phi Kappa Phi of MTSU; Phi Sigma Pi Honors Society of MTSU