

# Christopher L. Mathis

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## Education

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University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

*Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Leadership & Administration*

- Southern Region Education Board Predoctoral Fellow
- Research interests lie at the intersection of race, politics, and law within higher education

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

*Juris Doctor*

- Asst. Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Law and Education
- Children's Law Certificate Recipient
- Matthew J. Perry Black Law Students Association President
- *Research Assistant*: Eboni S. Nelson

Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

*Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education, May 2014*

## Academic Appointments

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University of Iowa College of Law

- *Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, May 2021- Present*

American Bar Foundation/ Access Lex Institute Doctoral Fellowship Program in Legal & Higher Education

- *Fellow, July 2020- Present*
  - Completing a mixed-methods dissertation on the inequality in higher education

University of Virginia School of Law Center for the Study of Race and Law

- *Research Associate, May 2018- January 2020*

University of Virginia Curry School of Education and

Human Development Center for Race and Public Education in the South

- *Graduate Research Assistant, August 2017- Present*
  - Quantitative study of the experience of minoritized students at universities that have a historical nexus to slavery
- Juan C. Garibay, *Assistant Professor of Higher Education*

## University Teaching Experience

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University of Virginia Curry School of Education and Human Development | Legal Aspects of College Administration

University of Virginia Curry School of Education and Human Development | EDLF 6020: Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Higher Education

- *Teaching Assistant: Juan C. Garibay, Fall 2019*

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences | AAS406: African American History II and the Law

- *Teaching Assistant: Claudrena Harold, Spring 2018*

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences | AAS406: African American History I and the Law

- *Teaching Assistant: Kwame Otu, Fall 2018*

## Ongoing Collaborative Research

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Mistrust within Minoritized Communities Amid American Institutions

- Proposed research on mistrust and minoritized communities, *with Dayna Matthews, Michelle Goodwin and Nia Johnson, November 2019- Present*
- Funding application under review

Anti-racist Cultural Understanding, Bystander Intervention, and Conflict Resolution Initiative for the Study of Equity through Community Engaged Scholarship

- Proposed research on anti-racist curriculum
- Funded by the Lumina Foundation (\$20,000), *June 2019*

Exploring Black Students' Outcomes at Universities with an Involvement in Slavery Center for Race and Public Education in the South

- Proposed research on universities and their connection to the institution of slavery, *with Juan Garibay, Amalia Dache, and Christian West*
- Funded by Curry School of Education and Human Development (\$15,000)
- Spencer Foundation (\$150,000)

## Selected Publications

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*Law review and Peer-Reviewed Articles:*

- Juan C. Garibay, Christian West & Christopher L. Mathis, “*It Affects Me in Ways That I Don’t Even Realize*”: *A Preliminary Study on Black Student Responses to a University’s Enslavement History*, 61 *Journal of College Student Development*, 697–716 (2020). doi:10.1353/csd.2020.0070
- *Access and Equity Rankings at Public Law Schools in America* (under review in law journals)
- *A Critical Analysis of Higher Education Reparations at Universities with Enslavement Histories*, (in preparation)
- *Higher Education Reparations and Tort Theory* (in preparation)

*Book-Reviews:*

- Review of *Campus Counterspaces*, by Micere Keels, \_\_ *J. Negro Educ.*, \_\_ 2021.
- Review of *Power, Legal Education and Law School Cultures*, Edited by Meera E. Deo, Mindie Lazarus-Black and Elizabeth Mertz, *J.L. & Educ.* (forthcoming Fall 2021)

*Op-Eds:*

- *Your Minority Vote Matters*, WACH-TV.
- *When White Is Not Always Right: Why HBCU's Are Relevant Even in the Era of Obama*, THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE

## Selected Presentations

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*Invited Lectures:*

- *Understanding the Ways in Which Prospective Law Students Navigate the Decision of Whether and Where to Go to Law School*
  - South Carolina Young Lawyers Bar Association Conference, Columbia, SC– June 2019

*Conference Presentations:*

- *An Access and Equity Ranking of Public Law Schools*
  - Law and Society Association, Virtual Meeting– May 2021
- *A Critical Analysis of Higher Education Reparations at Universities Founded Pre-Civil War (with Juan Garibay, Amalia Dache, & Christian West)*
  - American Education Research Association, Virtual Meeting– April 2021
- *A Violent History and its Impact Examining Faculty Relationship on a Campus with a History of Slavery (with Juan Garibay and Christian West)*
  - Association for the Study of Higher Education, Orlando, FL– October 2020
- *A Model Toward Higher Education Reparations*
  - Association for the Study of Higher Education, Orlando, FL– October 2020
- *Black Student Support of Institutional Reparations at a University with a History of Slavery*
  - American Education Research Association, San Francisco, CA– April 2020
- *Public Law Schools A'int For You Even Though You Paid for It: The State of Diversity at Public Law Schools in America.*
  - Association for the Study of Higher Education, Portland, OR– November 2019
- *“They didn’t tell me that on the tour”: The Role of Institutional Legacies with Slavery in Black Students’ College Choice.* Paper presentation at the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Portland, OR (with Juan Garibay and Christian West).
  - Association for the Study of Higher Education, Portland, OR– November 2019
- *Regents of the Univ. of Cal. v. Bakke Reimagined.*
  - Critical Race Studies in Education Association, Los Angeles, CA– May 2019
- *Exploring Identities at Universities with a Historical Nexus to Slavery (with Juan Garibay and Christian West).*
  - Critical Race Studies in Education Association, Los Angeles, CA– May 2019
- *How a University's History with Slavery Plays a Role in Current Black Student Experiences: Evidence from a Pilot Study.*
  - National Conference for Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education, Portland, OR– May 2019
- *Effects of Majors and Minority Serving-status: Black and Latinx STEM Students’ Long-term Social Justice Outcomes (with Juan Garibay).*
  - American Education Research Association, Toronto, Canada– April 2019
- *A University's Legacy with Slavery and Implications for Constructing Inclusive Climates: Evidence from a Pilot Study (with Juan Garibay and Christian West).*
  - College of William & Mary Lemon Project Symposium, Williamsburg– March 2019

## Professional Service & Leadership

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University of Virginia Curry School of Education & Human Development SEEDS4Change Diversity Action Organization

- *Seeds4Change Steering Committee Member, August 2019- Present*

University of Virginia Black Graduate and Professional Student Organization (BGPSO)

- *BGPSO Executive Committee, August 2019- Present*

Association for the Study of Higher Education

- *Session Chair for Annual Meeting, November 2017*
- *Reviewer, March 2020*

University of South Carolina School of Law Journal of Law and Education

- *Asst. Deputy Editor-in-Chief, August 2016- May 2017*

University of South Carolina Matthew J. Perry Black Law Students Association

- *President, August 2016- May 2017*

## Awards, Fellowships, & Honors

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Chronister Student Award in Higher Education

- *Award for scholarship in higher education–May 2021 (\$1,725)*

ABF/AccessLex Institute Doctoral Fellowship Program in Legal & Higher Education

- *Fellowship awarded scholars interested in empirical and interdisciplinary research on legal and higher education– July 2020 (\$70,000)*

Center for Race, Democracy, Law and Religion Research Award

- *One of ten projects selected to examine pedagogical stylings of two Christian law schools– November 2019 (\$5,000)*

Southern Education Foundation Award

- *National merit-based policy fellowship funded to increase diverse thought in legal education– June 2019 (\$5,000)*

Jay L. Chronister Travel Award in Higher Education

- *Selective, travel-based award for scholarship– April 2019 (\$1,600)*

Plastex Incorporation Legal Research Fellowship Award

- *Awarded national merit-based research award to reimagine and rewrite Supreme Court cases within higher education– August 2018 (\$28,000)*

Southern Region Education Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

- *National, merit-based fellowship awarded to students seeking doctoral degrees with the explicit goal to increase minority faculty in universities– August 2018 (\$100,000)*

Awarded Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (*Declined*) thus Ford Foundation Honorable Mention

- *International, merit-based fellowship to increase faculty in universities– August 2018 (\$80,000)*

John Belton O’Neill Inn of Courts Honor– *May 2017*

Konduras Legal Public Service Fellow– *May 2017*

The Honorable Thomas A. Russo Fellow

- *Award given to a promising future lawyer who is committed to the rule of law– August 2014 (\$10,000)*

## Additional Experience

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Plastex Inc., Edgefield, SC  
*Associate In-House Counsel*

## Professional Affiliations

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District of Columbia Bar Association (Inactive)

Law and Society Association

American Educational Research Association

Association for the Study of Higher Education