

CHRISTINE E. OHENEWAH

Curriculum Vitae

“History is a clock that people use to tell their political and cultural time of day. It is a compass they use to find themselves on the map of human geography. It tells them where they are, but more importantly, what they must be.”

— John Henrik Clarke

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EDUCATION

2020 – 2023	CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, <i>Juris Doctor</i> Concentration(s): Business Law and Regulation; Special Interest in Criminal Law	Ithaca, NY
2017 – 2018	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, <i>Master of Arts, Sociology</i> Concentration(s): Economic Sociology	New York, NY
2015 – 2016	THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, <i>Master of Arts, International Relations</i> Concentration(s): IR Theory, Security, & History; Regional Studies & Nationalism	Chicago, IL
2015	THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, <i>Associate Member Student, Politics</i> Concentration(s): African Politics	Oxford, UK
2011 – 2015	MACALESTER COLLEGE, <i>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, American Studies</i> Latin Honors: Magna Cum Laude	St. Paul, MN

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026 – Present	Nassau Community College <u>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice Business & Professional Studies Program</u> Teach “Understanding Criminal Behavior,” analyzing the sociological and legal factors driving behavioral patterns. Utilize a professional studies framework to prepare students for careers in the legal and corporate apparatus, focusing on institutional ethics and behavioral accountability.	Garden City, NY
2025 – Present	Iona University <u>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Criminology, Sociology Criminal Justice & Sociology Department</u> Teach “Criminal Justice Criminology,” “Sex and Gender Roles,” and “Introduction to Sociology” to undergraduate students. Develop community engagement pedagogy addressing contemporary social issues. Integrate theoretical frameworks while supervising student research and campus initiative development.	New Rochelle, NY
2025 – Present	Hofstra University <u>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Criminology Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology</u> Teach “Intro to Criminology” and “White Collar Crime” to undergraduate students and provide equitable and inclusive pedagogy. Meet regularly with students and provide feedback on course deliverables.	Hempstead, NY

- 2024 – Present **St. Paul’s School of Nursing** Queens, NY
Adjunct Professor, Law, Ethics, and Sociology | General Education Division
 Teach introductory courses in the disciplines of Law, Ethics, and Sociology to nursing students and provide them with academic advising in addition to assisting Dean of Education and Program Director. Participate in departmental faculty meetings and trainings and develop student recruitment and retention.
- 2018 – 2019 **South-East Asia Center** Chicago, IL
Lecturer of Social Science | Bridge International School
 Spearheaded the implementation of a cross-cultural bridge-building curriculum that adapted fundamental Social Science concepts. Trained early childhood educators to apply this classroom learning model.
- 2017 – 2018 **Columbia University** New York, NY
Graduate Teaching Instructor, Sociology | GSAS and Barnard College
 Conducted bi-weekly lectures on the exploration of sociological research methodologies. Reviewed and marked papers and exams for courses comprising 50 to 90 students. Held weekly office hours and met monthly with Department Chair to assess direction of course curriculum.
- 2015 **Macalester College** St. Paul, MN
Course Preceptor | American Studies Department
 Co-taught the course, “Black Women and Politics of Representation.” Supervised weekly student office hours, met bi-weekly with course instructor, and delivered monthly feedback on student research papers.

COURSES TAUGHT

2026 (Scheduled)	CRM 187L	Blackletter Criminal Law & Analysis	Hofstra University Hempstead, NY
2026 (Scheduled)	CRM 003	Domestic Violence	Hofstra University Hempstead, NY
2026 – Present	CRJ 106	Understanding Criminal Behavior	Nassau Community College Garden City, NY
2026 – Present	CRM 008	White Collar Crime	Hofstra University Hempstead, NY
2026 – Present	SOC 101B	Introduction to Sociology	Iona University New Rochelle, NY
2025 – Present	CRJ 330A	Criminal Justice Criminology	Iona University New Rochelle, NY
2025 – Present	SOC 324A	Sex and Gender Roles	Iona University New Rochelle, NY
2025 – Present	CRM 001	Intro to Criminology	Hofstra University Hempstead, NY
2024 – Present	PDC100	College Success	St. Paul’s School of Nursing Queens, NY
2024 – Present	GAHP210	Law, Ethics, and Regulatory Compliance for Allied Health	St. Paul’s School of Nursing Queens, NY
2024 – Present	SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	St. Paul’s School of Nursing Queens, NY
2024 – Present	SOC107	Principles of Sociology	St. Paul’s School of Nursing Queens, NY
2018	SOCI 3010	Methods for Social Research	Barnard College New York, NY
2018	SOCI 3265	Sociology of Work and Gender	Columbia University New York, NY
2017	SOCI 3974	Sociology of Schools, Teaching, and Learning	Columbia University New York, NY
2015	AMST 634	Black Women and Politics of Representation	Macalester College St. Paul, MN

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – 2024 **McGuireWoods LLP** New York, NY
Associate | Government Investigations and White Collar Litigation
Conducted internal compliance investigations for major financial institutions and provided criminal defense for clients facing government investigations into acts of conspiracy, financial bribery, and corruption scandals. Lead witness interviews, prepared investigative reports, and wrote motions and sentencing submissions. Represented clients (both individual and corporate) before the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the District of Columbia, FINRA, the SEC, the DOJ, and other state securities regulators.
- 2022 **McGuireWoods LLP** New York, NY
Summer Associate | Corporate and Litigation (General)
Performed investigative due diligence and extensive document review on legal matters within the Firm’s various practice groups, such as Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Government Investigations and White Collar Litigation.
- 2021 **Legal Assistance of Western New York (LawNY)** Ithaca, NY
Law Intern | Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Project
Administered screenings and intakes to low-income clients in need of civil legal assistance with domestic violence and sexual assault. Assisted staff attorneys in providing civil legal services by conducting legal research, drafting legal memoranda and pleadings, and fostering outreach to partnering community agencies.

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP

- 2025 – Present **The Elizabeth Tweneboah Foundation** New York, NY
Executive Director and Founder
Found an educational institution advancing examinations of power using applied legal reasoning and humanistic thought. ETF develops live, dialogue-based programs and seminars that use legal frameworks to cultivate critical judgment and ethical decision-making to promote personal autonomy across social and institutional contexts.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 **Legal Information Institute** Ithaca, NY
Law Intern | Women & Justice Collection, Cornell Law School
Conducted legal data gathering and summarized findings on laws that negatively impact women globally. Assisted in expanding the African Legal Information Institute’s Gender Violence & Human Rights index by locating and incorporating relevant case law, specifically focusing on gender-based violence.
- 2021 – 2023 **LexisNexis** Ithaca, NY
Lexis Research Associate and Manager | Cornell Law School
Led weekly trainings for students and faculty on advanced legal research strategy using LexisNexis. Guided users in efficient research workflows and supported attainment of practice-ready research certifications.
- 2018 – 2019 **Sapphire Hill Global** New York, NY
Research Analyst
Investigated market economic trends by assessing GDPs of select economies (e.g., China, Russia, South Africa) over a 10-year span. Developed financial models capturing market disequilibrium derived from fluctuating global interest rates.

- 2018 **United Nations** New York, NY
Research Fellow | Barinu Institute, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
 Developed research initiatives focusing on poverty and economics and facilitated weekly conferences to present these initiatives within various UN departments. Helped organize a major Economic Summit featuring key heads of state, diplomats, corporate heads, and financial stakeholders.
- 2016 – 2017 **Social Science Research Council** Brooklyn, NY
Research Grants Associate | Fellowships Office, Anxieties of Democracy Program
 Evaluated 350+ interdisciplinary research dossiers across major international fellowship programs. Assessed intellectual merit and methodological rigor to support competitive funding decisions. Conducted comparative and statistical analyses of applicant pools for selection committees.
- 2014 **Harvard University** Cambridge, MA
Research Fellow | Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
 Employed critical theory and postcolonial critique to interrogate notions of American citizenship and their reach upon intracommunal polarization with the African Diaspora. Presented research findings at weekly workshops, seminars, lectures and the LANS Symposium.
- 2013 – 2015 **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** St. Paul, MN
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow | Macalester College
 Completed a two-year research study on notions of American citizenship, liberal ideals, and their influence upon African Diasporic polarization. Conducted ethnographic interviews and delivered research findings at various academic forums. Deepened critical research, reading, and writing faculties by reading and summarizing one book per week.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY: LEADERSHIP & MENTORSHIP

- 2026 – Present **Black Honors Student Committee** Hempstead, NY
Faculty Mentor | Hofstra University
 Serve as a faculty mentor for Black honors students through Hofstra's Rabinowitz Honors College, supporting academic/professional pathway development, intergenerational mentorship, and community-building among Black scholars.
- 2023 – Present **Cornell Law Young Professionals Network** Ithaca, NY
Alumni Board Member | Cornell Law School
 Foster professional development and mentoring relationships for current Cornell Law School students. Support student recruitment and job placement efforts.
- 2021 – 2023 **Corporate Connect** Ithaca, NY
Advisory Officer | Cornell Law School
 Mentored 1L and 2L Cornell Law students on strategies and alternative avenues to securing Summer Associate positions at Big Law firms. Reviewed resumes, cover letters, and email correspondence for student job applications to law firms. Hosted workshops and firm networking events for students.
- 2021 – 2022 **Lawyering for Reproductive Justice** Ithaca, NY
Vice President | Cornell Law School
 Coordinated educational and social events on reproductive rights and justice. Helped facilitate correspondence aimed at partnering with various organizations within and outside the law school and university communities to execute reproductive justice initiatives.
- 2021 – 2022 **Diversity Matters Outreach Program** Ithaca, NY
Mentor to Pre-Law Undergraduates | Cornell Law School
 Led bi-weekly meetings and outings for Black pre-law students in order to act as their resource for inquiries, processes, and opportunities related to law school and careers in law.

- 2021 **Columbia University Alumni Association of Ghana** New York, NY
Board Member, University Outreach Committee | Columbia University
 Served as a Board Member to the Alumni Association’s University Outreach Committee, helping to spearhead communication with prospective Ghanaian applicants to Columbia University. Provide prospective Ghanaian applicants with the guidance and instruction necessary to deliver strong and successful admissions applications.
- 2020 – 2023 **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly** Ithaca, NY
Law School Voting Member; Student Advocacy Committee | Cornell University
 Served as a Voting Member to Cornell University’s Graduate and Professional Student Assembly on the behalf of Cornell Law School and participate in bi-weekly meetings. Serve as a Representative of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly’s Student Advocacy Committee by escalating student needs and concerns to the larger Cornell University Administration. Served as the Interim Vice President for Operations, charged with managing the GPSA’s internal affairs.
- 2020 – 2023 **Cornell Law Students Association** Ithaca, NY
Executive Chair to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly | Cornell Law School
 Served as a Liaison between the Law School and larger Cornell University community on university-wide policies, events, and opportunities taking place. Previously served as a First-Year Representative (2020-2021) who remained vigilantly attuned to the needs of the Class of 2023 and created a student-administered questionnaire that was later compiled into a 23-page report to communicate student needs and resolutions to the administration.
- 2020 – 2021 **Black Law Students Association** Ithaca, NY
First-Year Representative | Cornell Law School
 Participated in all Black Law Students Association-led events, organized meetings with co-representatives, and facilitated discussions on issues unique to Black Cornell Law Students in order to brainstorm solutions.
- 2014 – 2015 **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** St. Paul, MN
Founder and Co-chair | Macalester College Chapter
 Coordinated bi-weekly workshops, delegated administrative duties, and secured speakers for events. Managed the organization’s budget and social media pages and heavily utilized Microsoft Office Suite.
- 2013 – 2014 **Emerging Scholars Program** St. Paul, MN
Emerging Scholars Mentor | Department of Multicultural Life, Macalester College
 Mentored a cohort of first-year Emerging Scholars to help guide their transition into Macalester College. Hosted bi-weekly group sessions and individual monthly meetings to develop each scholar’s personal and academic growth, monitor their college acclimation process, and provide information on campus resources.
- 2012 **AVID Mentorship Program** St. Paul, MN
AVID Co-Leader | Highland Park Senior High School
 Managed a cohort of college mentors to assist high school youth with the college application process. Trained college mentors to learn essential mentoring protocols and to apply fundamental mentoring skills.
- 2011 – 2014 **Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation** St. Paul, MN
Teaching Facilitator and Assistant | Ramsey Junior High School
 Led individual tutoring sessions with middle school youth three times per week in order to bolster their math comprehension skills. Taught math techniques to middle school youth once per week and oversaw their learning enhancement.
- 2012 | 2015 **Tapestries: Interwoven Voices of Local and Global Identities** St. Paul, MN
Senior Editor | American Studies Department, Macalester College
 Collaborated in the development of the 2013 and 2015 issue of the Macalester online journal, *Tapestries: Interwoven Voices of Local and Global Identities*. Peer reviewed multiple academic articles and artistic submissions.

PROJECTS & INNOVATION

- 2023 **Lex Horai** Ithaca, NY
Founder and Mentor | Cornell Law School
Led a group of 30 members by facilitating weekly group and one-on-one mentorship meetings with Black women interested in pursuing law and learning more about the admissions process and legal profession. Hosted guest speakers in law school admissions, law school diversity, and law practice.
- 2018 – 2021 **CEO Academic** New York, NY
Founder and Consultant
Founded my own academic consultancy that provided clients one-on-one guidance on the graduate school admissions process in addition to personal statement and resume review. Developed intellectual thought content, distributed promotional advertisements, and managed multiple social media platforms to increase business presence.
- 2014 – 2015 **Black Girls First** St. Paul, MN
Founder and Facilitator | Ramsey Junior High School
Facilitated weekly workshops for a cohort of Black middle school girls in order to tackle their personal and academic goals and challenges. Composed a syllabus detailing relevant Black feminist literature and weekly workshop objectives. Hosted university tours and conferences to help provide exposure to college access opportunities.
- 2014 **Voices of Agency Campaign** St. Paul, MN
Founding Organizer | Macalester College
Executed a campus-wide visual campaign to expand awareness on the exclusion of Black female voices and identities in America’s university and K-12 educational system. Acquired extensive skills in photo imaging and editing.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, PANELS, & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 **Katz School of Science and Health** New York, NY
Panelist | “Global Journeys: Navigating Executive Presence, Leadership, and Identity as Professionals”
Served as an invited panelist for an African Student Association event on executive presence, leadership, professional identity, and immigrant professional experience.
- 2025 **Cornell Law School & Cornell Law Young Professionals Network** Virtual
Alumni Panelist & Program Creator | “The Road Less Clerked: Alternative Paths in the Law”
Developed and participated in a Cornell Law Young Professionals webinar on innovative legal careers beyond traditional paths, the expansive value of the J.D., and building purpose-driven professional lives.
- 2025 **Cornell Law Young Professionals Network** New York, NY
Invited Alumni Speaker | NYC Recent Graduate Reception
Delivered remarks on behalf of the Dean to Cornell Law alumni and young professionals, addressing professional development, alumni engagement, and legal career formation.
- 2024 **Cornell Law School** Ithaca, NY
Alumni Mentor and Mock Interviewer | 13th Annual BLSA, LALSA, NALSA Bootcamp
Counseled current Cornell Law students about various paths towards attaining academic, professional, and personal success while in law school and beyond. Administered mock interviews for current Cornell Law students pursuing both private sector and public interest legal vocations.

- 2023 **Cornell University** Ithaca, NY
Law Student Panelist | “Diversity in Law” Panel, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity
 Spoke to diverse undergraduate pre-law students about various challenges and triumphs inherent in the pursuit of a law degree and legal career as well as paths towards successfully navigating each route.
- 2014 **The University of Chicago** Chicago, IL
Research Panelist | Mellon Mays Midwest Regional Conference
 Presented working thesis on intraracial conflicts among Africans Diasporans in Minnesota’s Twin Cities.
- 2014 **Vanderbilt University** Nashville, TN
Research Panelist | VU-EDGE Pre-Vu Conference
 Presented working thesis on intraracial conflicts among African Diasporans in Minnesota’s Twin Cities.
- 2014 **Leadership Alliance National Symposium** Stamford, CT
Harvard University Research Panelist | Sponsored by Brown University
 Presented working thesis on intraracial conflicts among African Diasporans in Minnesota’s Twin Cities.
- 2014 **University of St. Thomas** St. Paul, MN
Political Science Research Panelist | Undergraduate Communication Research Conference
 Presented Political Science research paper on the racist rhetoric of former Republican Presidential Candidate Pat Buchanan, using his racially incendiary article, “A Brief for Whitey,” as a case study.
- 2014 **Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, MA
Research Panelist | Ivy Plus Symposium
 Invited as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellow to present working thesis on intraracial conflicts among Africans Diasporans in Minnesota’s Twin Cities.
- 2014 **Macalester College** St. Paul, MN
Political Science Research Panelist | 8th Annual Pi Sigma Alpha Conference
 Invited as a panelist to present research on the racist rhetoric of former Republican Presidential Candidate Pat Buchanan, using his racially incendiary article, “A Brief for Whitey,” as a case study.
- 2013 **Oberlin College** Oberlin, OH
Research Panelist | Mellon Mays Midwest Regional Conference
 Presented working thesis on intraracial conflicts among African Diasporans in Minnesota’s Twin Cities.

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARSHIP

Published Work

- 2023 **Ohenewah, Christine E. 2023.** “The African Apple Tree.” In *Introducing Africa to the West*, by Suhail Vawda, 75-78. Ithaca: Institute for African Development, Cornell University.
- 2015 **Ohenewah, Christine E. 2015.** “Blood Diamonds: The Recovery of Black Unification Amidst White Hegemony.” *American Studies Honors Projects* 2-104.
- 2015 **Ohenewah, Christine E. 2015.** “Liberalism: An Obstacle to Black Unification.” *Tapestries: Interwoven Voices of Local and Global Identities* 4 (1): 1-14.
- 2014 **Ohenewah, Christine E. 2014.** “Recognizing the Emergence of a New Racism in America: An Analysis of ‘A Brief for Whitey’ by Pat Buchanan.” *Undergraduate Communication Research Conference*. St. Paul: University of St. Thomas. 1-19.
- 2013 **Ohenewah, Christine E. 2013.** “Dear Assata: You Are More of a Woman than America Told You.” *The Feminist Wire*.

- 2013 **Harris, Duchess, and Christine E. Ohenewah.** 2015. “What You Don't Know Can Kill You: Race, Class, and Access to Genetic Cancer Testing.” *The Feminist Wire*.
- 2013 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2013. “A Stream of Thoughts.” *Tapestries: Interwoven Voices of Local and Global Identities* 3 (1): 7-8.

Thesis

- 2018 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2018. “The Price of Indomitability: The Medicalized Devaluation of Black Women’s (Re)production.” *Master’s thesis*, Columbia University in the City of New York. Available upon request.

Working Papers

**The following papers originated in graduate coursework and are being developed for publication.*

- 2022 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2022. “Toward a Retributive Theory of African Jurisprudence.” *Unpublished manuscript*. Available upon request.
- 2022 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2022. “A Critique of Legal Objectivity.” *Unpublished manuscript*. Available upon request.
- 2022 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2022. “Dear Future Law Student: A Memorandum on the Do(s) and Don’t(s) on How to Thrive.” *Unpublished manuscript*. Available upon request.
- 2022 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2022. “Take Her Word for It: A Desired War on Domestic Violence.” *Unpublished manuscript*. Available upon request.
- 2021 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2021. “Privatizing Reparations for Native Black Americans: A Case Against Doing So.” *Unpublished manuscript*. Available upon request.

Public Scholarship

- 2026 **Ohenewah, Christine E.** 2026. *Brief & Powerful: 75 Affirmations for Lawyers*. Self-published audiobook, available through author website.
- 2025 – Present **Power Pro Se**
Founder and Solo-Contributor
 Develop and publish public-facing legal essays on law, power, professional identity, and the human condition through author website and LinkedIn.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2023	Advanced Career Exemplary Service Award	Office of Inclusion (OISE) Cornell University
2022	CALI Award in Social Entrepreneurship	Cornell Law School
2021 – 2022	Dean’s List	Cornell Law School
2017	Department Fellowship Award	Department of Sociology Columbia University
2015	Social Sciences Full Tuition Scholarship (\$51,636)	The University of Chicago
2015	International House Graduate Fellowship	The University of Chicago
2015	Wallace Society Dinner Speaker	Macalester College
2015	Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society	Political Science Department Macalester College

2015	Global Citizenship Award	Institute for Global Citizenship Macalester College
2015	Manning Marable Memorial Award	American Studies Department Macalester College
2015	Outstanding Senior Award	Department of Multicultural Life Macalester College
2014	Top Paper Award	University of St. Thomas
2012 – 2015	Edward John Noble Scholarship	Macalester College
2012 – 2015	Dean’s List	Macalester College
2011 – 2015	Catharine Lealtad Scholarship	Macalester College
2011 – 2013	Page Scholarship	Page Education Foundation
2011	State Speech Champion in the Category of Drama	Minnesota State High School League
2010	State Speech Champion in the Category of Prose	Minnesota State High School League