

Charquia Fegins

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

Tallahassee Alumni Professor, Assistant Professor of Law, 2022-present

Research interests include federal courts, voting rights, election law, constitutional law, civil rights, critical race theory, administrative law, statutory interpretation, and legal education. Courses taught include Election Law, Structural Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Voting Rights, and Current Topics in Federal Courts.

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL

AccessLex Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow in Legal and Higher Education, 2020-2022

Researched federal courts, constitutional law, civil rights, critical race theory, election law, and legal education.

EDUCATION

University of California – Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Master of Laws – Critical Race Studies Specialization, 2019-2020

Honors: Dean's Full-Tuition Fellowship; Critical Race Studies Fellowship; National Bar Institute Fellowship

Activity: Black Law Student's Association

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, 2015-2017

Honors: Exceptional Pro Bono Pledge Recognition

Activities: *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* (Senior Executive Editor and Write-On Competition Judge);
Georgetown Institute of Public Representation Civil Rights Clinic

Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC

First-year *Juris Doctor* work completed, 2014-2015

Honors: Merit Fellows Scholar

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Operations Research and Financial Engineering, 2010-2014

Honors: Curtis McGraw Coaches Award for Women's Varsity Track and Field
National Achievement Scholar

Activities: Princeton University Gospel Ensemble
Black Student Union Events Coordinator

Senior Thesis: *Comparative Data Envelopment Analysis with Applications to Healthcare in Bahia, Brazil*

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Charquia Fegins, *Reconstruction and the First Multiracial Democracy*, THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO VOTING RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES (forthcoming 2027) (book chapter).

Charquia Fegins & Charlton Copeland, *Southern Exceptionalism and Federal Courts: Boundary Control and Multiracial Democracy*, U. PA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (symposium co-organizer).

Charquia Fegins, *How Standing Hides Empire*, U. PA. J. CONST. L. (forthcoming 2026).

Charquia Fegins, *A Historical Gloss on Jurisdiction Stripping and the January 6th Insurrection*, EDWARD ELGAR RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LAW AND DEMOCRACY 377 (2026) (book chapter).

Charquia Wright, *First Amendment Defenses to Alien Transportation Crimes*, 32 WILLIAM AND MARY BILL OF RIGHTS J. 971(2024).

Charquia Wright, *Circuit Circus: Defying SCOTUS and Disenfranchising Black Voters*, 83 OHIO ST. L. J. 601 (2022).

Charquia Wright, *Unmasking Western Science: Challenging the Army Corps of Engineer's Rejection of the Isle de Jean Charles Tribal Environmental Knowledge under APA Arbitrary and Capricious Review*, UCLA L. REV. Online Series: Law Meets World (2020), <https://www.uclalawreview.org/unmasking-western-science-challenging-the-army-corps-of-engineers-rejection-of-the-isle-de-jean-charles-tribal-environmental-knowledge-under-apa-arbitrary-and-capricious-review/>.

Charquia Wright, Current Development, *Development in New York City: New York City Commission on Human Rights Will Begin Issuing U and T Visa Certifications*, 31 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 447 (2017).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Charquia Fegins, *The KKK Act Conundrum* is an archival study detailing the pluralistic multiracial roots of the KKK Act and criticizing the Supreme Court's methodological failures interpreting the Act. In the Court's attempt to narrow the scope of the Act (to prevent the KKK Act from becoming a general federal tort statute) it has stripped one of the primary intended beneficiaries of the KKK Act's protection: white victims of religious or political discrimination. Tracing the steps of a white methodist missionary, persecuted for converting poor whites in Tuscaloosa to his denomination, *The KKK Act Conundrum* critiques the methods of the Court and articulates a historically honest framework within which to interpret the KKK Act.

POLICY REPORT

Ruth Greenwood, Annabelle Harless, Blair Bowie, & Charquia Wright, *Designing Independent Redistrict Commissions*, CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER (2018) <https://campaignlegal.org/document/designing-independent-redistricting-commissions>.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Campaign Legal Center • Washington, DC • 2017-2019

Voting Rights Institute Law Fellow

- Simultaneously managed multiple cases and projects. Helped supervise legal interns' legal research and writing. Managed relationships with outside counsel, clients, and opposing counsel.
- Co-authored amicus briefs to the Colorado Supreme Court, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Assisted with witness preparation in *League of Women Voters v. Rucho* (M.D.N.C.). Helped defend depositions in *Gill v. Whitford* (W.D. Wisc.).
- Made recommendations for independent redistricting commission legislation and state constitutional amendments to congresspersons in South Carolina and Colorado.
- Drafted legal memoranda on jurisdictional issues in Civil Rights Act cases.
- Drafted pre-litigation memoranda, amended complaint, and pre-trial motions as counsel of record in redistricting case *Holloway v. Virginia Beach* (E.D.Va.).

Conectas Human Rights NGO • São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil • Summer 2017

Legal Aid Worker. Helped draft amicus curiae brief to the Brazilian Supreme Court in case involving overcrowded adolescent detention centers.

Summer Legal Internship Program, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division • Washington, DC • Summer 2016

Legal Intern in the Networks and Technology Enforcement Section

Almeida Law • São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil • Summer 2016

Legal Intern

United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division • Washington, DC • Spring 2016

Legal Extern in the Criminal I Section

Hon. Judge Tanya S. Chutkan, United States District Court for the District of Columbia • Washington, DC • Summer 2015

Judicial Intern

EDITING EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor, *Law and Social Inquiry*

Chicago, IL, 2021-2022

Assist in reviewing, selecting, and editing peer-reviewed law and social science journal.

Senior Executive Editor, *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*

Washington, DC, 2016-2017

Selected to serve as Senior Executive Editor of the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*. Supervised the Executive Editors. Responsible for substantive and grammatical edits to the scholarly articles in the journal.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Devon Carbado, UCLA School of Law

Los Angeles, CA, 2019-2020

Edited and proofread CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS, a critical race theory book revising Supreme Court opinions.

Fulbright Scholar and Visiting Researcher, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2019

Researched Brazilian human rights law, police brutality, and critical race theory. Audited PhD classes in the law department.

Department of History Research Assistant, Princeton University

Princeton, NJ, 2013

Transcribed and translated archival Galician-Portuguese texts.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia (Active), Eastern District of Virginia, Western District of Virginia, District of Columbia (Inactive)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent); Portuguese (proficient/advanced)

SLATED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Charquia Fegins, "The KKK Act Conundrum," 17th Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL November 2026.

PAST ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Charquia Fegins, “A Historical Gloss on Jurisdiction Stripping and the January 6th Insurrection,” 2026 ICON-S Annual Conference, University College of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, July 2026.

Charquia Fegins, “The KKK Act Conundrum,” Culp Emerging Scholars Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, May 2026.

Charquia Fegins, “Police Brutality as Genocide,” Junior Constitutional Law Conference, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, March 2026.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing *McCardle* and *Yerger*,” Junior/Senior Conference, Wake Forest University, Wake Forest, NC, November 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “Multiracial Democracy and Genocide,” Multiracial Democracy Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, Philadelphia, PA October 2025 (co-organizer).

Charqui Fegins, “Southern Exceptionalism and Federal Courts,” Multiracial Democracy Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Law Review, Philadelphia, PA October 2025 (co-organizer).

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing *McCardle* and *Yerger*,” Texas A&M Conference on Structural Constitutional Law, Washington D.C. September 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “The Color of Standing,” FSU Election Law Conference, Tallahassee, FL, September 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “The Color of Standing,” Junior Faculty Workshop, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, June 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “The Color of Standing,” 2025 Culp Colloquium, Harvard Law School, May 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstruction and the First Multiracial Democracy,” The Cambridge Companion to Voting Rights in the United States Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, April 2025.

Charquia Fegins, “The Untold History of *Ex Parte McCardle* and *Ex Parte Yerger*,” University of Florida Law Faculty Workshop, University of Florida Law School, March 2025.

Charquia Fegins, Congressional v. Judicial Power Over Elections and the Political Question Doctrine panel, FSU Election Law Center 25th Anniversary of *Bush v. Gore* Conference, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, March 2025 (moderator).

Charquia Fegins, “The Historical Pendulum of Discrimination,” 15th Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL November 2024 (moderator).

Charquia Fegins, Law of Democracy Scholars White House Meeting with Justin Vail, Special Assistant to the President for Democracy and Civic Participation, and Erica Songer, Counsel to the Vice President and Deputy Assistant to the President, Washington, D.C. September 2024.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing *McCardle*,” Law of Democracy Scholars Workshop, George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C. September 2024.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Fort Lauderdale, FL, July 2024.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Junior Faculty Workshop, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, June 2024.

Charquia Fegins, “Reconstructing McCardle,” 18th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop, June 2024.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” 2024 Culp Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2024.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Diversity, Discourse, and Democracy Symposium for Election Law and First Amendment Scholars, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, May 2024.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Election Law Symposium, Florida State University College of Law, April 2024.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” George Washington Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Washington, D.C., March 2024.

Charquia Wright, “First Amendment Defenses to Alien Transportation Crimes,” American Association of Law Schools Meeting, Washington, D.C. January 2024.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Junior/Senior Conference, University of Florida Law School, November 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Legal Theory Workshop, University of Miami, Miami, FL October 2023.

Charquia Wright, “The Law of Freedom: The Supreme Court and Democracy” Tallahassee, FL (Panelist for book launch) October 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” Next Article Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, FL, July 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Reconstructing McCardle,” New Scholars Workshop, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, FL, July 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” Junior Faculty Workshop, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, June 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” 17th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop & Writing Retreat, June 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” Law and Society Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” 2023 Culp Colloquium, Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC, May 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2023.

Charquia Wright, “Article IV Standing,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law and George Washington University Law School Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Article IV Standing,” Fordham Law Review Symposium, New York, NY, October 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Article IV Standing,” Society of American of Law Teachers Teaching Conference, Chicago, IL, October 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Article IV Standing,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Destin, FL, July 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Article IV Standing,” Critical Theory Workshop, Paris, France July 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Decolonizing Article III,” Law and Society Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

Charquia Wright, Chair and Discussant, Law and Society Association Conference, Panel on Free Speech and Academic Freedom, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Decolonizing Article III,” 16th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop & Writing Retreat, June 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Decolonizing Article III,” Virgin Island Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting, June 2022.

Charquia Wright, “Towards a Race Conscious Federal Courts Curriculum,” AccessLex Legal Education Research Symposium, November 2021.

Charquia Wright, “Territorial Standing,” LatCrit Biennial Conference, October 2021.

Charquia Wright, “Post-Racial Redistricting,” 15th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop & Writing Retreat, June 2021.

Charquia Wright, “Post-Racial Standing,” Princeton, Global Publishing and the Making of Literary Worlds Conference, June 2021.

Charquia Wright, “Circuit Circus,” Emerging Scholars Law and Society Association Conference, May 2021.

Charquia Wright, “Circuit Circus,” American Bar Foundation Talk Research to Me Series, April 2021.

Charquia Wright, “The Color of Standing: An Empirical Investigation of Racial Bias in Standing,” American Bar Foundation Speaker Series, September 2020.

Charquia Wright, “When Governments Weaponize Interest Convergence,” Fulbright, 2019 Fulbright Study and Research Enhancement Seminar, August 2019.