

BERNADETTE ATUAHENE

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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL (JD) 2002

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT (MPA) Political & Economic Development, 2002

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (BA) (Magna Cum Laude) Political Science & African American Studies, 1997

HONORS

Law and Public Affairs Fellow, Princeton Woodrow Wilson School (2011-2012)

Fellow, Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership (2011)

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations (2008-2013)

Associate Editor, Law & Social Inquiry (2008-present)

Editor, SSRN Journal on Transitional Justice (2010-present)

International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations (2008-2009)

Faculty Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2007-2010)

Fulbright Scholar, South Africa (2002-2003)

Amnesty International Patrick Stewart Human Rights Award (1999)

Chancellor's Community Service Award (1997)

Distinguished Scholar Award (1997)

Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Princeton Summer Institute (1996)(Full scholarship to Harvard)

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IIT) (2005-present)

Conduct research about legal issues related to international development. Expert in land titling and land restitution in nascent democracies. Teach "Law, Policy and International Development", "Property" and "International Business Transactions." Served on the Diversity, Law Review, and Speakers Committees.

CONSULTANT, SOUTH AFRICAN LAND RESTITUTION COMMISSION (2008)

Appointed by Tozi Gwanya, Director General of the Department of Land Affairs, to conduct an empirical study of the effects of the Land Restitution Program (LRP) from the perspective of beneficiaries. During 8 months of fieldwork in South Africa, completed over 150 semi-structured interviews with individuals and families who were dispossessed of land under apartheid and thus consequently received some form of compensation through the LRP. Submitted report of findings to all the Regional Land Claims Commissioners.

LEGAL CONSULTANT, ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR JACQUELINE COLLINS (2007)

Recruited by Illinois State Senator Jacqueline Collins to redraft the Illinois Act to End Atrocities and Terrorism in Sudan (the "Act"), which she authored. The Act was ruled unconstitutional in January 2007 and I was part of the team that redrafted the Act to pass constitutional muster.

ASSOCIATE, CLEARY, GOTTlieb, STEEN & HAMILTON (2004-2005)

Specialized in sovereign debt issuances and restructurings as well as real estate financing transactions. Participated in drafting offering circular and led due diligence meeting with the Minister of Finance and other top officials for government of El Salvador's bond offering in US capital markets. Took part in the international legal coordination for the Argentine debt restructuring. Worked on debt issuance for the

Mexican state owned oil company [PEMEX]. Managed real estate components in M&A transactions. Worked in the New York and Hong Kong offices.

JUDICIAL CLERK, CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA CHAMBERS OF JUSTICE T.H. MADALA AND JUSTICE SANDILE NGCOBO (2002-2003)

Worked extensively on cases challenging the constitutionality of government statutes and policies in the area of freedom of expression, labor rights, political structure of national and provincial legislatures, criminal extradition, and freedom of information. Wrote pre-hearing legal memoranda, which involved statutory interpretation as well as comparative constitutional research from India, Australia, England, Canada and the US. Assisted with writing of judicial opinions. Assisted Justice Ngcobo with the revision of Constitutional Court's Rules of Procedure.

INSTRUCTOR, HARVARD AND YALE UNIVERSITIES (2002)

Developed class entitled *Law, Policy and International Development*, which explored various law-based strategies for achieving economic and political development in poor nations. Course covered topics such as legal and judicial reform, development economics, gender in development, and economic & social rights. Taught course to undergraduates through Economics Department Tutorial Program at Harvard and the College Seminar Program at Yale.

TEACHING FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2001)

Taught Harvard undergraduates in *Seminar on the Civil Right Movement* with Professor Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (Spring 2001) and *Introduction to African-American Studies* with Professor Cornel West (Fall 2001).

LEGAL CONSULTANT, WORLD BANK LEGAL DEPARTMENT (2000 & 2002)

2002: Compiled studies on legal and judicial reform in Ghana done both in-country and by donor agencies and academics abroad. This short-term project entailed organizing and categorizing these studies so that the World Bank could place this information on its website for public access.

2000: Produced report entitled *Woman, Law, and Development: Resources in East Asia*, which was done in preparation for the World Bank's Women, Law and Development conference. Also, completed international law research related to Nile Basin Initiative.

HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATOR, CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS (1999)

Designed and implemented a project that sought to collect qualitative data on the programs and strategies South American organizations used to promote and protect economic, social and cultural rights. Traveled to Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Brazil, and Chile to interview activists working in NGOs, labor unions, and cultural organizations that defend and monitor economic, social, and cultural rights.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Bernadette Atuahene, *Paying for the Past: Redressing the Legacy of Land Dispossession in South Africa* 45 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 955 (2011).

Bernadette Atuahene, *South Africa's Land Reform Crisis: Eliminating the Legacy of Apartheid* 90 FOREIGN AFFAIRS 121 (2011).

Bernadette Atuahene, *Property and Transitional Justice*, 58 UCLA L. REV. DISC. 65 (2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Property and the Demands of Transformation*, 31 MICH. INT'L L. J. 765 (2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Things Fall Apart: The Illegitimacy of Property Rights in the Context of Past Theft*, 51 ARIZ. L. REV. 829 (2009)

Bernadette Atuahene, *From Reparation to Restoration: Moving Beyond Restoring Property Rights to Restoring Political and Economic Visibility*, 60 SMU L. REV. 1419 (2007).

Bernadette Atuahene, *Land Titling: A Mode of Privatization with the Potential to Deepen Democracy*, 50 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 761 (2006)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Legal Title to Land as an Intervention against Urban Poverty in Developing Nations*, 36 GEO. WASH. INT'L L. REV. 5 (2004)

Bernadette Atuahene, *The Effectiveness of International Legislative Responses to the Helms Burton Act*, 69 REV. JUR. UPR 3 (2000)

EDITORIALS

Bernadette Atuahene, *Happy Birthday Madiba*, HUFFINGTON POST (Jul. 19, 2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *If We Do Not Act, South Africa Will Fall Apart Just as Zimbabwe Has!*, HUFFINGTON POST (Apr. 17, 2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Haiti: Has God Turned His Back on the Country*, HUFFINGTON POST (Jan. 28, 2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *We Need to Anticipate Terrorist Not React to Them*, HUFFINGTON POST (Jan. 4, 2010)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Congress Must Do More for Those Evicted*, CONNECTICUT POST (Oct. 15, 2009)

Bernadette Atuahene, *No Way to Deal with Slums*, BUSINESS DAY (Oct. 4, 2005)

Bernadette Atuahene, *Thwart a Tyrant by Resolving Land Crisis*, BUSINESS DAY (Jul. 19, 2005)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

We Want What's Ours: The South African Land Restitution Program

- Invited Presenter, Princeton Law and Public Affairs Seminar Series (Apr. 2012)
- Invited Presenter, Princeton Program in African Studies Indaba (Apr. 2012)
- Keynote speaker, Sergio Arboleda Center for Studies on Transitional Justice, Victims and Land Restitution, Bogota, Colombia (Mar. 2012)
- Invited Presenter, Harvard Law and International Development Society Symposium entitled "Beyond Titling: Where Do We Go from Here?" (Nov. 2011)

Land Restitution in South Africa

- Invited Presenter, Georgetown Day School (May 2012)
 - Invited Presenter—won a call for presentations, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 2012)
 - Invited presenter, XVIII International Congress of Comparative Law Special Session on Law and International Development, Georgetown Law School (Jul. 2010)
- Land Restitution

- Invited guest, Chicago Public Radio show “Worldview” hosted by Jerome McDonald for a 30 min. segment on Professor Atuahene’s work (Aug. 2010).
- Invited presenter, Northwestern Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Colloquium Series, Northwestern Law School (Nov. 2010).
- Invited independent expert, UN Forum on Minority Issues, UN headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland (Dec. 2010)

The Negative Symbolic Costs of Unenforced Court Judgments: The Story of the Popela Community

- Invited Poster Presenter, Empirical Legal Studies Conference at Northwestern (Nov. 2011)
- Presenter, Midwest Law and Society Retreat, Wisconsin Law School (Oct. 2010).
- Presenter, Chicago-Kent Junior Faculty Forum (Feb. 2011)
- Presenter, Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting (Mar. 2011)
- Presenter, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2011)

Property and Transitional Justice

- Panelist, Law & Society Annual Conference (Jun. 2010)
- Invited Presenter, Workshop on the Role of Law in Developing and Transition Countries at University of Wisconsin, Madison (Nov. 2009)

Property Rights and the Demands of Transformation

- Invited Presenter, UCLA Critical Race Colloquium (Jan. 2010)
- Presenter, Critical Race Theory 20 Conference at University of Iowa College of Law (Apr. 2009)
- Presenter, Chicago-Kent Faculty Workshop (Mar. 2009)
- Presenter, Symposium on Property Ownership and Economic Stability: A Necessary Relationship, at St. Louis Law School (Feb. 09)
- Presenter, Georgetown Law School Conference on the Public Nature of Private Property (Nov. 08)

Paying for the Past: A Qualitative Study of the Financial Compensation Distributed through the South African Land Restitution Commission

- Invited Presenter, Conference on Constitutionalism and Rights hosted by La Trobe University, Australia and held at University of Cape Town and University of Stellenbosch in South Africa (Dec. 2010).
- Invited Presenter and Commentator, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at Yale Law School (Nov. 2010)
- Invited Presenter, Meeting of South African Land Claims Commissioners, Johannesburg, South Africa (Jun. 2010)
- Invited Presenter, South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional Studies Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa (Jun. 2010)
- Presenter, Chicago-Kent Faculty Workshop (April 2010)
- Panelist, Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting at Georgetown University Law (Mar. 2010)
- Invited Presenter, Regional Colloquium on Globalization of Law, International Organizations, and International Law at Northwestern (Nov. 2009)
- Invited Presenter, Workshop on Reconceptualizing Law and Human Rights at University of Wisconsin, Madison (Dec. 2009)
- Invited Presenter, Auburn University Africana Studies Department Speaker Series (Feb. 09)
- Invited Presenter, University of Stellenbosch Property Law Seminar (Jul. 08)

Things Fall Apart: The Illegitimacy of Property Rights in the Context of Past Theft

- Panelist, Law & Society Annual Conference, Montreal (Jun. 08)
- Invited Presenter, University of Witswaterstrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (Mar. 08)
- Presenter, American Bar Foundation (Dec. 07)
- Invited Presenter, Fordham Law School Faculty Speaker Series (Nov. 07)
- Invited University of Cincinnati College of Law Faculty Speaker Series (Nov. 07)
- Invited Presenter, Chicago Law & Society Meeting at Valpariso Law School (Sept. 07)
- Invited Presenter, University of Illinois Law School Conference on The New Human Rights Arena: Transnational Criminal Law (Aug. 07)
- Panelist, Law and Society Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany (Jul. 07)
- Presenter, University of Colorado Law School First Annual Property Works in Progress Conference (Jun. 07).

From Reparation to Restoration: Moving Beyond Restoring Property Rights to Restoring Political and Economic Visibility

- Panelist, Third World and International Law Conference (Apr. 07)
- Invited Panelist, Loyola University Symposium, Rule of Law and Delivering Justice in Africa (Feb. 07)
- Job talk, American Bar Foundation (Jan. 07)
- Presenter, Chicago Junior Faculty Workshop (Nov. 06)
- Presenter, Semi-Annual Illinois-Kent Colloquium (Oct. 06)
- Invited Presenter, University of Indiana-Bloomington Faculty Speaker Series (Sept. 06)
- Presenter, Land, Memory, Reconstruction and Justice: Perspective on Land Restitution in South Africa. Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa (Sept. 06)
- Invited Presenter, University of Witswaterstrand Law Faculty Seminar Series in Johannesburg, S. Africa (Sept. 06)
- Invited Presenter, American Bar Foundation Seminar Series (Aug. 06)
- Panelist, Law, Culture, and Politics Conference at American University (Apr. 2006)
- Invited Panelist, Georgetown-Harvard Law School Conference on Economic and Social Inequality (Mar. 2006).
- Presenter, Chicago-Kent Faculty Workshop (Feb. 06)
- Presenter, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (Feb. 06)
- Panelist, Comparative Constitutionalism and Rights: Global Perspectives Conference in Durban South Africa (Dec. 2005)

Land Titling: A Mode of Privatization with the Potential to Deepen Democracy

- Invited Presenter, Property, Citizenship and Social Entrepreneurism Workshop (Nov. 2005)
- Invited Panelist, St. Louis University Law School Childress Lecture & Symposium in Honor of Carol Rose (Oct. 05)
- Presenter, Chicago-Kent Faculty Workshop (Sept. 2005)

Creating a Universal Feminist Theory Inclusive of the Experiences of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa

- Panelist, Women in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference in Antananarivo, Madagascar (Oct. 2001)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Trustee, Law & Society Association

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations

LANGUAGES

English: Native tongue
Spanish: Advanced

BAR ADMISSION

New York, 2004

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