

MICHAEL HUGGINS

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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY | Cambridge, Massachusetts
Master in Public Policy (M.P.P.), May 2017

Honors and Awards:

Robert F. Kennedy Award for Excellence in Public Service | Harvard University Presidential Public Service Fellow

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON | Seattle, Washington
Juris Doctor (J.D.), March 2017

Honors and Awards:

William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar | Washington Journal of Law, Technology, and Arts (WJLTA) Executive Online Editor

STANFORD UNIVERSITY | Stanford, California
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), History, minor in International Relations, June 2010

Honors and Awards:

Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholar | Stanford Class of 2010 Award of Excellence | Stanford Dean's Academic Award

BAR ADMISSIONS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | July 2018

EXPERIENCE

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS | April 2021 – Current | Washington, D.C.

Counsel: Implement Majority Whip Clyburn's vision for public health oversight investigations into the COVID-19 pandemic. Lead oversight investigations seeking to uncover fraud, waste, and abuse that take place during the coronavirus pandemic, including a congressional investigation into One Medical's inequitable vaccine distribution policies. Address the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on communities of color and health equity implications. Interviewed and selected witnesses for congressional hearings. Plan and prepare materials for congressional hearings. Drafted staff memoranda for congressional hearings: including for vaccine hesitancy, a field hearing on vaccine hesitancy in Chicago, the public health workforce, and global vaccinations. Conduct document review for investigations into Emergent BioSolutions.

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS | April 2019 – April 2021 | Washington, D.C.

Counsel: Worked as civil rights counsel on the oversight team for Sen Murray. Managed the committee's civil rights portfolio, including: health disparities that impact racial and ethnic minorities and members of the LGBTQ+ communities; §1557; HHS Grants Rule; DOL, DOE, and HHS Faith-Based Rules; the interpretation of the First Amendment, particularly the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses; issues regarding harassment; and any other civil rights issues arising in HHS OCR, Dept. of Ed. OCR, and the DOL. Assisted nominations work for the HELP Committee for and conducted oversight over the Department of Labor, Ed., Health and Human Services, EEOC, and other agencies. Briefed Sen. Murray often on the impact of federal health, education, and labor programs on communities of color and equity. Drafted NPRM comment letters and HELP oversight letters addressing civil rights issues for Sen. Murray, HELP Committee sign-ons, and Democratic caucus sign-ons. Helped draft, review, analyze, and negotiate pieces of legislation involving issues of civil and human rights. Developed extensive connections with civil rights stakeholder groups—including LGBTQIA+, First Amendment, and groups representing communities of color—and constituents on issues related to civil rights broadly. Briefed Sen. Murray weekly on coronavirus cases in youth jails and detention facilities and updates regarding BLM protests in 2020. Managed and supervised several law clerks on a variety of HELP-related civil rights projects.

NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER | September 2018 – April 2019 | Washington, D.C.

Gault Legal Fellow: Drafted and edited amicus briefs on issues related to youth criminal justice. Created Supreme Court Language resource for front-line public defenders. Worked as an investigator for statewide assessments of public defense in Oregon. Helped create new site selection process for statewide assessment.

LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW | September 2017 – August 2018 | Washington, D.C.

George N. Lindsay Legal Fellow: Conducted civil rights and criminal justice investigations in Arkansas and Oklahoma to eliminate burdensome fines and fees and indigent incarceration at the state and local level. Built state court litigation in a county in Oklahoma based on investigations. Interviewed potential plaintiffs for litigation. Interviewed grassroots and advocacy organizations in Arkansas and Oklahoma to build a coalition on indigent incarceration. Represented the Lawyers' Committee on litigation conference calls and managed relationships with local criminal justice advocacy organizations in the region. Co-wrote an op-ed for *The Oklahoman* on how technology and record reporting in Oklahoma contributed to Oklahoma's revolving door of its criminal justice system called, "Point of View: Oklahoma's Record Reporting System Needs Repairs." Co-wrote an Amicus Brief and filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS | May 2016 – July 2016 | Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk: Wrote many legal memos for the Leadership Conference, including one on the Department of Labor's paid sick leave rule for government contractors and another interpreting Supreme Court decisions and their impact on legislative goals for the Leadership Conference. Suggested content for upcoming amicus briefs to the Supreme Court. Wrote a letter of support for the Emmett Till Unsolved Crimes Reauthorization Act.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION | June 2015 – August 2015 | Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk: Worked for the Special Litigation Section. Worked on a state Department of Corrections qualified immunity case to determine how a law can be clearly established. Worked on a due process rights case for youth in civil juvenile proceedings. Worked on a case of excessive force in a state prison. Assisted the DOJ's initial investigation into whether the Baltimore Police Department engaged in a pattern or practice of violating constitutional rights, including traveling to Baltimore with an investigator to collect information on police brutality and misconduct from local residents.

UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS | September 2010 – November 2012 | Saatli, Azerbaijan

Secondary English Language Teacher: Taught English and organized conversation clubs and Children's Day Camps as a full-time teacher. Drafted two policy proposals for the Azerbaijani Boys Leadership Experience (ABLE) camp for improving the camp experience. Organized an Environmental Month workshop with community leaders for students in the area. Developed extensive relationships with local community leaders, almost exclusively in the Azerbaijani language.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

HARVARD ASH CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION | May 2016 – June 2017 | Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant: Worked as a Research Assistant for Prof. Leah Wright Rigueur at the Harvard Kennedy School. Wrote two articles for the Ash Center on civil rights and criminal justice: *Why Mass Incarceration May Have Destroyed Our Communities*; and *Is Gun Control Black Control? Black Politics and Gun Violence in America*

WASHINGTON JOURNAL OF LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ARTS (WJLTA) | May 2015 – May 2016 | Seattle, WA

Executive Online Editor: Edited online articles analyzing key emerging legal issues in IP, technology and commerce. Wrote several online articles on the intersection between civil rights law, privacy law, and technology: *Predictive Policing: The Future in Solving Crimes or the Arrival of Minority Report*; *Taking a Bite Out of the Big Apple: Enforcement and the Apple iPhone*; *"Back Doors" in Encrypted Technology for the Government Will Harm National Security and Privacy*; *Law Enforcement, Automatic License Plate Readers and American Privacy*; and *Metadata Collection: Will it Destroy or Save Us?*. Wrote Law School Advanced Writing Project called, *"Cell Site Hide and Seek: The Constitutionality of the Stored Communication Act's Authorization of Warrantless Cell Phone Tracking."*

INTERESTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Reading sci-fi/fantasy novels for book clubs. Baking with my mixer. Collecting new plants. Exercising and working out.