

# 5th Annual BTLJ-BCLT Fall Race & Tech Symposium – Race, Rights, and Innovation: Cultivating Equity in the Digital World

## Panel 2

## Cultivating Racial Diversity in Innovation and Patent Law

## Speaker Bios & Contact Info

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**#1** Ranked IP law program  
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# Rayvon Fouché

Rayvon Fouché holds a joint appointment as Professor of Communication Studies and Professor in the Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrative Marketing Communications. He was the inaugural Arthur Mollala Distinguished Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Grants and awards from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Illinois Informatics Institute, Illinois Program for the Research in Humanities, University of Illinois' Center for Advanced Study, National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Smithsonian Institution's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation have supported his research and teaching.



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# Jordana R. Goodman

Jordana R. Goodman joined Chicago-Kent College of Law as an assistant professor in August 2023. Goodman is an expert on gender and race equity issues in STEM fields. Her research explores the intersection of diversity, equity, and inclusion and intellectual property law. After passing the United States Patent and Trademark Office's patent bar, Goodman worked as a patent prosecutor for six years, writing patent applications to develop portfolios for a variety of clients at Sunstein, Kann, Murphy & Timbers LLP, and later at Danielson Legal LLC—both based in Boston, MA.



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# Kara W. Swanson

Professor Swanson is an accomplished scholar, legal practitioner, and scientist whose chief interests are in intellectual property law, property, gender and sexuality, race and racism, the history of science, medicine, and technology, and legal history. Professor Swanson's research has been supported by the Mellon Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, among other funding organizations. Her current book project investigates the relationship between the patent system and American nationhood and citizenship by examining the ways in which women and African Americans, in support of their movements for full political and social equality, sought to demonstrate their inventive capacities.

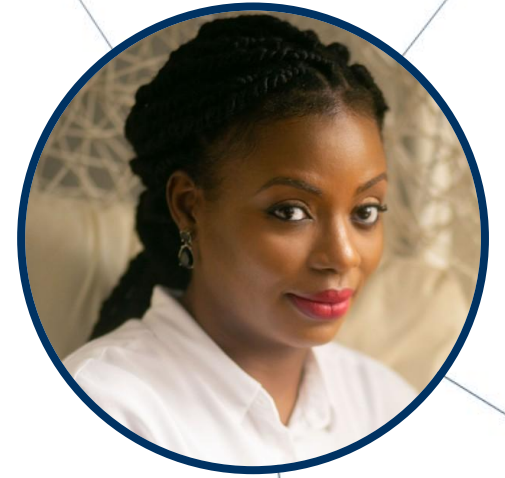


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# Amaka Vanni

Dr. Amaka Vanni joined the School of Law in September 2020 as a Lecturer in Law. Her main area of research is international economic law, with a focus on intellectual property law, international trade law, global economic governance, law and development. Dr. Vanni's research interests lie at the intersection of international economic law (IEL), law and development, global political economy, and global governance. Dr. Vanni's research adopts critical analysis, empirical methods and sociolegal approach in her examination and study of IEL, particularly intellectual property. As a result, her work focuses on the constitutive power of international economic law, norms, and practices to affect social relations and everyday life, especially in the developing world where this impact is felt more starkly.



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# Colleen Chien

Professor Colleen Chien teaches, mentors students, and conducts cross-disciplinary research on innovation, intellectual property, and the criminal justice system, with a focus on how technology, data, and innovation can be harnessed to achieve their potential for social benefit. Chien is a Faculty Director of the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, and for the past decade, has also had the honor of working part-time as a public servant, in the Obama White House as a Senior Advisor, Intellectual Property and Innovation and more recently on the Transition Team and senior counselor to the Department of Commerce and Marian Coak distinguished scholar at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



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