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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Boston, MA

Professor of Practice, Director of Experiential Learning

Jan. 2017 – Present

Oversee extensive externship programs serving approximately 140 students per year, as well as assist in maintaining the academic quality within the experiential curriculum. Teach in the experiential curriculum and assist in expanding the curriculum through development of new simulation courses, practicums, labs, and field placements.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Boston, MA

Clinical Associate Professor, Director, Immigrants' Rights Clinic

July 2014 – Dec. 2016

Taught and supervised students in a year-long, twelve credit, in-house legal clinic serving immigrants in removal proceedings and before administrative agencies. Designed experiential learning-based curriculum and simulations. Oversaw all aspects of clinic management, including case assignment, development of clinic policies and procedures, and budgeting. Taught inaugural *Lanyering Lab*, a mandatory, first-year, experiential intersession course.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Washington, DC

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Center for Applied Legal Studies

July 2012 – June 2014

Taught and supervised students in a semester-long, ten credit, in-house legal clinic serving asylum-seekers in removal proceedings.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Nationwide

Consultant, Social Justice Initiatives

Apr. 2011 – Present

Provide public interest career and post-graduate fellowship counseling.

LOYOLA NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW

New Orleans, LA

Staff Attorney/ Equal Justice Works Fellow, Immigration Clinic

Aug. 2008 – June 2012

Supervised clinic students and pro bono attorneys representing immigrants in state and immigration courts. Assisted in teaching clinical seminar. Oversaw monthly “know your rights” program for detained immigrants. Raised \$170,000 in fellowships and grants.

Interim Director of Law Skills and Experiential Learning

Nov. 2011 – Jan. 2012

Oversaw the skills and experiential learning program, including recruiting instructors and developing mini-courses on interviewing, counseling, and trial practice.

Adjunct Professor

Jan. 2010 – May 2011

Taught seminars of up to twenty students on the topics of asylum and refugee law.

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter Co-Author, Priya Baskaran, Laila Hlass, Sarah Sherman-Stokes & Allison Korn, *Experiential Learning through Popular Multi-Media*, in *Teaching Law with Popular Culture* (Christine Corcos ed., Carolina Academic Press forthcoming).

Author, *Minor Protections: Best Practices for Representing Immigrant Children*, 47 N. M. L. Rev. ____ (forthcoming 2017).

Author, *States and Status: A Study of Geographical Disparities for Immigrant Youth*, 46 Col. Hum. Rts. Rev. 266 (2014).

Co-author, Davida Finger, Laila Hlass, Anne Hornsby, Susan Kuo & Rachel Van Cleave, *Engaging the Legal Academy in Disaster Response*, 10 Seattle J. for Soc. Just. 211 (2011).

Chapter Author, “Immigration for Legal Aid Lawyers,” in *Louisiana Legal Services and Pro Bono Desk Manual*, published by The Gillis Long Poverty Law Center of Loyola New Orleans College

of Law (2013).

Chapter Author, “Employment-Related Immigration Law and Immigration Law Overview” in Representing Low Wage and Immigrant Workers in Wage Claims Manual, published by Louisiana Appleseed and Pro Bono Project (2010).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

THE DOOR, LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

New York, NY

Staff Attorney/Chadbourne & Parke Fellow

Sept. 2006 – April 2008

Provided holistic representation for youth clients, particularly in family and immigration law areas. Supervised and trained pro bono attorneys, interns and clinic students.

STUDENT HURRICANE NETWORK

Nationwide

Co-founder, Organizer, and Participant

Sept. 2005 – Feb. 2007

Created law student network that mobilized 5,500 law students to provide legal services to hurricane-affected areas. Led voter education project. Interviewed prisoners lost in the criminal justice system post-Katrina.

IMPACT

Nationwide

Co-founder, Project Director, and Communications Director

Sept. 2003 – May 2006

Created voting rights organization that mobilized more than 2,300 law students across the country to serve as poll monitors on Election Day. Drafted press releases and gave interviews with *Newsday*, the *New York Times*, and others. Facilitated workshops assisting ex-offenders to restore their voting rights.

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

New York, NY

Legal Intern

Summer 2005

ACLU, NATIONAL LEGAL DEPARTMENT

New York, NY

Legal Intern

Summer 2004

CITIZEN WORKS

Washington, D.C.

Interim Development Director, Webmaster/Systems Administrator, Office Manager

Sept. 2001 - May 2003

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Washington, D.C.

Master of Laws, 2014

Honors: With distinction

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

New York, NY

Juris Doctor, 2006

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (2004-2005); Dean’s Public Interest Law Fellow; Public Interest Student of the Year Award (2006); NY Bar Association Law Student Legal Ethics Award (2005)

Activities: Public Interest Law Foundation, President; *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Staff Editor; Qanun (Middle Eastern student group), Treasurer; Prof. Chandler Davidson, Research Assistant; Children and Immigrant Advocacy Clinic

RICE UNIVERSITY

Houston, TX

Bachelor of Arts in History and Studio Art, 2001

Activities: Rice Women’s Soccer Team; Co-founder & VP of Ruz (Arab student group)

MEDIA APPEARANCES & ARTICLES

- WBUR, “Colleges Advise Traveling DACA Students to Return to U.S. Before Trump’s Inauguration,” Dec. 21, 2016, available at <http://www.wbur.org/edify/2016/12/21/traveling-daca-student-advisories> (Radio appearance and quoted)
- WGBH News, “Greater Boston with Jim Braude,” Sept. 1, 2016 (TV Appearance).
- BU Today, “Addressing the Current Migration Crisis,” Sept. 11, 2015, available at <http://www.bu.edu/today/2015/pov-addressing-the-current-migration-crisis/> (Authored)
- The Boston Globe, “Five GOP Immigration myths,” Dec. 15, 2014, available at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2014/12/15/five-gop-immigration-myths/eurnrrRWYgs1JOjNUWudJN/story.html> (Authored)
- The Boston Globe, “Obama is not helping children who face deportation alone,” Oct. 26, 2014, available at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2014/10/25/obama-not-helping-children-who-face-deportation-alone/X0Z8Kn41eF9pS0aIRvMITJ/story.html> (Authored)
- BU Today, “Who Speaks for Immigrant Children,” Oct. 15, 2014, available at <http://www.bu.edu/today/2014/pov-who-speaks-for-immigrant-children/> (Authored)
- NBC’s Make the Case, “Should Undocumented Immigrants Receive Refugee Status?” Aug. 2, 2014, available at <http://nbcnews.to/1nejo4m> (Web Appearance)
- LegalED, “A Quick Look at DACA,” produced by FWD.us, July 2014, available at <https://vimeo.com/92568162> (Web Appearance)
- The Boston Globe, “Congress cries wolf on asylum fraud,” March 8, 2014, available at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/2014/03/07/congress-cries-wolf-asylum-fraud/LpwsimgjQU2Ps8mQyIOCeJ/story.html> (Authored)
- Max Fisher, Washington Post, Edward Snowden could strain to Qualify for Asylum under International Law, June 10, 2013, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2013/06/10/edward-snowden-could-strain-to-qualify-for-asylum-under-international-law/> (Quoted)
- Mirela Iverac, Time, For Abused Undocumented Kids, a Legal Lifeline, Dec. 1, 2010, available at <http://content.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2034139,00.html> (Quoted)
- Brentin Mock, Color Lines, “Cops Call Oil Spill Workers Immigrant Gangsters,” available at <http://www.colorlines.com/articles/cops-call-oil-spill-workers-immigrant-gangsters> (Quoted)
- Fox News, “Fraud File: Trouble at the Polls,” Nov. 3, 2004, available at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/2004/11/03/fraud-file-trouble-at-polls.html> (Quoted)
- Dan Frosch, AlterNet, “The Vote Was Protected in Cleveland,” Nov. 3, 2004, available at http://www.alternet.org/story/20398/the_vote_was_protected_in_cleveland (Quoted)

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “Towards Holistic Representation: Creating Successful Law and Social Work Collaborations,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education*, (2016).
- Speaker, Immigration Debate with Ruben Navarrette, Harvard University (2016).
- Panelist, “Immigrants’ Rights in 2015,” *Origins and Innovations: A Celebration of Clinics at Columbia Law School*, (2015).
- Panelist, “I got the shotgun, you got the briefcase: Using popular media and pedagogy to engage students in justice learning, substantive law and lawyering skills,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education*, (2015).
- Guest Lecturer, Family Law, Boston University School of Law, (2014).
- Panelist, “Navigating the Complexities of the Legal Market Working Group,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education*, (2014).
- Panelist, “An Ever-Growing Need for Legal Services in Immigration,” *Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair*, (2014).
- Panelist, “Taking the Clinical Model on the Road: Creating Law Student Learning Opportunities while Responding to Community Needs,” *Southern Clinical Conference*, (2013).
- Co-facilitator, Immigration Affinity group, *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education*, (2013).

Panelist, “Clinical Legal Education,” *Columbia Law School’s 30th Anniversary Conference Celebrating Child Advocacy and Family Law*, (2013).

Guest Lecturer, Refugee Law & Policy, Georgetown University Law Center, (2012) (discussed gender-based asylum).

Panelist, “Council on Psychiatry and Law, Committee on Judicial Action, & Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities Joint Meeting on Needs of Persons with Mental Illness in the Immigration Process,” *American Psychiatric Association Annual convening*, (2012).

Panelist, “Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and Protection under the Convention Against Torture,” *ABA Immigration Litigation Committee’s Pro Bono Training: The Essentials of Immigration Court Representation*, (2012).

Panelist, “Teaching Multi-faceted Lawyering in a Clinic Setting: the Importance and Impotence of Community Education and Advocacy Initiatives,” *Southern Clinical Conference*, (2012).

Moderator, “Basic Asylum Law,” *Annual Mid-South American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference*, (2011).

Panelist, “The Power and Pitfalls of Collaborative Clinical Pedagogy: A Case Study from Family and Immigration Law Sections,” *Southern Clinical Conference*, (2011).

Webinar Instructor, “One Parent Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases,” *Catholic Legal Immigrant Network, Inc.*, (2011).

Guest Lecturer, Externship Seminar, LSU Law School, (2011) (presented on public interest careers and post-graduate fellowships).

Panelist, “Social Justice in the Gulf South & Post-Disaster: Engaging the Legal Academy,” *SALT Teaching Conference—Teaching in a Transformative Era: The Law School of the Future*, (2010).

Panelist, “Volunteer Spirit in the Face of Disaster: Lessons Learned on Legal Responses in the Gulf Coast,” *National Lawyers Guild Convening*, (2010).

Panelist, AALS Poverty Law, Clinical and SALT joint service session and panel, *AALS Annual Meeting*, (2010) (discussed current post-disaster legal needs in immigrant community).

Panelist and Moderator, “Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Patterns Across the Country,” *4th Annual Conference on Unaccompanied Immigrant Children*, (2009).

Panelist, “Advocacy for Immigrant Victims of Violence,” *Annual Mid-South American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference*, (2009).

Guest Lecturer, Poverty Law, Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law, (2008 – 2013) (lectured on immigration and poverty law).

Panelist, “Immigration Options for Trafficked Persons in the United States,” *Freedom Network Conference*, (2007).

Guest Lecturer, Professional Responsibility in the Public Interest, Columbia Law School, (Jan. 2006 & Jan. 2008).

Panelist, “Post-Katrina Student Activism,” *20th Annual Equal Justice Works Conference*, (2006).

SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & BAR ADMISSIONS

Clinical Legal Education Association, *Board Member*

AALS Clinical Section, *Policy Committee Member*

Equal Justice Works, *Fellowship Reader*

New England Clinical Conference, *2016 Organizing Committee Chair, 2015 Organizing Committee Co-chair*

American Immigration Lawyers Association, *Member*

Louisiana Bar Foundation, *Fellow*

Rice Alumni Volunteer Association, *Member*

Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University, Louisiana Effective Leadership Program, *2009-2010 Fellow*

Bar Admissions: New York, Louisiana, and Massachusetts