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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

LL.M., with distinction, 2014

Activities: Clinical Teaching Fellow, Center for Applied Legal Studies

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

J.D., 2006

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Dean's Public Interest Law Fellow; Public Interest Student of the Year; NY Bar Ass'n Student Legal Ethics Award

Activities: *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Staff Editor; Public Interest Law Foundation, President; Qanun (Middle Eastern student group), Treasurer

Rice University, Houston, TX

B.A. in History and Studio Art, 2001

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans

Associate Professor of Law July 2024–present

Co-director, Immigrant Rights Clinic July 2020–present

Clinical Professor of Law July 2022–June 2024

Professor of Practice Jan. 2017–June 2022

Courses taught: Legal Profession, Immigration Law; Immigrant Rights Clinic; Asylum & Refugee Law; Immigrant Rights Practicum; Public Interest Externship

Leadership appointments: Assoc. Provost for International Affairs (July 2021–present); Director of Experiential Learning (Jan. 2017–Aug. 2021)

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA

Clinical Associate Professor; Director, Immigrants' Rights Clinic July 2014–Dec. 2016

Courses taught: Immigration Clinic; Lawyering Lab (mandatory 1L course)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Law Review articles

The Adult Rights-Bearing Archetype & How it Impacts Immigrant Children, DUKE J. OF CONST. L. & PUB. POL'Y SIDEBAR (forthcoming 2024)

The Double Exclusion of Immigrant Youth, 111 GEO. L. J. 1407 (2023) (with Rachel Leya Davidson and Austin Kocher)

Studying the Hazy Line Between Procedure and Substance in Immigrant Detention Litigation, 58. HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 203 (2023) (with Mary Yanik) (Bellow Scholar project)

Lawyering from a Deportation Abolition Ethic, 110 CAL. L. REV. 1597 (2022)

The Racial Justice Imperative to Reimagine Immigrant Children's Rights, 71 AM. U. L. REV. 1779 (2022) (with Dalia Castillo-Granados, Rachel Davidson, & Rebecca Scholtz)

Critical Interviewing, 2021 UTAH L. R. 683 (2021) (with Lindsay M. Harris)

Assessing the Experiential (R)evolution, 65 VILL. L. REV. 713 (2020) (with Allison Korn)

The Adultification of Immigrant Children, 34 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 199 (2020)

The School to Deportation Pipeline, 34 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 697 (2018)

Minor Protections: Best Practices for Representing Immigrant Children, 47 N. M. L. REV. 247 (2017)

States and Status: A Study of Geographical Disparities for Immigrant Youth, 46 COL. HUM. RTS. REV. 266 (2014)

Engaging the Legal Academy in Disaster Response, 10 SEATTLE J. FOR SOC. JUST. 211 (2011) (with Davida Finger, Anne Hornsby, Susan Kuo & Rachel Van Cleave)

Book Chapters

A Child-Centred Approach to Representing Children in the Immigration Legal System, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF MIGRANT CHILDREN AND CHILD-CENTRED APPROACH (Barbara Gornik, Zorana Medarić & Mateja Sedmak eds., forthcoming 2024) (with Lindsay M. Harris)

Experiential Learning through Popular Multi-Media, in THE MEDIA METHOD: TEACHING LAW WITH POPULAR CULTURE (Christine Corcos ed., Carolina Academic Press 2019) (with Priya Baskaran, Sarah Sherman-Stokes & Allison Korn)

Policy Reports

FALSE HOPES: OVER 100,000 IMMIGRANT YOUTH TRAPPED IN THE SIJS BACKLOG (The End SIJS Backlog Coalition 2023) (with Rachel Leya Davidson, Katia Levia & Gaby Cruz)

“ANY DAY THEY COULD DEPORT ME”: OVER 44,000 IMMIGRANT CHILDREN TRAPPED IN SIJS BACKLOG (The End SIJS Backlog Coalition 2021) (with Rachel Leya Davidson)

NO END IN SIGHT: PROLONGED AND PUNITIVE IMMIGRANT DETENTION IN LOUISIANA (2021) (with Immigrant Rights Clinic Students & Mary Yanik) (Bellows Scholars Project)

DEPORTATION BY ANY MEANS: HOW IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE LABELING IMMIGRANT YOUTH AS GANG MEMBERS (Immigrant Legal Resource Center 2018) (with Rachel Prandini)

Practice Publications

Recognizing and Responding to Gang Affiliation Allegations, AILA (June 24, 2019) (with Michelle N. Méndez & Andrea Sáenz)

Immigration for Legal Aid Lawyers, in LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES AND PRO BONO DESK MANUAL 515 (Gillis W. Long Poverty L. Ctr. of Loyola Univ. New Orleans Coll. of L. 2013)

Employment-Related Immigration Law and Immigration Law Overview, in REPRESENTING LOW WAGE AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN WAGE CLAIMS MANUAL pt. IV (La. Appleseed & The Pro Bono Project 2010)

AWARDS & HONORS

2023 Spirit of Tulane Research Award (outstanding achievement in community-focused research)
2022–2023 Presidential Fellow, Association of International Education Administrators
2022 Elisabeth S. “Lisa” Brodyaga Award, the National Immigration Project
2022 Grant Recipient, Boston University Center for Antiracist Research (with Co-PI’s Mary Yanik and Sarah Sherman-Stokes)
2021–2022 Bellows Scholar, Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Section
2020 American Constitution Society Junior Scholar
2018–2019 Grant Recipient, Tulane University Carol Lavin Bernick Grant (teaching innovation)
2019 Emerging Immigration Scholar, UCLA Center for Migration Studies

COMMENTARY

100,000 Immigrant Kids Are in Limbo Because of a Technicality, SLATE (Dec. 4, 2023) (with Rachel Leya Davidson)

“Any Day They Could Deport Me”: Immigrant Children in Legal Purgatory, MS. MAG. (Dec. 14, 2021) (with Rachel Leya Davidson)

Why Hasn’t Joe Biden Shut Down the Worst ICE Detention Facilities?, SLATE (May 25, 2021) (with Mary Yanik)

Assessing the Experiential (R)evolution, BEST PRACS. FOR LEGAL EDUC. (Jan. 25, 2021) (with Allison Korn)

Why Won’t the Federal Government Release Immigrant Children?, SLATE (Mar. 31, 2020)

Let Immigration Judges Speak, SLATE (Oct. 24, 2019) (with Elora Mukherjee, Carrie L. Rosenbaum & Maureen Sweeney)

Defenseless Children, SLATE (July 5, 2018)

Trump’s asylum proposal undermines immigrant justice system, THE HILL (May 3, 2019)

Our immigration system must treat immigrant children as children, THE HILL (Dec. 28, 2018)

New Orleans ‘sanctuary’ policies are legal and make our city safer, TIMES-PICAYUNE (April 6, 2017) (with Johanna Kalb)

Five GOP immigration myths, BOS. GLOBE (Dec. 15, 2014)

Obama is not helping children who face deportation alone, BOS. GLOBE (Oct. 26, 2014)

Congress cries wolf on asylum fraud, BOS. GLOBE (Mar. 7, 2014)

PRESS

Daniella Silva, [Backlog for abused young immigrants waiting for green cards has doubled, advocates say](#), NBC NEWS (Dec. 4, 2023), featuring research from *The Double Exclusion of Immigrant Youth*

Jasmine Aguilera, [A Years-Long Immigration Backlog Puts Thousands of Abused Kids in Limbo](#), TIME (Dec. 16, 2021), featuring research from *The Racial Justice Imperative to Reimagine Immigrant Children's Rights* and *The Double Exclusion of Immigrant Youth*

Dara Lind, ["Shadow Wins": How ICE Avoids Judicial Accountability by Quietly Releasing Immigrants Who Challenge Being Detained](#), PROPUBLICA (May 25, 2021), featuring research from *Studying the Hazy Line Between Procedure and Substance in Immigrant Detention Litigation*

Manuel Madrid, ["Wolves in Sheep's Clothing": How ICE and Other Agencies Vilify Immigrant Youth: An interview with Immigration Law Professor Laila Hlass](#). AM. PROSPECT (July 19, 2018), featuring research from *The Adultification of Immigrant Youth* and *The School to Deportation Pipeline*

Quoted in print, and TV and Radio Appearances with Time, Fox.com, The Times-Picayune, NBC's Make the Case, Fox8, WBUR, WWLTV (CBS), Washington Post, among others (links provided upon request)

SERVICE

Community Service

Board of Editors, *Clinical Law Review* (2021–Present)

Board President (2019–Present), Board Secretary (2017–2019), American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana

Board Member, (2023–Present), Freedom to Grow (social justice arts nonprofit)

Co-chair of Teaching Justice sub-committee, Best Practices in Pedagogy Committee, Clinical Legal Education Association (2018–Present)

Member, AALS Clinicians of Color (2018–present)

Board Member, Clinical Legal Education Association (2016–2021)

Member, Louisiana Bar Access to Justice Internship Committee (2018–2021)

Planning Committee Member and WIP Organizing Committee Member, Southern Clinical Conference (2019)

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

Policy Committee Member, AALS Clinical Legal Section (2015–2017)

National Advisory Committee Member, Equal Justice Works (2014–2017)

Member, Gulf Coast Immigrant Advocates Network (2018–Present)

Member, Louisiana Immigration Working Group (2016–Present)

MidSouth Chapter Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2008–Present)

Law School & University Service

Co-Chair, Middle Eastern & North African faculty and staff affinity group (2024–Present)

Law School Senator, University Senate, Tulane University (2020–Present)

Committee Chair, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Tulane Law School (2024-2025)

Committee Member, Assessments, Tulane Law School (2024-2025)

Committee Chair, Clinical Promotion & Retention, Tulane Law School (2023–2024)
Committee Member, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Tulane Law School (2023–2024)
Committee Chair, Clinical Promotion & Retention, Tulane Law School (2022–2023)
Committee Chair, Professors of the Practice Reappointment, Tulane Law School (2021–2022)
Committee Chair, Immigration Clinic Director Appointment, Tulane Law School (2019–2020)
Committee Member & Interim Chair, First Amendment Clinic Director Appointment, Tulane Law School (2019–2020)
Committee Member, Assessments, Tulane Law School (2019–2020, 2020–2021)
Committee Chair, Access to Counsel Committee, Tulane University International Partners Outreach Group (2018–2020)
Advisory Board Member, Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, Tulane University (2018–2021)
Committee Member, Intellectual Life, Tulane Law School (2018–2019)

SELECTED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

(selected presentations 2019 to present; prior presentations by request)

Panelist, “Internationalization Strategies & Global Partnerships,” *Fulbright Portugal -USA dialogues on International Education*, Tulane University (2024)

Panelist, “Advancing Children’s Rights at the Intersection,” *Children’s Equality Law: Engaging the Work of Professor Catherine Smith*, Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy Symposium, Duke Law School (2024)

Presenter, *Growing an SIO Community Through Mentorship: Lessons Learned from the 2023 AIEA Presidential Fellows*, Association of International Education Administrators (2024).

Presenter, *Pedagogy of Critical Mobilization*, Annual AALS Meeting (2024).

Presenter, *Questioning the Narrative: Examining the Biden Administration’s Migrant Children Policies*, Duke Law School (2023)

Presenter, *The Slow Death of Childhood in the SIJS Backlog*, Biennial LatCrit Conference (2023)

Workshop Small Group Facilitator and Paper Presentation, *The Slow Death of Children in the SIJS Backlog*, NYU Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop, New York, NY (2023)

Discussant, “Roundtable: Carceral Logics in Civil Legal Systems,” Law & Society Association Annual Convening (2023)

Paper Session Chair, “Legal Violence, Precarity, and Migrant Youth,” Law & Society Association Annual Convening (2023)

Presenter, “Parenting Professor Penalty,” Annual AALS Clinical Conference (2023)

Guest Lecturer, Immigration Law, Boston University School of Law (2022)

Presenter, *Lanyering from a Deportation Abolition Ethic*, University of Minnesota Law School (2022)

Panelist, “Collaborating with Clients: Building trauma-informed and critical interviewing skills,” Asylum Conference, The Advocates for Human Rights & Binger Center for New Americans (2022)

Presenter, *The Double Exclusion of Immigrant Youth*, Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop, NYU Law School (2022)

Chair and Discussant, “The Pedagogy of Teaching Justice in a Time of Reckoning,” Global Law and Society Convening, Lisbon, Portugal (2022)

Guest Lecturer, Immigration Law Seminar, University of District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (2022)

Presenter, *Lanyering from a Deportation Abolition Ethic*, Georgetown University Law Center’s #ImmigrationAND series, “#ImmigrationANDMovementLawyering” (2022)

Presenter, *Lanyering from a Deportation Abolition Ethic*, Biennial LatCrit Conference (2021)

Guest Lecturer, Juvenile Law, University of Arizona School of Law (2021)

Presenter, *Studying the Hazy Line Between Procedure and Substance in Immigrant Detention Litigation*, NYU Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop (2021)

Panelist, “Crimmigration and Gangs,” Decriminalizing Neighborhoods Conference, (2021)

Panelist, “Abolitionist Lawyering: What does it mean, how do we do it well,” National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild Annual Meeting, (2021)

Presenter, *Studying the Hazy Line Between Procedure and Substance in Immigrant Detention Litigation*, Murphy Institute Legal Scholarship Workshop at Tulane Law School (2021)

Presenter, *Critical Interviewing*, New Voices in Immigration, Annual AALS Meeting (2020)

Presenter, *The Adultification of Migrant Children*, American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop (2020)

Panelist, “Gender Balance and Technology Roundtable,” Gordon Gamm Comparative Law and Justice Symposium, Tulane Law School (2019)

Presenter, *Assessing the Experiential (R)evolution*, Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop, NYU Law School (2019)

Panelist, “Recognizing and Responding to Gang Affiliation Allegations,” Annual AILA Conference on Immigration Law (2019)

Panelist, “Rethinking Refugee Protection: Legal Strategies for Marginalized Communities,” Fourth National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, American University Washington College of Law (2019)

Moderator, Conversation with Dorothy Roberts and Emma Shakeshaft regarding “Race, Membership, and Sovereignty: The Benefits of Using a Comparative Approach When Analyzing Race Transracial Adoption Cases,” In the Shadows of Slavery and Colonialism: A Symposium on Intersectionality and the Law, Newcomb College Institute of Tulane University (2019)

Presenter, *The Adultification of Migrant Children*, UCLA Emerging Immigration Scholars conference, UCLA Center for Migration Studies, (2019)

Presenter, “Encouraging and Empowering the Next Generation of Public Interest and Pro Bono Leader,” Annual AALS Meeting (2019)

ADDITIONAL LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Loyola New Orleans University, College of Law, New Orleans, LA 2008–2012
Equal Justice Works Fellow & Staff Attorney

Provided representation in immigration and family law areas for immigrants, supervised student representation, and taught a semester-long asylum law seminar.

The Door, Legal Services Department, New York, NY 2006–2008
Staff Attorney/Chadbourn & Parke Fellow

Provided holistic representation in immigration and family law areas for youth clients.

Student Hurricane Network, Nationwide 2005–2007
Co-founder, Organizer, and Participant

Created initiative that mobilized 5,500 law students to provide legal services to hurricane-affected areas. Interviewed prisoners lost in the criminal system.

Impact, Nationwide 2003–2006
Co-founder, Project Director, and Communications Director

Created voting rights organization that mobilized more than 2,300 law students to serve as poll monitors on Election Day. Assisted formerly incarcerated people to restore their voting rights.

Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, NY 2005
Summer Clerk

ACLU, National Legal Department, New York, NY 2004
Summer Clerk

Citizen Works, Washington, D.C. 2001–2003

Interim Development Director, Systems Administrator, Office Manager

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2007 admitted), Louisiana (2008 admitted), and Massachusetts (2014 admitted, currently inactive status)