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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The George Washington University Law School

Associate Professor of Law

August 2022 – Present

Courses: Torts (Fall 2022, Fall 2023), Immigration Law I (Spring 2024)

Service: Intellectual Life Committee, Inaugural Faculty Advisor to Womxn of Color Collective,
Faculty Advisor to Immigration Law Association

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor/Director, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic August 2021 – June 2022

Christopher N. Lasch Clinical Fellow, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic July 2019 – July 2021

Supervised law students on removal defense cases before the immigration agencies, federal district court, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Taught twice-weekly seminar on topics such as agency and federal practice and procedure, constitutional rights and remedies, legal strategy, oral advocacy, and professional responsibility. Directed the clinic for the 2021-22 academic year.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

August 2020 – June 2021

Adjunct Professor, CARES Clinic

Remotely co-taught twice-weekly seminar for asylum clinic. Taught administrative practice and procedure, developments in asylum law, constitutional rights and remedies, and oral advocacy.

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, East Bay Community Law Center

Acting Director, Immigration Clinic

Jan. 2014 – May 2014

Staff Attorney & Clinical Instructor, Immigration Clinic

Aug. 2011 – May 2015

Taught and supervised law students in clinical program of Berkeley Law that primarily served clients who were referred through a Medical-Legal Partnership with Children's Hospital, or people living with HIV/AIDS. Practiced before the Department of Homeland Security and immigration courts.

Colorado State University

January 2008 – May 2008

Co-Instructor, Introduction to Women's Studies

Co-taught with Program Director of the Office of Women's Programs and Studies. Duties included lesson planning, facilitating class discussions, and grading assignments.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Disability, Race, and Immigration: The Intersectional Impact of Policing, 65 B.C. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2024).

Immigration in an Era of Mass Incarceration, in MASS INCARCERATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: REALITIES AND REFLECTIONS (Addrain Conyers, Vanessa Lynn & Margaret Leigey eds., 2024).

Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 963 (2022).

Pleading the Fifth in Immigration Court: A Regulatory Proposal, 98 WASH. U. L. REV. 1343 (2021).

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Disability and Discretion in Immigration Law (solo-authored article)

Joyful Collaboration: Chicanas Building Comunidad in Legal Academia (co-authored essay with Dr. Angélica Guevara)

Exclusionary Ableism (co-authored essay with Dr. Angélica Guevara)

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

LL.M. in Clinical Teaching, May 2022

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

J.D., May 2011

Honors: Third-Year Distinction (Top 25%); Jurisprudence Award (top grade in International Law); LatCrit Student Scholar Program Award; Brayton Purcell Fellow; Advocacy Award (best 1L brief & oral argument)

Activities: Research Assistant (Prof. Bertrall Ross & Prof. Saira Mohamed)
Articles Editor, Book Review Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*
Associate Editor, *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*
Co-Chair, La Raza Law Students Association
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Women of Color Collective

Colorado State University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, December 2007

Sociology (major), Spanish (minor), Women's Studies & Chicana/o Studies (certificates)

Honors: Distinguished Alumni Award (awarded to one member of graduating class for Student Leadership); Harriet Patsy Boyer Award (Women's Studies); Jack & June Richardson Honors Program Award; Phi Beta Kappa

Hon. Thesis: "Experiences of Women of Color Faculty at Colorado State University"

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, Killmer, Lane & Newman, LLP, Denver, CO

Aug. 2018 – July 2019

Represented clients in civil rights, employment discrimination, and pro bono criminal defense cases in federal and state courts. Performed all duties associated with litigation from initial consultations through trial.

Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Kristen L. Mix, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Denver, CO Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2018
Conducted legal research and drafted orders and recommendations on dispositive and non-dispositive motions. Issues included pro se prisoner constitutional claims, class action certification, insurance, contracts, writs of habeas corpus, state law employment claims, and discovery.

Staff Attorney, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, CA May 2015 – Oct. 2016
Review agency records and parties' briefs, analyzed issues, conducted legal research, and wrote draft dispositions on immigration petitions for review. Orally presented recommended dispositions monthly to three-judge panels.

Legal Intern, Accountability Counsel, San Francisco, CA Spring 2011
Conducted legal research and policy development regarding environmental and human rights violations by private corporations against communities in Peru, Mexico, and Papua New Guinea.

Full-Time Legal Intern, Indian Law Resource Center, Washington, D.C. Fall 2010
Conducted legal research and represented the Center in meetings related to climate change, environmental justice, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala, Chile, and Peru.

Legal Intern, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, El Paso, TX Summer 2010
Assisted low-income clients in a variety of civil cases including case development, investigations, negotiations, and legal strategy.

Clinical Student, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA May 2009 – May 2010
Provided direct legal services on immigration cases to clients who were low-income, primarily Spanish-speaking, LGBTQ, HIV-positive and/or survivors of trauma.

Student Legal Representative, California Asylum Representation Clinic, Berkeley, CA
Aug. 2008 – May 2010

Legal Intern, Fischer & Fischer, LLP, Fort Collins, CO May 2007 – Nov. 2007

PRACTITIONER PUBLICATIONS

Contributor, "Immigration Law," AIDS and the Law Treatise (2012, 2013, 2014).

Guest Post, "Teaching Suppression and Termination with Netflix's Immigration Nation," *ImmigrationProf Blog* (January 28, 2021).

Author, "How to Be a Great Mentee," *The Bench*, American Inns of Court (January/February 2019 issue).

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & GUEST LECTURES

Keynote, Interdisciplinary Section,
Academy of Legal Studies in Business' Centennial Conference August 2024 (scheduled)

Reader, *Welcome the Wretched: In Defense of the “Criminal Alien”* by César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, Author-Meets-Reader Session, Law and Society, Denver, CO June 2024 (scheduled)

Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Moritz College of Law April 2024 (scheduled)

Guest Lecturer, Dr. Ashley Muchow’s Crime and Society Course, University of Illinois at Chicago March 2024 (scheduled)

Moderator, *Welcome the Wretched: In Defense of the “Criminal Alien”* by César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, George Washington University Law School March 2024 (scheduled)

Faculty Workshop, Indiana University Kelley School of Business February 2024

Guest Lecturer, Prof. Jennifer Koh’s Immigration Law Course, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law January 2024

Faculty Workshop, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law January 2024

Distinguished Speaker, “The Fight For Immigrants’ Rights: A Discussion With Latina Immigration Advocates,” Latina Law Symposium, UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute January 2024

Moderator, “A Conversation on Immigration Law, Policy, and Potential Avenues for Reform,” American Constitution Society, GW Law Student Chapter March 2023

Guest Lecturer, Prof. Leti Volpp’s Crimmigration Seminar, UC Berkeley School of Law March 2023

Panelist, “Policing Mental Health in the U.S. Immigration System,” Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium April 2021

Panelist, “Latinos in the Law,” Hispanic Heritage Month, GW Law October 2022

Instructor, Mock Torts Class, Footnotes Program for First-Generation Law Students, GW Law August 2022

CLE Presenter, “Building LGBTQ+ Asylum Claims,” International Rescue Committee May 2022

Panelist, “DACA at Ten,” Liminal Legality: Immigration Issues in the Rocky Mountain West, DU Center for Immigration Policy & Research April 2022

Guest Lecturer, “Race and Immigration in Colorado,” Lawyering for Racial Justice Course, University of Denver Law March 2022

Moderator, Discussion of “Refuge” play, Curious Theatre Company & IRISE at University of Denver March 2022

Guest Lecturer, “Mental Disability and the Immigration System,” Dr. Angélica Guevara’s Disability Antidiscrimination Law Course, University of Wisconsin Law School March 2021

Panelist, “Oral Histories from Founding Members,” Berkeley Law Womxn of Color Collective	February 2021
Panelist, Lawyering for Racial Justice Course, University of Denver Law	February 2021
Invited Presenter, “Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters,” Global Borderlands Conference (The Netherlands)	September 2021
Moderator, “A Virtual Conversation and Q&A with Ian Haney López,” IRISE & Rocky Mountain Collective on Race, Place & Law, University of Denver Law	October 2020
Panelist, “More Lessons from the Great Recession,” Berkeley Law Alumni Panel	July 2020
Student Scholar Award Presentation, “Dispossession & Migration: Effects of NAFTA on Indigenous Women in Rural Mexico, LatCrit XV Annual Conference	October 2010
Panelist on various panels, “Alternative Spring Break: Violence against Women in Ciudad Juárez, México, Colorado State University	April-September 2007
Student Presenter, “Latina Immigrants and Domestic Violence,” Women’s Studies Colloquium, Colorado State University	February 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Controlling Bodies, Controlling Women: What Colonial Law and the Post-Dobbs Era Have in Common

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop	May 2023
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Disability, Race, and Immigration: The Intersectional Impact of Policing

UCLA Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference	October 2023
2023 Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at GW Law	June 2023
Annual Meeting on Law and Society	June 2023
Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop, WIP	May 2023
Poverty Law Conference, Berkeley Law	March 2023
NYU Clinical Writer’s Workshop	October 2022
Inaugural Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop	June 2022

Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters

AALS New Voices in Immigration Law, Presenter	January 2021
Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars’ Conference	November 2020
New York University School of Law’s Clinical Writer’s Workshop	October 2020

Invoking the Fifth Amendment in Immigration Court

Law & Society Association, Paper Session	May 2020
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SERVICE

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network 2019–Present
Pro Bono Attorney

LatCrit/SALT Faculty Development Workshop 2020–2023
Planning Committee Member

ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel August 2021–Present
Invited Member

2023 Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference February–June 2023
Co-Host/Co-Organizer; Steering Committee Co-Chair

Afghan Asylum Workshops April–June 2022
Asylum Expert Attorney Volunteer

Just Futures Law Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Take Back Tech Fellow
Organized symposium regarding intrusive technology surveillance programs targeting communities of color, including immigrants.

Comment on Proposed Asylum Regulations Summer 2020
Organizer; Law Student Supervisor
Spearheaded effort with a partner organization and 5 law students to submit a 50-page legal analysis in opposition to DHS and DOJ proposed asylum regulations.

AILA Colorado Winter Conference 2020–2021
Planning Committee Member

Law School Si Se Puede 2017–2020
Mentor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

LatCrit; Law and Society; American Immigration Lawyers Association; Federal Bar Association; Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Latina Law Scholars.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California (December 2011); State of Colorado (November 2018) (inactive); U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; Supreme Court of the United States.