

# TANIA N. VALDEZ

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

*Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society*

August 2024 – December 2024

### The George Washington University Law School

*Associate Professor of Law*

August 2022 – Present

Courses Taught: Torts, Immigration Law I, Access to Justice Clinic: Citizenship and Naturalization Division, Access to Justice Clinic: Immigration Policy Division

Service: Intellectual Life Committee (2022-Present), Faculty Advisor to Immigration Law Association (2022-Present), Inaugural Faculty Advisor to Womxn of Color Collective (2023-Present), Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (Fall 2024)

### 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

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*Deporting Disability* (forthcoming 2025 in Utah L. Rev.)

*The Eugenic Roots of U.S. Immigration Law* (invited symposium piece, forthcoming 2025 in Boston U. L. Rev.)

*Joyful Collaboration: Chicanas Building Comunidad in Legal Academia*, 40 BERKELEY J. GENDER L. & JUST. \_\_ (forthcoming 2025) (with Angélica Guevara).

*Exclusionary Ableism*, 39 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. \_\_ (forthcoming 2025) (with Angélica Guevara).

*Supreme Court Affirms Lawlessness of the Removal of Kilmar Abrego Garcia*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (April 18, 2025) (with Cori Alonso-Yoder).

*Disability, Race, and Immigration: The Intersectional Impact of Policing*, 65 B.C. L. REV. 1981 (2024).

*United States v. Texas: The Court Sidesteps Immigration Federalism Feud, For Now*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (April 21, 2024) (with Cori Alonso-Yoder).

*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**

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*Controlling Bodies, Controlling Women: Colonial Virginia's Bastardy Laws and the Roots of Reproductive Control* (with Janice Valdez)

## **EDUCATION**

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**University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

**LL.M. in Clinical Teaching**

**University of California, Berkeley, School of Law**

**J.D.**

*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 Alianza (formerly La Raza Law Students Association)  
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Womxn of Color Collective

**Colorado State University**

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

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**

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*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**

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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**

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Reader, *Legal Phantoms* by Jennifer Chacon, Susan Bibler Coutin, and Stephen Lee, Author-Meets-Reader Session, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL May 2025

Speaker, Advocacy at the Intersection of Disability & Immigration (3-hour CLE), Disability Law United and Colorado Trial Lawyers Association May 2025

Guest Lecturer, Lisa Ikemoto’s Health Justice Course, UC Davis School of Law April 2025

Featured Speaker, University of Connecticut School of Business, Equity Now Speaker Series, “Immigration Law and the New Presidential Administration” March 2025

Presenter, “Immigration Law: Past, Present and Future” Boston University Law Review Symposium February 2025

Panelist, “Navigating Barriers: The Journey of Displaced Individuals with Disabilities in the U.S. Immigration System” National Immigrant Inclusion Conference, Houston, TX December 2024

Visiting Scholar Speaker, *Deporting Disability: Insights from Immigrant Defense Attorneys* UC Berkeley School of Law’s Center for the Study of Law and Society December 2024

Keynote, Interdisciplinary Section, Academy of Legal Studies in Business’ Centennial Conference August 2024

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

Panelist, ABA Administrative Law Section, *The Promise, Perils, and Future of Policymaking Through Enforcement* May 2024

Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Moritz College of Law April 2024

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

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

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**

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### ***Departing Disability (formerly “Insidious Ableism”)***

Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at Ohio State May 2025  
Equality Law Scholars Forum, Davis, CA November 2024  
2024 NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop September 2024  
2024 National Immigration Teachers & Scholars Workshop, Univ. of Minnesota May 2024  
Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop May 2024

### ***Exclusionary Ableism***

Michael A. Olivarez Writing Institute, UC Davis School of Law June 2024

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

2025 NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop October 2025  
Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop May 2023

### ***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

## SERVICE

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ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel <i>Invited Member</i>	August 2021–Present
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network <i>Pro Bono Attorney</i>	2019–Present
LatCrit/SALT/ClassCrits Faculty Development Workshop <i>Co-Chair of Organizing Committee</i> <i>Planning Committee Member</i>	June–September 2024 2020–2023
2023 Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference <i>Co-Host/Co-Organizer; Steering Committee Co-Chair</i>	February–June 2023
Afghan Asylum Workshops <i>Asylum Expert Attorney Volunteer</i>	April–June 2022
Just Futures Law <i>Take Back Tech Fellow</i> Organized symposium regarding intrusive technology surveillance programs targeting communities of color, including immigrants.	Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Comment on Proposed Asylum Regulations <i>Organizer; Law Student Supervisor</i> 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.	Summer 2020
AILA Colorado Winter Conference <i>Planning Committee Member</i>	2020–2021
Law School Si Se Puede <i>Mentor</i>	2017–2020

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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