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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

WAYNE STATE LAW SCHOOL, Detroit, MI
Associate Professor *(July 2017-Present)*
Director of Clinical Legal Education *(July 2017-Present)*

- Responsible for oversight and development of Wayne Law's clinical education program, including seven in-house clinics and four externship programs.
- Foster and support professional development of clinical faculty and staff.
- Manage budget and financial administration of clinical education program.
- Develop and maintain policies, standards, and case management procedures across the clinical program.
- Promote and cultivate community and public relations on behalf of clinical education program.
- Teach *Immigration and Nationality Law* course.
- Teach *International Women's Human Rights* seminar.
- Teach *Professional Responsibility and the Legal Practice* course.

Assistant Professor (August 2012-July 2017)
Assistant Clinical Professor (August 2009 – August 2012)

- Designed and founded the *Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic*, and developed course materials including course proposal, teaching materials, clinic procedures, and case management systems.
- Directed the *Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic* and supervised students representing clients in a variety of immigration cases including asylum, VAWA, T-Visas, removal defense, and family reunification.
- Taught a clinic seminar on topics including substantive immigration and human rights law, trial advocacy, and lawyering skills.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD
Clinical Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic, September 2007-June 2009

- Co-taught a weekly clinical seminar on topics including substantive immigration, human rights, and wage and hour law, trial advocacy, and lawyering skills.
- Developed and prepared course materials including seminar plans, readings, and assignments.
- Supervised students in their representation of clients in a variety of immigration and civil cases and was responsible for clinic's caseload during academic breaks.
- Co-taught a seminar entitled International Women's Human Rights (Spring 2009)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ASYLUM PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA, Tucson, AZ
Attorney, May 2003-February 2007

- Represented political asylum seekers and others before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Department of Justice Immigration Courts.
- Coordinated caseload of more than 60 clients from countries throughout the world.
- Prepared complex court cases, asylum applications, and other immigration petitions.
- Supervised paralegals, legal interns, and volunteer attorneys.

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE HISTORIAN, Washington, DC
Consultant/Senior Researcher (with Ruchman and Associates Inc.), April-December 2002

- Served on a team researching and analyzing the Middle East peace process under the Clinton Administration.
- Researched documents, including archived documents, within the State Department and the White House and collected articles, public statements, and State Department cables relating to the Middle East peace process.
- Prepared a substantive analysis and classified chronology of negotiations and significant events relating to the Middle East peace process.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR, OFFICE OF COUNTRY REPORTS AND ASYLUM AFFAIRS, Washington, DC

➢ **Foreign Affairs Officer/Senior Editor for Europe,** September 2001-April 2002

- Coordinated the completion and submission to Congress of 52 individual country reports from Europe contained in the State Department's 2001 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.
- Supervised team of five editors and reviewed drafts and edits submitted by editors to ensure factual accuracy, completeness, and compliance with editorial and organizational guidelines.
- Worked with senior office staff to plan and coordinate office policy.
- Negotiated draft reports with regional bureaus, U.S. Embassies, and other parties at the senior level.
- Reviewed Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) asylum applications and provided comments and information to INS offices and U.S. Immigration Courts regarding such applications.
- Reviewed and edited draft comments on asylum cases prepared by editors.
- Acted as a liaison between the State Department and the INS in asylum matters relating to applicants from European countries.

➢ **Foreign Affairs Officer/Senior Editor for Africa**, September 2000-September 2001

- Supervised team of five editors and coordinated the completion and submission to Congress of 48 individual country reports from Africa contained in the State Department's 2000 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the State Department's 2001 Report on International Religious Freedom.
- Additional responsibilities equivalent to those of Senior Editor for Europe.

➢ **Foreign Affairs Officer/Editor for Eastern and Southern Africa**, October 1998-September 2000

- Recipient of Presidential Management Fellowship.
- Responsible for the production of the State Department's Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom for 18 countries in Africa.
- Redrafted and edited detailed field reports, and monitored public and government sources of information regarding human rights and religious freedom issues in those countries.
- Reviewed INS asylum petitions from applicants from 18 African countries and provided comments and information to INS offices and U.S. Immigration Courts regarding such cases.

➢ **Detail to U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Kenya**, June-July 2000

- Served as an Embassy Political Officer.
- Investigated prison conditions in Kenya and arranged and participated in the first official prison visits by foreign government personnel.
- Initiated and organized meetings between the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya and Kenyan government officials and human rights activists.
- Provided reports on political events and human rights trends to the State Department.

➢ **Detail to Office on War Crimes Issues, U.S. Department of State,** March-May 2000

- Served as Staff Assistant to the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues.
- Monitored and reported on war crimes in Africa, including investigations and prosecutions.
- Acted as liaison for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.
- Facilitated the transfer of grant monies for projects relating to war crimes in Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

*"**Status in a State of Emergency: U Visas and the Flint Water Crisis**"* (20 Harv. Latinx L. Rev. 121, Spring 2017)

*"**Uniquely Unhelpful: The U Visa's Disparate Treatment of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence**"* (68 Rutgers U. L. Rev. 5, Summer 2016)

*"**Rejecting the Children of Violence: Why U.S. Asylum Law Should Return to the Acosta Definition of "A Particular Social Group**"* 30 Geo. Immigr. L. J. 287 (Winter 2016)

Book Review, *Lives in the Balance: Asylum Adjudication by the Department of Homeland Security*, (by Andrew Schoenholtz, Philip Schrag and Jaya Ramji-Nogales) (Political Science Quarterly: The Journal of Public and International Affairs, Winter 2015-2016)

Book, *Immigration Relief: Legal Assistance for Noncitizen Crime Victims*, with Elizabeth Campbell and Veronica Thronson (American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section, 2014)

*"**Indirect Refoulement: Challenging Canada's Participation in the United States-Canada Safe Third Country Agreement**"* 30 Wis. Int'l L.J. 142 (Spring 2012)

"***Affirmatively Denied: The Detrimental Effects of a Reduced Grant Rate for Affirmative Asylum Seekers***" 27 B.U. Int'l L.J.61 (Spring 2009)

Note, *"No Place to Call Home: Stateless Vietnamese Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong"* 12 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 187 (1997)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Workshop, Panel Presenter, *How to Teach During Politically Divisive Times* (Philadelphia, PA, June 2018)

AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Concurrent Session Presenter, *With a Little Help from My Friends: Managing Stress in a Hostile Political Environment with Assistance from Non-Lawyers* (Chicago, IL, May 2018)

Levin Center at Wayne State Law Symposium, Current Issues in Immigration Law: Detention, "Sanctuary Cities" and the "Travel Ban," Moderator, *Immigration Detention in the United States* (Detroit, MI, November 2017)

Harvard Law School, Harvard Latino Law Review and Harvard Journal of Law and Gender, Invited Speaker, "*Status in a State of Emergency: U Visas and the Flint Water Crisis*" (Cambridge, MA, April 2017**).**

Immigration Law Teachers Conference, Work-in Progress, "*Undocumented Immigrants and the Flint Water Crisis*"; Panel Organizer and Moderator, "*Middle Eastern Communities in Michigan"* (Lansing, MI, May 2016)

University of Michigan Law School, Michigan Journal of Gender and the Law, Invited Speaker, **"***Uniquely Unhelpful: The U Visa's Disparate Treatment of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence"* (Ann Arbor, MI, April 2016**).**

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, Immigration Law Fundamentals Training Course, Presenter, *Asylum and Humanitarian Relief* (Detroit, MI, March 2016).

LatCrit Conference, Panel Presenter, *Victim-Survivor Based Relief and the Realities of Immigration Enforcement* (Anaheim, CA, October 2015)

International Academy on Law and Mental Health Conference, Panel Presenter, *"Protection under the U Visa and VAWA: What it Says About our Conception of Victimhood"* (Vienna, Austria, July 2015)

Emerging Immigration Scholars' Conference, Organizer; Work-in Progress, "*The Nexus Problem: The Lack of Protection in U.S. Asylum Law for Children Fleeing Forced Recruitment*" (Miami, FL, June, 2015)

AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Work-in-Progress, *"Protection under the U Visa and VAWA: What it Says About our Conception of Victimhood"* (Rancho Mirage, CA, May 2015)

University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Center for Social Concerns, Invited Lecturer, *"The Surge in Unaccompanied Children at the U.S.-Mexico Border: A Humanitarian Crisis"* (South Bend, IN, February 2015)

Midwest Clinic Teachers' Conference, Facilitator, *Newer Clinician Workshop*; Concurrent Session Presenter, *Does Success Really Matter? Accepting or Continuing Representation of Clients Who Have Little Hope of Winning Their Cases* (Lansing, MI, September 2014)

Michigan State University College of Law, Junior Faculty Exchange, Guest Presenter, Work-in-Progress *"The Protection Gap in U.S. Asylum Law for Child Soldiers and Gang Members"* (Lansing, MI, March 2014)

Federal Bar Association, Asylum Conference, Panelist, *Overview of Asylum* (Washington, DC, February 2014)

Wayne State Journal of Law in Society Symposium "Debunking the Post-Racial Myth: The Profiling of Detroit's Most Vulnerable Populations" Moderator, *Latin Americans in South West Detroit* (Detroit, MI, March 2013)

Albany Law School Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop: Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers, Roundtable Work-in-Progress, *Membership in a Particular Social Group: Rebel versus Gang-based Persecution* (Albany, NY, February 2013)

Practical Law, Bloomfield Community Television, Guest, *Immigration and the Unauthorized Immigrant Population in the United States* (Bloomfield Hills, MI, September 2012)

AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Concurrent Session Presenter, *Starting a New Clinic? Proposing, Developing and Restructuring In-House Clinics in a Changing Environment* (Los Angeles, CA, May 2012)

North American Labor History Conference, Moderator, *Immigrant Workers and the Law* (Detroit, MI, October 2011)

Wayne State University Law School's **Program for International Legal Studies**, Organizer and Moderator, *Is the Door Opening or Closing? Recent Developments in Immigration and Asylum Law* (Detroit, MI, September 2011)

Emerging Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference 2011, Incubator Idea, *Membership in a Particular Social Group: Rebel versus Gang-based Persecution* (Washington, DC, May 2011)

Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, Panel Presenter and Trainer, *Know Your Rights Immigration Task Force* (Detroit, MI, April 2011)

Wayne State University Law School, Panel Presenter, *Arizona HB 2281: Ban on Ethnic Studies – A Discussion* (Detroit, MI, February 2011)

Freedom House/Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, Pro-Bono Asylum Training, Presenter, *Advanced Asylum Workshop* (Detroit, MI, November 2010)

Annual Conference of the American Branch of the International Law Association, International Law Weekend, Panel Presenter, *Careers in Immigration Law* (New York, NY, October 2010)

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center 2010 Statewide Immigrant Rights Summit, Panel Presenter, *Padilla v. Kentucky and the Rights of Immigrant Defendants* (Lansing, MI, July 2010)

AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Concurrent Session Presenter, *Uncovering: When and How to Incorporate Our Personal Critical Perspectives and Experiences in Clinical Teaching Across a Range of Critical Theory* (Baltimore, MD, May 2010)

Wayne State Law Review Annual Symposium "Immigration Reform: Problems, Possibilities, and Pragmatic Solutions," Panel Presenter, *Factors to Reform: Migration, Asylum, Social Cohesion and Political Economy* (Detroit, MI, February 2010)

The Craig Fahle Show, WDET Detroit Public Radio, Guest, *Immigration Reform* (Detroit, MI, February 2010)

Wayne State Law School International Speakers Series, Speaker, *Comprehensive Immigration Reform: The Situation of Undocumented Migrants in the United States and a Path to Legal Status* (Detroit, MI, November 2009**)**

University of Baltimore Law School, Panel Moderator, *Mending Our Fractured System: U.S. Immigration Policy Reform* (Baltimore, MD, April 2009)

AALS Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Work-in-Progress: *Obstacles in the U.S. Asylum System and the African Asylum Seeker* (Tucson, AZ, May 2008)

Maryland Immigrant Rights Coalition Pro-Bono Asylum Training Panel Presenter, *Evidentiary Issues in Asylum Cases* (Baltimore, MD, March 2008)

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Refugee Law and Policy Seminar, Recurrent Guest Lecturer: *Practical Issues in Asylum Law* (Tucson, AZ, February 2004 - February 2007)

National Foreign Affairs Training Institute, Foreign Service Officers A-100 Class, Guest Lecturer**:** *Preparation of the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and on International Religious Freedom* (Arlington, VA, 2001)

National Foreign Affairs Training Institute, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Intensive Seminars, Recurrent Guest Lecturer: *African Human Rights* (Arlington, VA, September 2000 to October 2001**)**

Immigration and Naturalization Service, Arlington Asylum Office, Recurrent Guest Lecturer**,** *Asylum Issues in East Africa, Somalia Asylum Issues, Sudan Asylum Issues* (Arlington, VA, September 2000 to September 2001**)**

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER/GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Foreign Service, May 1998
International Human Rights Law Emphasis

- Honors: Legal Research and Writing
- Journal: *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, Staff Member
- Recipient of the Bettina E. Pruckmayr Memorial Award for dedication to human rights, May 1998
- Selected by faculty to be Section Commencement Speaker

International Internship Program, Summer 1997
African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Banjul, The Gambia

International Internship Program, Summer 1996
Moodley, Bavasah and Associates, Capetown, South Africa

CORNELL INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
La Sorbonne, Paris, Summer 1995

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
Bachelor of Arts, May 1992

- Political Science Major, International Relations Emphasis
- University and Departmental Honors
- Student Advocate (Executive Officer) and Senator, Associated Students of the University of California at Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (MCIRR) (Eastside Co-Chair), **Global Detroit Welcome Mat** (Advisory Committee)

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Michigan State Bar, April 2010–Present, **Maryland State Bar**, June 2008-Present (Inactive); **New York State Bar**, October 2001-Present