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EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington, DC

J.D., May 2007

- South Sudan Researcher, Public International Law & Policy Group (May 2005-May 2006)
- Middle East Legal Updates columnist, *Human Rights Brief* (September 2004-May 2006)

UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN, CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, Amman, Jordan

Fulbright Recipient, September 2003- June 2004

- Field research project: critical analysis of economic assistance programs for Palestinian and Iraqi refugees, with a focus on gender mainstreaming practices and cultural and religious support for women in the workplace

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE, Bryn Mawr, PA

B.A., May 2003, *cum laude*

CURRENT POSITION

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Detroit, MI

Assistant Professor (Clinical); Director, Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic (July 2017- present)

- **Courses:** Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF LAW, Grand Forks, ND

Assistant Professor (August 2014-July 2017)

- **Courses:** Clinical Education (Director of Immigrant Rights Section of Law Clinic)
- **Law School Service:**
 - Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society (August 2014- May 2017)
 - Faculty Advisor, Multicultural Law Students Association (September 2015- May 2017)
 - Faculty Advisor, Immigration Law Students Association (September 2015-May 2017)
 - Organizer, Green Card Workshop pro bono opportunity for students (September 2016)
 - Co-Facilitator, “(de)constructing race, difference & the practice of law” discussion series (January-March 2017)
- **University Service:**
 - Working group member, Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies (CHARGES) (August 2015-May 2017)
 - Law School Senator, University Senate (August 2016- May 2017)
 - President’s Diversity Advisory Council (October 2016-May 2017)
- **National Service:**
 - Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Chapter, Membership, Outreach and Training Committee (February 2015-present)

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic (June 2011- July 2014)

- Supervised student attorney casework, including applications for asylum and other humanitarian relief, representation in removal proceedings, analysis of immigration consequences of criminal convictions, preparation of complex motions to reopen.
- Taught weekly Immigration Clinic seminar, including classes on client interviewing, case planning, written advocacy, and trial skills.
- Oversaw student work on policy projects, including coordination of legal resources to benefit Mexican asylum-seekers.
- Developed volunteer interpreter program for the University of Baltimore School of Law Clinical Program, including recruitment of volunteers and community partners.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER, Washington, DC

Domestic Violence Program Staff Attorney (September 2009 - April 2011)

- Represented survivors of domestic violence in family law and immigration matters at a nonprofit legal services organization focused on serving Asian-Pacific Islander communities.
- Conducted community outreach presentations to immigrant communities on legal options for immigration relief; led trainings for lawyers and community advocates on immigration options for domestic violence survivors, divorce and custody procedures, and challenges in working with special populations.
- Supervised AmeriCorps fellow, legal fellow, program interns, and law student volunteers.

CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION LAW & PRACTICE, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney (September 2007 - August 2009)

- Counseled and represented clients in humanitarian legal immigration matters, including VAWA, T and U visas, special immigrant juveniles, asylum, permanent residence, and family petitions.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC, Washington, DC

Student Attorney (August 2006 - May 2007)

- Drafted amicus brief for Second Circuit Court of Appeals case *Arar v. Ashcroft* (supporting Plaintiff-Appellant) concerning international legal prohibitions on torture; engaged national and international human rights advocate as signatories.
- Represented clients, including one detainee, in immigration court; counseled clients on asylum, T visa, and HIV waiver claims.
- Represented Families Against State Terrorism in a complaint on extrajudicial executions before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco, CA

Law Clerk (May - August 2006)

- Assisted in advising small business owners on matters such as business formation, contract negotiation, and tax matters through the Legal Services for Entrepreneurs program.
- Drafted memoranda on the Immigration Reform & Control Act and racial profiling practices.
- Conducted research for amicus brief in *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1*.

- Conducted intake interviews of asylum applicants and drafted memos on possible claims.
- Interviewed individuals lacking housing about experiences with San Francisco shelter system.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH, Washington, DC

Legal Intern, U.S. Domestic Policy Program (February - May 2006)

- Reviewed Combatant Status Review Tribunal transcripts to document potential abuses of detainees at the Guantanamo Detention Facility.
- Researched and drafted analysis on immigrant and detainee access to justice for a United Nations Human Rights report on U.S. compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP, Washington, DC

Community Services Team Law Clerk (September 2005 - February 2006)

- Drafted memoranda on FOIA exemptions and exclusions, restrictions on government witnesses, military police regulations, and police brutality claims.
- Met with clients to obtain statements and prepare for cross-examination.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, Washington, DC

Government Relations Intern (May - August 2005)

- Tracked and researched legislation impacting refugees and asylum-seekers.
- Attended coalition meetings on refugee protection and congressional advocacy.

SCHOLARSHIP

Trafficking Rescue Initiatives as State Violence, 122 PENN. ST. L. REV. 171 (2017)

Trafficking in Narratives: Conceptualizing and Recasting Victims, Offenders, and Rescuers in the War on Human Trafficking, 94 DENVER U. L.R. 1 (2016)

Jobs Looking for People, People Looking for Their Rights: Protecting Immigrant Workers in North Dakota, 91 N.D. L. REV. 483 (2015)

Bride and Prejudice: How U.S. Immigration Law Discriminates Against Spousal Visa Holders, 29 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF GENDER L. & JUST. 25 (2014), reprinted in *Women and the Law* (Thomson Reuters 2014)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS & CONSULTATIONS

“The desperation of Indian housewives in the United States of America,” *Quartz*, October 6, 2016 (cited to law review article “Bride and Prejudice”)

“2015’s Most and Least Educated Cities- Ask the Experts,” *WalletHub.com*, August 26, 2015 (cited as expert on U.S. immigration policy)

“DHS To Finalize Rule Allowing Some H-1B Spouses To Work,” *Law360*, February 24, 2015 (cited as an expert on issues affecting H-4 spouses)

“Spouses Hold Out Hope for New Work Visa Rules,” *Boston Globe*, December 15, 2014 (cited as expert on H-4 employment authorization regulations)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Teaching Immigration Law in Politically Divisive Times*, Biannual Immigration Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Philadelphia, PA (May 25, 2018) (invited)

Presenter, *DACA and the DREAM Act—Past, Present, and Future*, Nuestros Cuentos: Latina/o/x Narratives Amid DACA, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI (April 23, 2018) (invited)

Presenter, *Trafficking Narratives*, Helen Hamilton Day, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (March 23, 2018)

Presenter, *Post-DACA Support for Students*, Detroit, MI, Michigan Student Financial Aid Association Winter Training Conference (January 29, 2018); Metro Detroit College Access and Success Summit, Detroit, MI (November 13, 2017)

Moderator, *Iraqi Deportations in Detroit: Community Perspectives and Responses*, Levin Center at Wayne Law Symposium, “Current Issues in Immigration Law,” Detroit, MI (November 10, 2017)

Chair, *Transborder Lives: intimate dispatches from around the world*; Discussant, *Monitoring and Law Enforcement in the Diversification of Societies*; Presenter, *Borderline Anxiety: Immigration Enforcement in Northern Border Communities*, Law & Society Conference, Mexico City, Mexico (June 20-23, 2017)

Panelist, *Women, Islam & the Law*, Helen Hamilton Day, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (April 7, 2017)

Panelist, *T and U Visas*, Federal Bar Association, Immigration Section Conference, New Orleans, LA (May 13, 2016)

Presenter, *Seeking Relief for Exploited Immigrant Workers in North Dakota*, North Dakota Law Review Symposium, “Social Issues of the Oil Boom,” Grand Forks, ND (April 7, 2016)

Moderator, *Community Perspectives on Integration and Inclusion*, International Studies Speakers Series, “The Immigrant Journey & the Politics of Refuge,” University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND (March 30, 2016)

Presenter, *Borderline Anxiety: Immigration Enforcement in Northern Border Communities*, “Critical Constitutionalism,” LatCrit Biennial Conference, Anaheim, CA (October 2, 2015)

Presenter, *A Survivor-Centered Approach to Human Trafficking*, Law & Society Annual Meeting, “Law’s Promise and Law’s Pathos,” Seattle, WA (June 28, 2015)

Panelist, *Immigration Relief for Vulnerable Populations*, North Dakota State Bar, Fargo, ND (June 16, 2015)

Panelist, *The Role of the Media in Pursuing Justice for Survivors of Human Trafficking*, International Women’s Day Celebration, Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Manila, the Philippines (March 27, 2015)

Panelist, *Ethics and Marginalized Clients: Exploring Boundaries without Judgment*, Midwest Clinical Teachers Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI (September 13, 2014)

Panelist, *Human Trafficking in Maryland: Realities, Resources, and Responses*, YWCA of Greater Baltimore, Baltimore, MD (March 14, 2014)

Panelist, *Beyond Live-Client Litigation: The Integration of Community Advocacy and Organizational Collaboration in In-House Immigration Clinics*, Concurrent Session, American Association of Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Juan, Puerto Rico (May 1, 2013)

Presenter, *Government Regulation of Family Relationships*, Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD (March 8, 2013)

Presenter, *Asylum Law Basics*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Fundamentals Program, Washington DC (October 12, 2012)

Guest Lecturer, *National Security and Immigration Law and Policy*, Law and Government Institute, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC (June 25, 2012)

Presenter, *Representing Asylum Seekers: Asylum Law for Beginners*, DC Bar Association, Washington, DC (February 3, 2012)

Panelist, *Immigration 101*, Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore, MD (May 27, 2010)

Presenter, *Domestic Violence in Asian Pacific Islander Communities*, Dialogue on Diversity Annual Symposium on Domestic Violence, Washington DC (October 20, 2010)

Presenter, *Immigration Remedies for Domestic Violence Survivors*, Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project volunteer trainings, Washington, DC (quarterly, 2009-2011)

COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Member, Michigan Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (July 2017- present)

Board Member, Global Friends Coalition, Grand Forks, ND (February 2015- June 2017)

Member, Grand Forks Immigrant Integration Initiative, Grand Forks, ND (October 2014- June 2017)

Legal Aid Expert, International Senior Lawyer Project/ Embassy of the United States in the Philippines Law Legal Aid Program for Mindanao, Mindanao State University (Marawi), Iligan Institute of Technology (Iligan), Bukidnon State University (Malaybalay), and Liceo de Cagayan University (Cagayan de Oro), the Philippines (June-July 2014)

Board Member, Maryland Immigrant Rights Coalition (June 2011- June 2014)

Chair, Community-Based Organizations Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Washington DC Chapter (June 2011- May 2012)

Board Member, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (October 2009-October 2010)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2008)