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CURRENT POSITION

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW

Tucson, AZ

Associate Professor of Law, 2020-present

Courses: Immigration, Civil Procedure
Service: Co-Director, Bacon Program in Immigration Law & Policy; Appointments Committee; Faculty Enrichment Committee

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Berkeley, CA

M.A., 2016; Ph.D. in Anthropology (filed 2020)

Dissertation: Governing Asylum: Spaces of Citizenship in U.S. Law

YALE LAW SCHOOL

New Haven, CT

J.D., 2006

Honors: Reinhardt Scholar for Public Interest Law

Activities: Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal*,
Editor (submissions), *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*
Chair, Asian Pacific Islander American Law Students Ass'n
Student Director, Schell Center for International Human Rights
Student Director, Jerome Frank Immigration Legal Services Clinic

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Palo Alto, CA

B.A., 2003 with Honors and Distinction, East Asian Studies & Biology (minor)

Add'l honors: Phi Beta Kappa

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

“Local Citizenship, Universal Representation, and Refugee Rights”

“Gender, Agency, and Asylum”

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

The End of Entry Fiction, forthcoming in 99 N. C. L. REV. ----.

Regulating the Border, 79 MD. L. REV. 374 (2020). Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3430023>

Non-Discrimination in Refugee and Asylum Law (Against Travel Ban 1.0 and 2.0),
31 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. 459 (2018) (lead article). Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3417069>

Seeking a Rational Approach to a Regional Refugee Crisis: Lessons from the Summer 2014 “Surge,” 5 J.
MIGRATION & HUM. SEC. 137 (2017) (peer reviewed) (with Karen Musalo). Available at:
<https://ssrn.com/abstract=2947336>

PUBLIC- & PRACTICE-ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS

Suing to Stop Shutting Down Asylum Claims at the Border, JUST SECURITY (Aug. 7, 2019)

ASYLUM CLAIMS BASED ON FEAR OF GANGS, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (2017) (Co-Author and Editor)

CHILD ASYLUM MANUAL, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (2016) (Lead Author)

DHS Argues It Has Evidence That Locking Up Immigrant Families Deters Migration. One Problem: It’s So Wrong.,
ACLU BLOG OF RIGHTS (Sept. 26, 2014)

Coast to Coast, Federal Courts Say No to Mandatory Lock-up of Immigrants, ACLU BLOG OF RIGHTS (May 22, 2014)

Immigrants in Long-term Lock-up Have Rights, ACLU BLOG OF RIGHTS (Jan. 10, 2014)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Gender, Agency, Asylum,” Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (2020)

“On ‘Entry Fiction’: Suspensions of Time, Space, and Rights in U.S. Immigration Detention,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (2020)

“Regulating the Border,” Brigham Young University Law School, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference (2019)

“Boundary Infrastructures: Sovereignty and the Politics of Classification,” UC Berkeley, Institute for Study of Societal Issues (2018)

“Suspensions of Time and Space in Immigration Law,” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA (2018)

“Domestic Violence, Asylum, and the Law,” Princeton University, Department of Comparative Literature (2018)

“Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis,” Stanford Law School, Rebellious Lawyering Conference (2017)

“Immigration & the Executive Orders,” U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service, Department of Homeland Security, San Francisco, CA (2017)

“Gender-Based Asylum: Challenges and Strategies,” U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, D.C. (2017)

“Non-Discrimination in Refugee Law,” Texas A&M Law School, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference (2017)

“Migrant Children at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Human Rights & Challenges,” Stanford Law School, Shaking the Foundations Conference (2016)

“Lessons from the Central American ‘Surge,’” Center for Migration Studies, New York, NY (2016)

“Children Crossing: The Legal Rights of Unaccompanied Children,” Duke Law School, Human Rights Law Group (2015)

“Representing Women and Child Asylum Seekers from Central America,” CARA Pro Bono Project, Dilley Family Detention Center, TX (2015)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2019-2020)

Institute for Study of Societal Issues Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2017-2019)

Collaborative Research Grant, Law & Social Sciences, National Science Foundation (2016)
**as collaborating researcher*

Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2016)

Regents Intern Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Office of the Chancellor (2011-2014)

Global Metropolitan Studies Seed Grant, UC Berkeley (2013)

Amnesty International Human Rights Scholarship (2002)

David L. Boren Scholarship, U.S. National Security Education Program (2001)

Freeman Asia Fellowship, Institute for International Education (2001)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Cambridge, MA

- *Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching and Advocacy Fellow*, Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, 2009-2011. Supervised student representation in gender, LGBTQ, & child asylum cases.
Courses taught: Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Seminar (2009-2011); Immigration Policy & Social Change (2010-2011)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Berkeley, CA

- *Graduate Student Instructor*, Department of Anthropology, 2013
Courses taught: Poverty, Rights, and Culture (2013)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

HON. CARLOS F. LUCERO, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT Denver CO

- *Law Clerk*, 2006-2007. Engaged in extensive legal research and writing in appellate cases.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR GENDER & REFUGEE STUDIES, UC Hastings College of the Law San Francisco, CA

- *Co-Legal Director*, 2015-2020; *Senior Staff Attorney* 2014-2015. Led all aspects of Center’s work, including litigation, policy, research, and technical assistance in the areas of domestic and international refugee law and access to asylum in the United States.

ACLU NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS PROJECT New York, NY and San Francisco, CA

- *Detention Attorney*, 2013-2014; *Equal Justice Works Fellow*, 2007-2009. Engaged in class action litigation to advance the constitutional and statutory rights of immigrants.

SELECTED CASES

Access to Asylum and Territory

- *Grace v. Sessions*. Systemic challenge to expedited asylum screening procedures for individuals with domestic violence and gang claims.
- *Innovation Law Lab v. McAleenan*. Systemic challenge to “Return to Mexico” policy forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico during pendency of immigration court proceedings.

National Security

- *al-Kidd v. Ashcroft*. Challenge to post/9-11 religious profiling and pretextual use of the material witness statute.
- *ACLU v. Department of Defense*. FOIA litigation for information on abuse of detainees in U.S. military facilities abroad.

State and Local Immigrants’ Rights

- *Martinez v. Regents of the University of California* (amicus counsel). Defended California in-state tuition laws benefitting undocumented students on behalf of ACLU.

Immigration Detention

- *Damus v. Nielsen*. Class action challenge to detention of “arriving” asylum seekers.
- *Preap v. Holder; Khoury v. Holder; Gordon v. Napolitano; Gayle v. Napolitano*. Class action challenges to mandatory detention of immigrants.

Asylum and Refugee Law

- *O.L.B.D. v. Barr; Vasquez-Uluan v. Sessions; Bringas-Rodriguez v. Sessions* (amicus counsel); *Gatimi v. Holder* (amicus counsel); *Mejilla-Romero v. Holder* (amicus counsel). Gender-based, gang-based, child, and LGBTQ asylum claims before the U.S. Courts of Appeals.
- *Matter of A-B-*. Domestic violence asylum case before former Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

REFUGEE REUNIFICATION PROJECT (RRP) New Haven, CT

- *Member, Board of Directors*, 2009-present.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE San Francisco, CA

- *Member, Steering Committee*, 2016-2018. Helped lead 30+ organization collaborative to advance legal representation of detained immigrants in California.

SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE COLLABORATIVE

San Francisco, CA

- *Member, Steering Committee*, 2016. Helped lead city-funded collaborative to advance legal representation of child and family asylum seekers in San Francisco.

LARSEN LAM ICONIQ IMPACT AWARD (MACARTHUR FOUNDATION)

Chicago, IL

- *Evaluator*, 2020. Global competition for \$12 million grant to an initiative that secures a durable future for refugees.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quotes and appearances in *Washington Post*, *Democracy Now*, *Mother Jones*, *NBC News*, *KQED*, *KPFA*, *Reuters*, *Mercury News*, *Texas Tribune*, *Quartz*, *Daily Beast*, *Daily Journal* & others

BAR ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & PRACTICE AWARDS

Bar Admissions: States of New York and California; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuits; Northern District of California.

Memberships: American Anthropology Association; Asian American Bar Association; National LGBT Bar Association; American Immigration Lawyers' Association; National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers' Guild.

Practice Awards: "Under 40" Best LGBTQ Lawyers in America, National LGBT Bar Association (2019).