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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW

Tucson, AZ

Associate Professor of Law, 2020 – Present

Courses: Immigration Law; Civil Procedure; Issues in Immigration Law & Policy;
Foreign Diplomat Training Program in Immigration Law

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Anthropology, 2020; *M.A.*, Anthropology, 2016.

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

Advisor: Aihwa Ong

Teaching: Graduate Student Instructor, Dep’t of Anthropology, Poverty, Rights & Culture (2013)

YALE LAW SCHOOL

New Haven, CT

J.D., 2006

Honors: Reinhardt Scholar for Public Interest Law

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Palo Alto, CA

B.A., with Honors and Distinction, 2003

Honors: Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Evolving Constitutional Absences

Local and Legally Constructed Borders

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Immigration’s Substantive Due Process Law, 73 LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES LAW REVIEW ---- (forthcoming 2026–27)

Immigration Parole, 76 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW JOURNAL ---- (formerly HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL) (forthcoming 2026)

Weaponizing Immigration and Asylum Adjudication, 55 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW ---- (forthcoming 2026) (invited symposium essay)

Immigration in the Shadow of Death, 26 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 126 (2024) [*print designation 2023*]. Available at https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract_id=4864425.

Commentary on Nishimura Ekiu v. United States, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: IMMIGRATION LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN (Kathleen Kim, Kevin Lapp, & Jennifer Lee eds., Cambridge University Press 2023) [book chapter]

The End of Entry Fiction, 99 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 565 (2021). Available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3869244>. [Reprinted in BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN (2021)]

Regulating the Border, 79 MARYLAND LAW REVIEW 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 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL 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 JOURNAL ON MIGRATION & HUMAN SECURITY 137 (2017) (peer reviewed) (with Karen Musalo). Available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2947336>.

SELECTED OTHER WRITING

COMMENTARY, OP-EDS & PRACTICE GUIDES

Justices unite against "magic words" and judge-made rules on asylum seekers' credibility, SCOTUSBLOG (June 2021), <https://bit.ly/2U9YJMt>

Justices unanimously rule against asylum seekers on credibility, SCOTUSBLOG (June 2021), <https://bit.ly/4dHrsgM>

Court considers credibility, persuasiveness and truth in asylum seekers' testimony, SCOTUSBLOG (Feb. 2021), <https://bit.ly/3gXDA03>

Court to assess when to treat asylum seekers' testimony as credible, SCOTUSBLOG (Feb. 2021), <https://bit.ly/3iP0r05>

Stop Shutting Down Asylum Claims at the Border, JUST SECURITY (Aug. 2019), <https://bit.ly/2TFELcj>
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)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

AALS Professor of the Year, University of Arizona College of Law	2026
Distinguished Early Career Legal Scholar Award, University of Arizona College of Law	2024
Research Leadership Institute Faculty Fellowship, University of Arizona	2023-2024
Leslie F. and Patricia Bell Faculty Service Award, University of Arizona College of Law	2021

SERVICE AND OUTREACH – IN RANK ONLY

COLLEGE OF LAW SERVICE AND COMMITTEES

Co-Director, Bacon Immigration Law & Policy Program	2020–Present
Co-Director, Immigration Law Certificate Program	2020–Present
Chair, Clerkships Committee	2022–2024
Member, Clerkships Committee	2021–Present
Member, Faculty Enrichment Committee	2020–2026
Member, Appointments Committee	2020–2022, 2026–Present
Member, Curriculum Committee	2021–2022
Faculty Advisor, Immigration Law Students Association	2020–Present
Faculty Advisor, Asian Pacific Islander American Law Students Association	2026–Present
Faculty Advisor, LGBTQ+ Advisors	2023–2024
Faculty Advisor, If/When/How	2022–2023

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Executive Committee, Program on Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory 2022–Present

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Co-Organizer, Law & Society Association, [Int'l] Citizenship & Migration Research Network 2021–2025

Co-Organizer, National Conference on Constitutional Law Scholars 2021–2025

Member, Board of Directors, Refugee Reunification Project, New Haven, CT 2009–2024

Invited Faculty Peer Reviewer, HARVARD LAW REVIEW (declined due to conflict of interest) 2023

Faculty Peer Reviewer, YALE LAW JOURNAL 2022

Evaluator, MacArthur Foundation Larsen Lam ICONIQ Impact Award 2020

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS – IN RANK ONLY

SUBMITTED / SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Bordering Fictions,” Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies and Border Criminologies Conference, Leiden, Netherlands (July 2026)
- “Is Our Conscience Shocked Yet? Immigration Law’s Substantive Due Process Doctrine,” Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Durham, NC (June 2026)
- “Bordering Fictions and Due Process Deficits,” Law & Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (May 2026)
- “Is Our Conscience Shocked Yet?,” AALS Annual Meeting, Immigration Law Section, Columbus, OH (January 2026)
- “Pretextual Non-Process,” Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Columbus, OH (May 2025)
- “Current Issues at the Intersection of Immigration Law and National Security in the United States and Europe,” Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 2025)
- “Overlapping Sovereignities and the Borderlands,” AAPI-MENA Women in the Legal Academy Conference, Williamsburg, VA (October 2024)
- “Immigration Parole,” Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Washington, DC (2024)
- “U.S. Immigration Authority, Governance, and Borders,” Law & Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (2024)
- “Immigration Parole,” Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies and Border Criminologies Conference, Portland, OR (2024)
- “Feminist Judgments: Re-Written Immigration Law Opinions,” Law & Society Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR (2023)
- “Amnesty, Legalization, Regularization,” Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Washington, DC (2023)
- “Reimagining the Right to Remain,” National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, Tucson, AZ (2023)
- “Immigration and Death,” AAPI-MENA Women in the Legal Academy, Davis, CA (2022)
- “Immigration Architectures,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal (2022)
- “Immigration and Death,” Immigration Law Professors Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2022)
- “Gender and Essentialism in Asylum Law,” AAPI-MENA Women in the Legal Academy, Penn State Law, University Park, PA (2021)
- “Asylum and Domination: Law as Gendered Discourse,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2021)
- “Gender, Agency, Asylum,” Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (2020)

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Borders,” Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Washington, DC (2024) (Plenary Session)
- “Immigration Parole,” Arizona State University College of Law / University of Arizona College of Law Junior Faculty Exchange (2024)
- “The Future of Abortion Law,” University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, AZ (2022)
- “Contextualizing Legalized Violence Against Asian Americans,” UC Hastings Symposium on Race, San Francisco, CA (2021)

COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Annual Supreme Court Review,” Arizona Law Chapter American Constitution Society, Tucson, AZ (2025)
- “Introduction to Immigration Law,” Northpoint Learning Academy (high school), Tucson, AZ (2024)
- “A Conversation with Dahlia Lithwick,” McCormick Society Annual Public Lecture, Tucson, AZ (2023) (as interviewer)
- “Immigration Law and Policy Update,” Instituto Matías Romero, Mexico City, Mexico (2022)
- “Border and Interior Enforcement and the U.S. Supreme Court,” University of Arizona Washington, D.C., Center (2022)
- “‘Defending Liberty,’ with David Cole,” McCormick Society Annual Public Lecture, Tucson, AZ (2021) (as interviewer)
- “Immigration Law and Policy at the Border,” Pima County Bar Association, Tucson, AZ (2021)
- “End of Entry Fiction,” University of Arizona College of Law Board of Visitors Presentation, Tucson, AZ (2021)
- “Perspectives on the Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan,” University of Arizona ROTC, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and College of Law, Tucson, AZ (2021) (moderator and lead organizer)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

UC LAW SAN FRANCISCO , Center for Gender & Refugee Studies <i>Co-Legal Director</i> , 2015–2020; <i>Senior Staff Attorney</i> , 2014–2015	San Francisco, CA
ACLU NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS PROJECT <i>Detention Attorney</i> , 2013–2014; <i>Equal Justice Works Fellow</i> , 2007–2009	New York, NY & San Francisco, CA
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL , Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program <i>Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching and Advocacy Fellow</i> , 2009–2011 <i>Courses co-taught</i> : Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Seminar, 2009–2011; Immigration Policy & Social Change, 2010–2011	Cambridge, MA
HON. CARLOS F. LUCERO, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT <i>Law Clerk</i> , 2006–2007	Denver, CO

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Quoted or featured in *Washington Post*, *NBC News*, *Reuters*, *Mother Jones*, *Mercury News*, *Texas Tribune*, *Quartz*, *KQED*, *KPFA*, *Daily Beast*, and *Daily Journal*.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND LICENSES

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.