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## **Teaching and Academic Service**

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### **University of Arizona College of Law**

Director, Domestic Violence Law Clinic

**Tucson, AZ**

July 2014 – present

- Recipient, Distinguished Public Service Scholar Award (2021).
- Direct law students and master level social work students on systemic and policy change as well as direct representation for survivors of gender-based violence. Teach seminar component of the clinic addressing current issues in gender-based violence law and policy from a range of disciplines, including legal, medical, mental/behavioral health, and social work. Collaborate with local and national partners to improve conditions for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Develop and implement innovative policy projects impacting survivors of gender-based violence including reforms to benefit survivors navigating legal processes, domestic violence fatality review policy and reform, trauma-informed economic empowerment trainings and policy projects, and a policy project on rethinking the role of family justice centers and the centering the criminal legal system in addressing gender-based violence.

### **Stanford University Law School**

Assistant Director, Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest

**Stanford, CA**

Sep. 2011 – June 2014

- Directed students in policy projects regarding civil legal services and access to justice, including evaluations of pilot projects and the impact of federal and state law and policy.
- Planned and implemented public interest policy programming, including trainings, roundtables, and annual symposia.

## **Other Professional Service**

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### **Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**

Staff Attorney

**Washington, DC**

Nov. 2010 – Aug. 2011

Loaned Associate from Steptoe & Johnson LLP

Mar. – Nov. 2008

- Provided direct legal services to clients in District of Columbia Superior Court in intimate partner abuse, child custody, divorce, and child support matters.
- Developed and implemented innovative child support project, employing a multidimensional strategy including individual casework, community outreach, and policy and legislative advocacy.
- Engaged in Task Force with other advocacy organizations to coordinate legal services for and address systemic issues affecting low-income victims/survivors of intimate partner abuse.

### **Break the Cycle**

Staff Attorney

**Washington, DC**

Aug. 2009 – Nov. 2010

- Provided direct legal services to victims/survivors of dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Provided technical assistance to organizations servicing teens and young adults regarding legal issues specific to experiencing intimate partner abuse.

**Step toe & Johnson**

Associate

Summer Associate

- Conducted internal investigations and provided compliance advice with respect to U.S. and foreign anti-corruption and export control laws and regulations.
- Engaged in legislative and administrative advocacy for policy reforms regarding unaccompanied minors in collaboration with the Women's Refugee Commission.
- Represented *pro bono* clients in obtaining asylum.

**Washington, DC**

Oct. 2005 – July 2009

Jun. – Aug. 2004

**UN Development Programme**

Legal Intern

**Bratislava, Slovakia**

June – Aug. 2003

**Council on Foreign Relations**

Research Associate

**New York, NY**

July 1999 – Aug. 2001

**Education**

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**University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ

MPH expected 2024

**University of Pennsylvania Law School**, Philadelphia, PA

J.D. 2005

Activities: Legislative Law Clinic, Journal of Constitutional Law, American Constitution Society, Domestic Violence Intake Intern

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT

B.A. History 1999

**Awards and Fellowships**

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2021-2022 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award

2021 James E. Rogers College of Law Distinguished Public Service Scholar Award

2019 Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona Laura Penny Community Impact Award

2016-2017 Tucson Public Voices Fellow

**Service/Outreach**

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Member, Justice for Muslims Collective

Member, Board of Directors, Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Member, Southern Arizona Domestic Abuse Coalition &amp; Domestic Violence Justice League

Member, University of Arizona Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Consortium

Consultant, Judicial Education, Colorado Judicial Branch

## Publications

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### ARTICLES

*Gone and Forgotten: Domestic Violence Fatality Reviews & Victim Confidentiality* (in progress).

*If You Build It They Will Come: The Rise of Family Justice Centers & How Intimate Partner Abuse Law and Policy is Shaped by the Criminal Legal System* (in progress).

*Retraumatized in Court*, 62 Ariz. L. Rev. 81 (2020).

*Codifying Shari'a: International Norms, Legality & The Freedom to Invent New Forms*, 2 AM. J. COMP. L. 1 (2007) (with Paul Robinson *et al.*)

*NGO Regulations in Iran*, INT'L J. NOT-FOR-PROFIT L. 7, 28 (2004).

### LEGAL BRIEFS

Brief for Susan McLaughlin as *Amicus Curiae*, *McLaughlin v. Jones*, 243 Ariz. 29, 401 P.3d 492 (2017).

Brief for L. M. Oakley as *Amicus Curiae*, *Turner v. Steiner*, 242 Ariz. 494 P.3d 110 (Ct. App. 2017).

Brief for Susan McLaughlin as *Amicus Curiae*, *McLaughlin v. Jones*, 240 Ariz. 560, 382 P.3d 118 (Ct. App. 2016).

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sanctuary cities are not breaking the law, *The Hill*, May 12, 2017.

Who are the real bad hombres? *Garnett News*, May 12, 2017.

We need unity in Arizona, *Arizona Star*, Mar. 18, 2017.

Family Court is no place for ICE, *Texas Trib.*, Mar. 1, 2017.

We must protect the Violence Against Women Act, *Ms. Mag.*, Feb. 6, 2017.

Scapegoats in America, *USA Today*, Feb. 1, 2017.

Hate towards Muslims is growing, *Time Mag.*, Dec. 2, 2016.

### Selected Media

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*The Guardian*, "How the US fails to take away guns from domestic abusers: 'These deaths are preventable,' Oct. 26, 2021.

*The Crime Report*, "'Trauma-Informed Lawyering' Can Help Domestic Violence Survivors: Paper," June 4, 2019.

*UA News*, “Negar Katirai Honored for a Career Empowering Women and Girls,” March 13, 2019.

*Buzzfeed News*, “Domestic Violence Victims Aren’t Coming Forward Because They’re Scared of Being Deported,” March 16, 2017.

### **Selected Conferences and Scholarly Presentations**

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*AALS 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on Clinical Education*, Concurrent Session Speaker, “Thinking Outside the Carceral System in Clinics Addressing Gender-Based Violence”, Virtual, May 9-13, 2022.

*Right and Wrong Sides of History, University of California Santa Barbara Retreat on Law, Philosophy and Change*, Presenter, “Warrior Culture and Intimate Partner Violence”, December 1-3, 2021.

*Domestic Abuse Coalition of Southern Arizona*, Presenter, “The Rise of Family Justice Centers”, October 7, 2021.

*University of Arizona Gender Based Violence Consortium Online Symposium*, Presenter, “Preventing Violence and Abuse”, March 19, 2021.

*Family Law Scholars and Teacher’s Conference*, Presenter, “Children and Intimate Partner Violence”, Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019.

*AALS 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on Clinical Education*, Concurrent Session Speaker, “Media Advocacy in Clinical Teaching”, San Francisco, CA, May 4-7, 2019.

*AALS 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Clinical Education*, Concurrent Session Speaker, “Interdisciplinary Experiences from Clinic to the Classroom: Easier Than You Think”, Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2018.

*Family Law Scholars and Teacher’s Conference*, Presenter, “Administrative Closure, an End-Run Around Asylum”, Washington, D.C., June 22, 2015.

### **Awarded Grants**

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Fulbright Scholar Award, 2022, \$25,000

George L Shields Foundation, 2020-2021, \$6,500

George L Shields Foundation, 2019-2020, \$6,500

Gender-Based Violence Consortium Innovation Fund, 2018-2019, \$15,900

Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, 2017-18, \$25,000

Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, 2016-17, \$25,000

### **Languages**

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*Persian*: native

*Spanish*: proficient

*French*: intermediate