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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, KY
Assistant Professor of Law August 2024 – Present

- Courses: Torts, Immigration Law, Crimmigration Seminar

Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, VA
Professor of Practice July 2019 – July 2024
Acting Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic July 2023 – July 2024
Visiting Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic July 2021 – June 2023
Visiting Assistant Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic July 2019 – June 2021

- Immigrant Rights Clinic: Directed and supervised in-house, live-client ten-credit clinic where law students provide direct representation to noncitizens in proceedings before immigration judges and administrative agencies
- Additional Courses: Criminal Law (spring 2024), Crimmigration Seminar (2021, 2023); Law, Justice, and Society Experiential Capstone (2022, 2023) (incorporating senior undergraduates into law school clinics)

LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Migration of Abolition Theory, 103 N.C. L. REV. (forthcoming Jan. 2025)

Speculative Immigration Policy, 37 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. 183 (2023).

Practical Abolition: Universal Representation as an Alternative to Immigration Detention, 89 TENN. L. REV. 199 (2021).

- Featured in ImmigrationProf Legal Blog's Article of the Day (Mar. 18, 2021)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

A Practical Immigration Decarceration Approach for the New Biden Administration, University of Oxford (UK) Border Criminologies Blog (Mar. 19, 2021)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
J.D., *Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Studies*, May 2015

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
B.A., *summa cum laude*, John V. Roach Honors College, Political Science, May 2010
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Chancellor's Scholarship (full-tuition merit scholarship)

SELECTED LEGAL AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, *The Migration of Abolition Theory*, University of Michigan Law School Junior Scholars Conference, Ann Arbor, MI (Apr. 2024)
- Presenter, *Universal Representation as an Alternative to Immigration Detention*, Acacia Center for Justice (virtual) (Apr. 2024)
- Presenter, *The Migration of Abolition Theory*, AALS New Voices in Immigration Law, Washington, DC (Jan. 2024)
- Presenter, *The Migration of Abolition Theory*, work-in-progress, UCLA Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference (Oct. 2023)
- Presenter, *The Future History of ICE*, work-in-progress, George Washington University School of Law, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference (Jun. 2023)
- Presenter, *The Future History of ICE*, work-in-progress, Richmond University School of Law Junior Faculty Forum (May 2023)
- Panelist, *Sixty Since the Sixties: Civil Rights Yesterday, Tomorrow, and Today*, Washington and Lee Law School Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice – Symposium (Nov. 2022)
- Presenter, *The Future History of ICE*, work-in-progress, NYU Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop (Oct. 2022)
- Presenter, *Speculation in Immigration Policy*, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference – “Unsettling Law”, Emory Law School (Virtual) (Jun. 2022)
- Presenter, *Works in Progress – “Officers of the Peace”*, ImmProf Conference, Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) (Jun. 2022)
- Panelist, *Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference*, William and Mary Law School (Virtual) (Mar. 2022)
- Presenter, *Discussing US Immigration and Refugee Policy: Utopian Practices and Futures*, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, 2021 Conference: Utopias as Practices, University of Waterloo (Virtual) (Oct. 2021)
- Presenter, *Universal Representation as an Alternative to Immigration Detention*, Global Borderlands Conference – CINETS (Crimmigration Control International Net of Studies), University of Leiden, Netherlands (Virtual) (Sep. 2021)
- Presenter, *Speculation in Immigration Policy*, Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Mercer University (Virtual) (Jul. 2021)
- Panelist, *Race and the Pandemic: Inequity in Protecting Civil Liberties*, Washington and Lee Law School Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice – Symposium, (2020)
- Panelist and presenter, *Understanding Asylum and Refugee Law*, CLE Course, with Immigration Judge Dorothy Harbeck (Oct. 2017 and Apr. 2018)
- Co-presenter, *An Overview of Detained Immigrant Representation for Pro Bono Attorneys*, Immigrant Justice Campaign and American Immigrant Representation Project, Hosted by Immigrant Justice Campaign (NYC) (May 2017)
- Presenter, *Representing Detained Immigrants in Bond Hearings*, Seton Hall Law School (Apr. 2017)

SELECTED COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, *The Basics of DACA (in Spanish)*, Latinos Unidos de Rockbridge, Zoom presentation (May 2021)

- Organizer and moderator, *Martin Luther King Celebration: Building Bridges, not Barriers, DACA-mentary and panel*, screening of “The Unafraid” documentary and panel discussion, Washington & Lee University (Jan. 2020)
- Co-presenter, *The Expansion of Immigration Detention and its Impact on Communities in New Jersey*, SPEAR Conference, Princeton University (Sep. 2018)
- Regular presenter, *Current Developments in Supreme Court Case Law and Immigration Law*, Ramapo College, Prof. Sanghamitra Padhy (Oct. 2017, Oct. 2018)
- Co-presenter, *General Resources for Immigrants in the Climate of the New Administration*, Consulate of Ecuador (Nov. 2017)

LEGAL PRACTICE AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Detention Attorney Feb. 2019 – Jun. 2019
American Friends Service Committee, Newark, NJ

- Supervised staff attorneys, *pro bono* attorneys, interns, and law students in their intake and representation of clients

Staff Detention Attorney Oct. 2016 – Jan. 2019
American Friends Service Committee, Newark, NJ

- Represented over 100 individuals in removal proceedings before immigration judges at Elizabeth/Newark Immigration Courts (resulting in successful grants of asylum, withholding of removal, cancellation of removal, adjustment of status, and bond); provided representation in family court and criminal court
- Represented clients before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Court of New Jersey
- Advocated for state-level funding with NJ legislators to provide universal representation to all immigrant detainees, resulting in \$2.1 million allocation for fiscal year 2018

Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow Sep. 2015 – Sep. 2016
American Friends Service Committee, Newark, NJ

- Represented over 30 individuals in detained, non-detained, and non-removal immigration matters such as: asylum/withholding proceedings, U-Visas, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and in mental competency hearings
- Participated in a two-week representation project at Karnes Detention Center (Texas), reviewing negative Credible Fear Interviews, preparing clients for hearings with immigration judges and writing Requests for Re-interview

Immigration Court Student Law Clerk Jan. 2015 – May 2015
Executive Office for Immigration Review, Arlington, VA

- Drafted opinions in immigration cases for review by law clerk and immigration judge

Student Attorney Sep. 2014 – Dec. 2014
Center for Applied Legal Studies (CALs) – Asylum clinic
Georgetown Law, Washington, DC

- Prepared, presented, and won withholding-only case before an Arlington immigration judge for a client from El Salvador detained at the Farmville Detention Center

Legal Intern

Jun. 2014 – Aug. 2014

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Washington, DC

- Conducted intakes of minors detained at the border and prepared case theory memos in an effort to find pro bono counsel to represent them in removal proceedings

Spanish Teacher

Aug. 2010 – Jun. 2012

Teach For America, Albemarle Road Middle School, Charlotte, NC

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Jessine A. Monaghan Fellowship (2023) (recognizing innovation and excellence in experiential education)
- Jessine A. Monaghan Fellowship (2021) (recognizing innovation and excellence in experiential education)

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Harvard Law Review peer editor
- German Law Review peer editor

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court – District of New Jersey
- State Bar of New York
- State Bar of New Jersey
- State Bar of Virginia (associate status)

LANGUAGES:

Spanish - Fluent; French - Intermediate