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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW**, Champaign, Illinois

*Associate Clinical Professor*

**July 2019–Present**

*Director, Immigration Law Clinic*

- Direct and teach Immigration Law Clinic. The Immigration Law Clinic provides opportunities for students to experience the practice of law through direct client representation in a well-supervised and academically rigorous environment. Students are simultaneously engaged in provision of direct legal services, policy research, resource development, and community outreach and education on issues related to immigration.
- Provide classroom instruction on substantive topics related to immigration law and remedies, as well as general practice/skills topics such as legal ethics and client-interviewing.

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

*Associate Professor of Professional Practice*

**July 2018–June 2019**

*Assistant Professor of Professional Practice*

**June 2015–July 2018**

*Director, Immigration Law Clinic, Paul M. Hebert Law Center*

- Courses Taught: Immigration Law Clinic Practicum, Immigration Law Clinic Seminar; Interviewing and Counseling.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**, East Lansing, Michigan

*Teaching Fellow, Immigration Law Clinic*

**May 2013–May 2015**

- Supervised second and third year law students in all aspects of representation of immigrant children and adults, from initial intake and case assessment, to drafting applications for relief, research memoranda and motions, and ultimately direct representation in immigration court proceedings and before USCIS.
- Provided classroom instruction covering substantive topics related to immigration law and remedies, domestic violence, the intersection of criminal and immigration law, etc., as well as general practice/skills topics such as ethics and interviewing clients, specifically children and victims of trauma.
- Conducted presentations on various topics of immigration law to the MSU College of Law, the MSU School of Social Work, community groups, and social services organizations throughout Michigan.
- Recipient of 2015 Michigan State University Excellence in Diversity Award as part of Immigration Law Clinic Team for supporting an environment at MSU where diversity and inclusion are valued.
- Courses: Immigration Law Clinic, Asylum and Refugee Law Seminar.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

THE TIPPING POINT: THE FAILURE OF FORM OVER SUBSTANCE IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN, 18 HARV. LATINO L. REV. 1 (2015).

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Immigration Law, Clinical Legal Education, Refugee and Asylum Law, Practice Skills Courses, Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors, Service Learning

## **OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER**, Chicago, Illinois

**Staff Attorney**

**April 2012–April 2013**

*Immigrant Children’s Protection Project and Immigrant Legal Defense Project*

- Represented immigrant children and adults in immigration court proceedings and before USCIS for asylum, SIJS, adjustment of status, family petitions, U nonimmigrant visas for victims of crimes, and other forms of humanitarian immigration relief; drafted motions, legal memoranda and declarations.
- Conducted *Know Your Rights* presentations to detained immigrant children; performed legal screenings of detained and non-detained immigrant children and adults and assessed immigration relief options in each instance.
- Consulted with and advised pro bono attorneys on representation of unaccompanied immigrant youth for asylum and SIJS; conducted presentations to pro bono attorneys and other community organizations on humanitarian immigration law.

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Immigration and Refugee Advocate**

**May 2011–March 2012**

*Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic*

- Represented clients before the Asylum Office and in immigration court; extensively interviewed clients and drafted affidavits; and performed intake of potential clients.
- Researched and compiled country conditions and all other identifying/supporting materials for affirmative and defensive asylum applications; worked at length with interpreters, social workers, mental health professionals; and prepared VAWA application filings.
- Created syllabus and selected readings for Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Seminar.
- Researched and edited revisions to the 2012 edition of Professor Deborah Anker’s treatise *Law of Asylum in the United States*.

**DEWEY & LEBOEUF LLP**, New York, New York

**D.L. Pursuits**

**June 2009–April 2011**

- Utilizing resources from Dewey & LeBoeuf’s furlough program, D.L. Pursuits
  - Volunteered as an English as a Second Language teacher for adult immigrants through Columbia University Community Impact Program.
  - Studied Spanish in Barcelona, Spain.

**Tax Associate & Summer Associate**

**September 2008–May 2009, May 2007–August 2007**

- Assisted in preparation for Internal Revenue Service appeals proceedings; researched legal tax issues and wrote legal memoranda; performed document review.
- Researched legal intellectual property issues and wrote legal memoranda; created presentation for Occupational Safety & Health Administration conference.

**HON. NANETTE K. LAUGHREY, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, Jefferson City, Missouri**

**Summer Clerk**

**June 2006–August 2006**

- Assisted in drafting judicial orders; researched legal issues; and observed courtroom proceedings.

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, Virginia**

J.D., 2008

- *Virginia Tax Review*, Asst. Articles Editor/Articles Editor, 2006–2007
- Virginia Innocence Project, Events and Publicity Chair, 2006–2007
- Peer Advisor 2006–2007 & 2007–2008
- Libel Show, Head Writer 2007–2008, Junta Writer 2006–2007

**RICE UNIVERSITY, Houston, Texas**

B.A. English and Psychology, *cum laude*, 2003

- Teaching Assistant/Grader, Multivariable Calculus, 2000–2001
- Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society, 2002–2003
- Athenian Fellow Award 2003 (Outstanding Contribution to Sid Richardson College)
- Sid Richardson Head Fellow, Tutor Coordinator (2002–2003) and Tutor in Psychology and English, 2001–2003

**WILLIAMS COLLEGE, Williamstown, Massachusetts 1999–2000**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Critical Dialogue Presenter, *Social Justice League: Enhancing Immigrant's Access to Justice through Interdisciplinary Training and Education Efforts*, New York, New York, August 11, 2019.

Emerging Immigration Scholars' Conference, Presenter, *Incubator Project: PechaKucha as a Pedagogical Tool*, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, June 7, 2019.

Strengthening the Baton Rouge Immigrant Advocacy Community (MCLE/LABSWE), Organizer and Presenter, *Expert Witnesses and Working with Experts*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 14, 2019.

Strengthening the Baton Rouge Immigrant Advocacy Community (MCLE/LABSWE), Organizer and Presenter, *Psychosocial and Legal Complexities of Working with Trauma-affected Immigrants*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 12, 2019.

Strengthening the Baton Rouge Immigrant Advocacy Community (MCLE/LABSWE), Organizer and Presenter, *Ethics in Navigating Interpreter and Immigrant Dynamics*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 7, 2019.

Who's Watching the Children (a local grassroots movement) and the LSU Honors College, Featured Speaker, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 7, 2019.

Who's Watching the Children, Speaker, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 3, 2018.

Atlas Foundation, Keynote Speaker, *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner: Human Rights & Dialogue*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 6, 2018.

Southern Clinical Conference, Presenter, *Aspiration Before Legislation: Grounding Courses and Clinics in Home*, Columbia, South Carolina, October 19, 2018.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Refugee Resettlement Orientation, Presenter, *U.S. Immigration Law and the Refugee*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 16, 2018.

Louisiana Scholarly Workshop 2018, Discussant, *The School to Deportation Pipeline by Laila Hlass*, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 23, 2018.

Southern Clinical Conference, Organizer and Presenter, *Navigating the Media in the Fake News Era: Balancing Our Roles as Advocates, Educators and University Representatives*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 20, 2017.

Rotaract: Professionals of Baton Rouge, Speaker, *Immigration, Baton Rouge and You*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 11, 2017.

Louisiana State University, Organizer and Presenter, *DACA Information and Assistance Session*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 24, 2017.

Emerging Immigration Scholars' Conference, Presenter, *Incubator Project: SHOULD YOU STAY OR SHOULD YOU GO? EXAMINING POTENTIAL ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS INVOLVED WITH JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES AND SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS*, Fort Worth, Texas, May 19, 2017.

University Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, Guest Speaker, *Immigration in the United States: Alternative Facts vs. Facts*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 1, 2017.

Southern University Law Center, Panelist, *The Rule of Law and Executive Power under the Trump Presidency*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 13, 2017.

Louisiana State University, Speaker, *Iranian Student Association Rally*, February 9, 2017.

LSU Law Center Forum, Panelist, *The Executive Order Travel Ban*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 8, 2017.

2017 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Discussion Group Participant, *The Central American Refugee Crisis: A Discussion of the Current Response and Evaluation of U.S. Legal Obligations under Domestic and International Law*, San Francisco, California, January 4, 2017.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Refugee Resettlement Orientation, Presenter, *U.S. Immigration Law and the Refugee*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 14, 2016.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, 2016 Annual Conference, Speaker, *Chaos and Ethical Issues Resulting from the Collision of Federal Immigration Law and State Law in the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Context*, Amelia Island, Florida, August 4, 2016.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Refugee Resettlement Orientation, Presenter, *U.S. Immigration Law and the Refugee*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 9, 2016.

East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office, Victim Assistance Coordinators In-Service, Presenter, *Helping Immigrant Victims of Crimes*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 15, 2016.

LSU Women Law Students Association and Black Law Students Association, LSU Law Center, Panelist, *Women in the Law*, April 7, 2016.

American Constitution Society, LSU Law Center, Presenter, *The Great American Melting Pot Boils Over: Immigration the New Isolationism*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 6, 2016.

IRIS: Domestic Violence Center of Baton Rouge, Presenter, *Helping Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 17, 2016.

Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Conclave, Moderator and Panelist, *Immigration Law Ethics*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 4, 2016.

Baton Rouge Jewish Community Taskforce on Immigration, Presenter, *Study Colloquium: A Prelude to Action*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 21, 2016.

Immigration Law Association, LSU Law Center, Panelist, *Immigration Law Career Panel*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 15, 2015.

Baton Rouge Jewish Community Taskforce on Immigration, Panelist, *Planning Responses to the Syrian Refugee Conflict*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 17, 2016.

Emerging Immigration Scholars' Conference, Presenter, *Incubator Project: Will they Ever Learn: the Repeated Failure of In-Country Refugee Processing*, Coral Gables, Florida, June 2015.

2015 Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Panelist, *Navigating the Complexities of the Clinical Teaching Market*, Rancho Mirage, California, May 2015.

Michigan State University School of Social Work, Keynote Speaker, *Executive Action in Immigration*, East Lansing, Michigan, April 16, 2015.

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Presenter, *Naturalization and Family Unity*, Lansing, Michigan, January 26, 2015.

2015 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Panelist, *The Tipping Point, How the Recent Migrant Children's Crisis Highlights the U.S.'s Systemic Failure to Address the Needs of Unaccompanied Children*, Washington, D.C., January 4, 2015.

Michigan State University School of Social Work, Advanced Social Welfare Policy, Guest Lecturer, *Issues Faced by Immigrant Children and Children of Immigrants in the United States*, East Lansing, Michigan, October 28, 2014.

Michigan State University Junior Faculty Workshop, Presenter, *THE TIPPING POINT: THE FAILURE OF FORM OVER SUBSTANCE IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN*, East Lansing, Michigan, September 26, 2014.

Annual Midwest Clinical Conference, Moderator, *Newer Clinicians Session*, East Lansing, Michigan, September 12, 2014.

Refugee Resettlement Program, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Presenter, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Lansing, Michigan, July 18, 2014.

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Panelist, *Obtaining Predicate Orders in State Court for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, May 16, 2014.

Godfrey-Lee Public Schools, Presenter, *Information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)*, April 19, 2014.

Michigan State University College of Law, Panelist, *Coming to America: Undocumented Youth, Immigration and the U.S. Constitution*, February 25, 2014.

Refugee Resettlement Program, Bethany Christian Services, Presenter, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 12, 2013.

Baker & McKenzie Day of Service, Presenter/Trainer, *Working with Unaccompanied Immigrant Children: Basic Forms of Immigration Relief*, Chicago, Illinois, July 13, 2012.

## ***LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES***

### **National/Regional:**

2019 Southern Clinical Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee Co-chair

2019 Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee Co-chair

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Legal Education Section, Membership, Outreach and Training Committee member, June 2015–present

2018 Southern Clinical Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee Co-chair

2017 Southern Clinical Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee Chair, Publicity Committee member

2017 Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee member

2014 Annual Midwest Clinical Conference Planning Committee Member; New Clinicians Session Planning Committee

### **Louisiana State University:**

2015 Service-Learning Faculty Scholar Program, Center for Community Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (CCELL) at LSU – selected as a Faculty Scholar from campus-wide pool to participate in a program designed to promote the institutionalization of service-learning courses.

Dissertation Advisory Committee for Alejandra Torres, English PhD Candidate, Member, May 2017–present

### **LSU Law Center:**

Admissions Committee, 2018–2019, Member

Experiential Learning Committee, 2018–2019, Member

Hiring Committee, 2017–2018, Member

Diversity and Professionalism Committee, 2015–2016, 2017–2018, Member

Learning Outcomes Working Group, 2016–2018, Member

Adjunct Committee, 2016–2017, Member

Clinical Instruction Committee, 2015–2016, Member

Pro Bono Committee, 2015–2016, Member

## ***PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS***

2018 Human Rights Award (on behalf of LSU Immigration Law Clinic), November 6, 2019, Atlas Foundation

Peabody Society Dean's Circle Grant, Louisiana State University, Recipient with Dr. Jen Scott, PhD, LMSW, July 2018–July 2019, *Strengthening the Baton Rouge Immigrant Advocacy Community*

## ***MEDIA APPEARANCES***

Louisiana Public Broadcasting, Featured Interviewee, *The State We're In*, June 22, 2018.

Louisiana Public Broadcasting, Panelist, *The State We're In*, February 3, 2017.

WVLA, Local NBC Syndicate, Television News Interview, *LSU Immigration Law Expert Discusses Travel Ban*, January 30, 2017.

WAFB, Local CBS Syndicate, Television News Interview, *LSU students impacted by President Trump's travel ban*, January 30, 2017.

**BAR MEMBERSHIP**

New York Unified State Courts, Second Judicial Department, admitted May 2009

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2013–present

**OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

Baton Rouge Immigrants' Rights Coalition, Member, 2018–present

Baton Rouge Refugee Advisory Council, Member, 2017–present

Beth Shalom Synagogue, 2019–present, Board Member; 2015–present, Ritual Committee Member

Louisiana Immigration Working Group, Member, 2015–present

Who's Watching the Children, grassroots advocacy organization, Founding Member, 2018–present

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish – Fluent