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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW, Champaign, IL

Clinical Professor

August 2022–Present

Associate Clinical Professor

July 2019–August 2022

Director, Immigration Law Clinic

July 2019–Present

- 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, PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER, Baton Rouge, LA

Associate Professor of Professional Practice

July 2018–June 2019

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice

June 2015–July 2018

Director, Immigration Law Clinic

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

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI

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

Lauren R. Aronson, The Tipping Point: The Failure of Form over Substance in Addressing the Needs of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, 18 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 1 (2015).

Scott, J. & Aronson, L., Building professional bridges to support people crossing borders: Interprofessional training for social workers and lawyers to support immigrant clients, The Journal of Social Work Education, December 10, 2021.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigration Law; Refugee and Asylum Law; Clinical Legal Education; Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors; Immigration Law, Policy and the State; Practical Skills Courses; Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Immigrant Advocacy

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER, Chicago, IL

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, MA

Immigration and Refugee Advocate

May 2011–March 2012

Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic

- Represented clients before the Asylum Office and in immigration court in primarily gender-based asylum cases; 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, NY

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, MO

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, VA
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, TX

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, MA 1999–2000

COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Presenter and Session Organizer, *Navigating the Complexities of the Clinical Teaching Market*, Various Locations, April 29, 2023, May 12, 2022.

UIUC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Speaker, *Undocumented Student Ally Training*, September 11, 2023, March 3, 2023, September 16, 2022, April 4, 2022, October 22, 2021, April 16, 2021, October 21, 2020, October 25, 2019.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, *DACA Campus Briefing*, Speaker/Presenter, October 13, 2022.

League of Women Voters McLean County, *The Status of Immigration: National, state and local changes & their local impact on immigrants*, Panelist, February 2, 2022.

Advocates of a Silenced Turkey, *Friends for the Oppressed Turkey*, Speaker, January 30, 2022.

Immigration Law Society, *Welcome Meeting*, Speaker, UIUC College of Law, Champaign, Illinois, September 22, 2021.

Champaign/Urbana Welcoming Week, Presenter, *Citizenship 101 + Trivia*, University YMCA, Champaign, Illinois, September 17, 2021.

University YMCA, Panelist, Friday Forum: *Intersection of Racism and Migration*, Champaign, Illinois, September 17, 2021.

UIUC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Speaker, *DACA Campus Briefing*, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, August 16, 2021.

AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, *Navigating the Complexities of the Clinical Teaching Market: Callbacks*, Panelist, May 1, 2021.

UIUC Student Advocacy Coalition and I-CAUSE, *Immigration Legislation Panel*, Panelist, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, April 22, 2021.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana Champaign, *Immigration Law Under the Biden Administration: Legislation and Executive Actions*, Presenter, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, April 19, 2021.

Illinois Global Institute, The Global and Its Worlds, *Film Screening and Q&A: "From Here,"* Moderator, Humanities Research Institute, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, April 13, 2021.

Immigration Law Society Spring 2021 Symposium, *Family Issues in Immigration*, Panelist, Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, April 13, 2021.

UIUC Honor's College Course, CHP 199: Immigration: A global phenomenon with local implications, Guest Lecturer, *Humanitarian Immigration in the United States*, Champaign, Illinois, March 29, 2021.

Contemporary Conversations on Race at the Spurlock Museum, "Dreamers Reflect on DACA," Panelist, March 4, 2021.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana Champaign, *Asylum After Trump's America*, Presenter, January 25, 2021.

UIUC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Faculty Webinar, "*The Future of DACA: How the U.S. Supreme Court Decision Impacts Our Community*," Presenter, July 28, 2020.

UIUC Honor's College Course, CHP 199: Immigration: A global phenomenon with local implications, Guest Lecturer, *Humanitarian Immigration in the United States*, Champaign, Illinois, April 6, 2020.

Urbana High School, Presenter, *U.S. Immigration Relief Options and Know Your Rights*, Champaign, Illinois, February 28 and March 6, 2020.

UIUC Playful Design Methods Course, Guest Lecturer, *Reimagining Immigration in the United States*, Champaign, Illinois, January 30, 2020.

UIUC European Union Center and South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Symposium: Refugees, Migrants, Citizens: Political Socialization across Borders, Panelist/Presenter, *Human Rights and Border Regimes*, Urbana, Illinois, December 6, 2019.

UIUC School of Information Sciences, Panelist, *Illegal Rose: Film Screening and Panel Discussion about Working with Immigrant Communities*, Champaign, Illinois, December 6, 2019.

Champaign Central High School, Presenter, *U.S. Immigration Relief Options and Know Your Rights*, Champaign, Illinois, November 15, 22, and December 9, 2019.

UIUC "Home is Here" Week, Presenter, *The Future of DACA*, Champaign, Illinois, November 5, 2019.

Bend the Arc Champaign/Urbana Chapter general meeting, Presenter, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States*, Champaign, Illinois, October 30, 2019.

Midwest Clinical Conference, Presenter, *PechaKucha as a Pedagogical Tool*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 19, 2019.

Southern Clinical Conference, Presenter/Session Leader, *PechaKucha as a Pedagogical Tool and Strengthening the Immigrant Community through Cross-disciplinary Collaboration*, Loyola/Tulane, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11-12, 2019.

UIUC Migration and Game Design Working Group, Presenter/Lecturer, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and Central American Migrants*, Champaign, Illinois, October 2, 2019.

Champaign/Urbana Welcoming Week, Presenter, *Legal Advocacy 101: Immigration Basics for Advocates*, University YMCA, Champaign, Illinois, September 21, 2019.

UIUC Center for Global Studies Event Series: Global Migrations, Presenter/Lecturer, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Kids in the United States: The Journey and the Destination*, Urbana, Illinois, September 18, 2019.

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, 12, and 7, 2019.

The LSU Honors College, Featured Speaker, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 7, 2019.

Who's Watching the Children (a local grassroots organization), Speaker, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 3, 2018.

Atlas Foundation, Keynote Speaker, *15th 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, September 24, 2017, July 14, 2016, May 9, 2016.

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.

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.

AALS 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.

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.

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.

AALS 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.

AALS 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:

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Legal Education Section, Membership, Outreach and Training Committee member, June 2015–present; Clinician Crews Co-chair, Fall 2020–present

End SIJS Backlog Coalition, Steering Committee Member, February 2021–February 2022

2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 Southern Clinical Conference Planning Committee member; Works-in-Progress Committee Co-chair – *2020 conference cancelled due to COVID-19*

2019, 2017 Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference Planning Committee member; 2019, Works-in-Progress Committee Co-chair; 2017, Works-in-Progress Committee member

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

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign:

Administrative Working Group on Immigration, Office of the Provost Fall 2021–present, Working Group Member

University of Illinois System Collaborating Scholar for the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, January 2022–December 2022

Coordinated Community Response Team, Spring 2021–Fall 2023, Steering Committee Member

Migration and Game Design Working Group, Fall 2019–Spring 2021, Working Group Member/Presenter

University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign College of Law:

Faculty Development/Visiting Assistant Professor Committee, Fall 2023–Spring 2024

International Students Committee, Fall 2022–Spring 2023

First Amendment Clinic Hiring Committee, Summer/Fall 2022

Student Awards Committee, Fall 2021–Spring 2022

Student Awards Committee, Fall 2020–Spring 2021

Diversity Committee Member, Fall 2019–Spring 2020

Louisiana State University:

Dissertation Advisory Committee for Alejandra Torres, English PhD Candidate, Member, May 2017–May 2020

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.

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

School Innovation Fund Award, Grant through the School of Social Work with Dr. Flora Cohen

Legacia Award, recognizing an exceptional 50 Individuals who have been active contributors to enhancing La Casa, advancing Latina/o/x/e Communities, and going above & beyond in all they do; for dedication, commitment to empowering Latinidad, and excellence during time at the University of Illinois, April 2024

University of Illinois’s List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2023

University of Illinois’s List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2021

University of Illinois’s List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Spring 2020

University of Illinois's List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2019

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

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*

PRESS APPEARANCES

Illinois News Bureau, *Does new Illinois law allow non-citizens to become law enforcement officers?*, August 18, 2023.

USA Today, *No, new Illinois law will not let people in US illegally become cops, deputies | Fact check*, August 11, 2023.

PolitiFact, *Illinois law expanding police eligibility to some immigrants is narrower than critics say*, August 11, 2023.

Factchequeado.com, *No, Illinois no está permitiendo que “extranjeros ilegales” formen parte de la policía: la nueva ley aplica para inmigrantes con permiso de trabajo y permiso federal de porte de armas*, August 11, 2023.

Reuter's, *Fact Check-Illinois bill only allows certain non-citizens to become police officers*, August 7, 2023.

AP News, *AP Fact Check: Illinois will allow some non-citizens to be police. But only those authorized to work and own a gun*, August 4, 2023.

The Daily Illini, *DACA faces uncertainty as University continues support for DACA students*, available at <https://dailyillini.com/special-sections/hispanic-heritage-month/2022/09/14/daca-students-uiuc/>, September 14, 2022.

Illinois Law Blog, *Immigration Law Clinic students win two asylum cases*, available at <https://blogs.illinois.edu/view/7000/952744325#:~:text=This%20past%20summer%2C%20students%20in,their%20lives%20free%20from%20persecution>, September 14, 2022.

The Daily Illini, *Director of immigration law clinic serves community, mentors law students*, available at <https://dailyillini.com/featured/features-top-stories/2022/03/03/director-of-immigration-law-clinic-serves-community-mentors-law-students/>, March 3, 2022.

WGLT, NPR from Illinois State University, *Illinois touted as a 'pioneer state' for immigration rights*, available at <https://www.wglt.org/local-news/2022-02-02/illinois-touted-as-a-pioneer-state-for-immigration-rights>, February 2, 2022.

WGN 720AM, *Let's Get Legal*, Interview re Afghan Refugee Crisis, August 21, 2021.

Slate, *Biden Could Protect Tens of Thousands of Abused Immigrant Children from Deportation with One Small Fix*, with Co-Authors Theo Leibmann and Andrea Ramos, June 30, 2021.

Illinois News Bureau Interview, “*Are we experiencing another unaccompanied child 'crisis' at the southern US border?*,” June 11, 2021.

WVON 1690 Chicago, The Afternoon Show with Matt McGill and Kim Egonmwan, radio appearance, “*The Unaccompanied Immigrant Child Crisis at the Border,*” March 9, 2021.

Illinois News Bureau, “*Can Biden pass comprehensive immigration reform?*” February 15, 2020.

The News-Gazette, “*Illini Insider, Ask the Expert: The future of DACA under Biden’s Administration,*” December 2, 2020.

Illinois News Bureau, “*Where does the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program stand?*” June 30, 2020.

Illinois Public Radio, Interview, *The 21st*, “*Supreme Court’s DACA Decision,*” June 22, 2020.

Illinois Public Radio, Interview, *The 21st*, “*Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Illinois,*” October 28, 2019.

Illinois News Bureau Interview, “*What’s behind the surge of unaccompanied minors crossing southern U.S. border?*” October 17, 2019.

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

Illinois Supreme Court, admitted June 2022

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2013–present

Champaign County Bar Association, 2022–present

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

University YMCA, Board of Governors, Member, F2023–present

Migrant Arrivals Taskforce, Point Person for Legal Services, F2022–S2023

Community Alliance, Member, Spring 2021–present

Baton Rouge Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, Member, 2018–2019

Baton Rouge Refugee Advisory Council, Member, 2017–2019

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

Louisiana Immigration Working Group, Member, 2015–2019

Who's Watching the Children, grassroots advocacy organization, Founding Member, 2018–2019

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Fluent