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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Denver Sturm College of Law July 2019 – Present
Clinical Teaching Fellow, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic
Supervise law students on removal defense cases in immigration and federal courts.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA August 2020 – Present
Adjunct Professor, CARES Clinic
Remotely co-teach seminar for semester-long asylum clinic.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, East Bay Community Law Center,
Acting Director, Immigration Clinic Jan. 2014 – May 2014
Staff Attorney & Clinical Instructor, Immigration Clinic Aug. 2011 – May 2015
Taught and supervised law students in clinical program of Berkeley Law that primarily served clients who were referred through a Medical-Legal Partnership with Children’s Hospital, or people living with HIV/AIDS.

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO January 2008 – May 2008
Co-Instructor, Introduction to Women’s Studies

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law **LL.M. (Expected May 2022)**

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law **J.D., May 2011**
Honors: Jurisprudence Award; Third-Year Distinction (Top 25%); LatCrit Student Scholar Program Award; Brayton Purcell Fellow; Advocacy Award.
Activities: Research Assistant (Prof. Bertrall Ross & Prof. Saira Mohamed)
Articles Editor, Book Review Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*
Associate Editor, *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*
Co-Chair, La Raza Law Students Association
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Women of Color Collective

Colorado State University **B.A., magna cum laude, December 2007**
Sociology (major), Spanish (minor), Women’s Studies & Chicana/o Studies (certificates)
Honors: Distinguished Alumni Award (awarded to one member of graduating class for Student Leadership)
Harriet Patsy Boyer Award (Women’s Studies)
Jack & June Richardson Honors Program Award
Phi Beta Kappa
Hon. Thesis: “Experiences of Women of Color Faculty at Colorado State University”

PUBLICATIONS

Pleading the Fifth in Immigration Court: A Regulatory Proposal, 98 WASH. U. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2021) (Job Talk Paper).

The Case for Abolishing the Fugitive (Alien) Disentitlement Doctrine (work in progress).

AIDS and the Law Treatise, Immigration Law Chapter, Contributor (2012, 2013, 2014).

“How to Be a Great Mentee,” *The Bench*, American Inns of Court (January/February 2019 issue).

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

AALS New Voices in Immigration Law, Panelist
“The Case for Abolishing the Fugitive (Alien) Disentitlement Doctrine” January 2021

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars’ Conference
“The Case for Abolishing the Fugitive (Alien) Disentitlement Doctrine” November 2020

New York University School of Law’s Clinical Writer’s Workshop
“The Case for Abolishing the Fugitive (Alien) Disentitlement Doctrine” October 2020

A Virtual Conversation and Q&A with Ian Haney López, Moderator October 2020

Berkeley Law Alumni Panel, Panelist
“More Lessons from the Great Recession” July 2020

Law & Society Association, Paper Session
“Invoking the Fifth Amendment in Immigration Court” May 2020

LatCrit XV Annual Conference, Student Scholar Award Presentation
“Dispossession & Migration: Effects of NAFTA on Indigenous Women in Rural Mexico” October 2010

Colorado State University, various panel presentations
“Alternative Spring Break: Violence against Women in Ciudad Juárez, México” April-September 2007

Colorado State University, Women’s Studies Colloquium
“Latina Immigrants and Domestic Violence” February 2007

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Denver, CO
Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Kristen L. Mix Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2018

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, CA
Staff Attorney, Immigration May 2015 – Oct. 2016

OTHER LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, Killmer, Lane & Newman, LLP, Denver, CO Aug. 2018 – July 2019
Represented clients in civil rights, employment discrimination, and pro bono criminal defense cases in federal and state courts. Performed all duties associated with litigation from initial consultations through trial.

Legal Intern, Accountability Counsel, San Francisco, CA Spring 2011
Conducted legal research and policy development regarding environmental and human rights violations by private corporations against communities in Peru, Mexico, and Papua New Guinea.

Legal Intern, Indian Law Resource Center, Washington, D.C. Fall 2010
Conducted legal research and represented the Center in meetings related to climate change, environmental justice, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala, Chile, and Peru.

Legal Intern, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, El Paso, TX Summer 2010
Assisted low-income clients in a variety of civil cases including case development, investigations, negotiations, and legal strategy.

Clinical Student, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA May 2009 – May 2010
Provided direct legal services on immigration cases to clients who were low-income, primarily Spanish-speaking, LGBTQ, HIV-positive and/or survivors of trauma.

Student Legal Representative, California Asylum Representation Clinic, Berkeley, CA
Aug. 2008 – May 2010

Legal Intern, Fischer & Fischer, LLP, Fort Collins, CO May 2007 – Nov. 2007

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quoted in Saja Hindi, “She tried to become legal and it just became a nightmare”: A DACA recipient’s deportation and her family’s search to find her in Mexico, THE DENVER POST, Nov. 3, 2019.

Mentioned as counsel in Mara Abbott, Anti-Fracking Activist Sues Outgoing Lafayette Mayor, PATCH, Jan. 20, 2019.

Mentioned as counsel in Anthony Hahn, Anti-fracking activist sues outgoing Lafayette Mayor Christine Berg over alleged First Amendment violation, DAILY CAMERA, Jan. 17, 2019.

Mentioned as counsel in Corey Hutchins, Lawsuit: Can a city councilwoman in Colorado ban constituents from commenting on her Facebook page?, THE COLORADO INDEPENDENT, Oct. 22, 2018.

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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| Just Futures Law <i>Take Back Tech Fellow</i> Organizing symposium regarding intrusive technology surveillance programs targeting communities of color, including immigrants. Symposium will take place Spring 2021. | Fall 2020–Spring 2021 |
| Comment on Proposed Asylum Regulations <i>Organizer; Law Student Supervisor</i> Spearheaded effort with a partner organization, another professor, and 5 law students to submit a 50-page legal analysis in opposition to Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice proposed asylum regulations. | June–July 2020 |
| LatCrit/SALT Faculty Development Workshop <i>Planning Committee Member</i> | 2020–2021 |
| AILA Colorado Winter Conference <i>Planning Committee Member</i> | 2020–2021 |
| Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court <i>Member</i> | 2017–Present |
| Law School Si Se Puede <i>Mentor</i> | 2017–2020 |
| Colorado Women’s Bar Association <i>Professional Advancement Committee Member</i> <i>Member</i> | 2018–2019 2017–Present |

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California (December 2011)
State of Colorado (November 2018)
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals