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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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### **University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic* August 2021 – June 2022  
*Clinical Fellow, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic* July 2019 – July 2021

Supervise law students on removal defense cases before the immigration agencies, federal district court, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Teach twice-weekly seminar on topics such as professional responsibility, agency and federal practice and procedure, constitutional rights and remedies, legal strategy, and oral advocacy. In current position, direct the ILPC and serve as principal point of faculty contact with external granting authorities.

### **Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law**

August 2020 – June 2021

*Adjunct Professor, CARES Clinic*

Remotely co-taught twice-weekly seminar for asylum clinic. Taught administrative practice and procedure, developments in asylum law, constitutional rights and remedies, and oral advocacy.

### **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. Practiced before the Department of Homeland Security and immigration courts.

### **Colorado State University**

January 2008 – May 2008

*Co-Instructor, Introduction to Women's Studies*

Taught with Program Director of the Office of Women's Programs and Studies. Duties included lesson planning, facilitating class discussions, and grading assignments.

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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*Primary:* Immigration Law, Torts, Administrative Law, Civil Rights, Race and the Law.

*Secondary:* Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Federal Indian Law.

## **SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS**

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*Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters*, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2021 or 2022).

*Pleading the Fifth in Immigration Court: A Regulatory Proposal*, 98 WASH. U. L. REV. 1343 (2021).

## EDUCATION

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**University of Denver Sturm College of Law**

**LL.M., Expected May 2022**

**University of California, Berkeley, School of Law**

**J.D., May 2011**

*Honors:* Third-Year Distinction (Top 25%); Jurisprudence Award (top grade in International Law); LatCrit Student Scholar Program Award; Brayton Purcell Fellow; Advocacy Award (best 1L brief & oral argument)

*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"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*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.

*Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Kristen L. Mix*, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Denver, CO

Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2018

Conducted legal research and drafted orders and recommendations on dispositive and non-dispositive motions. Issues included pro se prisoner constitutional claims, class action certification, insurance, contracts, writs of habeas corpus, state law employment claims, and discovery.

*Staff Attorney*, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, CA

May 2015 – Oct. 2016

Review agency records and parties' briefs, analyzed issues, and conducted legal research to prepare draft dispositions on immigration petitions for review. Presented recommended dispositions monthly to three-judge panels.

*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.

*Full-Time 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

## **PRACTITIONER PUBLICATIONS**

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

“Teaching Suppression and Termination with Netflix’s Immigration Nation,” Guest Post, *ImmigrationProf Blog* (January 28, 2021).

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

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium, Invited Panelist April 2021  
“Policing Mental Health in the U.S. Immigration System”

Berkeley Law Womxn of Color Collective, Panelist February 2021  
“Oral Histories from Founding Members”

DU Lawyering for Racial Justice class, Panelist February 2021

AALS New Voices in Immigration Law, Presenter January 2021  
Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars’ Conference November 2020  
New York University School of Law’s Clinical Writer’s Workshop October 2020  
“Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters”

IRISE, Rocky Mountain Collective on Race, Place & Law, Moderator  
“A Virtual Conversation and Q&A with Ian Haney López” October 2020

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

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

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

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

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

## **SERVICE**

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Just Futures Law Fall 2020–Spring 2021  
*Take Back Tech Fellow*

Organized symposium regarding intrusive technology surveillance programs targeting communities of color, including immigrants.

Comment on Proposed Asylum Regulations Summer 2020  
*Organizer; Law Student Supervisor*

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.

LatCrit/SALT Faculty Development Workshop 2020–2021  
*Planning Committee Member*

AILA Colorado Winter Conference 2020–2021  
*Planning Committee Member*

Law School Si Se Puede 2017–2020  
*Mentor*

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Faculty of Federal Advocates; Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court; Colorado Women’s Bar Association.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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