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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Law

Boston, MA

Clinical Associate Professor

Jan. 2017-present

Immigrants' Rights & Human Trafficking Program

Supervise students in year-long, 12 credit, in-house legal clinic representing asylum seekers, survivors of violence and immigrant children in pursuit of immigration relief before probate courts, immigration courts, federal courts and immigration agencies. Develop experiential curricula and teach the accompanying clinical seminars in the fall and spring semesters focusing on substantive lawyering skills and lawyering theory, including client interviewing, client counseling, theory of the case, research and written legal advocacy, and oral advocacy skills. Oversee partnership between law school and School of Social Work to provide social work support to clinic clients.

Lecturer in Law, Immigration Law

Fall 2016-present

Teach and develop curriculum for the survey Immigration Law course, covering the immigration laws of the United States, including the administrative and regulatory framework, the history of US immigration and asylum law, naturalization, family and employment visa classifications and processing and the impact of criminal acts on immigration status. The course also covers issues of the day including family separation, the travel ban and the changing nature of asylum law.

Instructor, Lawyering Lab

January 2017

Teach in the Lawyering Lab, an intensive intersession course for first year law students, built around a simulated, problem-based curriculum. Teach lawyering skills including client counseling, negotiation, teamwork and contract drafting, through a transactional law problem.

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Immigrants' Rights Clinic

July 2013-August 2016

Co-teach and supervise students in year-long, 12 credit, in-house legal clinic representing asylum seekers, victims of violence and Special Immigrant Juveniles in pursuit of relief before immigration and probate courts and agencies. Co-teach accompanying seminars in core lawyering skills and advanced advocacy and trial theory.

Guest Lecturer, Criminal Law Clinic

2013-present

Guest lecturer on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and immigrant encounters with law enforcement. Also developed and taught simulated exercise on safe haven pleas for criminal defendants who seek to avoid immigration consequences.

Boston College Law School

Newton, MA

Adjunct Professor, Immigration Clinic

Fall 2016

Supervised law and social work students in Boston College Law School's immigration clinic. Supervised representation of asylum seekers, immigrant detainees, and children and adult survivors of violence and trauma.

PUBLICATIONS

Immigration Detention Abolition and the Violence of Digital Cages (work in progress).

Sarah Sherman-Stokes & Sarah Schendel, Jennings v. Rodriguez in FEMINIST JUDGEMENTS: REWRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON IMMIGRATION (forthcoming).

Public Health and the Power to Exclude: Immigrant Expulsions at the Border, 36 *GEO. IMMIGRATION L.J.* 261 (2021)

Third Country Deportation, 53 *IND. L. REV.* 333 (2020).

Reparations for Central American Refugees, 96 *DENV. L. REV.*, 585 (2019).

Chapter Co-Author, Priya Baskaran, Laila Hlass, Allison Korn & Sarah Sherman-Stokes, *Experiential Learning through Popular Multimedia*, in *THE MEDIA METHOD* (Christine Corcos ed., Carolina Academic Press, 2019).

No Restoration, No Rehabilitation: Shadow Detention of Mentally Incompetent Noncitizens, 62 *VILL. L. REV.* 787 (2017).

Sufficiently Safeguarded? : Competency Evaluations of Mentally Ill Respondents in Removal Proceedings, 67 *HASTINGS L.J.* 1023 (May 2016).

“Other Serious Harm” : The Neglected Stepchild of Humanitarian-Asylum Law, 17 *BENDER’S IMMIGR. BULL.* 1483 (Aug. 15, 2012).

Immigration Consequences of Massachusetts Sex Offenses, in *TRYING SEX OFFENSES IN MASSACHUSETTS* (Hon. Jennifer Lee Ginsburg ed., 2009 & Supp. 2012).

ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR) **Boston, MA**
Equal Justice Works Fellow/Detention Attorney **September 2011-July 2013**

Represented detained, non-citizens facing deportation, with a special focus on young refugees with mental illness before the Boston Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Successfully represented detainees in pursuit of termination of proceedings, cancellation of removal, asylum, relief under the Convention against Torture, and 209(c) waivers/adjustment of status. Provided consultation and *pro se* assistance to more than 500 unrepresented respondents facing deportation. Conducted know-your-rights visits in county jails and trained and mentored *pro bono* attorneys.

Clerkships, Internships and Clinics:

Department of Justice, Boston Immigration Court, Jan 2011-May 2011;
Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR), May 2010-Aug. 2010;
Boston College Immigration and Asylum Project, Sept. 2009-May 2010; and
Committee for Public Counsel Services (MA Public Defender), May 2009-Aug. 2009.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School **Newton, MA**
Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2011

Bates College **Lewiston, ME**
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2005
Successfully defended honors thesis findings in front of faculty panel, *Building Alternatives in a Global Economy: The Nueva Vida Women’s Sewing Cooperative*, April 2005.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

OP-EDS

“Biden’s New Immigration Orders Look a Lot Like Trump’s,” *Cognoscenti* (Jan. 11, 2023) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Despite Promises, Biden Looks a Lot Like Trump on Border Issues,” *Bloomberg Law* (Oct. 20, 2021) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Trump Expelled Refugees Against CDC Advice. As Covid Subsides, Why Won’t Biden Admit Them?,” *USA Today* (June 4, 2021) (Co-Authored, Op-Ed).

“There is Nothing Civil or Humane About the Detention of Noncitizens,” *The Hill* (May 28, 2021) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“The Root Cause of Migration to the US, Mr. President, Is Us,” *The Hill* (Feb. 12, 2021) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Voters deserve to hear from the candidates on immigration,” *The Hill* (Oct. 21, 2020) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Trump’s proposed changes would effectively abolish asylum,” *Cognoscenti* (June 25, 2020) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“The Supreme Court could criminalize immigration advice and advocacy,” *The Hill* (Feb. 25, 2020) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Trump’s New Public Charge Rule Hurts My Clients,” *Cognoscenti* (Aug. 19, 2019) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“As an immigrant child in America, there are 3 ways to die,” *The Hill* (June 26, 2019) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Deterrence doesn’t work when you’re fleeing for your life,” *The Hill* (May 4, 2019) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Charging asylum application fees is the latest way the US could make immigrants pay for its red tape,” *The Conversation* (May 13, 2019) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“There’s a Legal Crisis on Our Southern Border – And It Was Caused by Our Government,” *Cognoscenti* (Feb. 7, 2019) (Co-Authored, Op-Ed).

“Skyrocketing Citizenship Backlog – Politics at Play?,” *The Hill* (Sept. 25, 2018) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“The Unrelenting Saga of Family Separation: What Now?,” *The Hill* (Aug. 2018) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Zero Tolerance and Detention Don’t Work in Juvenile Justice. They Don’t Work in Immigration Either,” *Cognoscenti* (Jul. 18, 2018) (Co-authored, Op-Ed).

“Sessions’s Bleak Asylum Ruling Sends Us Back Decades,” *Cognoscenti* (June 21, 2018) (Co-authored, Op-Ed).

“ ‘These Are Animals’ Has Quickly Become American Doctrine – and That’s Dangerous,” *Cognoscenti* (May 31, 2018) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“A Case that Threatens the Most Fundamental of American Values,” *The Hill* (Mar. 10, 2018) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Trump’s Assault on Immigrant Children Must Stop,” *The Hill* (Feb. 6, 2018) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Sessions’ Immigration Orders Threaten Judicial Independence,” *The Hill* (Dec. 18, 2017) (Authored, Op-Ed).

“Immigration Judges Were Always Overworked. Now they’ll be untrained, too,” *Washington Post* (July, 11. 2017) (Authored, Op-Ed).

PRINT INTERVIEWS AND QUOTATIONS

“In Praise of Activist Lawyers,” *Boston Globe* (Sept. 23, 2022) (Quoted).

“2 Million Migrants were Encountered at Border in Past Year,” *Miami Herald* (Sept. 21, 2022) (Quoted).

“Senator Ted Cruz says that transporting migrants is illegal, but commends GOP governors for doing it anyway,” *Business Insider* (Sept. 18, 2022) (Quoted).

“What the law says about DeSantis and Abbott sending migrants to blue states,” *Washington Post* (Sept. 16, 2022) (Quoted).

“Un Drame Previsible, Jugent les Experts,” *La Press* (June 29, 2022) (Quoted).

“Texas Guard Deployed as Migrants, Some in Biden T-Shirts, Flood Border States,” *Newsweek* (March 10, 2021) (Quoted).

“He Hurt Me: migrants who accused ICE gynecologist of abuse speak out,” *The Guardian* (Nov. 21, 2020) (Quoted).

“ICE keeps trying to deport women in the gynecological surgery scandal,” *VICE News*, (Nov. 18, 2020) (Quoted).

“Advocates, attorneys call for immediate release of non-criminal immigrants in ICE custody,” *WBUR* (March 16, 2020) (Quoted).

“Protecting the most vulnerable: what it takes to make a case under the US asylum system,” *The San Diego Union Tribune* (Feb. 24, 2020) (Quoted).

“How increased citizenship fees could make life harder for immigrants and their communities,” *Marketplace* (Jan. 28, 2020) (Quoted).

“Low income immigrants in Massachusetts face new barriers to green cards under Supreme Court ruling,” *MassLive* (Jan. 28, 2020) (Quoted).

“Legislators: Trump admin. Gutting asylum process in New England,” *CommonWealth Magazine* (Aug. 28, 2019) (Quoted).

“Detaining Families is Not Necessary,” *Harvard Magazine* (Aug. 1, 2019) (Quoted).

“ACLU files suit to block restrictive new asylum rules,” *CommonWealth Magazine* (July 16, 2019) (Quoted).

“Heartless: Advocates bristle at Trump plan to charge asylum-seekers a fee,” *NBC News* (April 30, 2019) (Quoted).

“He Begged for Deportation. He Still Languished in Jail.,” *Boston Globe* (Dec. 29, 2018) (Quoted).

“ICE agent was in courthouse. Did judge and others help man flee?,” *Boston Globe* (Dec. 2, 2018) (Quoted).

“New York Case Shows Cruelty of ICE Toward the Mentally Disabled,” *The Progressive* (Aug. 7, 2018) (Quoted).

“Advocates Say Innocent Teens are Stamped with Gang Label,” *Bay State Banner* (May 1, 2018) (Quoted).

“New Documents Reveal How ICE Mines Local Police Databases Across the Country,” *The Appeal* (Apr. 26, 2018) (Quoted).

“How Sanctuary Cities Can Protect Undocumented Immigrants from ICE Data Mining,” *The Intercept* (June 16, 2017) (Quoted).

“Families, lawyers gather at Logan over Trump Ban,” *The Boston Herald* (Jan. 30, 2017) (Quoted).

“Detention centers, bracing for flood of new arrivals, are ‘set up to fail’ immigrants with mental illness,” *STAT News* (Dec. 16, 2016) (Quoted).

“Teach-Ins in the Time of Trump,” *City Lab* (Nov. 30, 2016) (Quoted).

“Enlisting State Police to Enforce Immigration Law a Mistake,” *BU Today* (June 20, 2016) (Authored).

“The Refugee Dilemma,” *The New Yorker* (Dec. 7, 2015) (Quoted).

“Refusing Syrian Refugee Admissions – A Reality Check,” *BU Today* (Dec. 8, 2015) (Authored).

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Meet the Press (Sept. 16, 2022) (Interviewed).

Boston 25 News (June 15, 2021) (Interviewed).

CNN Newsroom (May 15, 2019) (Interviewed).

“Crossroads,” *i24 News* (Nov. 26, 2018) (Interviewed).

“Where Does U.S. Immigration Go From Here?,” *CTV News* (June 22, 2018) (Interviewed).

“Trump and Immigration,” *BBC World News* (June 21, 2018) (Interviewed).

RADIO AND PODCASTS

“No Jonathans or Pauls,” *Strict Scrutiny Podcast* (Feb. 28, 2020) (Guest).

“Local Advocates React to Series of Moves by Trump Administration on Immigration,” *Radio Boston* (Aug. 29, 2019) (Interviewed).

“Boston Immigration Officials Will Be Sent to the Mexican Border,” *Radio Boston* (Aug. 22, 2019) (Quoted).

“On Central American Refugees,” *Ipse Dixit Podcast* (June 26, 2019) (Interviewed).

“Law Schools See 'Trump Effect,' With More Students Studying Immigration Law,” *WBUR* (June 19, 2019) (Quoted).

“President Trump Wants To Send Undocumented Immigrants To Sanctuary Cities. Would They Take Them?,” *Radio Boston* (April 16, 2019) (Interviewed).

“New England Sheriffs Partner with ICE to Jail Immigrant Detainees,” *NEXT* (Feb. 21, 2019) (Interviewed).

“What a Boston Student’s Deportation Reveals About School Police and Gang Intelligence,” *WBUR* (Dec. 13, 2018) (Quoted).

“Why the Immigration Court Backlog in Mass. Is Growing Faster Than in Almost Any Other State,” *WBUR* (Nov. 1, 2018) (Quoted).

“Unsafe Harbor (A Special Briefing),” *Tatter Podcast* (June 23, 2018) (Interviewed).

“Sessions Severely Limits Odds for U.S. Asylum-Seekers Citing Fears of Domestic, Gang Violence,” *Radio Boston* (June 13, 2018) (Interviewed).

“In Immigration Case, Supreme Court to Decide if ‘Time Stopped’ for Man on Martha’s Vineyard,” *WBUR* (Apr. 23, 2018) (Quoted).

“Supreme Court Rules Immigrants Not Entitled to Bail During Proceedings,” *WBUR* (Feb. 2018) (Quoted).

“Number of Immigrants Without Criminal Records Arrested by ICE Triples in New England,” *WBUR* (May 31, 2017) (Quoted).

“Lawyers in Action: The Airport Immigration Crisis,” *Law School Toolbox Podcast, Episode 83* (Feb. 6, 2017) (Interviewed).

“With Case Backlogs Rising, Immigration Courts Struggle to Protect ‘The Vulnerable’,” *WBUR* (March 22, 2016) (Quoted).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer’s Workshop (2017-2022).

Presenter, LatCrit XXI Biennial Conference (Oct. 2021).

Presenter, CLEA, New Clinicians Conference, “Classroom Seminar Teaching” (June 2020).

Presenter, UCLA, Summer Clinical Teaching Workshop, “Clinical teaching and supervision” (June 2020).

Panelist, “Against Empathy? Making the Case for Rational Compassion,” New England Clinical Conference, Boston, MA (Nov. 2019).

Presenter, “Beyond Borders: A Conference on Migration & Integration,” *University of Southern Maine* (Oct. 18, 2019).

Panelist, “The Public Health Crisis on the U.S. Border: An Urgent Conversation,” *Harvard Global Health Institute* (July 30, 2019).

Presenter, “Learning in Baby Jail: Lessons from Law Student Engagement in Immigration Detention Centers,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education* (May 7, 2019).

Presenter, “Interdisciplinary Responses to the U.S. Immigration Crisis,” Annual Bill Lane Social Work Disaster Response Conference (Mar. 28, 2019).

Lecturer, “Immigration in America: the ‘Crisis’ We Created,” The Albright Institute at Wellesley College, (Jan. 2019).

Panelist, “Shaping American Nationalism: Immigration, Gender and Sexuality,” Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law Symposium (November 2018).

Presenter, “Responding to Gang Enforcement and Social Media Monitoring,” National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, CLE (October 2018).

Panelist, “Understanding and Resisting the Attack on Immigrants,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (April 2018).

Panelist, “Populations Vulnerable in Detention,” Harvard Law School (March 2018).

Lecturer, “Criminalizing and Surveilling Immigrants: How Increased Enforcement Threatens Safety and Democracy,” The Albright Institute at Wellesley College (Jan. 2018).

Panelist, “Responding to the New Unknown(s) in Immigration Law Focused Clinics,” New England Clinical Conference, Boston, MA (Oct. 2017).

Presenter, “Post-Election Immigrant Rights Teach-In,” *Boston University School of Law* (Nov. 2016).

Panelist, “Seeking Refuge: Psychological Evaluations for Asylum Seekers,” *American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting* (May 2016).

Panelist, “Towards Holistic Representation: Creating Successful Law and Social Work Collaborations,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education* (May 2016).

Panelist, “Mentally Ill But Deportable? Representing Clients with Mental Health Issues,” *Boston Bar Association*, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) (Nov. 2015).

Presenter, Sufficiently Safeguarded?: The Treatment of Mentally Ill Respondents in Removal Proceedings, *Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop*, NYU Law School (Sept. 2015).

Presenter, Sufficiently Safeguarded? : The Treatment of Mentally Ill Respondents in Removal Proceedings, *Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference* (June 2015).

Panelist, “‘I got the shotgun, you got the briefcase’: Using popular media and pedagogy to engage students in justice learning, substantive law and lawyering skills,” *AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education* (May 2015).

Presenter, “Refugee Adjustment and 209(c) Waivers,” *Massachusetts Bar Association* (2015).

Panelist, “Kids in Crisis in Boston and at the Border: Immigrant Rights at Risk?,” *Boston University School of Law* (2014).

Presenter, “Challenging the Notice to Appear,” *Massachusetts Bar Association* (2014).

Panelist, “Immigration and the Criminal Law,” *Boston University School of Law* (2014).

Panelist, “The Role of Competency Evaluations in Asylum Cases,” *Cambridge Health Alliance, Global Health and Human Rights Seminar* (2013).

Panelist, “The Future of Immigration Reform,” *Boston University School of Law* (2013).

Panelist, “Representing Detained Clients with Mental Disabilities in Immigration Court,” *Boston Bar Association* (2013).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Boston University Center of Forced Displacement Seed Grant Recipient (2022).
- Boston University Center for Antiracist Research Grant Recipient, “Racialized Harms of Mass and Prolonged Detention of Immigrants” (2022).
- Take Back Tech Fellowship, Just Futures Law (2020).

SERVICE WORK, AWARDS AND HONORS

- Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project (2021)
- Metcalf Cup and Prize for Excellence in Teaching, *Boston University*, (2020)
- Women of Color Collaborative (WoCC) Fierce Faculty Award (2020)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), *Federal Litigation Committee Member*, (2019-present).
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Immigrant Justice Campaign, *Pro Bono Attorney Mentor* (2018-present).
- Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health at Boston University, *Steering Committee Member* (2018-present).
- New England Clinical Conference, Planning Committee Member (2015-present).
- Boston University School of Law, Florence, Arizona *Pro Bono Trip, Faculty Advisor*, 2018.
- Boston University School of Law, Tijuana, Mexico *Pro Bono Trip, Faculty Advisor*, December 2018; March 2019.
- Boston University School of Law, Immigration Law & Policy Group, *Faculty Advisor*, 2013-present.
- Boston University School of Law, Harlingen, Texas *Pro Bono Trip, Faculty Advisor*, 2015.
- Equal Justice Works, *Fellowship Reader*.
- Massachusetts Bar Association, Immigration Section, *council member*, 2014-2015.
- Boston Bar Association, Removal Defense Section, *co-chair*, 2015-2016.
- Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Criminal-Immigration Law Working Group, *co-chair*, 2013 – 2018.
- *Susan Grant Desmarais Award for Public Service Achievement and Leadership*, 2011
- Award in Recognition of Outstanding Pro Bono Service, 2011
- *PSLawNet Pro Bono Publico Award*: received Honorable Mention for exemplary public interest contributions, 2010
- *Men and Women for Others Award*: recipient of 2010 University Award for exceptional commitment to the local or global community.
- Massachusetts Bar Foundation, *fellow*, 2010.
- Boston College Law School, Public Service Scholarship Recipient, three years, full tuition scholarship awarded in recognition of academic achievement and dedication to public service, 2008-2011.

AMICUS BRIEFS

- Brief for Amicus Curiae in Support of Human Rights First, Amicus Invitation No. 21-30-09, Board of Immigration Appeals (December 2021)
- Brief for Amicus Curiae in Support of *Al Otro Lado, Al Otro Lado, Inc. v. Chad Wolf* (United States District Court, Southern District of California) (October 2020 and February 2023)

BAR AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Massachusetts, admitted November 2011; authorized to practice in immigration court.
- First Circuit, admitted July 2014.
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), 2011 – present.
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, 2011 – present.

LAW STUDENTS MENTORED

- Law students mentored in work on significant research projects:
 - Mentored students completing the upper level writing requirement
 - Mentored students conducting research on the Institutional Hearing Program (IHP) in immigration removal proceedings
 - Mentored students conducting research and casework for Al Otro Lado
 - Mentored students drafting *amicus* brief for the First Circuit Court of Appeals
 - Mentored students organizing immigration know your rights presentation and immigration clinic at Healthcare for the Homeless
 - Mentored students drafting *amicus* brief at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
 - Mentored students producing *pro bono* manual on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for the Florence Project
 - Mentored students producing *pro bono* manual on indefinite detention for the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project
 - Mentored students drafting *amicus* brief for the Board of Immigration Appeals
 - Mentored students producing *pro bono* manual on “refugee waivers” for the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC)
 - Mentored students developing immigration know your rights presentations at high schools and community centers
- Faculty Mentor for the Immigration Law and Policy Society (ILPS), 2013-present.

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish.