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Academic Appointments

University of San Francisco School of Law

Aug. 2023- Present

Professor of Law (with tenure) & Director of the Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Clinic

- Design and teach 5-6 credit International Human Rights Clinic, focused on partnerships with human rights defenders in exile, working with students on issues including gender apartheid in Afghanistan and freedom of movement for refugees in East Africa. Design and teach advanced Clinical option for returning students to engage in 1-4 additional credits of Clinic work.
- Led fact investigation mission to refugee camp in Northern Kenya in March 2024.
- Teach International Human Rights Law, supervising students in completion of upper-level writing requirement.
- Serve as faculty director of the International Programs and engage in academic advising for International and Comparative Law LLM students.
- Serve as a 1L faculty advisor.
- Received inaugural Participatory Law Fund award from Drexel University to co-author “*Afghan Allies in Limbo: Discrimination in the U.S. Immigration Response*” with women’s rights activist, Yalda Royan.
- Received Provost’s Award for Innovation in Global Education (2024)
- Facilitate Faculty Learning Community on “Clinical Pedagogy” through the Center for Teaching Excellence (AY 2024-2025)

University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

2016 – 2023

Professor of Law (with tenure) & Director of the Immigration & Human Rights Clinic (2021- 2023)

Associate Professor of Law & Director of the Immigration & Human Rights Clinic (2020-2021)

Associate Professor of Law & Co-Director of the Immigration & Human Rights Clinic (2019-2020)

Assistant Professor of Law & Co-Director of the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic (2016-2019)

- Designed and taught in-house, live-client seven-credit Clinic where law students provide direct representation to noncitizens in Immigration Court and before administrative agencies.
- Trained students in substantive asylum law, and skills, including: client interviewing and counseling, declaration drafting and storytelling, legal research and writing, oral advocacy, cultural humility and working with survivors of trauma, ethical challenges, working with interpreters, case planning, fact investigation, and giving/receiving feedback.
- Received American Immigration Lawyers Association 2020 Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award
- Re-designed and taught year-long seminar for clinical instructors who are candidates for an LLM degree in Clinical Education, Social Justice, and Systems Change (2018-2019); recruited and supervised clinical teaching fellow pursuing LLM degree (2017-2019)
- Taught Immigration Law Seminar, focused on hot topics within immigration law and facilitating student writing of upper-level research paper graduation requirement.
- Supervise extended clinic students and students engaged in independent study along with law students working as Clinical Associates for *pro bono* hours.
- Designed and taught Refugee & Asylum Law “Turbo” course in Summer 2017.
- Received 2018 Faculty Lamplighter Award from Dean’s office.
- Designed and taught Service-Learning course; led Spring Break trip with 12 law students to represent detained families at Berks family detention center (Spring 2018). Led Spring Break trip with 8 Clinic students to Tijuana, Mexico, to work with asylum seekers at the border (Spring 2020); traveled with students to provide services to Afghan evacuees on military base (Oct. and Dec. 2021)

University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

2021 - 2023

Associate Dean of Clinical and Experiential Programs

- Oversaw experiential program with a range of clinical and experiential offerings at a school where two mandatory 7-credit clinics are required for day students and one 10-credit clinic is required for evening students.
- Developed and maintained policies around conflicts, budget, technology, and file management.
- Managed transition between electronic case management systems to improve data protection, privacy, and the ability to wall off potential conflicts.
- Initiated and maintained partnerships to facilitate external clinical offerings.
- Hired and Supervised Managing attorney, clinical legal specialist, and staff assistant.
- Represented clinical and experiential programs externally.
- Launched *Conversations with Clinicians* series to provide a remote space for the experiential education community to engage nationally on issues of interest.
- Oversaw all communications regarding experiential learning, including social media and annual video newsletter. Complete all reporting for US News and other rankings systems.
- Oversaw the development of a Clinical faculty handbook/internal guidance and an Office Procedures manual for students enrolled in Clinic.
- Mentored and supported new and tenure-track clinical faculty.
- Collaborated with Development Director to explore and pursue funding opportunities for the Clinical Program.

American University Washington College of Law

Fall 2020

Visiting Associate Professor & Acting Director, International Human Rights Clinic

- Co-taught Clinic course with 16 students enrolled, exploring international human rights law and advocacy within the Clinic seminar.
- Supervised 8 students on project-based advocacy with clients the National Lawyers Guild – National Immigration Project and Centro por la Justicia y El Derecho Internacional (CEJIL), as well as on individual direct representation before the immigration court, asylum office, and Inter American Commission on Human Rights, along with adjustment of status, asylum, naturalization, and other immigration petitions.
- Participated in committee to plan weekly engagement sessions for clinical faculty on issues of supervision, pedagogy, technology, community building, and professional development.

Center for Applied Legal Studies, Georgetown University Law Center

July 2013-July 2015

Supervising Attorney & Clinical Teaching Fellow

- Taught, supervised, and evaluated law students in a ten-credit asylum law clinic. Co-taught and designed twice-weekly seminars concerning substantive immigration law and litigation skills.
- Supervised students' representation of torture/trauma survivors and asylum seekers in hearings before immigration court. Shared responsibility for student and case selection, policy formulation, and other aspects of clinic management.
- Participated in bi-weekly management team meetings and conduct weekly meetings with student case teams, focusing on clinical methodology.
- Directly handled client matters falling outside the semester in which students are engaged in the case, including adjustments, continuances, appeals, I-730 petitions, and travel documents.

George Mason University School of Law

2012-2013

Adjunct Professor

Developed and taught Refugee and Asylum Law course in Spring 2012 and Spring 2013.

Works In Progress

Co-author, REFUGEE LAW AND POLICY: A COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL APPROACH (with Karen Musalo, Jennifer Moore, and Richard Boswell) (6th Ed) (Carolina Academic Press) (forthcoming 2025)

Afghan Allies in Limbo: Discrimination in the U.S. Immigration Response, San Diego L. Rev (forthcoming 2024) (with Yalda Royan)

A Child-Centered Approach to Representing Children in the U.S. Immigration Legal System in THE HANDBOOK OF MIGRANT CHILDREN AND THE CHILD-CENTERED APPROACH (edited volume) Oxford University Press (with Laila Hlass) (forthcoming 2024)

Co-author, *The Parenting Professor Penalty in Legal Academia* (with Laila Hlass) (work in progress)

Publications

Co-Editor, HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR TRAUMA AND EMOTIONS IN LEGAL TEACHING (with Mallika Kaur) (Edward Elgar Publishing) (2024)

Commentary on *Reno v. Flores*, 507 U.S. 292 (1993) (in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: IMMIGRATION LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN, Ed. Kathleen Kim, Kevin Lapp, and Jennifer Lee. Cambridge UP, 173-196 (2023))

Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Traumatic Stress, 56 Wake Forest L. Rev. 733 (2021) (with Hillary Mellinger)

Critical Interviewing, 21 Utah L. Rev. 683 (2021) (with Laila L. Hlass)

Asylum Under Attack: Restoring Asylum Protection in the United States, 67 Loyola L. Rev. 1 (2021)

Vicarious Trauma and Ethical Obligations for Attorneys Representing Immigrant Clients: A Call to Build Resilience Among the Immigration Bar, AILA Law Journal (with Hannah C. Cartwright, Liana Montecinos, & Anam Rahman) (2020).

Withholding Protection, 50.3 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 1 (2019)

Learning in Baby Jail: Lessons from Law Student Engagement in Family Detention Centers, 25 Clinical Law Review 155 (2018)

Contemporary Family Detention and Legal Advocacy, 21 Harvard Latino Law Rev. 135 (2018)

The One-Year Bar to Asylum in the Age of the Immigration Court Backlog, 2016 Wisconsin Law. Rev. 1185 (2017)

From Surviving to Thriving? An Investigation of Asylee Integration in the United States, Vol. 40:29, N.Y.U. Rev. of Law & Social Change (2016).

Preserving the One Year Filing Deadline for Cases Stuck in the Immigration Court Backlog, Practice Advisory, American Immigration Council (2016) (co-authored with Sandra Grossman)

Expert Evidence in Gender-Based Asylum Cases: Cultural Translation for the Court, Benders Immigration Bulletin Vol. 17(22) (2012)

Matter of S-E-G: A Final Nail in the Coffin of Gang-Related Asylum Cases? Berkeley La Raza L.J. Vol. 20 (2010) (with Morgan M. Weibel)

Untold Stories: Gender-related Persecution and Asylum in South Africa, 15 Mich. J. Gender & L. 291 (2009)

Selected Short Pieces, Blogs, & Op Eds

- Slate, [It's Been Two Years: Why Are Afghan Refugees Like Me Still in Legal Limbo?](#) Aug. 23, 2023 (with Yalda Royan)
- ABA Journal, [Afghan Evacuee Crisis Adds Pressure for Already-Stressed Immigration Attorneys](#), Jan. 24, 2022
- AILA Think Immigration, [This Should be Written by Someone Else](#), Jan. 18, 2022
- Bloomberg, [Despite Promises, Biden Looks a Lot Like Trump on Border Issues](#), Oct. 20, 2021 (with Sarah Sherman-Stokes)
- USA Today, [Trump Expelled Refugees Against CDC Advice. As COVID Subsides, Why Won't Biden Admit Them?](#) June 4, 2021 (with Sarah Sherman-Stokes)
- Ms. Magazine, [Trump's War of Attrition on Women Asylum Seekers](#), Oct. 8, 2020

- Ms. Magazine, [*An American Mother on Asylum: Trump's New Rules Would Have Rewritten My Story*](#), July 13, 2020 (with Nene Bah)
- AILA Think Immigration, [*USCIS Hypocrisy Reaches New Levels*](#), June 30, 2020 (with Dree Collopy)
- AILA Think Immigration, [*We Must Right the Wrongs Being Committed in Our Name on the Southern Border*](#), March 27, 2020
- ImmProf, [*Silence is Not an Option: We Cannot Sign on to New Asylum Policies*](#), Nov. 15, 2019
- Best Practices in Legal Education, [*The Legal Interviewing and Language Access Film Project*](#), Sept. 30, 2019
- Washington Post, [*Trump's New Rule Will Guarantee More Separated Families*](#), July 17, 2019
- Washington Post, [*Asylum seekers leave everything behind. There's no way they can pay Trump's Fee*](#), May 1, 2019 (with Joan Hodges-Wu)
- Washington Post, [*Trump's Attack on Asylum Seekers is Based Entirely on False Claims*](#), Nov. 13, 2018 (with Dree Collopy)
- Washington Post, [*Seeking Asylum is not a Crime. Why Do Trump and Sessions Act Like it is?*](#), June 29, 2018
- IntLawGrrls, [*Nationwide Class Action in the U.S. Protects Right to Seek Asylum*](#), April 3, 2018
- The Hill, [*New Immigration Policy Leaves Asylum Seekers in the Lurch*](#), Feb 6, 2018 (co-authored)
- USA Today, [*Our Government Must Stop Separating Asylum-Seeking Families*](#), Dec. 21, 2017
- The Hill, [*Sessions Fundamentally Misses the Mark on the Asylum System*](#), Oct. 17, 2017
- Letter to the Editor, [*Trump Has Failed on DACA*](#), Baltimore Sun, Sept. 13, 2017
- Clinical Law Professor: [*Legal Interviewing & Language Access Film Project: Videos & Teacher's Guide Available for Teaching Client Interviewing*](#), Nov. 19, 2018; [*UDC Law's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic's Pro Se Asylum Filing Workshop with Human Rights First*](#), Sept. 29, 2018; [*An Open Book? Self-Disclosure in Clinical Teaching*](#), Nov. 17, 2017; [*UDC David A. Clarke School of Law Offers Clinic Wide Orientation in Fall 2017*](#), Sept. 5, 2017
- IntLawGrrls, U.S. [*Government Sued Over Illegally Turning Away Asylum Seekers*](#), July 12, 2017
- AILA Leadership Blog, [*Standing Up for One Family and Making a Difference*](#), May 10, 2017 (with law student Elisa Hawkins Pedrosa)
- The Conversation, [*Is the U.S. Immigration Court System Broken?*](#) April 17, 2017
- Book Review for Rutgers Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books, [*Gendered Asylum: Race and Violence in U.S. Law and Politics*](#) (Sara McKinnon), March 2017
- The Hill, [*Policy change from Executive Office for Immigration Review Does Not Go Far Enough for Unrepresented Asylum Seekers*](#), Sept. 15, 2016
- Fox News Latino, [*The Children Michelle Obama Didn't Mention*](#), July 28, 2016
- Fox News Latino, [*Our Asylum System Fails and a Ten-Year-Old Boy Could be Deported to his Death*](#), May 6, 2016

Selected Speaking Engagements

Academic Presentations:

- ❖ Organizer & Panelist, "Professional Identity" as Teachers Accounting for Trauma and Emotions in Law Teaching, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2025 (proposal accepted)
- ❖ Discussion Group Leader, *The Parenting Professor Penalty: The Costs to being a Parent in Legal Academia*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2025 (proposal accepted)
- ❖ Presenter and Session Organizer, *How to Account for Trauma and Emotion in Legal Teaching: Practice, Pedagogy, and Unsettling Conversations*, Law and Society Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 7, 2024.
- ❖ Panelist, *Teaching Hope and Resilience in Human Rights Clinic*, International Human Rights Clinicians Conference, Harvard Law School, Boston, MA, Apr. 20, 2024

- ❖ Speaker, *Afghan Allies in Limbo: The U.S. Immigration Response*, University of San Diego Law Review Symposium, Apr. 10, 2024
- ❖ Discussant, AALS Clinical Section Works in Progress Session, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Washington DC, Jan. 5, 2024
- ❖ Speaker, International Collaboration - *Lightning Rounds On Teaching Wellness Around the Globe*, AALS International Clinical Education Committee, Nov. 16, 2024
- ❖ Presenter, *Scholarship and Advocacy*, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, Washington DC, June 15, 2023
- ❖ Presenter, *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Immigration Law Opinions Project*, Law and Society Annual Conference, June 1-4, 2023, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- ❖ Co-presenter, *The Parenting Professor Penalty: The Costs to being a Parent in Legal Academia*, AALS Clinical Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 29, 2023
- ❖ Facilitator, *International Human Rights Clinics Working Group*, AALS Clinical Conference, San Francisco, April 28-29, 2023.
- ❖ Facilitator, *American Association of Law Schools Experiential Deans and Directors Workshop*, April 27, 2023
- ❖ Presenter, *Meso, Macro, and Micro Breaks to Combat Burnout*, Mid-Atlantic Regional Clinical Conference, Feb. 4, 2023
- ❖ Panelist, *Wiley A. Branton Symposium: Immigration and the Law; Afghan Allies in Limbo: The U.S. Immigration Response*, Howard Law Journal, Washington DC, Oct. 6, 2022
- ❖ *Afghan Allies in Limbo: The U.S. Immigration Response*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Oct. 8, 2022
- ❖ Plenary panelist, *Teaching Towards Justice with Immigration Law*, Immigration Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, LMU Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, June 6, 2022
- ❖ Speaker & Organizer, *Law Students and Faculty Rising to the Challenge: Lawyering in Response to Humanitarian Immigration Crisis*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 12, 2022
- ❖ Panelist, *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal #ImmigrationAnd – Immigration and Human Rights*, Feb. 25, 2022
- ❖ Moderator & Organizer, *Law Students and Faculty Rising to the Challenge: Responding to the Afghan Crisis*, AALS Conference, Jan. 6, 2022
- ❖ Small Group Facilitator, Clinical Legal Education Association's Virtual New Clinicians Conference, May 17-20, 2021
- ❖ Panelist, *Navigating New Boundaries in Client-Centered Lawyering and Student Supervision*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 2021
- ❖ *The National Asylum Attorney Burnout, Stress, and Trauma Survey*, Washington University School of Law Faculty Workshop, St. Louis, MO, March 17, 2021
- ❖ Panelist, *Clinical Legal Education in the United States*, Border Criminologies, March 18, 2021
- ❖ Panelist, *Secondary Trauma in the Legal Profession*, Wake Forest Law Review Symposium, Feb. 12, 2021
- ❖ *The National Asylum Attorney Burnout, Stress, and Trauma Survey*, MidAtlantic Clinicians' Workshop, Dec. 11, 2020
- ❖ Speaker, *Asylum Under Attack*, University of Arizona, Bacon Immigration Law and Policy Program Speaker Series, Nov. 6, 2020
- ❖ *The National Asylum Attorney Burnout, Stress, and Trauma Survey*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Oct. 3, 2020
- ❖ Facilitator for Discussion Group, *Trauma Informed Clinical Legal Education*, AALS & CLEA Virtual Conference, July 21-23, 2020
- ❖ Speaker, *Teaching Trauma Stewardship and Self-Care in Clinic Seminar and Supervision*, UCLA Clinical Faculty Speaker Series, June 24, 2020
- ❖ Small Group Facilitator, Clinical Legal Education Association's Virtual New Clinicians Conference, June 15-18, 2020
- ❖ Panelist, *Teaching What They Know: Harnessing Students' Lived Experiences To Enhance Clinical Legal Education*, AALS Clinical Conference, Orlando, FL (May 5, 2020) (invited; postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19)
- ❖ *Burnout, Stress, and Trauma Among Asylum Attorneys*, AALS Clinical Conference, Orlando, FL (May 5, 2020) (invited; postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19)
- ❖ *The Pedagogy of Critical Lawyering: A Case Study of Teaching Critical Interviewing*, MidAtlantic Clinicians' Workshop, Feb. 7, 2020

- ❖ *The Pedagogy of Critical Lawyering: A Case Study of Teaching Critical Interviewing*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Washington DC, Jan. 3, 2020
- ❖ *A Tool for Effective & Justice-Oriented Legal Interviewing: The Legal Interviewing and Language Access Film Project*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Sept. 20, 2019
- ❖ *Presenter and Organizer, Learning in Baby Jail: Lessons from Law Student Engagement in Family Detention Centers*, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conf., San Francisco, CA, May 7, 2019
- ❖ *Facilitator, The Learning Legal Interviewing & Language Access Film Project*, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conf., San Francisco, CA, May 6, 2019
- ❖ *Speaker, Withholding Protection*, Columbia Human Rights Law Review 50th Anniversary Symposium Speaker Series, April 18, 2019
- ❖ *Withholding Protection*, MidAtlantic Clinicians' Workshop, Oct. 26, 2018
- ❖ *Withholding Protection*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Sept. 21, 2018
- ❖ *Co-Facilitator, Immigration Clinics in a Time of Crisis*, Immigration Professors Conference, Drexel University, Philadelphia, May 24, 2018
- ❖ *Panelist, Teaching the Whole Lawyer: Deliberate, Mindful and Culturally Conscious Professional Identity Formation*, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conf., Chicago, IL, May 1, 2018
- ❖ *Keynote, Embracing the Roots of the Social Work Mission: Social Justice and Advocacy in the Nation's Capital*, University of the District of Columbia, Social Work Program, Mar. 2, 2018
- ❖ *Learning in Baby Jail: Lessons from Law Student Engagement in Immigrant Family Detention Centers*, Northwest Clinicians Conference, Nov. 3, 2017
- ❖ *Panelist & Discussion Leader, Responding to the Needs of Evening Students: The Night Owl Clinician*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL, Aug. 5, 2017
- ❖ *Panelist, Responding to the Needs of Evening Students: The Night Owl Clinician*, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Denver, CO, May 7, 2017
- ❖ *The One-Year Bar in the Age of the Immigration Court Backlog*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Sept. 24, 2016
- ❖ *From Surviving to Thriving: An Investigation of Asylee Integration in the United States*, Emerging Immigration Scholars' Conference, University of Miami School of Law, June 11, 2015
- ❖ *From Surviving to Thriving: An Investigation of Asylee Integration in the United States*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers' Workshop, Sept. 27, 2014
- ❖ *Plenary Session Panelist: Expanding the Role of the Expert; Refugees, Asylum, Law & Expert Testimony*, Conable Conf. in Int'l Studies, Rochester Inst. of Tech., NY, Apr. 12-14, 2012
- ❖ *Paper Presentation: Expert Evidence in Asylum Proceedings: Cultural Translation for the Court*, Refugees, Asylum, Law & Expert Testimony, Conable Conf. in Int'l Studies, Rochester Inst. of Tech., NY, Apr. 12-14, 2012
- ❖ *Protecting Immigrant Women & Girls Facing Gender-Based Violence*, The Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law, Univ. of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Oct. 7, 2011
- ❖ *Panelist, Current Issues in Asylum Law*, with Professor K. Abrams and Professor J. Ramji-Nogales, Univ. of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 13, 2011
- ❖ *Paper Presentation: Matter of S-E-G-: A Final Nail in the Coffin of Gang-Related Asylum Cases?* Centre for Refugee Studies Annual Conference at York Univ., Toronto, Canada, April 16, 2009
- ❖ *Panelist following Keynote Speech by Jacqueline Bhabha- Ineffective Citizenship: The Engine of Global Child Trafficking*, Human Rights & Global Citizenship Symposium, Univ. of CA, San Diego, Nov. 21, 2008

Guest Lectures & Other Speaking Engagements at Law Schools/for Students:

- ❖ *Guest Lecturer, Secondary Trauma and Burnout*, International Human Rights Clinic Seminar, Berkeley Law, Oct. 2, 2024 (Prof. Roxanna Altholz and Helen Kerwin) (*invited*)

- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Trauma-Centered Interviewing, International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic Seminar, Sept. 30, 2024 (Prof. Gulika Reddy) (*invited*)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Trauma-Centered Lawyering, Burnout and Secondary Trauma, Asylum Law, Tulane Law School, Apr. 15, 2024 (Prof. Laila Hlass)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Gender-Based Asylum Law, Immigration Law, Tulane Law School, Nov. 7, 2023 (Prof. Laila L. Hlass)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Vicarious Trauma and Ethics, Vanderbilt Law School, Feb. 14, 2023 (Prof. Karla McKanders)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Gender-Based Asylum, Tulane Law School, Nov. 7, 2022 (Prof. Laila L. Hlass)
- ❖ *Keynote Speaker*, Phi Beta Kappa Induction, Univ. of CA San Diego, May 15, 2022.
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Trauma, Vanderbilt Law School, Feb. 1, 2022 (Prof. Karla McKanders)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Trauma, Pennsylvania State School of Law, Nov. 15, 2021 (Prof. Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia)
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Asylum Under Attack, Tulane Law School, Nov. 3, 2021 (Prof. Laila L. Hlass)
- ❖ *Moderator*, UDC Law Alumni Panel: The State of Immigration Law and Practice, UDC Law, March 3, 2021
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, The Future of Asylum: The Case of the U.S.-Mexico Border, Berkeley Law (Prof. Kate Jastram), Feb. 17, 2021
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Vicarious Trauma, Mindfulness, and Self-Care, Legislation Clinic Seminar, UDC Law (Prof. Mary Karin), Sept. 24, 2020
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, Asylum Under Attack: The Dismantling of Our Asylum System under the Trump Administration, Civil and Human Rights in the 21st Century Seminar, UDC Law (Prof. John Brittain), June 24, 2020
- ❖ *Speaker*, Asylum Law 101, Al Otro Lado summer interns with attorneys and interns from across the country, June 1, 2020
- ❖ *Moderator*, *Family Separation and the Challenges of Reunification: Zero Tolerance, Internal Enforcement, and Deportation*, Symposium: [*In Children's Best Interests: Advancing a Fundamental Standard for the Treatment of Immigrant Children*](#), American University Washington College of Law, Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, & American Immigration Lawyers Association, Feb. 14, 2020
- ❖ *Co-Facilitator*, *Cultural Competence for Social Justice Attorneys*, Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training, Oct. 23, 2019
- ❖ *Panelist*, *El Pueblo Sigue Luchando: Everything You Need to Know About the Refugee "Caravan,"* DC Area Latinx Law Student Associations, Univ. of the Dist. Of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, Nov. 9, 2018
- ❖ *Panelist*, Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training, *Sustaining a Public Interest Career*, Washington DC, Nov. 8, 2018
- ❖ *Panelist*, *Immigrant Women in Detention*, Symposium: *Women Incarcerated: The Female Experience in the United States Prison System*, Women's Law Student's Organization, Washington & Lee University School of Law, Oct. 12, 2018
- ❖ *Guest Lecturer*, *Student Learning in Family Detention Centers – Berks, PA*, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Sept. 18, 2018.
- ❖ *Moderator* *Pathways to Practice: Trends in Immigration Law*, Univ. of the District of Columbia David. A. Clarke School of Law, Feb. 15, 2018
- ❖ *Guest-Lecturer*, *Detaining Immigrant Families*, Tulane Univ. School of Law, Nov. 9, 2017
- ❖ *Panelist*, *Asylum Seeker and Refugee Health, Law, & Policy*, Georgetown Univ. Law Center, Oct. 26, 2016
- ❖ *Speaker*, *The Central American Refugee Crisis: The Government's Deterrence Response and Advocacy and Legal Counter Strategies*, Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinic Seminar, Harvard Law School, March 23, 2016

- ❖ *Panelist, Ending Family Detention: How Can We Establish Durable Barriers to Prevent the Mass Incarceration of Children and Asylum-Seekers?* Yale Law School Fifth Annual Immigration Litigation Roundtable, Dec. 11-12, 2015
- ❖ *Panelist -- Law Firm/Law School/NGO Collaboration on Refugee Rights Pro Bono Projects*, ABA Section on International Law, Spring Meeting, Washington DC, May 1, 2015
- ❖ *Guest Speaker, Declaration Drafting*, Georgetown Univ. Law Center, Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, April 15, 2015
- ❖ *Guest Lecture -- Gender-Based Asylum*, Georgetown Univ. Law Center Refugee Law, Nov. 14, 2013
- ❖ *Panelist -- Upcoming Trends in Public Interest Legal Careers*, Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair, Crystal City, VA, Oct. 26, 2013
- ❖ *Panelist, Immigration Law Careers*, George Mason Univ. School of Law, Jan. 17, 2013
- ❖ *Guest Lecture -- Gender-Based Asylum Law*, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Oct. 15, 2012
- ❖ *Webinar Panelist, Summer Success: Getting the Most from Your Summer Public Interest Experience*, National Association of Legal Professionals, May 23, 2012
- ❖ *One Year Bar and Gender-Based Asylum Cases*, Training for California Asylum Representation Clinic Students, Univ. of California Berkeley School of Law, Sept. 29, 2011
- ❖ *Guest Lecture -- Gender and Immigration in the United States*, Georgetown Law School's Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa Fellows Seminar, Feb. 7, 2011
- ❖ *Guest Lecture -- The International Refugee System*, Peace and Conflict Studies Introduction to Human Rights Course, Univ. of California Berkeley, Fall 2007 and 2008

Practitioner Oriented Trainings or Events:

- ❖ *Speaker, Caring for Yourself, Your Clients, and Your Career: Associates Roundtable*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Aug. 4, 2023.
- ❖ *Speaker, Burnout and Secondary Trauma*, National Association of Immigration Judges, May 23, 2023
- ❖ *Speaker, Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Trauma*, William and Mary Law School's Annual Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference, Mar. 10, 2023
- ❖ *Speaker, DC Affordable Law Firm Fellows Training, Declaration Drafting and Storytelling*, Oct. 11, 2022
- ❖ *Panelist, Federal Bar Association's 6th Annual Asylum Conference, Affirmative Asylum Overview for Afghans* New York (virtual) Feb. 26, 2022
- ❖ *Panelist, American Bar Association & HIAS Afghan Asylum Webinar Series, Asylum 202: Preparing for the Interview*, Mar. 15, 2022
- ❖ *Panelist, William and Mary Law School's Inaugural Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference*, Mar. 11, 2022 (virtual)
- ❖ *Discussion Leader, Beyond Self-Care*, AILA Annual Asylum Conference, Aug. 19, 2021
- ❖ *Moderator, The Civil Rights Lawyer: Perspectives on the Profession – Staying Well While Doing Good*, American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice Webinar, April 16, 2021
- ❖ *Discussion Leader, Building Resilience for Asylum Attorneys*, AILA Annual Asylum Conference, Sept. 30, 2020
- ❖ *Panelist, AILA University Roundtable on Vicarious Trauma*, June 8, 2020
- ❖ *Panelist, Immigrant Justice Campaign, Particular Social Group Strategies in the Wake of Matter of A-B- and L-E-A-*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Immigrant Justice Campaign, April 22, 2020
- ❖ *Discussion Leader & Panelist, Current Policy Developments Affecting Asylum Seekers*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Asylum Conference, Washington DC, Oct. 18, 2019
- ❖ *Panelist, Matter of A-B-: On Domestic Violence and Gang Claims*, American Immigration Lawyers Association DC Chapter, (webinar for 200+ DC area immigration attorneys) July 12, 2018
- ❖ *Moderator, Make the Referral: Accessing Post-Grant Benefits for Asylees*, (Podcast) American Immigration Lawyers Association, March 25, 2018

- ❖ *Panelist and Discussion Leader, Surviving Asylum Processing Backlogs*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 22, 2017
- ❖ *Panelist and Moderator, Timely Asylum Applications and Court Backlogs: Mission Impossible?* American Immigration Lawyers Association, webinar, Dec. 13, 2016
- ❖ *Panelist, Cases Stuck at USCIS: Strategies*, American Immigration Lawyers Association DC Chapter Conference, Nov. 16, 2016
- ❖ *Moderator, Challenging Family Detention*, American Immigration Council Annual Litigation Strategy Meeting, Washington DC, July 15, 2016.
- ❖ *Panelist, Hot Topics in Immigration Policy*, American Immigration Council Open House, Washington DC, March 4, 2016
- ❖ *Panelist, Ending and Overcoming Detention*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Asylum Conference, San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 8, 2016
- ❖ *Guest Speaker, Asylee Integration and Benefits*, Human Rights First Washington DC, New York, and Houston staff, Washington DC, Dec. 3, 2015.
- ❖ *Panelist, Promoting Gender-Related Domestic Asylum Rights Through International Litigation*, American Bar Association's International Law Section Fall Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Oct. 21, 2015.
- ❖ *Protection for Survivors of Domestic Violence after Matter of A-R-C-G-*, Elon University School of Law, Humanitarian Immigration Law Seminar, Greensboro, NC, July 31, 2015
- ❖ *Panelist -- Asylum Granted: Case Not Closed*, American Immigration Lawyer's Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, June 19, 2015
- ❖ *Chasing Freedom: Issues in Advanced Asylum*, Panelist with Judge Davis of the Fourth Cir. Ct of Appeals, American Immig. Lawyer's Association DC Chapter Annual Conference, Nov. 13, 2014
- ❖ *Advanced Topics: Particular Social Group*, Catholic Legal Immig. Network Annual Convening, Washington DC, May 23, 2013
- ❖ *Gender-Based Asylum*, DC Bar Association Advanced Asylum Training, Mar. 22, 2013
- ❖ *Gender Based Asylum Law*, Training for pro bono attorneys, with CAIR Coalition, Jan. 15, 2013
- ❖ *Asylum Law*, DC Bar Association Asylum Training for pro bono attorneys, Feb. 3, 2012
- ❖ *Gender-Based Asylum*, Elon Univ. School of Law, Humanitarian Immigration Law Seminar, Greensboro, North Carolina, April 29, 2011
- ❖ *Gender-Based Asylum: Practice Tips and Emerging Issues*, DC Bar Assoc'n Advanced Asylum Law Training, April 15, 2011
- ❖ *Gender-Based Asylum*, training for pro bono attorneys at various DC area law firms and internal training for new staff and interns at Tahirih Justice Center (Nov. 2010 – June 2013).

Public Speaking Engagements:

- ❖ *Speaker, High Stakes Asylum How Long an Asylum Case Takes and How We Can Do Better*, Congressional Briefing organized by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (remote), July 14, 2023
- ❖ *Speaker, Seeking Asylum: Film Screening, post-show panel*, Washington DC, Feb. 23, 2023
- ❖ *Podcast Speaker, [How to Build a Career in Human Rights](#)*, Career Unicorns with Samorn Selim (Jan. 2022)
- ❖ *Speaker, Q & A on Asylum Law, Procedure, & Policy*, Feb. 2, 2021; Dec. 14, 2021 (for asylum-seeking clients of AsylumWorks)
- ❖ *Panelist, [Demagoguing the Border: The Trump Administration's Treatment of Migrant Families](#)*, Talking Feds Podcast (with Vanita Gupta and Leon Rodriguez) Dec. 29, 2019
- ❖ *Podcast Speaker, Improving the U.S. Asylum System*, Perspectives on Immigration Reform, Nov. 2019
- ❖ *Panelist, Credible Fear: The Rise of Immigration Detention in the United States*, Georgetown University, Washington DC, April 12, 2018
- ❖ *Brown Bag Speaker, Immigration Law Careers Post-Fellowship*, Equal Justice Works, Washington DC, March 19, 2018

- ❖ *Speaker & Panel Moderator, Fighting for Immigrant Women and Children in Detention: A National Volunteer Movement*, UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, Gender Justice Conference, Oct. 17, 2017
- ❖ *Speaker, Asylum Law in the United States*, Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Life Skills Group for Asylum Seekers, Washington DC, April 13, 2015
- ❖ *Speaker, [Violence Against Women Act, Trafficking Visas](#)*, Fwd.us, May 2014
- ❖ *Speaker, Inter-African Committee USA, High Level Event on Harmful Traditional Practices*, Ethiopian Embassy, Washington DC, May 16, 2012
- ❖ *Speaker, Ethiopian Community Dev't Council Annual Conference*, Arlington, VA, May 4, 2012
- ❖ *Panelist; Gender Justice in Africa*, Women United for the Advancement of African Countries Conference and Expo, Boston, MA, June 15, 2011
- ❖ *Panelist, RUINED*, Post-production panelist for a play on gender-based violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Arena Stage Theater, Washington DC, May 13, 2011

Selected Media Quotes

- [Migrant Influx Fuels Pushes for Right to Immigration Counsel](#), Law 360 (May 31, 2024)
- [Donald Trump is Wrong. Joe Biden doesn't have an 'immunity from deportation' policy](#), Politifact (Mar. 15, 2024)
- [Can Joe Biden Shut Down the Border on His Own?](#), Politifact (Feb. 2, 2024)
- [Afghan evacuees in the U.S. live in fear as fear of returning home looms](#), The National (Dec. 5, 2022)
- ['Thousands of People Are Still There:' Congress Goes on Recess, Leaving Afghans in a Mess](#), A Better World, Aug. 11, 2022
- [Immigration Attorneys Share Stories of Trauma and Burnout](#), Law360, Aug. 10, 2022
- [83,000 Afghans Made it to the U.S., Now They Need Lawyers](#), Law360, Feb. 6, 2022
- [Biden Accused of Breaking Campaign Promises as Haiti Deportations Resume](#), ABC News, Sept. 20, 2021
- [With Remain in Mexico Order, Supreme Court Challenges Biden on Immigration](#), ABC News, Aug. 25, 2021.
- [Will Biden Create More Human Immigration Policies](#), Women's Media Center, April 9, 2021.
- [Trump Administration Speeds Up "Midnight Rule-Making," Creating Hurdles for Biden](#), NBC News, Dec. 30, 2020.
- [Asylum Seekers Likely to Lose Under Trump Administration](#), Legal Examiner, Nov. 24, 2020.
- [The Loneliness of the Immigration Lawyer](#), American Prospect, Oct. 29, 2020, (quoting my Ms. Magazine "war of attrition" Op Ed and highlighting my National Asylum Attorney Survey on Burnout, Stress, and Trauma).
- [More than 5000 Commenters Weigh In on DHS' Proposal to Collect More Biometric Information from Immigrants](#), NextGov, Oct. 15, 2020.
- [U.S.-Canada Asylum Treaty Unconstitutional, Judge Finds, Citing 'Cruel' U.S. Behavior](#), NPR, July 23, 2020.
- [Trump Announces More Border Closures to Combat Coronavirus](#), Roll Call, March 18, 2020.
- [Bureaucracy as a Weapon: How the Trump Administration is Slowing Down Asylum Cases](#), The Guardian, Dec. 23, 2019.
- [Legal Battle Expected as New Trump Asylum Rule Takes Effect, ACLU Injunction Filed](#), ABC News WJLA, July 16, 2019.
- [Trump Aides Repeat Threat to Shut Down Mexico Border](#), New Hampshire Union Leader, March 31, 2019
- [Senate Republicans Seek to Block Central American Minors from Claiming U.S. Asylum Unless They Apply at Home](#), Los Angeles Times, Jan. 22, 2019
- [Trump is Fixated on MS-13. But He's Making It Harder for Its Victims to Claim Asylum](#), Huffington Post, Dec. 26, 2018

- [The Trump Administration's New Rule Bars Asylum to Immigrants That Enter Illegally](#), NPR Weekend Edition, Nov. 10, 2018
- [Can Trump Stop Asylum Seekers?](#) Los Angeles Times, Nov. 2, 2018
- [She Escaped Domestic Abuse and is Seeking Asylum. Now, a Policy Change Makes Her Future Uncertain](#), Valley Public Radio – NPR for Central California, Sept. 11, 2018
- [Questions, Answers About Seeking Asylum in the U.S.](#), Voice of America News, July 19, 2018
- [Trump Immigration Policy Has Plunged Migrants into a Purgatory in Mexico: 'It's As If They Killed You,'](#) Newsweek, July 12, 2018
- ["Zero Tolerance:" What are the Human and Legal Costs?](#) NPR Baltimore WYPR 88.1, Midday with Tom Hall, July 10, 2018
- [The Trump Administration is Not Keeping Its Promises to Asylum Seekers Who Come to Ports of Entry](#), Texas Tribune & Reveal, July 5, 2018
- [Trump Says Illegal Immigrants Should be Deported with No Judges or Court Cases](#), Reuters, June 24, 2018
- [Despite Trump Order, Border Separations Could Go On: Legal Experts](#), Reuters, June 21, 2018
- [Trump's Asylum Policy Could be a Death Sentence for Domestic Violence Victims](#), VICE News, June 18, 2018
- [Lanvers to Challenge Sessions' Ruling in Asylum Case](#), Voice of America, June 13, 2018
- [New Trump Policy Means Domestic Violence Victim Will Likely Be Deported](#), VICE News, June 13, 2018
- [Sessions' Asylum Ruling Highlights Immigrant Counsel Need](#), Law360, June 12, 2018
- [What Attorneys Can Do to Reunify Families](#), Law 360, May 30, 2018
- [Pregnant, Traumatized, and Trapped in Asylum Limbo](#), VICE News, May 21, 2018
- [The Migrant Caravan is Finding Out Claiming Asylum Under Trump is a Total Nightmare](#), VICE News, May 3, 2018
- [Caravan Migrants May Wait Up to Five Years to Hear Decision on Their Asylum Cases](#), Newsweek, May 2, 2018
- [U.S. Border Agents Seen on Video Trying to Deport a Man Who 'Looks Mexican,'](#) NPR, April 12, 2018
- [Sessions New Rules Means that Asylum Seekers Could be Sent Back to Die](#), VICE News, March 22, 2018
- [WPFW Jazz & Justice 89.3 Radio](#), with Gloria Minott, March 19, 2018 (on asylum seekers, family detention, and the Spring 2018 UDC-DCSL Service-Learning trip to Berks County, PA)
- [Jeff Sessions Claims Asylum System Rampant with Fraud and Abuse](#), Politfact, Oct. 19, 2017
- [Nearly 5 Million Latino Kids Risk Seeing Parents Deported, Report Says](#), Youth Today, Oct. 5, 2017
- [Is Our Immigration Court System Broken?](#) Matt Townsend Show, BYU Radio, June 20, 2017
- [Legal Limbo: Asylum Seekers Spend Years in Custody as They Await Justice](#), Lebanon Daily News, June 16, 2017
- [Suburban Family's Saga Ends Back Where it Started – In Mexico](#), Chicago Daily Herald, June 14, 2017
- UDC-DCSL Symposium on Family Detention, Pacifica 99.3, *On the Ground Show*, Feb. 10, 2017
- [Fleeing Violence Asylum-Seekers Rely on Psychologists to Back Up Their Story](#), STAT News, Jan. 25, 2017
- [Why is the Obama Administration Keeping Toddlers Behind Bars?](#) The Nation, Aug. 27 2016
- [Many Women Seeking Asylum in the U.S. Have Been Released From Detention, But with Ankle Monitors](#), PRI's The World, March 10, 2016
- [Why Undocumented Immigrants Stay in Abusive Relationships](#), VICE News, March 9, 2016
- [GEO Group Uses Ankle Monitors to Monetize a Terrifying Process](#), Inverse, Nov. 15, 2015
- [Hasty Raids Led to Mistakes: Deportation Halted for 20 Immigrants Targeted](#), Fox News Politics, Jan. 8, 2016
- [Some Women, Kids, Picked Up in Raids, May be Able to Stay in U.S.](#), Huffington Post, Jan. 6, 2016
- [A Dozen Immigrants in Recent Raids Win Temporary Deportation Halt, Including Dallas Family](#), Dallas Morning News, Jan 6, 2016

- [Dissension Heard on U.S. Judge's Immigration Detention Decision](#), Reading Eagle, Sept. 15, 2015

Education

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Master of Laws in Advocacy, 2015

Honors: With distinction

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall)

Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctor, 2009

Honors: *Order of the Coif*; 2009 Brian M. Sax Annual Award for Excellence in Clinical Advocacy; American Jurisprudence Award in Federal Courts, Criminal Law, International Human Rights, Refugee Law, and Global Migration Issues; 2008 UC Berkeley Golden Circle Outstanding Student Leader.

Fellowships: American Society of International Law Arthur C. Helton Fellow; Berkeley Human Rights Center Fellow; Herma Hill Kay Fellow; California State Bar Foundation Scholar; Homer G. Mason Public Interest Scholar; John L. Stauffer Memorial Merit Fellow.

Activities: Board member, Boalt Hall Women's Association; Clinic Coordinator, California Asylum Representation Clinic; Senior Editor & Symposium Editor, [Berkeley Journal of International Law](#); Co-Chair, Boalt Hall Committee for Human Rights; Research Team Leader, War Crimes Studies Center.

University of California, San Diego, Eleanor Roosevelt College

San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (Anthropology & Third World Studies) and Psychology, 2005.

Honors: *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*; Eleanor Roosevelt College 2005 Provost's Scholar; Eleanor Roosevelt College Global Service Award; High Distinction for Honors Thesis: *Liberian Refugee Women and Resettlement Success*.

Activities: Resident Advisor, International House; Advisor to World Refugee Action Student Group; International Students & Scholars Office Intern, Intramural soccer.

Study abroad: University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Upper division Psychology and Anthropology courses.

Legal Experience

American Immigration Council

July 2015-June 2016

Family Detention Fellow

- Coordinated national advocacy efforts end the detention of immigrant children and mothers seeking protection in the United States, as part of the CARA Pro Bono Project.
- Supported on the ground team at detention facilities holding more than 2400 women and children in Texas and Pennsylvania with legal analysis and advocacy with agency officials in Washington DC.
- Represented the Council on task forces and working groups, including meetings with the White House Office of Public Engagement.
- Drafted and filed administrative complaints with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on various issues for detained families including inadequate medical conditions and interference with access to counsel.
- Contributed to nationwide litigation efforts and strategy related to ending family detention, including habeas petition, class action lawsuits, and advocacy before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

- Acted as the Council's point person on asylum law, particularly focused on developing strategies for gender-based and gang-related claims.

Tahirih Justice Center

Sept. 2010 – July 2013

Legal Consultant (July-September 2013)

Immigration Staff Attorney (Oct 2012-July 2013)

Equal Justice Works Fellow (Sept 2010-Sept 2012)

- Established and led African Women's Empowerment Project.
- Represented African immigrant women and girl survivors of gender-based violence in immigration proceedings, including affirmative and defensive asylum, U visas, T visas, VAWA protection, and cancellation of removal.
- Trained and mentored pro bono attorneys.
- Supervised, hired, and trained paralegals, legal interns, and volunteer attorneys.
- Managed pro bono program from August-December 2012.
- Developed and conducted outreach presentations in the African immigrant community through faith-based institutions and community groups.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Woodland Hills, CA

Sept 2009- Sept 2010

Law Clerk to the Honorable Harry Pregerson.

- Drafted bench memoranda, dispositions, and published opinions.
- Prepared the Judge for oral argument and oral screening panels.
- Hired, supervised, and evaluated legal externs.

East Bay Community Law Center Clinic, Berkeley, CA

Jan 2008 – May 2009

Immigration and Health Unit Law Clerk. 16-20 hours/week

Represented HIV-positive immigrant clients in various immigration matters, as a clinical law student, including a U-visa application for a survivor of extreme domestic abuse, affirmative asylum application for a rape survivor, a defensive asylum hearing, and other matters in immigration court.

Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC Hastings, San Francisco, CA

July – Aug 2008

Judith Stronach Fellow

Researched forced marriage in African countries and U.S. asylum jurisprudence. Analyzed Board of Immigration Appeals and Immigration Judge decisions to assess trends in asylum law.

Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP, San Francisco, CA (offer extended)

May - July 2008

Summer Associate

Researched and wrote memoranda on various issues of civil procedure and contract law for the litigation practice group. Advocated for corporate and pro bono clients in immigration matters.

International Human Rights Law Clinic, Berkeley, CA

Fall 2007

Genocide Legislation Project. 16 hours/week.

Researched options for drafting legislation to create a semi-automatic U.S. response to genocide, specifically focusing on the Constitution's appointments clause, for non-profit client. Explored definitions of genocide in international criminal jurisprudence.

Human Rights Center, Berkeley, CA

2007-2008

Teaching Assistant Fall 2007 & 2008; Graduate Student Researcher: Spring 2007.

Authored a white paper on *Mass Atrocities: Preventing Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect*; Teaching Assistant for an Intro to Human Rights course, including lectures, office hours, & grading papers.

Research Assistant, Professor Kate Jastram, Berkeley, CA **2007-2009**
Conducted comparative research focused on economic harm as persecution within the international refugee regime. Assisted in preparation for courses in Refugee Law and International Humanitarian Law.

Forced Migration Studies Programme/Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa **May – Aug. 2007**
Visiting Research Fellow.
Conducted research to explore women's asylum claims and gender-based asylum claims. Interviewed government officials, adjudicators, and asylum seekers claiming gender-related persecution.

California Asylum Representation Clinic, Berkeley, CA **Aug. 2006 – May 2009**
Coordinator 2007-2009; Participant 2006-2007.
Represented asylum seekers in affirmative asylum hearings. Managed relationship with partner legal services organization. Supervised 94 first-year law student participants. Organized asylum law trainings. Initiated and managed funder relationship and mentorship program with Reed Smith, LLP. Initiated and participated in meetings with law school Dean and clinical faculty on the future of the clinic.

Other Experience

Bridge for Africa, San Francisco, CA **Jan. 2005 – Nov. 2006**
Managing Director: June 2005-Nov 2006; Development Intern: Spring 2005.
Developed and expanded fair-trade non-profit working with African artisan groups in 7 countries. Pioneered wholesale operations, increasing sales from \$30,000 to \$200,000+ in 1 year. Developed marketing strategy, collateral material, and online presence. Managed volunteer team. Researched, designed, and implemented Fair Trade standards. Represented organization as conference delegate.

Cup of Charlie, Berkeley, CA **2005 – 2007**
Member of Board of Directors.
Served as West African liaison and consultant to a non-profit organization dedicated to improving educational access for children in the cocoa growing regions of West Africa.

International Rescue Committee, Oakland, CA **June – Aug. 2004**
Casework Intern.
Assisted newly arrived refugees in adjusting to U.S. culture. Processed immigration paperwork & affidavits. Drafted grant proposals for new Liberian refugee programs.

Various Non-Governmental Organizations, Ghana, West Africa **2003 – 2007**
Children Better Way, May 2004 (Aided in creation of sanitation plans and AIDS workshops at Refugee Camp). *Ally Family Care Foundation*, 2003-2007 (Developed a non-profit focused on supporting children & adults in pursuing educational goals. Cultivated connections with U.S. based organizations and individuals). *Akuffo-Tom Primary School*, June-Aug 2003 (Taught French to primary school children, negotiated with school administration to ban caning and implement a plan for alternative discipline, and produced a musical version of "Oedipus Rex" with students).

Professional Memberships and Service:

Service within Academic Institutions:

❖ USF Law

- Law Review Symposium Advisor (2024-2025)
- Appointments Committee (2024-Present)
- International Programs Committee (2023-Present)
- Admissions Committee (2023-2024)
- 1L Faculty Advisor (2023-Present)
- ABA Self Study Task Force (2023-2024)

❖ UDC Law

- Faculty Evaluation and Retention Committee (2021-2023)
- Curriculum Committee (2016-2017; 2021-2023 (*ex officio*))
- Law Faculty Appointments Committee (Co-Chair, 2017-2018; Member, 2016-2017)
- Evening Clinic Implementation Task Force (2020)
- Clinical Affairs Committee (Co-Chair, 2019-2020, Member, 2016-2018, 2020-2021; 2021-2023 (*ex officio*))
- Admissions Committee (Member, Fall 2019).
- Law Library Committee Co-Chair (2018-2019)
- Faculty Advisor to Latinx Law Students Association (2017-2020)
- Organized Symposium *Chasing Liberty: The Detention of Central American Families in the United States* (Feb. 2017) with 250+ attendees & leading national experts on family detention.

Service outside the Law School:

Scholarship:

❖ Peer Reviewer:

- International Journal of Refugee Law (Oxford University Press)
- International Studies Perspectives journal (Oxford University Press)
- Human Rights Review (Springer Nature)
- Frontiers in Human Dynamics: Migration in the Time of COVID-19: Comparative Law and Policy Responses (2020)
- PLOS One (online journal)
- Journal of Migration and Human Security
- Law & Social Inquiry

❖ Reviewer for Berkeley University Press book proposal

❖ Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan book proposal

Leadership:

- ❖ Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, [AsylumWorks](#) (2016-2021); Advisor (2021-Present).
- ❖ Board member of the Clinical Legal Education Association, serving on the Communications, Social Justice, and Elections committee (2017-2020)
- ❖ American Association of Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education, Co-Facilitator for Clinician Crew (2022-2023).
- ❖ [VECINA](#) mentor (advising pro bono attorneys representing immigrant clients) (2021-2023)
- ❖ Project Leader for Attorneys for Immigration Due Process – a DC metro area coalition of immigration attorneys organizing a complaint filing process for egregious due process violations committed by local immigration judges (2021)

- ❖ Member of American Immigration Lawyers Association (2010-present)
 - Appointed member of the National Afghan Response Task Force (2022-2023)
 - Appointed member of the National Asylum & Refugee Liaison Committee (Vice Chair, 2017-2021); (Member 2014-2017, 2021-2022)
 - Appointed member of the Annual Asylum Conference Committee Member (2020, 2021)
 - Reviewer for AILA's *Asylum Primer*, 7th, 8th and 9th Editions (2014-present)
 - Member of the Asylum Litigation Working Group (2015 – present)
 - Co-Chair of Community Outreach Committee for DC chapter (2013-2014)
 - Co-Chair of Litigation Committee for DC chapter (2013-2014)
 - Co-Chair Liaison for DC chapter to the Arlington Asylum Office (2012-2013)

Pro Bono Service:

- ❖ Volunteer engagement on military bases in Virginia for Afghan arrivals (Aug – Dec. 2021)
- ❖ Pro Bono Attorney & Mentor for DC Bar Immigration Advice and Referral Clinics
- ❖ Drafted Amicus Brief on behalf of the AILA in *He v. George Mason University* before the Virginia Supreme Court in August 2019 advocating for in-state tuition for asylum seekers.
- ❖ Mentor, Immigrant Justice Campaign of AILA & American Immigration Council (2018 – 2020)
- ❖ Pro Bono Attorney, Center for Applied Legal Studies, Georgetown University (2015-2019) (represented Salvadoran domestic violence survivor in her asylum appeal and BIA remand)
- ❖ Pro Bono Attorney, Tahirih Justice Center (July 2013-June 2014)
- ❖ Equal Justice Works, Fellowship Reader (2010-2013)

Other

- ❖ Girls on Run (Coach, Montgomery County, MD, 2022-2023; Site Facilitator & Head Coach, Bay Area, 2023- present)
- ❖ Co-Director & Co-writer, [*The Learning Legal Interviewing and Language Access Film Project*](#) –interviewing videos for use in experiential education settings (2018), with Tulane Prof. Laila L. Hlass
- ❖ American Association of Law Schools:
 - Clinical Section Mentor (2019-2020)
 - Section Clinician Crews Co-Facilitator (Fall 2022- present)
- ❖ Clinical Law Professor Blogger (2016 – 2022)
- ❖ Member of the California Bar (2009 – Present)

Honors and Awards

- ❖ University of San Francisco Provost's Award for Innovation in Global Education (2024)
- ❖ Inaugural Participatory Law Fund award from Drexel University for "*Afghan Allies in Limbo: Discrimination in the U.S. Immigration Response*" (with women's rights activist, Yalda Royan) (2024)
- ❖ University of the District of Columbia Faculty Lamplighter Award (2018)
- ❖ American Immigration Lawyers Association Elmer Fried Excellence in Immigration Law Teaching Award (2020)
- ❖ University of California Berkeley Law Brian M. Sax Annual Award for Excellence in Clinical Advocacy (2009)

Language Skills

Professional French fluency; Intermediate Spanish comprehension.