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EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California

Juris Doctor, May 2010

Specializations: Critical Race Studies
Public Interest Law & Policy Program

Selected Awards: California Bar Foundation, Rosenthal Public Interest Scholarship
Woman's Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Scholarship
Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholarship
Latina Lawyers Bar Association Scholarship

Selected Leadership: Chicana/o Latina/o Law Review, *Articles Editor*
Immigration Law Society, *President*
Immigration Detention Center Clinic, *Chair*
La Raza Law Students Association, *President*

**University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate School of Education & Information**

Studies *Master of Education*, June 2005

*Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, Bilingual Cross-Cultural Language & Academic Development
Emphasis*, June 2004

University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts, Highest Departmental Honors, History, September 2002

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, September 2002

Minor, Chicana/o Studies, September 2002

EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Law School

Los Angeles, CA

Clinical Professor of Law, July 2017-Current

Director, Community Lawyering Clinic

Director, Public Interest Concentration

- Founding director of inaugural community-based clinical course providing free immigration representation, legal consultation and empowerment to California State University, Northridge (CSUN) students.
- Designed and implemented innovative curriculum integrating substantive law, practical lawyering skills and analysis of immigration law and policy through a critical race theory lens.
- Course Taught: Community Lawyering Clinic (Director), Critical Race Theory, Removal Defense Clinic, Immigration Law Clinic, Advanced Community Lawyering Clinic, Advanced Immigration Law Clinic, Immigration Appellate Practicum.
- Designed new course and curriculum for the Removal Defense Clinic.

(Southwestern Law School, Community Lawyering Clinic Director, continued)

- Wrote and supervised implementation of successful grant proposal and grant extension; secured over \$300,000 of funding for a removal defense project through the highly competitive Los Angeles Justice Fund Grant.
- Trained, supervised and mentored law students—as well as served as an attorney of record—in immigration matters including U visa, Naturalization, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Adjustment of Status, Consumer Rights Litigation (immigration fraud cases) and Motions to Reopen before the Executive Office of Immigration Review.
- Trained and supervised law students to run a high-volume CSUN-based legal clinic and provide legal screening, information and referrals in a wide range of legal issues, including immigration law, criminal law, employment law, consumer protection and family law.
- Conducted high-volume and fast-paced legal writing revisions and provided both written and oral feedback to students focusing on legal analysis, research and writing skills.
- Trained and modeled interviewing, counseling, and fact investigation skills during challenging client interviews; emphasized cross-cultural and trauma-informed lawyering practices.
- Trained and supervised law students to assess community member legal needs, as well as design and implement “Know Your Rights” and legal empowerment workshops and trainings.
- Created and implemented successful media campaign, which yielded key features and articles in the Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, Univision, and additional national and local media.
- Set-up all aspects of the community based legal clinic, including online appointment scheduling system, cloud-based case management and client file systems.
- Developed and implemented large-scale DACA renewal workshop, in one week, while simultaneously fundraised enough funds to pay the immigration fees for all DACA clients.
- Faculty advisor for the National Lawyers Guild Southwestern Chapter. Developed law student volunteer projects with NLG attorney members.
- Continued to maintain caseload of over 100 active immigration cases as Supervising Attorney of the Immigration Law Clinic.
- Active member of faculty governance committees, including the Public Interest Law Committee, Externship Committee as well as the Dean’s Taskforce on Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

Southwestern Law School, Immigration Law Clinic

Los Angeles, CA

Supervising Attorney & Lecturer in Law, August 2010 – June 2017

- Developed curriculum and taught three clinical immigration courses: Immigration Law Clinic (co-taught); Advanced Immigration Law Clinic and Immigration Appellate Practicum.
- Promoted from Clinical Teaching Fellow
- Trained and supervised law students—as well as served as attorney of record—in pro bono representation of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U-visa, Naturalization, Adjustment of Status and Motions to Reopen before the Executive Office of Immigration Review.
- Conducted high volume legal writing revisions and provided both written and oral feedback.
- Modeled interviewing, counseling, and fact investigation skills during client interviews.
- Trained and supervised student to design and conduct immigration-based community advocacy and empowerment workshops.

- Student teaching evaluations were consistently in the top percentile of student satisfaction throughout fourteen semesters of teaching.

UCLA School of Law

Lecturer, Fall 2017— January 2021

- Recruited to developed curriculum and teach a new law course: Spanish for Lawyers
- Integrated concepts of social justice lawyering and critical race studies to enhance law students' Spanish language lawyering in a class taught in Spanish
- Provided consultation to other law schools in similar course

Executive Office of Immigration Review

Los Angeles, CA

Judicial Extern, January 2010 – May 2010

- Conducted legal research and drafted bench briefs and preliminary legal opinions, focusing on the intersection of immigration & criminal law for “immigration court” judges.
- Reviewed proposed orders and briefs filed by respondents and government attorneys.
- Finalist for Department of Justice Honors Program Clerkship with EOIR.

Public Counsel Law Center, Immigrant Rights Project

Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, Spring 2009 (Immigration Law Clinic) & Fall 2009 (Interviewing & Counseling Clinic)

- Prepared all aspects of affirmative asylum application on behalf of a young client who experienced extensive trauma and violence.
- Researched and drafted legal briefs, prepared immigration forms and court filings.
- Conducted in-depth client and witness interviews and drafted all corresponding declarations utilizing cross-cultural and interpreter best practices.
- Researched extensive country condition evidence and drafted annotated bibliography.
- Prepared client for asylum interview and conducted several mock interviews.
- Conducted intake interviews and screened for potential immigration relief, including Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U-Visa, T-Visa and Asylum.
- Researched and drafted predictive memorandum assessing client eligibility for potential relief.

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, May 2009—August 2009

- Conducted legal research & prepared internal memorandum for potential Supreme Court Petition for Writ of Certiorari.
- Prepared administrative complaints for violations of bilingual education rights under California Education Code.
- Conducted client interviews in Spanish and drafted client declarations in preparation of administrative hearings.
- Conducted community intake interviews and screened potential cases for impact litigation.

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk, May 2008 – August 2008

- Conducted Spanish and English legal orientation classes and individual consultations for detained immigrants at the Mira Loma Immigration Detention Center (Lancaster, California).
- Developed and implemented Spanish language know-your-rights presentation and pro se removal defense materials for undocumented immigrants facing removal.

- Conducted unaccompanied minor intake interviews at shelters and screened for potential immigration relief. Prepared persuasive case synopsis for pro bono attorney placement.
- Interviewed and drafted client and expert witness declarations for various forms of immigration relief.

Alexander Science Center School, Los Angeles Unified School District, California

Bilingual Teacher & Dual Language Coordinator, August 2004 – July 2007

- Spearheaded and implemented inaugural dual language program in South Central Los Angeles.
- Developed and implemented bilingual year-long parent empowerment curriculum through a “Saturday School” model.
- Coordinated, implemented and monitored all aspects of school-wide dual language program.
- Supervised, evaluated and trained teachers regarding bilingual education policy and legislation.
- Supervised student teachers enrolled in undergraduate teaching credential programs.
- Managed annual dual language budget and oversaw teacher professional development.
- Lead dual language teacher in Kindergarten; Intervention teacher in 4th and 5th grades.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Pro Bono & Access to Justice

Panelist, Integrating Pro Bono into the Law School Curriculum, January 2023

Stanford University Digital Civil Society Lab, The Future of Remote Legal Aid,

Panelist, Running a Remote Legal Clinic: Lessons Learned & What Comes Next, January 29, 2021

Southwestern Law School Law Review Symposium, Deported Americans

Panelist, Presented forthcoming article on Impacted Immigration Attorneys in the age of Trump, November 2020

UCLA School of Law, Critical Race Studies Symposium, Rebellious Lawyering

Panelist, Rebellious Lawyering from the Trenches, March 2019 (postponed due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

Testimony before the California State Assembly

Expert Witness in Support of AB 1753 (Proposed legislation to end fraudulent immigration consultant schemes), California State Capitol, April 23, 2019

UCLA Chicana/o Latino Latina/o Law Review Symposium

Plenary Session Panelist, Language, Race, and the Law, February 15, 2019

Southwestern Law School Law Review Symposium, Immigration in the Trump Era

Panelist, Rebelliously Representing the “UnDACAmended”, February 1, 2019

Innovative Legal Immigration Strategies in the Era of Trumped-Up Immigration Policy

Presenter, Oxford Symposium on Population, Migration, and the Environment, Oxford University, England (scheduled for December 7, 2017)

Closing the Justice Gap for California's Youth: Immigration & Education

Conference Co-organizer & Moderator, Southwestern Law School (October 19, 2017)

The U-Visa as an Empowerment Tool of Undocumented Domestic Violence Survivors

Presenter, Women's Leadership Symposium, Oxford University, England, (December 7, 2016)

Training the Trainers: Conducting Know Your Rights Workshops in Urgent Times

Lead Presenter & Conference Organizer, National Lawyers Guild Immigration Committee Conference & MCLE (March 18, 2017)

On Shifting Sands: Immigration under the New Federal Administration

Conference Co-Organizer & Host, Southwestern Law School (February 28, 2017)

Los Angeles U-Visa/VAWA Network Annual Law Enforcement Certifier

Roundtable Co-Organizer & Host, Southwestern Law School, (November 9, 2016)

Annual Roundtable Organizing Committee since August 2010

The Fight against *Notario* Immigration Fraud through Community Education

Presenter, Society of American Law Teachers, Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat Trina Grillo Retreat (March 5, 2016)

Rebellious Lawyering from the Trenches to the Law School: Lessons from Clinicians and Lawyers Trained by Gerald Lopez

Panel Organizer & Panelist, Association of American Law Schools, Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 2, 2016)

Central American Unaccompanied Minors: Targets of *Notario* Immigration Fraud

Presenter, United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights Meeting with Los Angeles-SIJS Collaborative (March 21, 2016)

Mapping the Margins of Mexican Asylum Claims

Lecture, California State University Northridge, Department of Chicana/o Studies, (May 13, 2015)

Screening for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Delinquency Proceedings

Presenter/MCLE for Juvenile Court Panel Attorneys, Glendale, California (February 2, 2013)

Intersections of the Over Policed and Under Protected: Contradictions in Local Policy and Federal Legislation for Immigrant Crime Victims

Presenter, Class Crits VI Workshop, Los Angeles California (November 16, 2013)

Critical Race Studies in Real Time: Immigration Panel

Panelist, Critical Race Studies Symposium, UCLA School of Law (March 8, 2013)

SELECTED AWARDS

California State University, Northridge, Matadors United Award, May 2017

- Honored by the CSUN Associated Students for "hard-work and dedication in establishing the Student Legal Support Clinic."

National Lawyers Guild Annual Honoree, June 2016

- Recipient of the NLG Annual Award for “exemplary leadership in the immigrant rights movement, and for being a stellar educator and mentor for generations of students and advocates.”

Latino/a Law Students Association, Southwestern Law School, Professor of the Year, May 2015

- Honored by the Southwestern Law School Latino/a Law Students Association for “mentorship, encouragement and support of Latino law students at Southwestern Law School.”

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

American Association of Law Schools, Pro Bono & Access to Justice Committee, Education Enrichment Chair

January 2023 – Current

National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles Chapter

Immigration Steering Committee, December 2012 –Present

Executive Board Member, January 2009 – January 2021

Los Angeles Rapid Raids Response Network

Legal Committee Member, June 2017 – Present

California Welcoming Taskforce (Binational Coalition of Migrant Rights Nonprofit Organizations)

Legal Committee Member, January 2020 – Present

Los Angeles U-Visa & Violence Against Women Act Network

Member, August 2010 – Present

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Los Angeles Collaborative

Member, August 2010 – Present

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & LANGUAGES

- Member of the California State Bar
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with Specialization in Bilingual, Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development
- Excellent Oral and Written Spanish (Both Lay and Professional)