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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER Juris Doctor, 1994
Ford Foundation Fellow
Managing Editor, *Georgetown Journal of International Law*

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY Master of Science, 1994
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA B.A., 1988
AT CHAPEL HILL

LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW August 2001-Present
PROFESSOR OF LAW
FOUNDING DIRECTOR, FARMWORKER LEGAL AID CLINIC
FOUNDING CO-DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY INTERPRETER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Direct law school clinics in which students provide civil legal services and know-your-rights outreach presentations to rural agricultural, landscaping, and food industry workers and indigent asylum seekers. Supervise second semester students in Advanced Advocacy Clinic on various projects, including international advocacy. Teach lawyering skills seminar, including classes in various areas of law relevant to the clinics. Created and direct interdisciplinary program for undergraduate students who provide interpretation and translation services to the clinical program and other non-profit organizations. Advise Latin American Law Students Association, and serve on Inclusiveness Commission. Organized and led spring break service trips to western North Carolina and central Florida.

SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL OF LAW, GUANGZHOU, CHINA
CONSULTANT AND VISITING LECTURER December 2008

Visited law school through Agency for International Development grant administered by McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, and Washington College of Law, American University. Taught short simulation course in negotiation and guest-taught for graduate level international human rights law course. Conducted clinic faculty workshop on clinical pedagogy and presented to law school faculty on clinical legal education.

ZHEJIANG GONGSHANG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, HANGZHOU, CHINA

CONSULTANT AND VISITING LECTURER

November 2007-January 2008

Visited law school through Agency for International Development grant administered by McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, and Washington College of Law, American University. Taught short simulation course in Interviewing and post-graduate course in Human Rights, and guest-taught for Business Negotiations course. Presented to Law School faculty. Consulted with faculty and administration on clinical legal education.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

TUTOR

Summer 2005

Taught course on Human Rights Advocacy and Dissemination.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE

July 1998 – July 2001

Recipient of three-year teaching fellowship at International Human Rights Law Clinic teaching lawyering seminar and supervising students handling political asylum cases, habeas corpus litigation in federal district court, and petitions before human rights bodies. Designed LLM externship seminar entitled “Lawyering Across Cultures.” Taught seminar on “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.” Guest lectured in other law school courses. Assisted with developing initiative on gender in the Indian legal curriculum.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CENTRE ON HOUSING RIGHTS AND EVICTIONS

CONSULTANT

Summer 2000

Wrote guide to advocacy with the U.N. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST

STAFF ATTORNEY

January 1995 – July 1998

Directed Washington asylum representation program. Represented asylum seekers and supervised caseload of 200 active cases, interviewing and screening indigent asylum seekers, recruiting, training and supervising volunteer counsel in area law firms. Designed training course on asylum and detention advocacy. Conducted administrative and legislative advocacy. Managed government liaison process for a national network of asylum rights advocates.

D.C. COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CONSULTANT

Fall 1994

Wrote guide for agencies seeking Violence Against Women Act funding.

COMISIÓN ANDINA DE JURISTAS, LIMA OFFICE

FORD FOUNDATION FELLOW

Summer 1993

Monitored legislative revisions of Peruvian constitution. Researched U.S. and Peruvian systems of judicial nomination, death penalty legislation and referenda.

RECENT AND PENDING PUBLICATIONS

Law Schools as Advocates for Social Change: Movement to Fully Integrate Undocumented Law Students (publication pending) (with Raquel Aldana and Karla McKanders).

Foreword, South-North Exchange Symposium on "The Global Politics of Food," 42 U. MIAMI INTER-AM. L. REV. __ (2011) (with Nancy Ehrenreich).

Human Rights Aspirations, Professional Obligations: Practitioner Survey on the Ethics of Domestic Human Rights 1 NOTRE DAME J. INT'L, COMP., & HUM. RTS. L. 114 (2011).

International Conventions Protecting Migrants, in Peter Coveney, Ed., *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration* (Wiley-Blackwell) (publication pending).

International Law and Human Rights, in Berta Hernández-Truyól, Ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia Of Latinos & Latinas In The United States* (Oxford University Press, 2d. Ed.) (publication pending).

The Unsigned United Nations Migrant Worker Rights Convention: an Overlooked Opportunity to Change the "Brown Collar" Migration Paradigm, 42 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 389 (2010).

Changing Tactics: Globalization and the U.S. Immigrant Worker Rights Movement, 13 UCLA J. INT'L. L. & FOREIGN AFF. 161 (2008).

Strategies for Raising Poverty in America as a Violation of International Human Rights Law, in CHARLES LATTIMORE HOWARD, ED., *THE SOULS OF POOR FOLK* (2008) (book chapter).

From Sanctuary to Shaping International Law: How Unauthorized Immigrant Workers are Advocating Beyond U.S. Borders, in CATHERINE ALBISA ET AL., EDS., *BRINGING HUMAN RIGHTS HOME* (Praeger/Greenwood Publishing Group 2008) (book chapter).

Tipping the Balance: Why Courts Should Look to International and Foreign Law on Unauthorized Immigrant Worker Rights, 29 U. PENN. J. INT'L L. 169 (2007).

New International Human Rights Standards on Unauthorized Immigrant Worker Rights: Seizing an Opportunity to Pull Governments out of the Shadows, in ANNE BAYEFESKY, ED., *HUMAN RIGHTS, REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN PROCESS: ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF JOAN FITZPATRICK AND ARTHUR HELTON* (Brill Academic Publishers, 2005) (book chapter).

Farm Workers in Illinois: Law Reforms and Opportunities for the Legal Academy to Protect Some of the State's Most Disadvantaged Workers, 29 S. ILL. U. L.J. 263 (2005) (essay).

When More "Security" Equals Less Workplace Safety: Reconsidering U.S. Laws that Disadvantage Unauthorized Workers, 6 U. PA. J. LAB. EMP. L. 571 (2004).

Inter-American Developments on Globalization's Refugees: New Rights for Migrant Workers and Their Families, 3 EUR. Y.B. MINORITY RTS. 63 (2003-2004) (with Sarah Paoletti).

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights Defines Unauthorized Migrant Workers' Rights for the Hemisphere: A Comment on Advisory Opinion 18, 28 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 547 (2003-04).

Discourse in Development: A Post-Colonial "Agenda" for the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 10 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 535 (2003).

Inter-American Court of Human Rights Amicus Curiae Brief: The United States Violates International Law When Labor Law Remedies Are Restricted Based on Workers' Migrant Status, 1 SEATTLE J. SOC. JUST. 795 (2003) (with Sarah Cleveland and Rebecca Smith).

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Working Group Co-Leader, joint AALS Conferences on the Future of the Law School Curriculum and Clinical Legal Education, June 11-16, 2011.

Presenter, *Lessons in Civic Engagement and Cross-Campus Collaboration from Interdisciplinary Clinical Programs*, Summer Conference of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, New York Law School, June 3, 2011.

Presenter, *Incorporating International and Worker Rights Law in Immigration Teaching*, Plenary Panel, Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference, Washington College of Law, American University, May 19, 2011.

Presenter, *Migration Patterns and Farm Workers in Chester County, PA*, Conference on Immigration Reform: Implications for Farmers, Farm Workers, and Communities, UC-Davis Center, Washington, D.C., May 13, 2011.

Presenter, *Justice Sonia Sotomayor*, Villanova University Phi Iota Alpha fifth annual celebration of Don Benito Juárez, March 22, 2011.

Presenter, *The Unsigned Migrant Worker Convention: A Missed Opportunity to Address the "Global Regulatory Abyss"*, Notre Dame International Law Society Symposium on International and Comparative Legal Perspectives on the Rights of Non-Citizens, February 18, 2011.

Guest-lecturer, *International Worker Rights Law: What's the Point?*, Michigan State University School of Human Resources and Labor Relations International Employment Law Course, January 24, 2011 (via video teleconference).

Co-authored draft paper presented by Karla McKanders at American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hot Topics Panel: Education Law, co-sponsored by Immigration Law Section, January 7, 2011.

Presenter, *Using the Principles of International Human Rights Law in our Practice*, National Farmworker Advocates' Training, Atlanta, Georgia, November 12, 2010.

Witness, American Bar Association Hearing on ABA Language Access Standard at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 12, 2010.

Presenter, *Researching Immigrant Worker Law*, Michigan State University Julian Samora Research Institute, October 26, 2010.

Presenter, Know-your-rights/brief advice and referral session, Cristo Rey Church, East Lansing, Michigan, October 26, 2010.

Presenter, *The Unsigned Migrant Worker Rights Convention*, Michigan State University Transnational Labor Symposium Series, October 27, 2010.

Guest lecturer, *Models for Service and Research for Immigrant Workers*, Michigan State University Social Work and Social Policy Class, October 27, 2010.

Small Group Leader and Plenary Presenter on *Clinical Legal Supervision of Counseling* and on *Supervision: Ethics and Values*, July 26-29, 2010, Chengdu, China.

Trainer, *Fair Labor Standards Act*, 2010 Mid-Atlantic Farmworker Advocates Training, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, June 14, 2010.

Presenter, *Human Rights Aspirations, Professional Obligations: Practitioner Survey*, Columbia University Law School, Human Rights Institute, Domestic Human Rights Lawyering CLE Conference, Skadden Arps, New York, June 4, 2010.

Presenter, *Agricultural and U.S. Exceptionalism*, Immigration Reform Conference, University of California Center, Washington, D.C., May 28, 2010.

Presenter, *Agricultural and U.S. Exceptionalism*, South-North Exchange: The Global Politics of Food: Sustainability and Subordination, Departamento de Derecho, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, May 8, 2010.

Presenter, Draft Paper, Migration Reading Group, Brooklyn Law School, November 20, 2009.

Presenter, Latino Electoral Politics and Immigration: A Critical Assessment of the Obama Administration on Immigration Reform, October 3, 2009.

Presenter, Draft Book Proposal and Outline, Junior Faculty Scholarship Workshop, August 21, 2009.

Workshop Presenter, *Discussion on Human Rights and Legal Services Advocacy Convened by Northeastern School of Law's Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy and*

Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute, Northeastern School of Law, June 15, 2009.

Trainer, *Fair Labor Standards Act*, 2009 Mid-Atlantic Farmworker Advocates Training, University of Pennsylvania Law School, June 2, 2009.

Opening Plenary Panel Presenter, *New Legal Methods and Approaches for the Newly Defined Immigrant Worker*, The Evolving Definition of the Immigrant Worker: The Intersection between Employment, Labor and Human Rights Law, University of San Francisco Law Review Symposium, February 29, 2009.

Guest-lecturer, Asylum and Refugee Law, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, State College, February 6, 2009.

Presenter, *Clinical Legal Education in the United States*, South China University of Technology School of Law, Law School Faculty, Guangzhou, China, December 18, 2008.

Presenter, draft article, "The Unsigned United Nations Migrant Worker Convention: an Overlooked Opportunity to Educate America about 'Brown-Collar' Migration," Marquette University Law School Faculty Workshop, November 13, 2008.

Presenter, draft article, VLS Junior Faculty Scholarship Workshop, August 20, 2008.

Trainer, *Fair Labor Standards Act*, 2008 Mid-Atlantic Farmworker Advocates Training, University of Pennsylvania Law School (June 3, 2008).

Presenter, Faculty Panel, V.U. Faculty Workshop on Catholic Social Thought, May 12, 2008.

Trainer, *U.S. Legal Systems, Immigration Law, Employment Discrimination Law, International Law*, Red de Defensores Migrantes, Centro Fray Matias de Derechos Humanos, Tapachula, Mexico, April 28-30, 2008 (in Spanish).

Presenter, *Teaching Identity in a Farmworker Clinic*, Suffolk Law School Faculty, March 24, 2008.

Panelist, *Mobilizing International Law for Domestic Causes*, UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs 12th Annual Symposium, February 29, 2008.

Guest Lecturer, *Human Rights and Catholic Social Thought*, Villanova Law School Catholic Social Thought and the Law Seminar, February 28, 2008.

Presenter, *Welcoming Remarks and International Advocacy*, The International Protection of Migrant Workers: the Launching of the Institute for Migrant Rights, American Society of International Law and Institute for Migrant Rights, Cianjur, Indonesia (by videoteleconference), December 18, 2007.

Presenter, *Clinical Legal Education in the United States*, Zhejiang Gongshang University Law School Faculty, Hangzhou, China, December 11, 2007.

Guest Lecturer, Villanova University Immigration and Identity Politics Seminar, November 16, 2007.

Presenter, *Due Process and Immigration Detention Practices in the North American Corridor*, University of Chicago Workshop on Migration and Human Rights in the Age of Globalization: the Case of the North American Corridor, October 12, 2007.

Presenter, *Critical Theory and Praxis in United Nations Proceedings*, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory Conference at the Florida International University School of Law, October 5, 2007.

Presenter, draft article outline, VLS Junior Faculty Scholarship Workshop, August 2007.

Co-Trainer, *Clinical Pedagogy*, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China Workshop, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China, July 30-August 2, 2007.

Paper Presenter, *After Public Interest Law 3: Shifts in Strategy for Social Transformation (sponsored by the IRC on Public Interest Law)*, Law and Society Association 2007 Annual Meeting, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, July 25, 2007.

Trainer, *Fair Labor Standards Act*, 2007 Mid-Atlantic Farmworker Advocates Training, Bridgeton, New Jersey (June 8, 2007).

Presenter, *Challenging Assumptions through International Human Rights Law*, AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, May 4, 2007.

Moderator, *César Chávez Day Discussion on Farmworker Rights*, Villanova Law School, March 29, 2007.

Guest Lecturer, *Human Rights and Catholic Social Teaching*, Catholic Social Thought and the Law Class, February 28, 2007.

Speaker, *Maria Full of Grace*, Villanova University Cultural Film and Lecture Series, October 21, 2006.

Work-in-Progress Commenter, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory Conference at the University of Nevada School of Law, October 7, 2006.

Presenter, *Immigration and Work*, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory Conference at the University of Nevada School of Law, October 6, 2006.

Presenter, *On Scholarship: What to Write, How to Finish*, Fourth Annual LatCrit Junior Faculty Workshop, October 6, 2006.

Participant, *Roundtable: After Public Interest Law 3: Shifts in Strategy for Social Transformation (sponsored by the IRC on Public Interest Law)*, Law and Society Association 2006 Annual Meeting, July 8, 2006.

Presenter, *Cross-National Law School Clinic Student Interpreter Placements*, Global Alliance for Justice Education, Fordham Law School, May 4, 2006.

Presenter, *Collaboration in Clinical Interpretation*, AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, May 1, 2006.

Presenter, *International Law and Civil Gideon*, Edward V. Sparer Symposium on Civil Gideon: Making the Case, University of Pennsylvania, March 28, 2006.

Guest Lecturer, *Human Rights and Catholic Social Teaching*, Catholic Social Thought and the Law Class, February 15, 2006.

Panelist, Discussion of the movie *Crash*, Martin Luther King, Jr., Week, Villanova Law School, January 20, 2006.

Lecturer, *Students Using Law and Language to Fight for Immigrants' Rights*, St. Joseph's University, December 6, 2005.

Moderator, *Infusing LatCrit Praxis Across Multiple Educational Settings: Interrogating Economic and Social (In)Justice Through Schooling, Politics, and Pedagogy*, Tenth Annual LatCrit Conference: Critical Approaches to Economic In/justice, October 8, 2005.

Presenter, *On Scholarship: What to Write, How to Finish*, Third Annual LatCrit Junior Faculty Workshop, October 7, 2005.

Trainer, DePaul Law School Community Development Externship Orientation and Training Program, June 3, 2005.

Panelist, *Comparative Aspects of Unauthorized Immigrant Worker Rights*, Symposium on Human Rights and Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrant Workers: in Honor of Joan Fitzpatrick and Arthur Helton, Metropolitan College and Touro Law School, January 16, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Law Schools

AALS Section on International Human Rights

2003-2004 Chair, Executive Committee Member through 2006

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education

Friends of Farmworkers, Board Vice-President

Global Workers Justice Alliance, Board President 2005-2008, currently on leave of absence

Latina and Latino Critical Theory, Board Co-Chair (new term beginning October 2009)

Society of American Law Teachers, Board Member

Institute for Migrant Rights, Advisory Board Chairwoman

Clinical Legal Education Association

American Society of International Law

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member, Civil and Equal Rights Committee, Immigration Committee

Bar of the State of Pennsylvania

District of Columbia Bar Association (inactive status)

Bar, U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia and Eastern Pennsylvania
American Bar Association

Member, ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, Working
Group on Limited English Proficient Standards

National Lawyers Guild

American Immigration Lawyers Association

HONORS

2008 Outstanding Book Award, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America, for the three-volume Bringing Home Human Rights (Praeger/Greenwood Publishing Group 2008) (chapter contributor).

2003 recipient of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician Award.

LANGUAGES: Highly proficient Spanish, basic French, rudimentary Russian.