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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW August 2020-present

Moscow, ID

Allan G. Shepard Distinguished Professor

Tenure granted

*Associate Professor and the Director of Immigration Litigation
and Appellate Clinic*

August 2022-present

March 2022

August 2020-present

Direct an immigration clinic in which students learn immigration law, lawyering skills, and professionalism through individual representation, complex litigation, and community outreach.

Other Courses: Immigration Law & Policy

Constitutional Law II

2021-2023

Fall 2023

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW

Iowa City, IA

Visiting Clinical Professor and Director of the Immigration Clinical Practice

May 2019-May 2020

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Valparaiso, IN

Professor

Associate Professor

Assistant Professor

Director, Immigration Clinic

Aug. 2012-Aug. 2019

Aug. 2018-Aug. 2019

Aug. 2015-Aug. 2018

Aug. 2012-Aug. 2015

Other Courses:

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law II

Fall 2016, 2017

Spring 2016, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

Madison, WI

Visiting Associate Professor and Director of the Immigrant Justice Clinic

Jan. 2018-Aug. 2018

GEORGETOWN LAW, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Washington, DC

July 2010-June 2012

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

Lecturer (Asylum Law), Chicago, IL

Sept. 2009-June 2010

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN LAW, Washington, DC

LL.M. with distinction in clinical education, 2012

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., 2000

Robert McKay Scholar
Civil Legal Services Clinic
Review of Law and Social Change, Senior Articles Editor

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
B.A. in American History, 1996
Men's Crew Team, Captain

PUBLICATIONS

Immigration Law and Slavery: Rethinking the Migration or Importation Clause, 2023
Wis. L. Rev. (forthcoming)

Work and Employment for DACA Recipients, 39 Yale J. Reg. Bulletin (2021)

Distancing Refugees, 97 Denver Univ. L. Rev. 761 (2020)

Zealous Administration: the Deportation Bureaucracy (co-authored with Robert Knowles), 72 Rutgers Univ. L. Rev. 101 (2020)

Crimmigration in Gangland: Race, Crime, and Removal During the Prohibition Era, 16 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 65 (2018)

The Immigrant Right to Work, 31 Georg. Imm. L. J. 243 (2017)

The Status of Nonstatus, 64 Am. U. L. Rev. 1115 (2015) (lead article)

Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court, 79 Brook. L. Rev. 1569 (2014), reprinted in 19-15 Bender's Immigr. Bull. 01 (2014)

Persons Who Are Not the People: The Changing Rights of Immigrants in the United States, 44 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 367 (2013)

Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States, 33 Card. L. Rev. 619 (2011)

Pulling Teeth: The State of Mandatory Immigration Detention, 45 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. 601 (2010)

Unfair Evictions: Where Landlord-Tenant and Fair Housing Law Intersect, 37 Clerainghouse Rev. 418 (Nov.-Dec. 2003)

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

LEGAL AID CHICAGO

Sept. 2004-July 2010

Senior Attorney, Chicago, IL

Represented detained immigrants, asylum applicants, trafficking victims, and survivors of gender-related crimes and domestic violence in cases in state, federal, and administrative courts.

OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER

Nov. 2003-Aug. 2004

Assistant Defender, Chicago, IL

Represented indigent criminal defendants in state court appeals.

SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW

Sept. 2002-Oct. 2003

Staff Attorney, Chicago, IL

Handled class action civil rights litigation and engaged in state-level policy work.

LEGAL AID CHICAGO

Aug. 2000-Aug. 2002

Staff Attorney, Chicago, IL

Litigated civil actions on behalf of indigent persons in the areas of housing, employment, and family law and won jury trials and a state court appeal.

SELECTED LITIGATION

Margulis v. Holder, 725 F.3d 785 (7th Cir. 2013)

Bayo v. Napolitano, 593 F.3d 495 (7th Cir. 2010) (en banc) (amicus brief)

Hussain v. Mukasey, 518 F.3d 534 (7th Cir. 2008) (argued)

Cesar v. Achim, 542 F. Supp. 2d 897 (E.D. Wis. 2008)

Hussain v. Mukasey, 510 F.3d 739 (7th Cir. 2007)

Gutierrez-Almazan v. Holder, 491 F.3d 341 (7th Cir. 2007) (argued)

Fonseca-Sanchez v. Gonzales, 484 F.3d 439 (7th Cir. 2007) (argued)

Aceves-Santos v. Sedlock, No. 08 CV 4550, 2008 WL 5101348 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 2, 2008)

Pasha v. Gonzales, 433 F.3d 530 (7th Cir. 2005) (argued)

Wallace v. Chicago Housing Authority, 321 F. Supp. 2d 968 (N.D. Ill. 2004)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Migration and Importation,” Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Nov. 5, 2022.

“Distancing Refugees,” Denver Law Review Symposium, Immigration Law in Shifting Times, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Feb. 7, 2020.

“Deportation Zealots: A Public Choice Account of Immigration Enforcement,” Work in Progress Presentation at Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, June 7, 2019

“Crimmigration in Gangland: Race, Crime, and Removal during the Prohibition Era,” Professorial Lecture at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, Sept. 20, 2018.

“With a Little Help from My Friends: Managing Stress in a Hostile Political Environment with Assistance from Non-Lawyers, Concurrent Session at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL, May 1, 2018 (with George Baboila, Colleen Boraca, Janet Goode, Anjum Gupta, Susan Hazeldean, Lucy Johnston-Walsh, James Mitchell, Rachel Settlage, Virgil Wiebe, and Amanda Zelechowski).

“Crimmigration in Gangland: Race, Crime, and Removal during the Prohibition Era,” Work in Progress Presentation at the Central States Law Schools Association 2017

Scholarship Conference, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL, Oct. 6, 2017.

“Immigration in the First 100 Days: A panel discussion examining immigration policies in the Trump administration’s first 100 days” (with Anita Ortiz Maddali, William Howell, Allison Tirres, and Sioban Albiol), Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, April 21, 2017.

“Trump’s Executive Orders and What They Mean for Immigration,” Panel Presentation, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, Feb. 3, 2017 (with Claudia Flores, Caryn Lederer, Aziz Huq, and Maria Woltjen).

“The Immigrant Right to Work,” Seventh Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Nov. 4, 2016.

“Resuscitating Immigrants’ Right to Work,” Work in Progress Presentation, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, May 3, 2016.

“From Theory to Practice,” Panel Presentation, Valparaiso University Institute for Leadership and Service Conference, “Send Money, Prayers & People: The Evolving Exchange Between Belief and Action in Global Humanitarian Work,” April 2, 2016.

“Crimmigration: Examining the State of Affairs in U.S. Immigration Enforcement,” Panel Presentation, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, Feb. 26, 2016 (with Dean Thomas Miles, Daniel Morales, and Mark Fleming).

“Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases,” Panel Presentation sponsored by the Chicago Bar Foundation, the Chicago Bar Association, and the National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL, Oct. 8, 2015 (with Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Claudia Valenzuela, and Tara Magner).

“Law Practice and Social Change in the Academy,” Plenary Panel Presentation at the Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, University of Miami, Miami, FL, June 12, 2015 (with Annie Lai, Christopher Lasch, and Maria Woltjen).

“DACA: Executive Discretion or Lawmaking,” panel presentation at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2015 (with Alina Das, Peter Margulies, Juliet Stumpf, and Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia) (broadcast on C-SPAN).

“The Past, Present, and Future of Immigration Law,” Martin Luther King Day Address to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL, Jan. 21, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” 2013 Biennial LatCrit Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 4, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 10, 2013.

“Increasing Transparency in Immigration Court Cases,” Work in Progress Presentation at University of California, Irvine, “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Irvine, CA, June 13, 2013.

“Immigration and the Obama Administration: Past, Present, and Future,” panel discussion sponsored by the American Constitution Society, the University of Chicago Law School, Nov. 30, 2012.

“The Far-Reaching Effects of Crimmigration,” panel presentation at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, Aug. 1, 2012.

“Starting a New Clinic? Proposing and Developing In-House Clinics in a Changing Environment,” Concurrent Session Presentation at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Los Angeles, CA, May 1, 2012 (with Anjum Gupta, Jennifer Koh, and Rachel Settlage).

“A World Without DOMA: Bankruptcy, Immigration and Tax Implications,” Hot Topic panel presentation at Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Jan. 7, 2012 (with William Eskridge, Patricia Cain, Jackie Gardina and David Herzig)

“The National Security Backlog in Asylum Adjudication,” panel presentation at DePaul University School of Law conference, “Reframing Reform: Immigration as the Solution,” Chicago, IL, October 24, 2011.

“Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States,” American University Washington College of Law “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Washington, DC, May 20, 2011.

“Expanding Immigrant Access to Counsel: A Proposal to Revive Civil Legal Services for Immigrants,” Georgetown Law, Migration Policy Institute, and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., “8th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference,” Washington, DC, April 26, 2011 (broadcast on C-SPAN).

“Justice for Whom—the Embattled History of Legal Aid for Immigrants,” New England Law Review Symposium: “Crossing the Border: the Future of Immigration Law and Its Impact on Lawyers,” Boston, MA, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Deaths in Immigration Detention,” panel discussion hosted by the Labor, Employment, and Immigration Law Society at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, March 4, 2010.

SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Lawyering and Loss,” Moderator for Panel Discussion associated with the Bellwood Memorial Lecture at the University of Idaho College of Law (with Maria Andrade, Ritchie Eppink, and Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar).

“Immigration 101: The Deportation Machine,” 2022 Fall Immigration Skills Conference, Boise, ID, Oct. 7, 2022.

“La Bienvenida: An Introduction to Immigrant Rights,” Washington State University, Office of Undocumented Initiatives, May 15, 2022.

“Understanding the Biden Administration’s Immigration Policies,” Washington State University, Office of Undocumented Initiatives, April 9, 2021.

“Immigration Pathways,” Washington State University, Office of Undocumented Initiatives, Oct. 23, 2020.

“Practical Removal Skills: Throwing Wrenches in the Government’s Deportation Machine,” Panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2019 Fall CLE Conference, Sept. 13, 2019, Park City, UT.

“Current Trends in Federal Crimmigration Litigation at Circuit and Supreme Courts,” Panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Immigration & Naturalization Litigation Conference, Oct. 12, 2018, Denver, CO.

“Winning on Paper: Procedural Motions and Evidentiary Rules Practice in Immigration Court,” Panel Presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association and National Immigration Project 2018 Removal Defense Conference, April 12, 2018, Washington, D.C.

“Immigration and Advising: Advising Practices in the Current Sociopolitical Climate,” Panel Presentation at the University of Wisconsin Advising Conference, Feb. 28, 2018, Madison, WI.

“Immigration Law Review for the Criminal Practitioner,” presentation for the Wisconsin Public Defender, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Feb. 2, 2018.

“The Constitutional Rights of Noncitizens,” presentation at “Responding to the New Immigration Enforcement Landscape: A Symposium for Pro Bono Attorneys,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, March 16, 2017.

“The Executive Orders on Immigration,” Valparaiso University, Office of International Programs, Feb. 1, 2017.

“Updates and Advanced Topics in Removal Defense and Federal Litigation,” panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Conference, “Advanced Issues in Immigration,” Oct. 21, 2016, Indianapolis, IN.

“Exploitation and Trafficking of Low-wage, Itinerant and Short-term Workers,” panel presentation at “The Modern-Day American Worker: Using Immigration and Labor Laws to Remedy Worker Exploitation,” Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, March 22, 2016.

“LGBT or Q? Prove It: Bias in the Adjudication of Immigration Claims Based on Sexual Orientation,” Panel Presentation at the LGBT Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Aug. 6, 2015.

“Removal Orders without the Right to a Full Immigration Court Hearing: Strategies for Challenging the Orders and Considerations for Administrative Relief,” panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2015 Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, March 9, 2015.

“International Social Justice: An Exploration of Immigration Policy and International Human Rights Law,” panel presentation at the 2015 Norman Amaker Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Feb. 27, 2015.

“The New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, the Chicago Area Landscape, and Challenges and Opportunities for Local Changes,” panel presentation at the Chicago Immigration Court Working Group Symposium: “Is Chicago Ready for Change? Exploring New Models for Immigration Court and Access to Counsel for Immigrants,” Chicago, IL, Nov. 3, 2014.

“Remedies for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children,” Presentation to the Chicago Bar Association, Human Rights Committee, Chicago, IL, Aug. 26, 2014.

“Challenging Charges in the Notice to Appear,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2014.

“Game On: Day of Trial,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Litigation Workshop, Chicago, IL, Nov. 14, 2013.

“The Civil Rights Implications of Immigration Reform as It Relates to Immigration Court,” Testimony before the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, DePaul College of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 23, 2013.

“A Public Forum: Immigration Court Reform: Part of Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” panel discussion sponsored by the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice and Casa Aztlán at the Lozano Library, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013.

“Children’s Asylum Cases,” Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children (LOPC) Conference: “Update on Substantive Relief Available to Children in Removal Proceedings and Impact of Criminal Issues on That Relief,” Washington, DC, May 5, 2011.

“Silence Is No Longer Golden: *Padilla v. Kentucky* and the Duty of Criminal Defense Attorneys to Advise their Clients about the Immigration Consequences of Convictions,” panel discussion at Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee, WI, June 18, 2010.

“You Can’t Do That Here: Different Results in Different Venues,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2009.

“Federal Court Updates,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2009.

“Stipulated Orders of Removal—Not Giving Up the Right to Defend Against Deportation,” panel discussion at the DePaul University conference, “Responding to ICE Enforcement: Strategies for Community and Legal Advocates,” Chicago, IL, March 24, 2009.

SERVICE

University and Law School Service:

University of Idaho Borah Foundation Committee, 2021-23
University of Idaho College of Law Dean’s Advisory Committee, 2021-23
Curriculum Committee, Chair, 2021-23; Member, 2020-21
Diversity and Human Rights Committee, 2020-21
Faculty Advisor, Latino/Latina Law Caucus, 2021-23
Faculty Advisor, Idaho Critical Legal Studies Journal, 2022-23
Valparaiso University Campus Judicial Board, 2017-19
Valparaiso Law, Career Planning Committee, Chair, 2018-19; Member, 2013-2018
University of Wisconsin Advisory Committee on Immigration and International Student Issues, Jan. 2018-May 2018
Presidential Commission for an Inclusive Valparaiso Community, Co-Chair, 2017, Member 2016-2017
Valparaiso Law, Fellowship Selection Committee, Poverty Law Fellow, 2015-2017
Valparaiso Law, Summer Public Interest Stipend Committee, 2015-2017
Valparaiso Law, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2013-2017
Facilitator, Valparaiso University-wide Strategic Planning Process, 2017
Valparaiso Law, Student Evaluation Task Force, Chair, 2013-14

Other Service to the Legal Academy and Profession

National Science Foundation Proposal Reviewer, April 2018

Planning Committee, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Miami, FL, June 11-12, 2015

Planning Committee, Chicago Immigration Court Working Group Symposium: “Is Chicago Ready for Change? Exploring New Models for Immigration Court and Access to Counsel for Immigrants,” Chicago, IL, Nov. 3, 2014

BAR AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Idaho, Illinois and Indiana State Bars, United States Supreme Court, Fourth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals, Northern District of Illinois (General and Trial Bar), and Eastern District of Wisconsin

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Clinical Legal Education
Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)
Chicago Appleseed Found., Immigration Court Reform Advisory Committee, 2015-20
Community Immigration Law Center, Board of Directors, Jan. 2018-Aug. 2018
Chicago Immigration Court Working Group (2015-2016)

Chicago Council of Lawyers, Board of Governors (2009-10)

RECOGNITIONS

Allan G. Shepard Distinguished Professor

Awarded by the University of Idaho College of Law to “highly qualified persons with records of distinguished service to legal education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

Valparaiso University, Jan. 2018, for “making significant and lasting contributions to create an environment where diversity is honored and respected on campus and within the broader community.”

Michael and Dianne Swygert Teaching Fellow

Valparaiso University School of Law, 2016-2018, for exemplifying “the highest standards of teaching and service” to students.

LANGUAGES

Highly proficient in Spanish