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ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW
Clinical Professor of Law, 2011 – 2018, 2020 – present
Director, Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic, 2020 – present
Founder and Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2011 – 2018
Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2017 – 2018
Faculty Appointments Committee, 2015 – 2017
Chair, Admissions Committee, 2014 – 2015
Faculty Advisory Committee, 2012 – 2013
Advisory Committee, Center on Law, Equality, and Race

Courses:

Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic; Legal Profession; Labor Law; Law and Social Movements

Service:

Fellowship Advisor; University Council on Planning and Budget; UCI Community Labor Project; UC Academic Senate; Clerkship Committee; numerous Promotion and Tenure subcommittees and *ad hoc* administrative search committees

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Vice Dean for Experiential Education and Professor of Law, 2018 – 2020
Core Faculty, Critical Race Studies and Epstein Public Interest Law Programs

Courses:

Immigrant Family Legal Clinic; Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic

Service:

Experiential Committee; Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Committee; *ad hoc* teaching and administrative search committees

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Dean for Clinical Programs. 2008 - 2011
Associate Professor of Law. 2003 – 2011
Director, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic, 2003 - 2008
Co-Chair, Race and Privilege Committee, 2010 - 2011

Courses:

Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic

Service:

ABA Accreditation Committee; Academic Standing; Appointments Committee; Budget Committee; Building Committee; Curriculum Committee; Faculty Reappointments Committee; Professional Development Committee; Student Recruitment Committee; Worker

Employment & Labor Committee; numerous *ad hoc* teaching and administrative search committees

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
Assistant Professor of Law, 2002 – 2003
Co-Director, Civil Rights Clinic

NYU SCHOOL OF LAW
Acting Assistant Professor of Clinical Law, 2001 – 2002
Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2001 - 2002
Clinical Fellow, 2000 – 2001

JUDICIAL
CLERKSHIP

Judge Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1999 – 2000

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
J.D., *cum laude*, 1993 - 1996
Irving Kaufman Public Service Fellow
Lead Articles Editor, HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW
Research Assistant, Professor Charles Ogletree
Editing Assistant, Professor Martha Minow
Co-Chair, Coalition for Civil Rights

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
B.A., *High Honors*, 1987 - 1991
Political Science, Economics and Religion
Ivy Award for Leadership, Scholarship and Contributions to the Community

PUBLICATIONS

Critical Theory and Clinical Stance (with Wendy A. Bach), 26 CLINICAL LAW REVIEW 81 (2019)

Democratic Norms and Governance Experimentalism in Worker Centers (with Catherine Fisk), 82 LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 141 (2019)

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest (with Stephen Lee), 87 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1879 (2019)
Reprinted, BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN (2019)

Access to Power (with Annie Lai), 148 DÆDALUS 82 (2019)

Case Study 1: Movement Groups with Flat, Innovative Governance Structures (with Meena Jagannath), 47 HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW 19 (2018)

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, 64 UCLA Law Review 1464 (2017)

Deferred Action and the Discretionary State: Migration, Precarity, and Resistance (with Susan Bibler Coutin, Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), CITIZENSHIP STUDIES (2017)

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering in Clinical Practice, 104 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 201 (2016)

Executive Report, Russell Sage Foundation, *Navigating Legal Liminalities Along Pathways to Citizenship: Immigrant Vulnerability and the Role of Mediating Institutions* (with Edelina Burciaga, Jennifer Chacon, Susan Coutin, Alma Nidia Garza, and Stephen Lee) (2015)

Fieldwork and the Political, in SUSAN BRYANT, ELLIOTT MILSTEIN, ANN SHALLECK (eds.), TRANSFORMING THE EDUCATION OF LAWYERS: THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PEDAGOGY (2014)

Advancing Low Wage Organizing Through Legal Representation, 47 CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW: JOURNAL OF POVERTY LAW AND POLICY 313 (2013)

Review Essay, 47 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 982 (2013), reviewing RUBEN J. GARCIA, MARGINAL WORKERS: HOW LEGAL FAULT LINES DIVIDE WORKERS AND LEAVE THEM WITHOUT PROTECTION (2012)

Review Essay, 62 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 193 (2012), reviewing FRANK S. BLOCH (ed.), THE GLOBAL CLINICAL MOVEMENT: EDUCATING LAWYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (2011)

White Paper, UCI Immigrant Rights Clinic, *Misplaced Priorities: The Failure of Secure Communities in Los Angeles County* (with Edgar Aguila-socho and David Rodwin) (2012)

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, 14 CLINICAL LAW REVIEW 455 (2008)
Excerpted, PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING: A CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE (2012)
Excerpted, CLINICAL ANTHOLOGY: READINGS FOR LIVE CLIENT CLINICS, 2nd Ed. (2011)

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, 95 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1879 (2007)

Immigration Enforcement and Subordination: The Consequences of Racial Profiling After September 11, 34 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1185 (2002)
Reprinted, 23 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY L. REV. 545 (2003)

Justice O'Connor's Blind Rationalization of Affirmative Action Jurisprudence: Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena (with Lisa Opoku), 31 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 223 (1996)

SHORT-FORM
WRITING

Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Legalism (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY (March 5, 2019)

Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Politics (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY (March 4, 2018)

Teaching, Guerrilla Style (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY (Oct. 23, 2018)

The Political Economy of Immigration Enforcement (with Amna Akbar), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY (June 6-7, 2018)

The Critical Responsibilities Of South Asian American Leadership, THE AEROGRAM (Nov. 16, 2017)

Centering Justice in Legal Education Reform Discourse, BEST PRACTICES FOR LEGAL EDUCATION (March 8, 2016)

RESEARCH
GRANTS

National Science Foundation, *Executive Relief and the Roles of Mediating Institutions in Immigration Law and Policy* (with Susan Bibler Coutin, Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), 2016 - 2019

Russell Sage Foundation, *Navigating Legal Liminalities Along Pathways to Citizenship: Immigrant Vulnerability and the Role of Mediating Organizations* (with Susan Bibler Coutin, Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), 2014 - 2015

UCLA Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, *Assessing the Impact of Wage Theft in Orange County*, 2014 - 2015

UC Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California, *Wage Theft and Health Care Access Among Warehouse Workers in Southern California* (with UC Riverside and UCLA Labor Center), 2013 - 2014

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS

Migration as Extractivism: Race, Enforcement, and Labor, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, online (May 30, 2020).

Critical Theory and Clinical Stance, Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, NY (September 20, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Racial Capitalism, Critical Race Studies II Panel, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (September 18, 2019).

On Relational Lawyering, Legal Ethics Shmooze, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (June 8, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Organizing, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (May 31, 2019).

Multiple Consciousness in Contextual Learning, Keynote, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands (May 28, 2019).

Fact Development, Faculty Workshop, University of Amsterdam Law School, Amsterdam, Netherlands (May 27, 2019).

Transformational Advocacy, AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, San Francisco, CA (May 6, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Organizing, Faculty Workshop, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (April 29, 2019)

The Influence of the Bellow-Charn Model on Clinical Legal Education, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (April 5, 2019).

Democratic Norms and Governance Experimentalism in Worker Centers, Symposium, Duke Law School, Durham, NC (March 22, 2019).

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest, Faculty Workshop, University of Washington School of Law (February 21, 2019).

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest, Symposium, Fordham Law School, New York, NY (October 12, 2018).

Governance and Voice in Worker Centers, Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (April 13, 2018).

Guerilla Guides to Law Teaching, Faculty Workshop, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN (March 5, 2018).

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, Faculty Workshop, UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC (March 8, 2018).

Community Immigrant Defense, Legal Ethics Schmooze, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (July 21, 2017).

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico (June 22, 2017).

Pedagogy Panel, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars, Texas A&M School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (May 19, 2017).

Guerilla Guides to Law Teaching, Clinical Faculty Workshop, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (May 10, 2017).

Racial Naturalization in Immigrant Defense, Plenary, AALS Section on Clinical

Education, Denver, CO (May 8, 2017).

Lawyers and Social Movements: Reimagining Theory and Practice, Symposium, UCLA Law Review, Los Angeles, CA (February 10, 2017).

The Hardest Issues in Public Interest Law, International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY (July 15, 2016).

Cause Lawyers, the Legal Profession and Social Movements: A Comparative Perspective, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (November 20, 2015).

Organizer, *Future of Law Clinics/Legal Education*, CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY (September 25, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 30, 2015).

Organizer, *Teaching Justice Workshop*, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Rancho Mirage, CA (May 5-6, 2015).

Community Lawyering in Clinical Education, Past, Present & Future, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (April 1, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (March 4, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Moritz School of Law (January 26, 2015).

Community Engagement, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 7, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Keynote Address, Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Windsor, ON (October 23, 2014).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Symposium, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (October 17, 2014).

Teaching Immigration Law, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (June 13, 2013).

Organizer, *Teaching Justice in Clinics*, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Chicago, IL (April 27-30, 2014).

Representing Classes with Special Challenges, Impact Fund Annual Class Action Conference, Oakland, CA (March 1, 2013).

Structuring Clinics in a Changing Environment, Plenary, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Los Angeles, CA (April 30-May 3, 2012).

Clinical Jurisprudence, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 1-3, 2011).

Immigration Enforcement, Race, and Repression, Pre-LSA Workshop, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (May 31, 2011).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, NY (March 18, 2011).

The Future of Clinical Scholarship, Clinical Theory Workshop 25th Anniversary Conference, New York, NY (October 1-2, 2010).

Moderator, *Whiteness and Post-Racialism*, AALS Mid-Year Meeting, "Post-Racial" Civil Rights Law, Politics, and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama, New York, NY (June 9, 2010).

Clinical Design from the Perspective of Law School Administration, Immigration Law Teachers Workshop (May 24-26, 2010).

Critical Race Observation, Plenary, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Baltimore, MD (May 4-8, 2010).

The South Asian Critique, Keynote Address, Public Interest Fellowship Benefit, South Asian Bar Association of New York (April 21, 2010).

Collaboration, Accountability, and Clinic Design, Georgetown Summer Institute on Clinical Teaching, Washington, D.C. (June 25, 2009).

Worker Verification and Racial Subordination, AALS Mid-year Meeting, Workshop on Work Law, Long Beach, CA (June 11, 2009).

Negotiating Justice: Progressive Lawyering, Low-Income Clients, and the Quest for Social Change, Author Meets Reader, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (May 28-31, 2009).

Immigration Enforcement as Racial Subordination, Frontiers in Social Justice Lawyering: Critical Race Revisited, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (April 17, 2009).

Law, Social Control, and Mobilization: The Case of Immigration Enforcement, Symposium, University of Chicago Law School (November 15, 2008).

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, Clinical Workshop, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (November 14, 2008).

Law, Social Control, and Mobilization: The Case of Immigration Enforcement, Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada (May 29-June 1, 2008).

Curricular Reform and Social Justice, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Tucson, AZ (May 4-7, 2008).

Immigration Raid Response, Society of American Law Teachers, New York, NY (January 3, 2008).

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, Faculty Workshop, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. (January 25, 2008).

Centering Legal Education on the Work of Movement Organizations, AALS Section on Poverty Law, New York, NY (January 5, 2008).

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, Baltimore, MD (July 6-9, 2006).

Revisiting the Relationship Between the Clinic and Social Justice, 6th International Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA (October 28, 2005).

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, Clinical Supervisors Workshop, Osgoode Hall School of Law, Toronto, ON (June 22, 2005).

Teaching Students to Collaborate, AALS Section on Clinical Education, New York, NY (May 1, 2006).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, California Law Review Symposium on Community Lawyering, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA (April 5-6, 2007).

Connecting with Clients and Communities: Community Advocacy, Community-Based Lawyering, and Community Development, Washington University, St. Louis, MS (March 31, 2006).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, Workers' Rights Symposium, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA (March 4, 2006).

The Fate of Minority Inter-Group Collaboration, Conflict and Coalition Formation: A Critical Dialogue about Minority to Minority Race-Relations, AALS Minority Groups Section, Washington, D.C. (January 7, 2006).

Cause Lawyers and Social Movements, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (March 4-5, 2005).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, Clinical Legal Theory Workshop, New York Law School, New York, NY (January 28, 2005).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 28, 2004).

Law and Organizing and Law Clinics, AALS Section on Clinical Education

Conference, San Diego, CA (May 3, 2004).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (June 8, 2003).

Edward V. Sparer Symposium, *The New Economy and the Unraveling Social Safety Net*, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY (April 11, 2003).

Race and Immigration Enforcement, International Law Institute, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (February 28, 2003).

Moderator, *The Future of Affirmative Action in Higher Education*, South Asian Bar Association, Washington, D.C. (February 25, 2003); CSPAN Viewing (March 1, 2003).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, Journal of Employment and Labor Law Symposium, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (February 15, 2003).

Immigration Enforcement and Subordination, Muslims and National Security Law, National Association of Muslim Lawyers, New York, NY, October 12, 2002.

Representing Low-Wage and Immigrant Workers, National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference, Silver Spring, MD, October 5, 2002.

Immigration Enforcement and Subordination, Society of American Law Teachers, New York, NY, October 11, 2002.

Civil Liberties After September 11th: A Closer Look at Detention Powers, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT, April 4, 2002.

Domestic Worker Litigation and the Replication of Socioeconomic Hierarchy in the South Asian Diaspora in New York, Globalization, Labor and South Asian Communities, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 9-10, 2001.

Representing Law Breakers, Immigration Panel, Building the Model South Asian Law Firm, National South Asian Law Students Association, Washington, DC, February 17, 2001.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, New York, NY
Associate, 1998 - 1999

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco, CA
Skadden Fellow, 1996 - 1998

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, New York, NY/Washington, DC
Bayard Rustin Fellow, 1992 - 1993

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER RONNIE ELDRIDGE, New York, NY
Urban Fellow, 1991 - 1992

PROFESSIONAL
& COMMUNITY
AFFILIATIONS

Orange County Justice Fund
Board of Directors, 2017 - present
Chair, Bond Fund Committee, 2019 - 2020

CLINICAL LAW REVIEW

Board of Editors, 2012 - present
Chair, Rebellious Lawyering Symposium Committee, 2015 - 2017

Clinical Legal Education Association

Board of Directors, 2010 - 2013
Chair, Election Committee, 2011 - 13

Law and Society Association

Board of Trustees, 2008 - 2011

Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools

Chair, 2009

Committee on Public Interest Lawyering, Association of American Law
Schools Clinical Education Section, 2006 - 2008

South Asian Bar Association, New York, NY

Selection Committee for Public Interest Fellowship, 2005 & 2007

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, NY

Board Member, 2002 - 2005

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Board of Managers, 1993 - 1997

REVIEWS

CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS

American University, Washington College of Law, Promotion & Tenure

Georgetown University School of Law, Promotion & Tenure

Rutgers University School of Law, Promotion

UCLA School of Law, Promotion & Tenure

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Promotion

University of California, Hastings College of Law, Promotion & Tenure

University of Miami School of Law, Promotion & Tenure

Vermont Law School, Promotion

BAR
MEMBERSHIP

California and New York