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CLINICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY

July 2024 - present

Assistant Clinical Professor

Director of the Immigration Justice Clinic, a live client clinic where law students assume the role of lead counsel representing indigent noncitizen residents of New York before the immigration courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, circuit courts, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and other federal agencies.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Aug. 2022 - June 2024

Assistant Clinical Professor

Co-taught the Immigrants' Rights/International Human Rights Clinic, a live client clinic where law students assumed the role of lead counsel representing indigent noncitizen residents of New Jersey before the immigration courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, circuit courts, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and other federal agencies.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

July 2018 – Aug. 2022

Research Scholar, Supervising Attorney, and Lecturer-in-Law

Co-taught the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, a live client clinic where law students assumed the role of lead counsel representing indigent noncitizens from across the United States before the immigration courts, Asylum Office, Board of Immigration Appeals, circuit courts, district courts, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and other federal agencies.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

2012 - 2024

Adjunct Professor, "Trial Skills: Persuasion & Advocacy"

Teach litigation skills such as opening arguments, direct examination, cross examination, impeachment, and summations to second year law students. Lead students in drills and court simulations designed to improve trial performance.

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL

2013 – 2016

Adjunct Professor, "Immigration & Naturalization Law"

Instructed law students in the fundamentals of doctrinal immigration law, including the categorical and modified categorical approach; petitions before USCIS; removal defense; detention; inadmissibility; asylum; burdens of proof; analysis of criminal statutes; and the Convention Against Torture.

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL, J.D., May 2004
Articles Editor, *Journal of Law and Inequality*
Research Assistant, Professor David Weissbrodt, U.N. Special Rapporteur on the rights of non-citizens
Fellow, Upper Midwest International Human Rights Fellowship Program
Fellow, *La ligue des droits de l'Homme*, Paris, France

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, B.A., Dec. 1999
Areas of study: Queer Studies; Women Studies; Communication (film); French

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

What's the Matter with Franco-Gonzalez, 57 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1267 (2023)

Force Multiplier: An Intersectional Examination of One Immigrant Woman's Journey Through Multiple Systems Of Oppression, 38 BERKELEY J. GENDER L. & JUST. 1 (2023)

Accessing Justice: A Call for Reparations for the Survivors of Medical Abuse at the Irwin County Detention Center, 37 MD. J. INT'L L. 54 (2022)

Franco I Loved: Reconciling the Two Halves of the Nation's Only Government-Funded Public Defender Program for Immigrants, 97 WASH. L. REV. ONLINE 21 (2022)

Universal Representation Initiatives Gain Ground, Marking A Win for Detained Indigent Respondents, 62 FED. LAW. 16 (2015)

Addressing All Heads of the Hydra: Reframing Safeguards for Mentally Impaired Detainees in Immigration Removal Proceedings, 39 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 313 (2015) (first author, with Natalie Prokop & Stephanie Robbins)

Applying Method to the Madness: The Right to Court Appointed Guardians Ad Litem and Counsel for the Mentally Ill in Immigration Proceedings, 16 U. PA. J.L. & SOC. CHANGE 1 (2013) (first author, with Natalie Prokop)

Vanishing Visibility: How Particular Social Group Requirements Have Changed in the Third Circuit's Asylum Cases, 59 FED. LAW. 48 (March 2012) (second author, with Dorothy A. Harbeck, Rana Kashlan, and Amiena A. Khan)

Piercing the Confidentiality Veil: Physician Testimony in International Criminal Trials Against Perpetrators of Torture, 15 MINN. J. INTL. L. 43 (2006) (third author, with David Weissbrodt, Ferhat Pekin)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Immigration Law, Health & Disability Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Prison Law

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests focus on the treatment of those with mental health disabilities in our current immigration system, and the need for more robust accommodations to ensure due process and equitable treatment. I am also interested in how “consent” can be achieved where a mentally or cognitively impaired person is in ICE custody and in need of medical treatment, intervention, or care. Finally, I have increasingly focused my research to how racial justice must be at the center of immigrant justice if we hope to achieve meaningful reform.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Falls Church, VA 2016 – 2018

Assistant Program Director, Attorney Advisor

Managed the National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP) for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which provided defense counsel to detained, *pro se*, mentally incompetent non-citizens appearing before the immigration courts. Trained new immigration judges. Conducted site-visits to courts and detention centers throughout the United States to ensure compliance with the class action settlement *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*, No. 10-CV-. 02211 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 23, 2013).

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, Newark, NJ 2010 - 2016

Lead Detention Attorney

Engineered and supervised a universal representation program at the detained Elizabeth Immigration Court. Supervised a team of Detention Attorneys, support staff, and social workers. Represented detained respondents in their removal proceedings before the immigration courts in Elizabeth, NJ, Newark, NJ, and New York, NY. Served as appointed counsel for detained respondents who were adjudicated “mentally incompetent” by an immigration judge. Provided training, support and mentorship to law students, new attorneys, and *pro bono* attorneys on substantive legal issues.

DAVIDSON & SCHILLER, LLC, Chicago, IL 2005 - 2010

Immigration Attorney

Represented detained and non-detained immigrants in all stages of deportation proceedings before the immigration court. Represented individuals in all actions before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), including family reunification and humanitarian waivers of inadmissibility.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

Let's Collaborate: How Escaping the Silos of our Clinical Legal Practices Can Invigorate and Engage Students and Build Stronger Advocacy

Panelist, 2023 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education

Proving Nexus

Panelist, 2023 Annual Asylum and Immigration Conference, New York Law School

Immigration, Race, and Criminal Law: Immigrant Rights in an Era of Mass Incarceration

Panelist, 2022 Maryland Journal of International Law Symposium: Race, Sovereignty, & Immigrant Justice, University of Maryland School of Law

Oldaker v. Giles: Case Anatomy and a Look at How VTC Contributed

Panelist, 2021 New York Asylum and Immigration Law Conference, New York Law School

Statutory and Discretionary Bars to Asylum

Moderator & Panelist, 2020 New York Asylum and Immigration Law Conference

Handling Competence Issues in the Immigration Courts and Implementation of the Order in Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder

Trainer & Presenter, 2017 New Immigration Judge Training, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Los Angeles, CA

Representing Mentally Impaired Clients before EOIR

Trainer & Presenter, 2016 Annual Immigrant Justice Corps Training, New York, NY

Competency in Immigration: Practical Demonstration of a Matter of M-A-M Hearing

Trainer, 2015 National Conference of the Federal Bar Association – Immigration Law Section, University of Memphis Law School

Definition of 'Conviction' Under Immigration Law & Overturning Convictions

Panelist, 2015 Federal Bar Association Symposium on the Intersection of Criminal Law, Immigration, and Detention, American University School of Law

Competency Issues: PTSD, Memory Loss, and Mental Disability

Panelist, 2014 National Conference of the Federal Bar Association – Immigration Law Section, University of Memphis Law School

BAR ADMISSIONS

State: New York (2005)

Federal: Third Circuit Court of Appeals (2011), Southern District of New York (2019)