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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Santa Clara University School of Law

August 2026 – Present

Albert J. Ruffo Assistant Professor of Law

Courses: Torts; Immigration Law; Immigration Law Seminar

The George Washington University Law School

Associate Professor of Law

August 2022 – June 2026

Courses: Torts; Immigration Law I; Access to Justice Clinic: Citizenship and Naturalization

Division; Access to Justice Clinic: Immigration Policy Division

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society

August 2024 – December 2024

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor/Director, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic August 2021 – June 2022

Christopher N. Lasch Clinical Fellow, Immigration Law & Policy Clinic July 2019 – July 2021

Supervised law students on removal defense cases before the immigration agencies, federal district court, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Taught twice-weekly seminar on topics such as agency and federal practice and procedure, constitutional rights and remedies, legal strategy, oral advocacy, and professional responsibility. Directed the clinic for the 2021-22 academic year.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law

August 2020 – June 2021

Adjunct Professor, CARES Clinic

Remotely co-taught twice-weekly seminar for asylum clinic. Taught administrative practice and procedure, developments in asylum law, constitutional rights and remedies, and oral advocacy.

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, East Bay Community Law Center

Acting Director, Immigration Clinic

Jan. 2014 – May 2014

Staff Attorney & Clinical Instructor, Immigration Clinic

Aug. 2011 – May 2015

Taught and supervised law students in clinical program of Berkeley Law that primarily served clients who were referred through a Medical-Legal Partnership with Children's Hospital, or people living with HIV/AIDS. Practiced before the Department of Homeland Security and immigration courts.

Colorado State University

January 2008 – May 2008

Co-Instructor, Introduction to Women's Studies

Co-taught with Program Director of the Office of Women's Programs and Studies. Duties included lesson planning, facilitating class discussions, and grading assignments.

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

LL.M. in Clinical Teaching, 2022

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law**J.D., 2011**

Honors: Third-Year Distinction (Top 25%); Jurisprudence Award (top grade in International Law); LatCrit Student Scholar Program Award; Brayton Purcell Fellow; Advocacy Award (best 1L brief & oral argument)

Activities: Research Assistant (Prof. Bertrall Ross & Prof. Saira Mohamed)
Articles Editor, Book Review Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*
Associate Editor, *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*
Co-Chair, La Alianza (formerly La Raza Law Students Association)
Co-Founder & Co-Chair, Womxn of Color Collective

Colorado State University**B.A., magna cum laude, 2007**

Sociology (major), Spanish (minor), Women's Studies & Chicana/o Studies (certificates)

Honors: Distinguished Alumni Award (awarded to one member of graduating class for Student Leadership); Harriet Patsy Boyer Award (Women's Studies); Jack & June Richardson Honors Program Award; Phi Beta Kappa

Hon. Thesis: "Experiences of Women of Color Faculty at Colorado State University"

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles & Essays

Mass Deportation is Mass Disabling, 136 YALE L.J. F. ____ (forthcoming 2026) (with Elizabeth Jordan).

Inherited Injustice: The Generational Impact of Virginia's Racialized Bastardy Laws, 33 WM. & MARY J. RACE, GENDER & SOC. JUST. ____ (forthcoming 2027) (with Janice Valdez).

Deporting Disability, 2026 UTAH L. REV. 491 (2026).

What the "Good Moral Character" Test Reveals About Eugenics in Immigration Law, 105 BOSTON U. L. REV. 1491 (2025) (invited symposium piece).

Joyful Collaboration: Chicanas Building Comunidad in Legal Academia, 40 BERKELEY J. GENDER L. & JUST. 1 (2025) (with Angélica Guevara).

Exclusionary Ableism, 39 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. 65 (2024) (with Angélica Guevara).

Disability, Race, and Immigration: The Intersectional Impact of Policing, 65 B.C. L. REV. 1981 (2024).

Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 963 (2022).

Pleading the Fifth in Immigration Court: A Regulatory Proposal, 98 WASH. U. L. REV. 1343 (2021).

Shorter Works

Unanimous Supreme Court Deals Yet Another Blow to Noncitizens' Access to Judicial Review, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (Mar. 30, 2026).

Supreme Court Affirms Lawlessness of the Removal of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (April 18, 2025) (with Cori Alonso-Yoder).

United States v. Texas: The Court Sidesteps Immigration Federalism Feud, For Now, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (April 21, 2024) (with Cori Alonso-Yoder).

Immigration in an Era of Mass Incarceration, in MASS INCARCERATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: REALITIES AND REFLECTIONS (Addrain Conyers, Vanessa Lynn & Margaret Leigey eds., 2024).

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Accessing Accountability (solo-authored article for law review submission)

Untitled Empirical Study: Interviewing Immigration Lawyers Who Represent People with Disabilities

FEDERAL COURT EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Kristen L. Mix, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, Denver, CO Oct. 2016 – Aug. 2018
Conducted legal research and drafted orders and recommendations on dispositive and non-dispositive motions. Issues included pro se prisoner constitutional claims, class action certification, insurance, contracts, writs of habeas corpus, state law employment claims, and discovery.

Staff Attorney, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, CA May 2015 – Oct. 2016
Review agency records and parties' briefs, analyzed issues, conducted legal research, and wrote draft dispositions on immigration petitions for review. Orally presented recommended dispositions monthly to three-judge panels.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, Killmer, Lane & Newman, LLP, Denver, CO Aug. 2018 – July 2019
Represented clients in civil rights, employment discrimination, and pro bono criminal defense cases in federal and state courts. Performed all duties associated with litigation from initial consultations through trial.

Legal Intern, Accountability Counsel, San Francisco, CA Spring 2011
Conducted legal research and policy development regarding environmental and human rights violations by private corporations against communities in Peru, Mexico, and Papua New Guinea.

Full-Time Legal Intern, Indian Law Resource Center, Washington, D.C. Fall 2010
Conducted legal research and represented the Center in meetings related to climate change, environmental justice, and the rights of Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala, Chile, and Peru.

Legal Intern, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, El Paso, TX Summer 2010
Assisted low-income clients in a variety of civil cases including case development, investigations, negotiations, and legal strategy.

Clinical Student, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA May 2009 – May 2010
Provided direct legal services on immigration cases to clients who were low-income, primarily Spanish-speaking, LGBTQ, HIV-positive and/or survivors of trauma.

Student Legal Representative, California Asylum Representation Clinic, Berkeley, CA
Aug. 2008 – May 2010

Legal Intern, Fischer & Fischer, LLP, Fort Collins, CO May 2007 – Nov. 2007

PRACTITIONER PUBLICATIONS

Contributor, “Immigration Law,” *AIDS and the Law Treatise* (2012, 2013, 2014).

Guest Post, “Teaching Suppression and Termination with Netflix’s *Immigration Nation*,” *ImmigrationProf Blog* (January 28, 2021).

Author, “How to Be a Great Mentee,” *The Bench*, American Inns of Court (January/February 2019 issue).

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & GUEST LECTURES

Panelist, “Lines of Resistance: Sanctuary Jurisdictions & Federal Power,” George Mason University’s Civil Rights Law Journal Symposium April 2026

Panelist, “ICE’s Actions in Minnesota: Key Legal Issues,” GW Law February 2026

Panelist, “Immigration and Disability Law,” AALS Disability Law Section January 2026

Roundtable Discussant, “Future of Law and Multiracial Democracy,” University of Pennsylvania Law Review Symposium October 2025

Reader, *Legal Phantoms* by Jennifer Chacon, Susan Bibler Coutin, and Stephen Lee,
Author-Meets-Reader Session, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
May 2025

Speaker, Advocacy at the Intersection of Disability & Immigration (3-hour CLE), May 2025
Disability Law United and Colorado Trial Lawyers Association

Guest Lecturer, Lisa Ikemoto's Health Justice Course, UC Davis School of Law	April 2025
Panelist, GW Law Teaching Committee, Moving Beyond the "Final Exam Counts for Everything" Paradigm: The ABA's New Mandates for Midstream Formative Assessments for All 1L Classes	March 2025
Featured Speaker, University of Connecticut School of Business, Equity Now Speaker Series, "Immigration Law and the New Presidential Administration"	March 2025
Presenter, "Immigration Law: Past, Present and Future" Boston University Law Review Symposium	February 2025
Panelist, "Navigating Barriers: The Journey of Displaced Individuals with Disabilities in the U.S. Immigration System" National Immigrant Inclusion Conference, Houston, TX	December 2024
Visiting Scholar Speaker, Deporting Disability: Insights from Immigrant Defense Attorneys UC Berkeley School of Law's Center for the Study of Law and Society	December 2024
Keynote, Interdisciplinary Section, Academy of Legal Studies in Business' Centennial Conference	August 2024
Reader, <i>Welcome the Wretched: In Defense of the "Criminal Alien"</i> by César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, Author-Meets-Reader Session, Law and Society, Denver, CO	June 2024
Panelist, ABA Administrative Law Section, <i>The Promise, Perils, and Future of Policymaking Through Enforcement</i>	May 2024
Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Moritz College of Law	April 2024
Guest Lecturer, Dr. Ashley Muchow's Crime and Society Course, University of Illinois at Chicago	March 2024
Moderator, <i>Welcome the Wretched: In Defense of the "Criminal Alien"</i> by César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, George Washington University Law School	March 2024
Faculty Workshop, Indiana University Kelley School of Business	February 2024
Guest Lecturer, Prof. Jennifer Koh's Immigration Law Course, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law	January 2024
Faculty Workshop, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law	January 2024
Distinguished Speaker, "The Fight For Immigrants' Rights: A Discussion With Latina Immigration Advocates," Latina Law Symposium, UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute	January 2024

Moderator, “A Conversation on Immigration Law, Policy, and Potential Avenues for Reform,” American Constitution Society, GW Law Student Chapter	March 2023
Guest Lecturer, Prof. Leti Volpp’s Crimmigration Seminar, UC Berkeley School of Law	March 2023
Panelist, “Policing Mental Health in the U.S. Immigration System,” Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium	April 2021
Panelist, “Latinos in the Law,” Hispanic Heritage Month, GW Law	October 2022
Instructor, Mock Torts Class, Footnotes Program for First-Generation Law Students, GW Law	August 2022
CLE Presenter, “Building LGBTQ+ Asylum Claims,” International Rescue Committee	May 2022
Panelist, “DACA at Ten,” Liminal Legality: Immigration Issues in the Rocky Mountain West, DU Center for Immigration Policy & Research	April 2022
Guest Lecturer, “Race and Immigration in Colorado,” Lawyering for Racial Justice Course, University of Denver Law	March 2022
Moderator, Discussion of “Refuge” play, Curious Theatre Company & IRISE at University of Denver	March 2022
Guest Lecturer, “Mental Disability and the Immigration System,” Dr. Angélica Guevara’s Disability Antidiscrimination Law Course, University of Wisconsin Law School	March 2021
Panelist, “Oral Histories from Founding Members,” Berkeley Law Womxn of Color Collective	February 2021
Panelist, Lawyering for Racial Justice Course, University of Denver Law	February 2021
Invited Presenter, “Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters,” Global Borderlands Conference (The Netherlands)	September 2021
Moderator, “A Virtual Conversation and Q&A with Ian Haney López,” IRISE & Rocky Mountain Collective on Race, Place & Law, University of Denver Law	October 2020
Panelist, “More Lessons from the Great Recession,” Berkeley Law Alumni Panel	July 2020
Student Scholar Award Presentation, “Dispossession & Migration: Effects of NAFTA on Indigenous Women in Rural Mexico,” LatCrit XV Annual Conference	October 2010
Panelist on various panels, “Alternative Spring Break: Violence against Women in Ciudad Juárez, México,” Colorado State University	April-September 2007

Student Presenter, “Latina Immigrants and Domestic Violence,” Women’s Studies Colloquium,
Colorado State University February 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Accessing Accountability

2026 NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop September 2026

Panel, U.S. Immigration Legal and Enforcement Regimes in Flux

Law & Society Association May 2026

Inherited Injustice: The Generational Impact of Virginia’s Racialized Bastardy Laws

Eighth Nonmarriage Roundtable, Boston University Law October 2026

LatCrit 2025 30th Anniversary Conference October 2025

Deporting Disability (formerly “Insidious Ableism”)

Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at Ohio State May 2025

Equality Law Scholars Forum, Davis, CA (1 of 6 scholars selected) November 2024

2024 NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop September 2024

2024 National Immigration Teachers & Scholars Workshop, Univ. of Minnesota May 2024

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop May 2024

Controlling Bodies, Controlling Women: Colonial Virginia’s Bastardy Laws at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender

2025 NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop October 2025

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop July 2025

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop May 2023

Exclusionary Ableism

Michael A. Olivas Writing Institute, UC Davis School of Law June 2024

Disability, Race, and Immigration: The Intersectional Impact of Policing

UCLA Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference October 2023

2023 Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at GW Law June 2023

Annual Meeting on Law and Society June 2023

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop, WIP May 2023

Poverty Law Conference, Berkeley Law March 2023

NYU Clinical Writer’s Workshop October 2022

Inaugural Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Workshop June 2022

Eliminating the Fugitive Disentitlement Doctrine in Immigration Matters

AALS New Voices in Immigration Law, Presenter January 2021

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars’ Conference November 2020

New York University School of Law’s Clinical Writer’s Workshop October 2020

Invoking the Fifth Amendment in Immigration Court

Law & Society Association, Paper Session May 2020

SERVICE

Service at GW Law: Faculty Retreat Planning Committee (Fall 2024, Fall 2025), Intellectual Life Committee (2022-2026), Faculty Advisor to Immigration Law Association (2022-2026), Inaugural Faculty Advisor to Womxn of Color Collective (2023-2026), Bar Exam Mentor for two GW Law graduates (2025)

Attorney Volunteer at Catholic Charities Naturalization and Refugee Adjustment of Status Workshops
Spring 2025–Spring 2026

ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel
Invited Member
August 2021–Present

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Pro Bono Attorney
2019–Present

LatCrit/SALT/ClassCrits Faculty Development Workshop
Co-Chair of Organizing Committee
Planning Committee Member
June–September 2024
2020–2025

2023 Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference
Co-Host/Co-Organizer; Steering Committee Co-Chair
February–June 2023

Afghan Asylum Workshops
Asylum Expert Attorney Volunteer
April–June 2022

Just Futures Law
Take Back Tech Fellow
Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Organized symposium regarding intrusive technology surveillance programs targeting communities of color, including immigrants.

Comment on Proposed Asylum Regulations
Organizer; Law Student Supervisor
Summer 2020
Spearheaded effort with a partner organization and 5 law students to submit a 50-page legal analysis in opposition to DHS and DOJ proposed asylum regulations.

AILA Colorado Winter Conference
Planning Committee Member
2020–2021

Law School Si Se Puede
Mentor for high school graduate considering law school
2017–2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

LatCrit; Law and Society Association; American Immigration Lawyers Association; Latina Law Scholars.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California (active); State of Colorado (inactive); U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; Supreme Court of the United States.