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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA
Assistant Professor of Law, August 2013 – present
Teach first year course on international human rights law and seminar on justice lawyering; Launch and direct new Community Lawyering Clinic.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Newark, NJ
Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor
August 2012 – July 2013
Supervised law students in five credit, semester long clinic focused on cases from international human rights docket of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR).

Clinical Teaching Fellow, August 2010 – July 2012
Co-taught Immigrants' Rights/International Human Rights Clinic and Equal Justice Clinic; Established Guatemala Rule of Law Program; Coordinated Haiti Rule of Law Program.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITE PARIS 1, PANTHEON-SORBONNE, Paris, France
LL.M., French and European Law (dual degree with J.D.), May 2008

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, TX
J.D., May 2008
Honors: Dean's Achievement Award; Public Interest Graduate Award; Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) Scholarship; Presidential Scholarship; Human Rights Scholar.
Activities: President of Human Rights Law Society. Assisted in representation of detainees held indefinitely at Guantanamo Bay and two prisoners on death row through legal clinics.

UNIVERSIDAD RAFAEL LANDÍVAR, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar*,* December 2004 - August 2005
Completed coursework in international human rights law; researched indigenous land rights.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, IL
B.A., June 2003
Majors: Political Science, International Studies, & Sociology
Honors/Activities: Dean's List; Leadership & Achievement Award from Latino alumni association; Student Body President; Executive Board of Alianza.

PUBLICATIONS

The (Re)Collection of Memory after Mass Atrocity and the Dilemma for Transitional Justice, 48 N.Y.U. J. Int'l L. & Pol. __ (forthcoming 2015).

The Judicial Expansion of American Exceptionalism, 6 DUKE FORUM ON LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 1(2014).

Legalizing Collective Remembrance after Mass Atrocity (book chapter), in SERIES ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Stephan Parmentier et al. eds., Intersentia Publishers, forthcoming 2014).

Discharge, Deportation, and Dangerous Journeys: A Study on the Practice of Medical Repatriation, Center for Social Justice and New York Lawyers in the Public Interest, available at http://www.nylpi.org/images/FE/chain234siteType8/site203/client/FINAL%20MED%20REPAT%20REPORT%20FOR%20WEBSITE.pdf.

The Right of Access to Information and Administrative Transparency in Cameroon, Citizen Governance Initiatives, 2010.

Serving Up Solutions, California Food Policy Advocates and United States Department of Agriculture, February 2004, available at http://www.myfoodstamps.org/pdf_files/ServingUp.pdf.

CLERKSHIP

NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT, Santa Fe, NM
Law Clerk to Chief Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, September 2009 – August 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, New York, NY
Cooperating Attorney, August 2012-July 2013
Worked on class action lawsuit challenging constitutionality of NYPD's stop and frisk policy, litigation challenging constitutionality of National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance programs, petition for a hearing on human rights consequences of the Iraq War before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and Freedom of Information Act litigation concerning attack of Gaza Freedom Flotilla.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS, Istanbul, Turkey
Instructor, July 2012
Taught week long, intensive course on human rights to undergraduate students from Eastern Europe who received scholarships to study at universities in the United States.

OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE, New York, NY
CITIZEN GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES, Yaoundé, Cameroon
University of Texas/Helton Fellow, September 2008 – August 2009
Researched legal issues and completed extensive fact-finding for prospective RICO case; conducted field research in all regions of Cameroon; interviewed Cameroonian government officials, local advocates, hospital and school administrators, and citizens about access to information; co-wrote report on freedom of information and extractive industries; and attended 46th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

WINSTON & STRAWN LLP, Paris, France
Avocate Stagiaire (equivalent of summer associate), April 2008 – August 2008
Worked with arbitration, corporate, and environmental departments; drafted legal memoranda on environmental law in European Union; drafted letters to shareholders (work primarily conducted in French).

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, United Nations, Arusha, Tanzania
Legal Intern, May 2007 – August 2007
Researched joint criminal enterprise and prosecution of rape as a violation of international criminal law; edited closing brief for prosecution team; and participated in fact-finding mission to Rwanda.

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, Washington, DC
Rapoport Summer Fellow, May 2006 – July 2006

Worked with the Office of the Rapporteurship on Indigenous Peoples; evaluated petitions alleging human rights violations and requests for precautionary measures; and wrote admissibility report (work conducted in Spanish).

CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER, Los Angeles, CA and Washington, DC
Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow, August 2003 – August 2004
Field placement: Interviewed low income individuals in Los Angeles County; authored report on strategies and reforms to improve participation in the food stamp program; presented findings at local and national anti-hunger conferences; conducted trainings with civil servants.
Policy placement: Wrote report on development of native arts economy; managed grant-making for a million dollars in rural entrepreneurship development funded by the Ford Foundation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer, *Advancing Human Rights in Haiti: Utilizing Regional and International Mechanisms*, L'École Supériure Catholique de Droit de Jérémie, Haiti (March 7, 2012).

Presenter, *Getting Away with Murder: The False Choice between Peace and Justice in Post-Conflict Society,* Violence, Memory, and Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Conference, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida (January 30, 2012).

Guest Lecturer, *The Human Rights of Child Soldiers during Armed Conflict: The Case of Omar Khadr*, Teachers College, Columbia University (May 31, 2011).

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Member of the Community Advisory Council for Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships (current)
Member of the Accreditation and Long Term Planning Faculty Committee (current)
Pro bono counsel for defendant on death row in Alabama (current)

MEDIA APPEARANCE

Television Interview on Ebru Today, discussing the United States Supreme Court's decision on Arizona immigration law, June 27, 2012, available at http://news.ebru.tv/en/search/arizona-immigration-laws.

Television Debate on Fresh Outlook, discussing "The Iraq War: Ten Years Later," March 23, 2013.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish and French

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to State Bar of New York