

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Seton Hall University School of Law**, Newark, NJ – July, 1995-present

*Professor of Law, Dean's Fellow, and Director, Center for Social Justice* (July 2006-present); *Associate Professor of Law, Immigration & Human Rights Clinic* (1999-2006); *Clinical Assistant Professor of Law* (1995-1999). Director of law school clinical program with seven in-house clinics, a large pro bono program, an Urban Revitalization Project, and an International Human Rights/Rule of Law Project. As Director, I conceptualize and implement new initiatives as well as overseeing the ongoing litigation, policy and advocacy efforts undertaken by our large and vibrant clinical program. As a professor in the Immigration & Human Rights Clinic, I teach lawyering skills and substantive doctrine, supervise law students in client representation before the asylum office, federal immigration courts, federal district courts and circuit courts of appeals. Under my direction, the clinic has litigated and won novel cases in various areas including political asylum, Article 3 of the United Nations Convention Against Torture, human trafficking and the Violence Against Women Act. In addition to lecture and discussion, I use a variety of experiential learning exercises, simulations and hypotheticals, many of which I have created, as part of my teaching.

*Other courses taught:* Gender and the Law, Immigration and Naturalization Law, Selected Topics in Immigration Law (advanced comparative refugee law), International Human Rights Law.

*International Teaching Experience:* I have taught International Human Rights Law in Parma, Italy as part of Seton Hall Law School's Law in Italy program (June 2002) and I have lectured on International Women's Human Rights, at L'ecole Superieure Catholique de Droit de Jeremie, as part of Seton Hall Law School's first faculty delegation to establish a Rule of Law Project in Haiti (January 2003) and on Human Rights and Clinical Practice (March 2007).

## EDUCATION

**CUNY School of Law at Queens College**, Queens, New York  
J.D., May 1992.

**Awards:** *Skadden Arps Public Interest Law Fellowship.* I was one of only twenty five nationwide recipients of this two year fellowship, based on my proposal to represent migrant farm workers in New York State. I was also selected as CUNY Law School delegate for comparative legal studies trip to Cuba in June 1990.

**University of California at Santa Cruz**, Santa Cruz, CA  
B.A., March 1987; majored in Latin American Studies  
Honors on oral exams; awarded President's Undergraduate Fellowship, 1985.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Koob & Magoolaghan, New York, NY, 1994 to 1995**

*Associate Attorney:* Individual responsibility for representing plaintiffs in civil rights actions and for working as part of a litigation team on complex federal, state and administrative civil rights litigation. Areas of practice included employment discrimination; police brutality; prisoners' rights; and special education. I was engaged in all aspects of litigation: pleadings, discovery, including depositions, trial preparation and strategy planning, examination of witnesses at trial, and both trial and appellate briefing.

### **Farmworker Legal Services, New Paltz, NY, 1992 to 1994**

*Staff Attorney:* As a Skadden fellow, I represented migrant farmworkers in education, civil rights, employment discrimination, housing and unemployment compensation cases, as well as cases arising under the Agricultural Worker Protection Act (AWPA). Involved in all aspects of client representation in varied forums including client outreach at migrant labor camps; administrative hearings and litigation in federal and state courts. Federal court litigation experience included acting as lead counsel in a novel case involving sexual harassment and violations of AWPA and serving as co-counsel in a class action unlawful search and seizure case. I drafted and filed pleadings; briefed and argued motions, handled all stages of discovery including depositions, as well as complex settlement negotiations. State court experience included co-counseling contempt case brought against a health department for its willful failure to enforce health code violations at migrant labor camps. I was also involved in community legal education including speaking on bilingual education and civil rights matters at conferences, parent associations and governmental forums.

### **Legal Action Center, NYC, 1991 to 1992**

*Law Intern:* Involved in representation of clients facing discrimination based on past criminal offenses, drug abuse or HIV status. Responsible for preparing and presenting cases before administrative agencies as well as interviewing clients, performing legal research and writing legal memoranda. I drafted a brief for an employment discrimination case brought before the NYC Civil Service Commission.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Rape and Recovery in Rwanda: The Viability of Local Justice Initiatives and the Availability of Surrogate Protection for Women That Flee*, Symposium: Gender, War & Peace: Women's Status in the Wake of Conflict, 15 Michigan State University Journal of International Law 101(2007).

*Abuse of (Plenary) Power? Judicial Deference and the Post-9/11 War on Immigrants (co-authored with Anjum Gupta)*, in AWAKENING FROM THE DREAM, CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER SIEGE AND THE NEW STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL JUSTICE, Denise C. Morgan, Rachel D. Godsil, and Joy Moses, Eds., Carolina Academic Press (2006)

*Forced to Choose: Torture, Family Reunification and United States Immigration Policy*, 78 Temple Law Review 897 (2005)

*“Willful Blindness” to Gender-Based Violence Abroad: United States Implementation of Article Three of the United Nations Convention Against Torture*, 89 *Minnesota Law Review* 72 (2004)

*Undocumented Immigrants in the Workplace: The Fallacy of Labor Protection and the Need for Reform*, 36 *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* 345 (2001), selected for republication in 22 *Immigration and Nationality Law Review* 303 (2001)

*Migrant Farmworkers, Homeless and Runaway Youth: Challenging the Barriers to Inclusion*, 13 *Law and Inequality Journal* 99 (1994) (co-authored with Kevin Ryan)

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

Co-Presenter, “Challenging Gender and Culture-Based Assumptions in Representing Survivors of Gender-Based Human Rights Abuses,” AALS Annual Clinical Conference, New Orleans (May 2007)

Lecture on International Human Rights and Clinical Practice, Ecole Superieure Catholique De Droit De Jeremie, Jeremie, Haiti (March 2007)

Co-Presenter, “Using Refugee Law as a Vehicle to Teach about Social Justice: Case Studies on Guatemala, Haiti and Malta,” Global Access to Justice Education (GAJE) International Conference, Cordoba, Argentina (November 2006)

Panelist, Immigration Policy Symposium, American Dream Celebration, the International Institute of New Jersey (June 2006)

Presenter, How to Effectively Use Simulations in Clinical Practice, Immigration Law Teachers Workshop, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (May 2006)

Panelist, ACLU of NJ Forum on Immigration Reform, Seton Hall Law School (April 2006)

Presentation of *Searching At Home and Abroad for Protection from Gender-Based Violence: Rape and Forced Repatriations in Rwanda*, Symposium: Gender, War & Peace: Women’s Status in the Wake of Conflict, Michigan State University College of Law (February 2006)

Paper Presentation of *Forced to Choose, Torture, Family Reunification and United States Immigration Policy*, Faculty Colloquium, Seton Hall Law School (September 2005)

Plenary Panelist, Thinking Globally, Acting Locally, Coming into Community (Northeast Regional Clinical Conference), Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island (June 2005)

Presentation of “*Willful Blindness*” to *Gender-Based Violence Abroad: United States Implementation of Article Three of the United Nations Convention Against Torture*,” Gendered Borders Conference, Amsterdam (October 2004)

Lecture on International Women’s Human Rights, Ecole Superieure Catholique De Droit De Jereme, Jeremie, Haiti (January 2003)

Panelist, Undocumented Immigrant Workers in the Global Economy: The Case of *Hoffman Plastics*, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2003)

Panelist, Lawyer’s Roles: Defending Freedom, Teaching and Lawyering in Response to 9/11, SALT Teaching Conference: Teaching in Crisis, Teaching about Crisis: Law, Peace and Pedagogy (October 2002)

Television and Media Coverage on Immigration Matters includes: WNBC, UPN 9 News, Channel 12 News, New York Times, L.A. Times, N.J. Star-Ledger.

### **BAR ADMISSIONS, COURT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Fulbright Senior Scholar research award to Spain 2007; member of the Bar in New York and New Jersey; appointed to serve on N.J. Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts 2002-2004 term; recipient CUNY Public Interest Lawyering Award 1996

### **VOLUNTEER/ADDITIONAL PAST EXPERIENCE**

Local Union President, Farmworker Legal Services (National Organization of Legal Services Workers, U.A.W.), 1992-1994; Volunteer with Central Coast Sanctuary, CA, 1984-1986; (assisted with political asylum cases; taught English classes and advocated for Central American refugees); Conducted research project in Latin America involving the impact of war on Nicaraguan children and Salvadoran refugees. 1985-1986.

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Spanish