

## 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 eight 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 oversee the ongoing litigation, policy and advocacy efforts undertaken by our large and vibrant clinical program. Under my leadership, the clinical program has sought and secured new funding and has grown substantially. Successful new initiatives undertaken include: a CSJ Scholars Program to train outstanding public-interest law students, a CSJ Clinical Teaching Fellows Program to mentor public interest attorneys seeking to transition to clinical teaching, new cross-border collaborative clinical projects with the University of Sofia, Bulgaria; L'Ecole Superieure Catholique de Droit de Jeremie in Jeremie, Haiti; and El Instituto de Derechos Humanos Bartolome de la Casa, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain.

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 and Research Experience:*** As a Fulbright Senior Scholar, I spent 6 months conducting comparative refugee and immigration law research at the Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones de la Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid, Spain (July 2007-January 2008). 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, Human Rights and Clinical Practice and Interviewing and Counseling Skills at L'Ecole Superieure Catholique de Droit de Jeremie, as part of Seton Hall Law School's faculty delegation and Rule of Law Project in Haiti (January 2003, March 2007, March 2009).

***Service:*** Member of Peer Review Panel for Fulbright Scholar Awards for Spain, Malta and Portugal 2008-2011; Faculty Supervisor for Haiti Rule of Law Project, Seton Hall Law

School; Service on numerous Law School committees including: the contract renewal committee (chair); the ABA self-study committee; graduation committee (chair); budget committee; rank and tenure committee and curriculum committee.

## **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**

*Externalized Borders and the Invisible Refugee*, 40 Columbia Human Rights Law Review 625 (2009)

*Families at Risk: How Errant Enforcement and Restrictionist Integration Policies Threaten the Immigrant Family in the European Union and the United States*, 36 Hofstra Law Review 1271 (2008)

*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 AND SPEECHES**

Orientation Keynote Speech, "On Becoming A Lawyer," Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey (August 2009)

Co-Presenter, "Cross-Border Collaboration: Unique Challenges and Teaching Opportunities," AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (May 2009)

Co-Presenter, "Are We Crazy? Supervising Students in High-Risk Situations," AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Tucson, Arizona (May 2008)

Paper Presentation of “Externalized Borders and the Invisible Refugee,” Immigration Law Professors Workshop, Miami (May 2008)

Paper Presentation of “The Impact of Immigration Laws and Policies on the Family: A Comparative Analysis of Recent Trends in the United States and Europe,” at the IV Encuentro de Jovenes Investigadores En Derecho De Inmigracion Y Asilo, Madrid, Spain (December 15, 2007)

Co-Presenter “Asilo y Refugio: del origen historico de la protection internacional a la situacion actual—perspectiva europea y estadounidense (con Dra. Cristina Gortazar), at the Porque Hay Refugiados En El Mundo conference, Madrid, Spain (December 12, 2007)

Panelist, “Moral and Ethical Challenges for a Changing Community,” at the Local Dimension of Immigration conference, Hofstra Law School, New York (November 9, 2007)

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**

Appointed to Peer Review Panel for Fulbright Commission (term 2008-2011); Fulbright Senior Scholar research award to Spain 2007-2008; 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