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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, TX

Professor of Law (tenured), 2016–present

Associate Professor of Law, 2013–2016

Assistant Professor of Law, 2010–2013

Awards and Professorships

Godwin Lewis PC Research Professor (2016–2020)

AALS Teacher of the Year Award for South Texas College of Law Houston (2015, 2021)

Courses

Asylum & Refugee Law, Comparative Asylum & Refugee Law, Immigration Law, Legal Research & Writing I, Legal Research & Writing II

Current Committees

Program Effectiveness Committee (Chair)

Curriculum Committee

Select Past Service

Curricular Pathways Committee (Chair)

Teacher Development Committee (Co-chair)

Writing and Analysis Integration Project (Organizer)

Online Education Working Group

Introduction to Law Studies Working Group

Dean Search Committee

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation, Washington, DC

Appellate Attorney, 2006–2010

Authored seventy-five briefs submitted to the United States Courts of Appeals; Presented oral argument in nine cases; Successfully briefed or argued several precedential cases concerning matters of first impression; Monitored all procedural matters and filed appropriate motions in approximately two hundred cases in the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits; First-chaired a bench trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

EDUCATION

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC
J.D., 2006; GPA: 3.70, *Magna Cum Laude*, Order of the Coif

Editor-in-Chief, American University International Law Review

David B. Newman Jr. & Kathryn R. Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
B.A., 2001; GPA: 3.52, James B. Angell Scholar, University Honors, Class Honors

PUBLICATIONS

Works-in-Progress

Elements

Totality of the Circumstances

Law Review Articles

Factors, 70 Buff. L. Rev. (forthcoming Dec. 2022)

Unpublished Decisions and Precedent Shaping: A Case Study of Asylum Claims, 31 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 1 (2016).

Credible Fears, Unaccompanied Minors, and the Causes of the Southwestern Border Surge, 18 Chap. L. Rev. 337 (2015) (symposium contribution).

Asylum Discord: Disparities in Persecution Assessments, 15 Nev. L.J. 142 (2014).

Defining Persecution, 2013 Utah L. Rev. 283.

Cited in *Lopez v. Garland*, 852 F. App'x 758, 775 (5th Cir. 2021).

Judging the Judges: Appellate Review of Immigration Decisions, 53 S. Tex. L. Rev. (2012) (symposium contribution).

The Board of Immigration Appeals' Standard of Review: An Argument for Regulatory Reform, 63 Admin. L. Rev. 284 (2011).

Gauging Credibility in Immigration Proceedings: Immaterial Inconsistencies, Demeanor, and the Rule of Reason, 25 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 377 (2011).

Cited in *United States v. Pickering*, 794 F.3d 802, 805 (7th Cir. 2015).

Credibility Assessments and the REAL ID Act's Amendments to Immigration Law, 44 Tex. Int'l L.J. 185 (2009).

Quoted in *Shrestha v. Holder*, 590 F.3d 1034, 1043 (9th Cir. 2010); *Ren v. Holder*, 648 F.3d 1079, 1086 (9th Cir. 2011); *Singh v. Holder*, 699 F.3d 321, 332 n.13 (4th Cir. 2012); and *Mamane v. Lynch*, 637 F. App'x 874, 887 (6th Cir. 2016).

Privacy, Personal Data, and Subject Access Rights in the European Data Directive and Implementing UK Statute, 18 Fla. J. Int'l L. 807 (2006).

Other Publications

Soft Discretion in the Asylum Process, Hum. Rts. Initiative N. Tex. Blog, Jan. 23, 2013.

Credibility and the Asylum Process, ImmigrationProf Blog, Dec. 28, 2012.

Five Grounds: A Novel (2012).

Second Circuit Focuses on Suspension Clause, Immigr. Litig. Bull., Mar. 2007, at 1.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Forced Deliberateness: Communication, Organization, and Assessment, Central States Legal Writing Conference, hosted by University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Oct. 2021.

Factors, South Texas College of Law Houston Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2021.

Leveraging PowerPoint in a Virtual Learning Environment, South Texas College of Law Houston Teacher Development Workshop, Oct. 2020.

The future of immigration law panel discussion, sponsored by the South Texas Immigration Law Society, Oct. 2020.

Conceptualizing and Teaching Legal Analysis, South Texas College of Law Houston Faculty Workshop, Feb. 2020.

Fostering Professional Growth Within and Beyond the Classroom, Legal Writing Institute Workshop Series, hosted by St. Mary's School of Law, Dec. 2019.

The Foundational Skills and Methods that Unify All First-Year Courses, Legal Writing Institute Workshop Series, hosted by Penn State Dickinson Law, Dec. 2019.

Immigration law panel discussion, sponsored by the South Texas Immigration Law Society, Oct. 2019.

Moderator, *Free Speech, Privacy and Transparency in a Digital Era*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Aug. 2017.

A Conceptually Sound and Workable Way to Approach Particular Social Groups, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, hosted by Texas A&M University School of Law, May 2017.

Unpublished Decisions and Precedent Shaping, Texas Legal Scholars Workshop, sponsored by S.M.U. School of Law and University of Houston Law Center, Aug. 2015.

Panelist, *The Future of Legal Education in an ABA World: Creating Learning Objectives Under the New ABA Standards*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2015.

Credible Fears, Unaccompanied Minors, & the Causes of the Border Surge, South Texas College of Law Houston Faculty Workshop, Aug. 2014.

Asylum Law and Related Relief, 4th Annual Immigration Symposium, sponsored by South Texas College of Law Houston, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and University of Houston Law Center, Mar. 2014.

The Human Face of the Immigration Debate, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and South Texas College of Law Houston, Oct. 2013.

Persecution Compelled, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Aug. 2013.

The Meaning of Persecution, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Faculty Speaker Program, Mar. 2013.

Panelist, *Ethical Considerations Facing the Judiciary*, Ethical Issues in Immigration Law, Practice, and Policy, symposium hosted by South Texas Law Review, Oct. 2011.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed and quoted by *The Washington Times* about a draft declaration for Immigration & Customs Enforcement employees to use in litigation, Mar. 2021, <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/22/ice-draft-declaration-seeks-shape-testimony-joe-bi/>

Interviewed for NPR radio program *Houston Matters* on the privacy and safety issues surrounding police use of body cameras, Dec. 2014.

Interviewed by Fox News Houston affiliate KRIV on immigration reform, Apr. 2013.

Interviewed by VAN-TV on the naturalization process, how to select a competent immigration attorney, marriage fraud, and rights afforded to immigrant children, Nov. 2011.

Interviewed by ABC News Houston affiliate KTRK on birthright citizenship, Jan. 2011.