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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Newton, MA

Clinical Professor, July 2024-present

Associate Clinical Professor, July 2013-July 2024

- Direct and Supervise the Boston College Immigration Clinic, in which students represent noncitizens in removal proceedings before the Boston Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, U.S. District Courts, and First Circuit Court of Appeals; and noncitizens seeking immigration status before US Citizenship and Immigration Services; Immigration Clinic students also conduct “Know Your Rights” presentations for detained noncitizens
- Developed (with Boston College Law School clinical faculty) social work and law collaboration, where Boston College School of Social Work students complete field work in the Immigration Clinic
- Led federal court litigation on burden of proof in immigration bond hearings, prolonged mandatory detention, jurisdictional bar to habeas relief and adequacy of substitute to habeas corpus under Suspension Clause, “particularly serious crime” bar to refugee protection, relief under the Convention Against Torture
- Created and taught Interdisciplinary Seminar on the Global Citizen (with faculty from Boston College School of Social Work and School of Theology and Ministry)
- Created and taught Immigration Practice, a first-year experiential course introducing students to the practice of immigration law
- Courses taught: Immigration Clinic; Advanced Immigration Clinic; Immigration Practice; Immigration Law; Advanced Immigration Law; Immigration Practicum; Global Citizen: Interdisciplinary Seminar; Independent Study

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, July 2021-June 2024

- Oversaw thirteen in-house clinical programs, externship program, and advocacy competitions program, and ensure compliance with American Bar Association (ABA) standards and professional responsibility requirements for each program
- Managed four full-time staff members
- Oversaw pedagogical training and support to new clinical faculty members and consult with adjunct faculty teaching simulation courses
- Reviewed and certify new experiential courses for compliance with ABA standards
- Managed hiring process for three full-time staff members and four full-time visiting clinical faculty; trained new staff members

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Bristol, RI

Associate Professor and Director of Immigration Clinic, July 2009-June 2013

- Created and directed new Immigration Clinic, in which students conducted “Know Your Rights” presentations and represented noncitizens in removal proceedings before the Boston Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals and noncitizens seeking immigration status before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and U.S. consulates
- Participated in federal court litigation on drug trafficking “aggravated felony” classification
- Courses taught: Immigration Clinic, Immigration Law (Fall 2012); Directed Research

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Newton, MA

Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2008-June 2009

Human Rights Fellow, BC Center for Human Rights and International Justice, September 2007-June 2008

Detention Attorney, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), August 2005-September 2007

- Supervised students in Immigration Clinic and Advanced Immigration Clinic, in which students conducted “Know Your Rights” presentations and represented noncitizens in removal proceedings before the Boston Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals and noncitizens seeking immigration status before US Citizenship and Immigration Services and U.S. consulates in Guatemala and Mexico

- Supervised full-time fellow in Boston College Immigration and Asylum Project
- Supervised students in multidisciplinary social science research study of the effects of deportation on families in New England
- Coached Boston College Immigration Moot Court team
- Participated in federal court litigation on immigration detention issues
- Mentored *pro bono* attorneys in representation of noncitizens
- Trained attorneys and immigrant service providers about immigration law and crimes and removal
- Courses taught: Immigration Clinic (co-taught); Advanced Immigration Clinic (co-taught); Advanced Immigration Law (co-taught)

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Newton, MA

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, May 2003 GPA: 3.62/4.0 (top 10%)

Honors: Susan Grant Desmarais Award for Public Service Achievement and Leadership (2003); Drinan Family Fund Award for 3L Public Interest Law Student (2003); Boston College Law School Public Service Scholarship (2002); Boston College Law School Alumni Association Grant (2002); Equal Justice America Legal Intern Fellowship (2002); Massachusetts Bar Foundation Legal Intern Fellowship (2001)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana, IL

Bachelor of Arts in French and Political Science, magna cum laude, May 1998 GPA: 3.87/4.0

Honors: Highest Departmental Distinction in Political Science; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society; Senior 100 Honorary; Golden Key National Honor Society; Dean's List; Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

- *From Border-Based to Status-Based Detention*, 53 FORDHAM URB. L. J. ____ (forthcoming 2025)
- *Lessons Learned from Immigration Detention's Past*, B.U. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2025)
- *Unzipping Detention from Deportation*, 100 TUL. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2025)
- *Discretionary Immigration Detention*, 74 DUKE L.J. 961 (2025)
- *Gang Accusations: The Beast That Burdens Noncitizens*, 89 BROOKLYN L. REV. 119 (2023)
- *JRAD Redux: Judicial Recommendation Against Immigration Detention*, 91 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 561 (2023)
- *Immigration E-Carceration, A Faustian Bargain*, 59 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 1 (2022)
- Book Review, FOREVER PRISONS: HOW THE UNITED STATES MADE THE WORLD'S LARGEST IMMIGRATION DETENTION SYSTEM, RUTGERS CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOOKS (November 2021), <https://cljbooks.rutgers.edu/books/forever-prisoners-how-the-united-states-made-the-worlds-largest-immigration-detention-system/>
- *Taking Liberty Decisions Away from "Imitation" Judges*, 80 MD. L. REV. 1076 (2021)
- *The Great Writ's Elusive Promise*, Crimmigration (Jan. 21, 2020) (<http://crimmigration.com/2020/01/21/the-great-writs-elusive-promise/>)
- *Expanded Expedited Removal: Can "Border Exceptionalism" Be Everywhere Now?*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY BLOGS, EXPERT FORUM (Aug. 8, 2019) (<https://www.acslaw.org/acsblog/blog-expertforum/>)
- *The Fourth Amendment Implications of U.S. "Imitation" Judges*, 104 MINN. L. REV. 1275 (2020)
- *The Unreasonable Seizures of Shadow Deportation*, 86 U. CIN. L. REV. 923 (2018)

- *Promptly Proving the Need to Detain for Post-Entry Social Control Deportation*, 52 VAL. U. L. REV. 231 (2018)
- Co-author, *Boston Police Has a Secret Point System That Turns Normal Teenage Behavior Into Gang Membership*, ACLU Blog (Nov. 21, 2018) (<https://www.aclu.org/blog/immigrants-rights/boston-police-has-secret-point-system-turns-normal-teenage-behavior-gang>) (with Claire Valentin)
- *Redefining “Particularly Serious Crimes” in Refugee Law*, 69 FLA. L. REV. 1093 (2017)
- *The Beast of Burden in Immigration Bond Hearings*, 67 CASE W. RES. L. REV. 75 (2016)
- *Is Immigration Law Family Friendly?* 13:2 J. CATH. SOC. THOUGHT 229 (2016)
- *Confronting Cops in Immigration Court*, 23 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 675 (2015)
- *Deportation for a Sin: Why Moral Turpitude is Void for Vagueness*, 90 NEB. L. REV. 647 (2012)
- *The New Moral Turpitude Test: Failing Chevron Step Zero*, 76 BROOK. L. REV. 1241 (2011)
- *Specific Intent and the Purposeful Narrowing of Victim Protection Under the Convention Against Torture*, 88 OR. L. REV. 777 (2009)
- Co-author, *The Importance of Finding the “Right” Circuit for Your Immigration Case*, Thomson Reuters, IMMIGRATION BRIEFINGS, April 2009
- Co-author, *Advanced Issues in Relief from Removal*, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook, 2008-09 Ed.
- Author, *Reference Guide to the Basic Immigration Consequences of Select Virginia Offenses*, October 2007 (www.defendingimmigrants.org)
- Editor, CLINIC, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions*, 2008 Ed.
- Editor, CLINIC, *Overview of Relief from Removal: A Practitioner’s Guide*, 2008 Ed.
- *Habeas Corpus Reform in El Salvador*, BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL, LAW AND JUSTICE IN THE AMERICAS WORKING PAPER SERIES (December 31, 2003) (<http://lsr.nellco.org/bc/ljawps/papers/1>)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *Immigration Law in the United States*, Four-Part Remote Learning Course for “Insights: U.S. Legal System” program, sponsored by Boston College Law School and Boston College Continuing Education (Summer 2025)
- *Immigrants’ Rights and Free Speech*, talk sponsored by Boston College Law School National Lawyers Guild and South Asian Law Students Association (Apr. 10, 2025)
- *Lawyering in a Time of Threat*, panel presentation sponsored by Boston College Law School (Apr. 24, 2025)
- *Lessons Learned from Immigration Detention’s Past*, symposium panel sponsored by Boston University Law Review (Feb. 28, 2025)
- *Immigration 101*, presentation for Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice Undocuweek (Apr. 2024)
- *Boston Exam Schools: Are the New Admissions Policies Achieving Educational Equity?* panel presentation sponsored by Boston College Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy (Feb. 15, 2023)

- Presentation regarding Florida Governor DeSantis sending migrants to Martha's Vineyard for Boston College Public Interest Law Foundation, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Roundtable Series (Nov. 1, 2022)
- *Supreme Court Preview*, panel presentation for Boston College American Constitution Society (Oct. 6, 2022)
- *Updates on Immigration Enforcement and Detention in New England*, panel presentation for Boston Bar Association (April 2022)
- *Impact Litigation and Movement Lawyering*, panel presentation for Boston College Immigration Law Group (November 2021)
- *Sixth Amendment Principles: Confrontation Clause Issues and Adopting a Public Defender Approach to Immigration Defense*, panel presentation for *Immigration Defense Strategies: Lessons from the Criminal Defense Context*, conference sponsored by National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (October 2021)
- *Evidence in Immigration Detention in the US*, recorded presentation for *Fact-Finding in Immigration Detention Reviews: Evidence Law Meets Administrative Law*, workshop sponsored by Osgood Hall Law School (September 2021)
- *The Reid and Brito Procedural Protections: Forcing Lawyers to Advocate for ECarceration*, panel presentation for Western New England Law Review Conference, *New Abolitionism: Ending Civil Immigration Detention and Criminalization - Policy, History and Legal Strategies* (February 2021)
- *Accompanying Migrants Through a Harsh Immigration System*, panel presentation for Boston College Roche Center, *Human Rights of Migrants and Refugees: An Examination of Legal and Christian Ethics* (November 2020)
- *What's New in the Law and Practice of Immigration Bond Hearings*, training for immigration lawyers sponsored by the Boston Bar Association (October 2020)
- *Judicial Independence and Immigration Law*, Rhode Island District Court Conference (October 2019)
- *Introducing New Projects Into Your Clinic Work*, co-presenter at New England Clinical Conference (October 2018)
- *Representing Immigrant Youth: Tackling Allegations of Gang Involvement*, training for immigration lawyers sponsored by the Boston Bar Association (June 2018)
- *Overcoming Challenges in Representing Noncitizen Clients in the Trump Administration*, keynote for Political Asylum/ Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project 2018 Annual Gala (June 2018)
- *Immigration Detention Post-Jennings*, panel sponsored by Boston College Law School Immigration Law Group and Criminal Law Group (April 2018)
- *Representing Asylum Seekers in Removal Proceedings*, training sponsored by American Immigration Lawyers Association, PAIR Project, and Boston Immigration Court (April 2018)
- *Assuring Access to Justice for Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers*, panel sponsored by Social Innovation Forum (April 2018)
- *Comments on Legality of Travel Ban*, talk for Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy Panel, "Legal and Practical Implications of the Executive Order entitled 'Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States'" (Jan. 31, 2017)
- *Immigration in the Trump Administration*, talk for Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy Panel, "The Trump Presidency: Likely and Unlikely Policy Changes" (Nov. 2016)

- *Promptly Proving the Need to Detain for Deportation*, talk for Valparaiso University Law Review Symposium, “This Side of the Border: An Analysis of Immigration Detention, Enforcement, and Community Impact,” (Nov. 2016)
- *Immigration Exploitation*, panel hosted by the Boston College School of Social Work Immigration Integration Lab (October 2016)
- *The U.S. Immigration System: Historical and Contemporary Challenges*, lecture for Boston College Law School Summer Institute (July 2016)
- *The Role of Law School Clinics in Advancing the Declaration*, panel at Conference Regarding the Draft Convention on the Rights of Forcibly Expelled Persons hosted by Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice (April 2016)
- *Is Immigration Law Family Friendly?*, talk for Journal of Catholic Social Thought at Villanova University (February 2016)
- *Executive Action on Immigration*, panel hosted by Boston College Law School Immigration Law Group (November 2015)
- *Keeping Hispanic Immigrant Families Together: Catholic Perspectives*, panel hosted by the Boston College Church in the 21st Century Center and School of Theology and Ministry (March 2015)
- *Deportation 101, The Anatomy of a Removal Proceeding*, panel hosted by Boston Bar Association (December 2014)
- *Access to Legal Proceedings Post-Expulsion*, panel at Conference Regarding the Draft Convention on the Rights of Forcibly Expelled Persons hosted by Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice (May 2014)
- *Nuts and Bolts of Asylum Law*, panel hosted by Boston Bar Association (February 2014)
- *The Citizenship Line*, panel hosted by Boston College Law Review (November 2013)
- *The Anatomy of a Removal Proceeding*, panel hosted by Boston Bar Association (February 2013)
- *Immigration Issues in DCYF and Juvenile Cases*, training for Rhode Island Family Court Annual Judicial Conference (October 2011)
- *Immigration Law and Crimes*, training for immigration attorneys sponsored by the Boston Immigration Court, Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, and New England chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (October 2010, November 2009, October 2015)
- *Cancellation of Removal*, training for immigration attorneys sponsored by the Boston Immigration Court, PAIR Project, and New England chapter of AILA (November 2013, October 2011, October 2008)
- *De Novo* (play about failed asylum-seeker who feared gang violence), panelist for post-play discussion (February 2011)
- *ICE Enforcement and Selected Issues in Immigration Law and Crimes*, training for immigration attorneys and advocates sponsored by CLINIC (January 2011)
- *Advanced Topics in Asylum Law: Standards and Recent Trends for Particular Social Group*, training for immigration attorneys sponsored by the Boston Bar Association (October 2010)
- *The Nuts and Bolts of Immigration*, panel sponsored by Providence College, The Federal Bench/Bar Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island (November 2009)

- *Rollin' the Dice: Grounds of Removal and Inadmissibility, Relief from Removal, and Trial Strategies in Defense of Removal*, training for immigration attorneys, AILA Annual Conference (June 2009)
- *Removal and Relief Before the Immigration Court*, training for immigration attorneys, AILA Boston Spring Fundamentals Conference (April 2009)
- *Should I Stay or Should I Go: Choosing Your Circuit and Applying for Relief from Removal*, training for immigration attorneys sponsored by the South Florida chapter of AILA (February 2009)
- *Advanced Issues in Relief from Removal*, training for immigration attorneys, AILA Annual Conference (June 2008)
- *Criminal Waivers in Immigration Law*, teleconference for immigration attorneys sponsored by AILA (October 2007)
- *Immigration Trial Advocacy Training*, four-day training for immigration attorneys and advocates sponsored by CLINIC (October 2008)
- *Immigration Law and Crimes and Relief from Removal*, two-day training for immigration attorneys and advocates sponsored by CLINIC (June 2009; February 2009; June 2008; July 2007; October 2006)
- *Asylum/Withholding of Removal/Relief under the Torture Convention and Issues in Refugee Waivers*, training for immigration attorneys and advocates, CLINIC Annual Convening (May 2007)
- *Immigration Raids*, webinar for immigration attorneys and advocates sponsored by CLINIC (August, June 2007)
- *The Practice of Representing the Detained: Day-to-Day Challenges & Strategies for Success*, presentation for advocates, Detention Watch Network Annual Conference (April 2007)
- *Challenging the Immigration Consequences of Crimes*, training for immigration attorneys sponsored by the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (December 2006)
- *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions*, training for prosecutors or defenders (Boston College Joint Class for Prosecutor and Defense Clinic students October 2024, October 2023, October 2022, October 2021, October 2020, October 2019, October 2018, October 2017, October 2016, Boston College Prosecution Clinic October 2014; Roger Williams Criminal Defense Clinic September 2011; Fairfax VA defenders April 2008; District of Columbia defenders July 2006; Boston College Criminal Defense Clinic November 2005; Essex County MA defenders October 2005; Arlington VA defenders June 2005; Maryland state-wide defenders June 2005; Eastern District of Virginia federal defenders January 2005; Eastern District of Virginia federal defenders September 2004; Fairfax VA defenders September 2004; Virginia state-wide defenders August 2004; Fairfax VA defenders May 2004)
- *Detention and Deportation 101*, training for members of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition (May 2008; November 2007; May 2007; September 2006; July 2006)

SELECTED PRESS APPEARANCES

- Nikita Osadchiy, Boston College The Heights, *BC International Students Uneasy Over Potential Trump Immigration Policies* (Jan. 2025)
- Milford Daily News, *Trump's Return to Presidency Sparks Fear in Haitian Community. Here's Why* (Dec. 2024)
- Eamon O'Malley, Boston College Heights Eagle Eye Podcast, *Migrants and Sanctuary Cities* (October 2022)
- Paris Alston and Jeremy Siegel, WGBH Morning Edition, *What Is a Sanctuary City? The History of Immigrant Sanctuary and How the Term Became a 'Dirty Word'* (Sept. 26, 2022)
- Connie Cheng, *From Walls to Shackles: The Big Business of Electronically Monitoring Immigrants*, THE FLAW: ON CORPORATE LAW AND POWER, SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AND SYSTEMIC INJUSTICES (Aug. 15, 2022)

- Maeve Reilly, *BC Law's Immigration Clinic Blends Theory and Practice*, THE HEIGHTS (Sept. 22, 2019)
- *Being Labeled as a Gang Member in the Boston Police's "Gang Database" Can Have Devastating Consequences*, American Civil Liberties Union Twitter Feed (November 2018)
- WCVB Channel Five, *Chronicle*, News Feature on Immigration (Apr. 20, 2017) (Jul. 3, 2017)
- Lisa Weidenfeld, *Joe Curtatone to Donald Trump: Take Your Immigration Policy and Shove It*, BOSTON MAGAZINE (January 2017)
- Allissa Wickham, *Trump's Plan To Deport 2M Immigrants Will Face Roadblocks*, LAW360 (Nov. 16, 2016)
- Allissa Wickham, *Supreme Court Case May Reduce Deportation Uncertainty*, LAW360 (Sept. 29, 2016)
- Allissa Wickham, *Bond Case Could Help Detained Immigrants But Burden on Courts*, LAW360 (Apr. 12, 2016)
- Allissa Wickham, *New EOIR Rule Could Draw Attys To Pro Bono Bond Cases*, LAW360 (Sept. 22, 2015)
- Aaron Vehling, *Immigrants Get More Court Access Under High Court Ruling*, LAW360 (June 15, 2015)
- Tara García Mathewson, *Court: The Next Step for Central American Minors Living Illegally in the US*, NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER (May 7, 2015)
- Jack Sullivan, *Sketchy Federal Program Sells Citizenship*, COMMONWEALTH MAGAZINE (Apr. 14, 2015)
- Allissa Wickham, *Detention Of Asylum Seekers Contrary To Past DHS Policy*, LAW360 (Apr. 6, 2015)
- Michael Skapinker, *Why are U.S. Visa Questions So Weird?*, FINANCIAL TIMES ONLINE (Nov. 20, 2013)
- Erick Tucker, *AG-Elect Wants RI to Adopt Fed Immigration Program*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Dec. 7, 2010)
- Tom Jackman, *Immigrant Convictions Are Upheld*, WASHINGTON POST (Jan. 14, 2011)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CAPITAL AREA IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS (CAIR) COALITION

Washington, DC

Equal Justice Works Fellow, September 2003-August 2005

- Represented indigent detained noncitizens in removal proceedings and evaluated cases of detained noncitizens for representation and *pro bono* legal assistance
- Conducted "Know Your Rights" presentations for detained noncitizens in Virginia jails
- Co-wrote briefs in federal court litigation on immigration detention and "aggravated felony" classification
- Mentored *pro bono* attorneys in representation of detained noncitizens
- Trained public defenders and immigrant service providers about the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and provided consultation to attorneys on specific cases

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Boston College Law School Faculty Member of the Year Award, 2023
- Political Asylum/ Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project Sarah B. Ignatius Award for Excellence in Law, 2018
- Boston College Law School Public Interest Law Foundation Alumnus of the Year Award, 2008
- Alternative Chance/Chans Alternativ Human Rights Award, 2008
- PAIR Project Detention Attorney Award, 2007
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild Daniel Levy Award (awarded as member of New Bedford Raid Response Team), 2007

- PAIR Project Volunteer Interpreter Award, 2003

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- New England Clinical Conference Planning Committee, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (chair), 2021
- American Association of Law Schools (AALS), Clinical Section
- Clinical Legal Educational Association (CLEA)
- Affiliate Faculty, Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice
- First Circuit Immigration Working Group
- Boston Immigration Coalition: Criminal and Immigration Working Group; Unaccompanied Minors and Gang Allegations Working Group; Access to Counsel Working Group
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); appointed by New England AILA Chapter as Liaison to the American Immigration Council (formerly American Immigration Law Foundation) 2008-2010
- Bar membership: Massachusetts; Virginia (inactive); U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia; U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts