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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 Visiting Associate Professor of Law, The University of Chicago Law School (Autumn)
Course taught: Immigration Law
- 2014-present Associate Professor, DePaul University College of Law
Courses taught: Property Law; Immigration Law & Policy; Seminar: The Law of Citizenship;
State and Local Government Law
- 2014-2017 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, DePaul University College of Law
- 2007-2014 Assistant Professor, DePaul University College of Law
- 2002-2004 Assistant Senior Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard University
- 1999-2002 Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard University

EDUCATION

- March 2008 Ph.D., History, Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Fields: American History, Legal History, Mesoamerican History
Advisors: Professors Lizabeth Cohen, Morton Horwitz, and Rachel St. John
Dissertation: *American Law Comes to the Border: Law and Colonization on the
Edge of the U.S./Mexico Divide, 1848-1890*
- June 2004 J.D., Harvard Law School
Editor, HARVARD LAW REVIEW, 2001-2003; Elected Treasurer (Vice President), Vol. 116
Intern, Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project
- June 2001 M.A., History, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 1996-1997 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Spanish Coursework
- June 1996 A.B., History, Princeton University
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

[*Latinos and the Law*](#), OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN HISTORY (Oxford University Press, February 2018) (peer-reviewed)

Mercy in Immigration Law, 2014 BYU LAW REVIEW 1563-1611 (2014)

Ownership without Citizenship: The Creation of Noncitizen Property Rights, 19 MICH. JOURNAL OF RACE & LAW 1-59 (2013)

Property Outliers: Non-Citizens, Property Rights and State Power, 27 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL 77-134 (2012)

Lawyers and Legal Borderlands, 50 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL HISTORY 157-199 (2010)

Note, Law, Race, and the Border: The El Paso Salt War of 1877, 117 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 941 (2004)

Book Chapters

Who Belongs? Immigrants and the Law in American History, in A COMPANION TO AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY, 228-246 (eds. Sally E. Hadden & Alfred L. Brophy) (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013)

Bordered Lands: Land Use, Legal Culture and Community Development in the Nineteenth-Century Southwest, in COMMUNITY, HOME AND IDENTITY, 1-24 (eds. Michael Diamond & Terry Turnipseed) (Law, Property & Society Series, Ashgate Press, 2012)

The View from the Border: Law and Community in the Nineteenth Century, in TRANSFORMATIONS IN AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF MORTON J. HORWITZ, VOL. 2, 218-236 (eds. Alfred L. Brophy & Daniel Hamilton) (Harvard Law School, 2011)

Works-in-Progress

Sovereignty and Civil Rights: Noncitizens in American Legal History (book manuscript)

Book Reviews

Review of Lucy E. Salyer, *UNDER THE STARRY FLAG: HOW A BAND OF IRISH AMERICANS JOINED THE FENIAN REVOLT AND SPARKED A CRISIS OVER CITIZENSHIP* (Harvard University Press, 2018), *LAW & HIST. REV.* __ (forthcoming 2019)

Taking Away Citizenship: Lessons from the British Advisory Committee, JOTWELL (forthcoming) (reviewing Patrick Weil and Nicholas Handler, *Revocation of Citizenship and the Rule of Law*, 36 *LAW & HIST. REV.* 295 (2018))

[*Citizens, Aliens and the Architecture of Exclusion*](#), JOTWELL (December 15, 2017) (reviewing KUNAL PARKER, *MAKING FOREIGNERS: IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP LAW IN AMERICA, 1600-2000* (2015))

[*Citizenship by Descent*](#), JOTWELL (October 14, 2014) (reviewing Krisin A. Collins, *Illegitimate Borders: Jus Sanguinis Citizenship and the Legal Construction of Family, Race and Nation*, 123 *YALE L. J.* 2134 (2014))

[*The State Origins of Federal Plenary Power*](#), JOTWELL (August 3, 2013) (reviewing Hidetaka Hirota, *The Moment of Transition: State Officials, the Federal Government, and the Formation of American Immigration Policy*, in 99 *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY* 1092 (2013))

Review of RACHEL ST. JOHN, *LINE IN THE SAND: A HISTORY OF THE WESTERN U.S.-MEXICO BORDER* (2011), in 30 *LAW & HISTORY REVIEW* 1193 (2012)

[*Is Alabama the New California? Civil Rights History through a Multiracial Lens*](#), JOTWELL (July 9, 2012) (reviewing MARK BRILLIANT, *THE COLOR OF AMERICA HAS CHANGED: HOW RACIAL DIVERSITY SHAPED CIVIL RIGHTS REFORM IN CALIFORNIA* (2010))

Review of KELLY LYTLE HERNANDEZ, *MIGRA!: A HISTORY OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL*, in 20 *LAW & HISTORY REVIEW* 647 (2011)

[*Immigration and the Constitution: A New Historical Interpretation*](#), JOTWELL (February 28, 2011) (reviewing James F. Pfander and Theresa Wardon, *Reclaiming the Immigration Constitution of the Early Republic: Prospectivity, Uniformity, and Transparency*, 96 *VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW* (2010))

Review of JOSEPH P. SÁNCHEZ, *BETWEEN TWO RIVERS: THE ATRISCO LAND GRANT IN ALBUQUERQUE HISTORY, 1692-1968*, in 28 *Law & History Review* 280 (2010)

Review of LAURA E. GÓMEZ, *MANIFEST DESTINIES: THE MAKING OF THE MEXICAN AMERICAN RACE* (2007), in 23 *CONTINUITY AND CHANGE: A JOURNAL OF SOCIAL STRUCTURE, LAW AND DEMOGRAPHY IN PAST SOCIETIES* 531 (2008)

Law, Boundaries, and Paradox, H-Law, H-Net Reviews (reviewing MARY L. DUDZIAK & LETI VOLPP, EDS., *LEGAL BORDERLANDS: LAW AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN BORDERS* (2006)), May 2007 (available at <http://www.hnet.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=38871185291299>)

Book Note, *The Double Edge of Legal Ideals* (reviewing WILLIAM E. NELSON, *THE LEGALIST REFORMATION: LAW, POLITICS, AND IDEOLOGY IN NEW YORK, 1920-1980* (2002)), 115 *HARVARD LAW REVIEW* 1533 (2002)

Miscellaneous

The Effect of the Great Depression on Latino Americans, in *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION*, VOL. 2 (ed. Robert S. McElvaine, 2004), 562-569

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, "Aliens, Citizens and the State Ownership Doctrine: A Social History," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 7, 2018

Panelist, Incubator Session, "Sovereignty and Alienage Discrimination: A History of Noncitizen Civil Rights," Biannual Meeting of the Immigration Law Professors Workshop, Philadelphia, May 26, 2018 (also served as a commentator for a works-in-progress session)

Invited Speaker, "A Brief History of Immigration Law," The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, The University of Chicago Law School, May 1, 2018

Panelist, "A Right to Work? Law, Politics and Alienage Discrimination in the Twentieth Century," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 7, 2018

Invited Participant, U.S. Legal History Roundtable, American Bar Foundation, May 2017; May 2018

Opening Speaker and Panel Participant, "Immigration in the First 100 Days," Symposium co-sponsored by law schools at Northwestern, DePaul, Northern Illinois, Valparaiso, and the University of Chicago; Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, April 21, 2017

- Opening Remarks: "How Did We Get Here? Historical Context for the Trump Executive Orders"
- Panel Presentation: "Historical Perspective on the Use of Executive Orders in Immigration Law"

Presenter, DePaul Alumni University, "Immigration Law in the Trump Era," April 8, 2017

Moderator, "Of Civil Rights and Wrongs:" A Panel Discussion in Honor of Fred Korematsu Day, DePaul University College of Law, February 22, 2017 (co-sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild of Chicago, and among other organizations)

Panelist, Author-Meets-Reader Session on Kunal Parker's IMMIGRANTS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS IN AMERICA, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Toronto, October 2016

Participant, American Bar Foundation Workshop on Christopher Schmidt's THE SIT-INS: PROTEST, LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE, July 21, 2016

Panelist, "Citizenship and the Immigration Curriculum," Immigration Law Professors' Workshop, East Lansing, Michigan, May 19-21, 2016

Discussant, "Borders, Transgressions, and Legality in the Everyday," Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, University of Virginia Law School, March 2014

"Deportation and its Discontents: Contemporary Immigration Law in Historical Perspective," University Centennial Lecture and First Annual Lecture for the Center for Law & Human Behavior, University of Texas at El Paso, February 2014 (invited presentation)

Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics Session on Patrick Weil's THE SOVEREIGN CITIZEN: DENATURALIZATION AND THE ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 2013

Commentator, "The History of Immigration Law as Nation Building," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Miami, November 2013

"Property, Liberty and the Diverging Paths of Alienage Law," Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Boston, May 2013

"From *Truax v. Raich* to *U.S. v. Arizona*: Property, Liberty and the Diverging Paths of Alienage Law," Plenary Session, American Association of Law Schools Mid-Year Workshop on Poverty, Immigration and Property, San Diego, June 2013 (invited presentation)

Commentator, Kunal Parker's IMMIGRANTS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS IN AMERICA, Legal History Roundtable, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, April 2013

"Urbanization and the (Re)creation of the U.S./Mexico Border in the Late Nineteenth Century," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April 2013

"States by Design," Public Law & Legal Theory Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, February 2013 (invited presentation)

"States by Design," American Bar Foundation Legal History Workshop, Chicago, January 2013

"Visions of Discretion in the History of Deportation Relief," 2013 BYU Law Review Symposium, *Discretion and Deference: Immigrants, Citizens and the Law*, Provo, Utah, January 2013 (invited paper)

"Non-Citizen Property Rights and State Constitutional Reform," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, St. Louis, November 2012

"Deportation Relief and the Problem of Property Ties," Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2012

"Property Outliers: Non-Citizens, Property Rights and State Power," Work-in-Progress Session, Immigration Law Professors Workshop, Hofstra Law School, Long Island, N.Y., May 2012

Chair, "Law as Sentry: Conditions of Inclusion in the Nineteenth-Century United States," Annual Meeting of the American Association of Legal History, Atlanta, November 2011

"Citizenship in the Borderlands during Civil War and Reconstruction," Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia Law School, October 2011 (invited presentation)

Discussant, "Roundtable: Bringing the Law Back In: New Approaches to the History of the U.S. in the World," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 2011 (invited presentation)

"From Frontier to Border: The Legal Heritage of the Southwest," Keynote Address, Centennial Celebration of the Eighth Court of Appeals (Federal District), El Paso, Texas, June 2011

"A Nation of Immigrants? A Brief History of Immigrant Reception and Exclusion in the U.S.," DePaul Rule of Law Journal Symposium, April 2011

U.S. State Department Speaker/Specialist, "The Changing Face of Society: Immigration, Diversity, and Tolerance," sponsored by the American Embassy in Athens and the American Consulate in Thessaloniki, Greece, March-April 2011 (invited participant)

Presented five different lectures as a primary speaker in four cities; met with foreign service personnel, Greek academics, and members of the non-profit sector to discuss immigration reform

"Property in Immigration Adjudication," Annual Meeting of the Association for Law, Property and Society, Washington, D.C., March 2011

"Property and the Hidden Economics of Immigration Law," Midwest Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, December 2010

Convener and Discussant, "Indigenous Subjects in Imperial Law: *Johnson v. McIntosh* in Hemispheric Perspective," Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois, October 2010 (invited presentation)

"Shifting Legal Frontiers," Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Chicago, May 2010

"Who Belongs? Immigrants and the Law in American History," Works-in-Progress Session, Immigration Law Professors Workshop, Chicago, May 2010

"The DREAM Act: History and Current Provisions," Society for Immigration and Asylum Law, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, April 2010

"Shifting Legal Frontiers: The Southwest from 1598 to 1848," New Perspectives on Legal Pluralism, Symposium on Comparative Early Modern Legal History, Newberry Library, Chicago, April 2010 (invited presentation)

"Lawyers and Legal Borderlands," Annual Meeting of the Association for Law, Property, and Society, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., March 2010 (invited presentation)

Moderator, Panel on Recent Trends in Immigration Enforcement, Vincentian Public Interest Law Symposium, DePaul University, Chicago, Fall 2008

"The Railroad and the Courthouse: National Policies and Local Law in a Border Community," 2008 Policy History Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2008

"The Railroad, the Courthouse, and the Making of New Legal Borderlands," Chicago Legal History Seminar, American Bar Foundation and Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, March 2008

"Reconfiguring Borders in Nineteenth-Century El Paso," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Tempe, Arizona, October 2007

"Indians, Transients, and the Beginnings of a Border Community," dissertation chapter presented at the first annual Dissertation Workshop on the History of the North American West, Huntington Library, June 2006

Selected in a national competition as one of five presenters for the workshop

"Resistance, Legality, and the El Paso Salt War of 1877," Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia Law School, March 2005

"'Serapes and Cigarillos': Scenes from Border Courtrooms, 1850-1890," Annual Meeting of the Western Historical Association, October 2004

Organized the panel, "Movies, Murder, and Marijuana: Illicit Identities in the Hispanic West"

"Law in the Borderlands: The Legal History of the United States-Mexico Divide, 1880-1930," G3 Conference, History Department, Harvard University, January 2002

MEDIA COVERAGE

Expert Resource for “The Daily Show with Trevor Noah” (ongoing)

Media Mention, Angilee Shah and Lydia Emmanouilidou, [President Obama created DACA. Why won't courts let President Trump end it?](#), PRI's The World, April 25, 2018.

Online/Television Interview, Ben Schamisso, Newsy, [What are Undocumented Immigrants' Few Paths to Green Cards?](#) December 19, 2017

Media Mention, Ryan Marcotte, DePaulia, *Opinions: Homen Square*, March 9, 2015.

Television Interview, ABC 7 Eyewitness News Chicago, Sarah Schulte, *Obama's Immigration Order Gets Mixed Reaction in Chicago Area*, November 20, 2014

Media Mention, Angilee Shah, *Is Obama 'Deporter in Chief' Depends on Whom You Ask*, Public Radio International's The World, GlobalNation Series, April 10, 2014

Media Mention, *The Past is Prologue for U.S. Comprehensive Immigration Reform*, Borderzine, February 14, 2014

Media Mention, Jack Silverstein, *No More Pencils, No More Books* (on DePaul's 3YP Program), Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, February 7, 2014

Television Interview, ABC 7 News El Paso, *UTEP's Centennial Lecture Series*, February 3, 2014

Media Mention, NBC News Channel 9, El Paso, Marisol Gonzalez, *Expert in Immigration Law to Speak at UTEP*, January 28, 2014

ACADEMIC SERVICE

DePaul University College of Law

Member, Strategic Planning and Assessment Committee, 2018

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009, 2014-present

Field Placement Faculty Mentor, 2013-present; Field Placement Faculty Supervisor, Spring 2017

Chair, Migration, Mobility and Human Rights Program Committee, 2016-2017; Member, 2018

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2016-2017

Member, Adjunct Faculty Committee, 2016-2017

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2015-2016

Member (*ex officio*), International Programs Committee, 2015-2017

Member, Academic Program Review Committee (College of Law), 2014-2016

Member, Student Services Advisory Committee, 2014-2015

Member, Non-JD Programs Committee, 2014-2015

Chair, First-Year Advising Committee, 2013-2014

Member, Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2013-2014 (elected representative)

Member, Programs Committee, 2011-present; Enlund Scholar-in-Residence Host, 2012

Faculty Advisor, Public Interest Law Students Association, 2011-2013

Co-founder and Co-convener, Junior & New Faculty Workshop, DePaul Law School, 2011-2012

Faculty Mentor, Field Placement Program, 2008-present

Member, Catholic Identity Task Force, Spring 2010-present

Chair, Programs Committee, Spring 2010

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2009-2010

Member, DEPAUL LAW REVIEW Advisory Committee, Spring 2010

Member, Church/State Advisory Committee, Spring 2010

Member, Committee of the Center for Public Interest Law, 2008-2010

Member, Clinical Faculty Tenure Standards Review Committee, 2009-2010

DePaul University

Alternate Representative, Faculty Council, 2017-2018 (elected)

Member, Associate Deans Council, 2014-2017

Member, Working Group on Vision 2018: Global Engagement Objective 3, 2016-2017

Member, Campus Advisory Team, Coleman Entrepreneurship Center, College of Business, 2016-2017

Member, Steering Committee, Proposed Cross-Disciplinary Masters in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, 2012-present

Member, Academic Program Review Committee, 2008-2015

Member, Law School Dean Search Committee, 2010-2011 and 2014

Service to the Profession

Member, Ad Hoc Web Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2017-present

Contributing Editor, Legal History Section, JOTWELL (an online legal scholarship journal), available at <http://www.jotwell.com/>, 2011-present

Anonymous Reviewer, NYU Press, 2016

Member, Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Miami, 2013

Anonymous Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Law Division, 2013

Member, Planning Committee, Legal History Roundtable, American Bar Foundation, April 19, 2013

Associate Editor, COMPARATIVE LEGAL HISTORY, 2012-2014

Anonymous Reviewer, LAW & HISTORY REVIEW, 2013

Anonymous Reviewer, LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY, 2010

Guest Blogger, *Legal History Blog*, November 2010

Advisory Board Member, DEPAUL JOURNAL OF WOMEN, GENDER & THE LAW, 2010-present

Member, Host Committee, Immigration Law Professors' Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer, [The Mariposa DR Foundation](#), Cabarete, Dominican Republic, Summer 2017, Summer 2018

Co-chair, Legal Committee, Evanston Neighbors United, Evanston, IL, 2011-2012

Chair, Parent Advisory Group, McGaw YMCA Children's Center, Evanston, IL, 2007-2009; Recipient of a Volunteer-of-the-Year Award from the McGaw YMCA, 2009

Secretary, Education and Leadership Commission, Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont, CA, 2006-2007

Secretary, Board of Directors, Oxford Street Cooperative Daycare Center, Cambridge, MA, 2003-2004

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

QM Star Award and QM Star Certificate, DePaul University Online Teaching Program, December 2017 (perfect score on internal review of hybrid immigration law course)

Faculty Research Leave, DePaul University, Autumn 2017

Award for Excellence in Faculty Achievement, DePaul University College of Law, May 2016

Media Star Award, DePaul University Office of Media Relations, May 2014

Faculty Research Leave, DePaul University, Fall 2012

Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2006-2007

Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Dissertation Writing Grant, 2005-2006; Summer Research Travel Grants, 2001 and 2002

American Historical Association, Littleton-Griswold Grant for research in U.S. Legal History and the Field of Law and Society, 2005-2006

Mark DeWolfe Howe Fund, Harvard Law School, Research Grant, 2005-2006

Foreign Languages and Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant, 2004-2005

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Graduate Student Associate, 2003-2004; Summer Research Travel Grant, 2003

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Summer Research Travel Grants, 2002 and 2003

History Department, Harvard University, Summer Research Travel Grants, 2001-2004

Koren Prize for outstanding junior year departmental work at Princeton University

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinic of Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA; Cleary, Gottlieb, Hamilton, & Steen Fellow, Summer 2000

Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell, Memphis, TN, Summer Associate, 1999

Immigration Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law of Texas, El Paso, TX, Summer Associate, 1999

AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Legal History

American Bar Association

Association of American Law Schools

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Proficient in Spanish