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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** Aug. 2012-present  
Valparaiso, IN  
*Michael and Dianne Swygert Teaching Fellow* (Awarded by the faculty in recognition of excellent teaching) and *Associate Professor* July 2016-present  
*Associate Professor* Aug. 2015-present  
*Assistant Professor* Aug. 2012-Aug. 2015  
*Director, Immigration Clinic*  
Founded and direct an immigration clinic designed to teach immigration law, lawyering skills, and professionalism through direct representation, impact litigation, community outreach, and policy advocacy. Design curriculum and co-teach a weekly seminar on immigration practice, substantive law, and policy.

Other Courses: Constitutional Law I Fall 2016  
Constitutional Law II Spring 2016, 2017

**GEORGETOWN LAW, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES** July 2010-June 2012  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow*, Washington, DC  
Taught, supervised, and evaluated law students in an asylum law clinic.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW** Sept. 2009-June 2010  
*Lecturer*, Chicago, IL  
Designed and taught an asylum law seminar.

### **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN LAW**, Washington, DC  
LL.M. with distinction in clinical education, 2012

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
J.D., 2000  
Robert McKay Scholar  
Civil Legal Services Clinic  
Review of Law and Social Change, Senior Articles Editor

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, Chicago, IL  
B.A. in American History, 1996  
Men's Crew Team, Captain

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*The Immigrant Right to Work*, 31 *Georg. Imm. L. J.* (forthcoming 2017)

*The Status of Nonstatus*, 64 *Am. U. L. Rev.* 1115 (2015)

*Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court*, 79 Brook. L. Rev. 1569 (2014), *reprinted in* 19-15 Bender's Immigr. Bull. 01 (2014)

*Persons Who Are Not the People: The Changing Rights of Immigrants in the United States*, 44 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 367 (2013)

*Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States*, 33 CARD. L. REV. 619 (2011)

*Pulling Teeth: the State of Mandatory Immigration Detention*, 45 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 601 (2010)

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUND. OF METRO. CHI. & CHI. APPLESEED FUND FOR JUSTICE, VIDEOCONFERENCING IN REMOVAL HEARINGS: A CASE STUDY OF THE CHICAGO IMMIGRATION COURT (2005) (co-author), *available at* [http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/uploads/view/49/download:1/videoconfreport\\_080205.pdf](http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/uploads/view/49/download:1/videoconfreport_080205.pdf) (last visited Aug. 19, 2012)

*Unfair Evictions: Where Landlord-Tenant and Fair Housing Law Intersect*, 37 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 418 (Nov.-Dec. 2003)

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

“Immigration in the First 100 Days: A panel discussion examining immigration policies in the Trump administration’s first 100 days” (with Anita Ortiz Maddali, William Howell, Allison Tirres, and Sioban Albiol), Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL April 21, 2017.

“Trump’s Executive Orders and What They Mean for Immigration,” Panel Presentation, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, Feb. 3, 2017 (with Claudia Flores, Caryn Lederer, Aziz Huq, and Maria Woltjen).

“The Immigrant Right to Work,” Seventh Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Nov. 4, 2016.

“Resuscitating Immigrants’ Right to Work,” Work in Progress Presentation, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, May 3, 2016.

“From Theory to Practice,” Panel Presentation, Valparaiso University Institute for Leadership and Service Conference, “Send Money, Prayers & People: The Evolving Exchange Between Belief and Action in Global Humanitarian Work,” April 2, 2016.

“Crimmigration: Examining the State of Affairs in U.S. Immigration Enforcement,” Panel Presentation, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, Feb. 26, 2016 (with Dean Thomas Miles, Daniel Morales, and Mark Fleming).

“Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases,” Panel Presentation sponsored by the Chicago Bar Foundation, the Chicago Bar Association, and the National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL, Oct. 8, 2015 (with Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Claudia Valenzuela, and Tara Magner).

“Law Practice and Social Change in the Academy,” Plenary Panel Presentation at the Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, University of Miami, Miami, FL, June 12, 2015 (with Annie Lai, Christopher Lasch, and Maria Woltjen).

“DACA: Executive Discretion or Lawmaking,” panel presentation at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2015 (with Alina Das, Peter Margulies, Juliet Stumpf, and Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia) (broadcast on C-SPAN).

“The Past, Present, and Future of Immigration Law,” Martin Luther King Day Address to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL, Jan. 21, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” 2013 Biennial LatCrit Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 4, 2013.

“Shattering the One-Way Mirror: Discovery in Immigration Court,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 10, 2013.

“Increasing Transparency in Immigration Court Cases,” Work in Progress Presentation at University of California, Irvine, “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Irvine, CA, June 13, 2013.

“Immigration and the Obama Administration: Past, Present, and Future,” panel discussion sponsored by the American Constitution Society, the University of Chicago Law School, Nov. 30, 2012.

“The Far-Reaching Effects of Crimmigration,” panel presentation at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, Aug. 1, 2012.

“Starting a New Clinic? Proposing and Developing In-House Clinics in a Changing Environment,” Concurrent Session Presentation at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Los Angeles, CA, May 1, 2012 (with Anjum Gupta, Jennifer Koh, and Rachel Settlage).

“A World Without DOMA: Bankruptcy, Immigration and Tax Implications,” Hot Topic panel presentation at Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Jan. 7, 2012 (with William Eskridge, Patricia Cain, Jackie Gardina and David Herzig)

“The National Security Backlog in Asylum Adjudication,” panel presentation at DePaul University School of Law conference, “Reframing Reform: Immigration as the Solution,” Chicago, IL, October 24, 2011.

“Illegal Aid: Legal Assistance to Immigrants in the United States,” American University Washington College of Law “Emerging Immigration Law Scholars & Teachers Conference,” Washington, DC, May 20, 2011.

“Expanding Immigrant Access to Counsel: A Proposal to Revive Civil Legal Services for Immigrants,” Georgetown Law, Migration Policy Institute, and Catholic Legal

Immigration Network, Inc., “8<sup>th</sup> Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference,” Washington, DC, April 26, 2011 (broadcast on C-SPAN).

“Justice for Whom—the Embattled History of Legal Aid for Immigrants,” New England Law Review Symposium: “Crossing the Border: the Future of Immigration Law and Its Impact on Lawyers,” Boston, MA, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Deaths in Immigration Detention,” panel discussion hosted by the Labor, Employment, and Immigration Law Society at Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, March 4, 2010.

### **SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

“The Constitutional Rights of Noncitizens,” presentation at “Responding to the New Immigration Enforcement Landscape: A Symposium for Pro Bono Attorneys,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, March 16, 2017.

“The Executive Orders on Immigration,” Valparaiso University, Office of International Programs, Feb. 1, 2017.

“Updates and Advanced Topics in Removal Defense and Federal Litigation,” panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Conference, “Advanced Issues in Immigration,” Oct. 21, 2016, Indianapolis, IN.

“Exploitation and Trafficking of Low-wage, Itinerant and Short-term Workers,” panel presentation at “The Modern-Day American Worker: Using Immigration and Labor Laws to Remedy Worker Exploitation,” Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, March 22, 2016.

“LGBT or Q? Prove It: Bias in the Adjudication of Immigration Claims Based on Sexual Orientation,” Panel Presentation at the LGBT Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Aug. 6, 2015.

“Removal Orders without the Right to a Full Immigration Court Hearing: Strategies for Challenging the Orders and Considerations for Administrative Relief,” panel presentation at the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2015 Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, March 9, 2015.

“International Social Justice: An Exploration of Immigration Policy and International Human Rights Law,” panel presentation at the 2015 Norman Amaker Public Interest Law & Social Justice Retreat, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Feb. 27, 2015.

“The New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, the Chicago Area Landscape, and Challenges and Opportunities for Local Changes,” panel presentation at the Chicago Immigration Court Working Group Symposium: “Is Chicago Ready for Change? Exploring New Models for Immigration Court and Access to Counsel for Immigrants,” Chicago, IL, Nov. 3, 2014.

“Remedies for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children,” Presentation to the Chicago Bar Association, Human Rights Committee, Chicago, IL, Aug. 26, 2014.

“Challenging Charges in the Notice to Appear,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2014.

“Game On: Day of Trial,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Litigation Workshop, Chicago, IL, Nov. 14, 2013.

“The Civil Rights Implications of Immigration Reform as It Relates to Immigration Court,” Testimony before the Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, DePaul College of Law, Chicago, IL, Sept. 23, 2013.

“A Public Forum: Immigration Court Reform: Part of Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” panel discussion sponsored by the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice and Casa Aztlán at the Lozano Library, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013.

“Children’s Asylum Cases,” Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Legal Orientation Program for Custodians of Unaccompanied Children (LOPC) Conference: “Update on Substantive Relief Available to Children in Removal Proceedings and Impact of Criminal Issues on That Relief,” Washington, DC, May 5, 2011.

“Silence Is No Longer Golden: *Padilla v. Kentucky* and the Duty of Criminal Defense Attorneys to Advise their Clients about the Immigration Consequences of Convictions,” panel discussion at Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee, WI, June 18, 2010.

“You Can’t Do That Here: Different Results in Different Venues,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2009.

“Federal Court Updates,” panel discussion at American Immigration Lawyers’ Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2009.

“Stipulated Orders of Removal—Not Giving Up the Right to Defend Against Deportation,” panel discussion at the DePaul University conference, “Responding to ICE Enforcement: Strategies for Community and Legal Advocates,” Chicago, IL, March 24, 2009.

## **LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE FDN. OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO** Sept. 2004-July 2010  
*Senior Attorney, Chicago, IL*  
Represented detained immigrants, asylum applicants, trafficking victims, and survivors of gender-related crimes and domestic violence in cases in state, federal, and administrative courts.

**OFFICE OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER** Nov. 2003-Aug. 2004  
*Assistant Defender, Chicago, IL*  
Represented indigent criminal defendants in state court appeals.

**SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW** Sept. 2002-Oct. 2003

*Staff Attorney*, Chicago, IL

Represented indigent persons a civil rights litigation and engaged in state-level policy work.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE FDN. OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

Aug.2000-Aug.2002

*Staff Attorney*, Chicago, IL

Litigated civil actions on behalf of indigent persons in the areas of housing, employment, and family law and won jury trials and a state court appeal.

**SELECTED LITIGATION**

*Margulis v. Holder*, 725 F.3d 785 (7th Cir. 2013)

*Bayo v. Napolitano*, 593 F.3d 495 (7th Cir. 2010) (en banc) (amicus brief)

*Hussain v. Mukasey*, 518 F.3d 534 (7th Cir. 2008) (argued)

*Cesar v. Achim*, 542 F. Supp. 2d 897 (E.D. Wis. 2008)

*Hussain v. Mukasey*, 510 F.3d 739 (7th Cir. 2007)

*Gutierrez-Almazan v. Holder*, 491 F.3d 341 (7th Cir. 2007) (argued)

*Fonseca-Sanchez v. Gonzales*, 484 F.3d 439 (7th Cir. 2007) (argued)

*Aceves-Santos v. Sedlock*, No. 08 CV 4550, 2008 WL 5101348 (N.D. Ill. Dec. 2, 2008)

*Pasha v. Gonzales*, 433 F.3d 530 (7th Cir. 2005) (argued)

*Wallace v. Chicago Housing Authority*, 321 F. Supp. 2d 968 (N.D. Ill. 2004)

**SERVICE**

*University and Law School Service:*

Presidential Commission for an Inclusive Valparaiso Community, Co-Chair-2017-Present, Member 2016-present

Career Planning Committee, 2013-present

Fellowship Selection Committee, Poverty Law Fellow, 2015-present

Summer Public Interest Stipend Committee, 2015-present

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2013-present

Facilitator, Strategic Planning Process, 2017

Clinic Long Range Planning Task Force, 2015-16

Task Force on the Future of the Law School, 2015-16

Student Evaluation Task Force, Chair, 2013-14

*Other Service to the Legal Academy and Profession*

Planning Committee, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Miami, FL, June 11-12, 2015

Planning Committee, Chicago Immigration Court Working Group Symposium: “Is Chicago Ready for Change? Exploring New Models for Immigration Court and Access to Counsel for Immigrants,” Chicago, IL, Nov. 3, 2014

**MEDIA**

Quoted in Olivia Covington, *Bill prohibiting sanctuary campuses moves to Indiana House*, Indiana Lawyer, March 1, 2017.

Quoted in *State immigration lawyers say clients fearful amid Trump orders*, Indiana Lawyer, Feb. 8, 2017.

Quoted in Amy Lavalley, *International students at Valpo advised staying put best course*, Post-Tribune, Feb. 3, 2017.

Discussed in *Valparaiso University students urged not to leave US*, NW Indiana Times, Feb. 2, 2017

Discussed in *Editorial: Law Clinic Embodies U.S. Ideals in Handling Asylum Case*, NW Indiana Times, July 14, 2016

Discussed in Susan Emery, *VU Clinic Helps Woman Win Fight for Asylum*, NW Indiana Times, July 11, 2016

Quoted in Susan Emery, *VU Law Students Win Asylum for Eritrean Man*, NW Indiana Times, Oct. 11, 2015

Quoted in Jonah Newman, *Finding a Lawyer a Huge Obstacle for Asylum Seekers in Chicago*, Chicago Reporter, May 20, 2015

Geoffrey Heeren, *State Wrong to Sue Over President's Immigration Order*, Indiana Star, Dec. 9, 2014

Quoted in Marilyn Odendahl, *Law Students Provide Vital Help to Immigrants*, Indiana Lawyer, April 24, 2013

Quoted in Oscar Avila, *Fleeing Violence, Seeking Asylum in Midwest*, Chicago Tribune, May 10, 2010

Quoted in Stacie Williams, *One Strike, You're Out*, Chicago Reporter, Sept. 27, 2007

Geoffrey Heeren, *McHenry Jail Not "Cozy,"* Op-Ed, Chicago Sun-Times, June 25, 2007

Interviewed for *Groups File Federal Suit on Behalf of Pakistani*, NBC News, Milwaukee, March 20, 2007

Geoffrey Heeren and Lisa Palumbo, *Immigration Bill Courting Disaster*, Op-Ed, Chicago Sun-Times, April 20, 2005

## **BAR AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Bar Admissions: Illinois and Indiana State Bar, United States Supreme Court, Fourth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, Northern District of Illinois (General and Trial Bar), and Eastern District of Wisconsin

American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Chicago Immigration Court Working Group  
Chicago Appleseed Foundation, Immigration Court Reform Advisory Committee

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Clinical Legal Education  
Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)  
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild  
Chicago Council of Lawyers, Board of Governors (2009-10)

**LANGUAGES**

Highly proficient in Spanish