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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law – Legal Practice, August 2024 – Present

Teaching: Legal Practice: Research & Writing; Legal Practice: Interviewing, Counseling, & Advocacy; Legal Practice: Negotiation

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Clinical Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic, July 2022 – July 2024

Co-taught the Immigrant Rights Clinic, a clinic focused on the representation of noncitizens in immigration court and administrative appeals. Cases involved the intersection of criminal and immigration law and the scope of humanitarian protection. Co-supervised students for trial for two clients with transgender woman asylum claims, which resulted in grants of asylum. I supervised students who successfully secured the return of two deported veterans to the United States, both of whom were able to get their lawful permanent resident status reinstated. Worked with students to help a veteran obtain a pardon in North Carolina, in collaboration with the Wrongful Convictions Clinic, to restore eligibility for naturalization.

Supervising Attorney, DACA Renewal Project, July 2022 – July 2024

Trained and supervised 10 student volunteers per academic year in the representation of DACA renewal applicants referred by nonprofit partners. Project started with El Centro Hispano and grew with new partnerships with Legal Aid of North Carolina and Justice Matters under my supervision.

Supervising Attorney, Afghan Asylum Project, Jan. 2023 – June 2024

Trained and supervised 30+ student volunteers per academic year in the limited representation of Afghan asylum applicants.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor, December 2014

Honors: University of Michigan Law School Dean’s Scholarship Recipient 2012-2014
Asylum and Refugee Law Fellow 2014

Activities: *Co-Chair*, Legal Alternative Winter (LAW) Breaks
Contributing Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*
Student Attorney, Human Trafficking Clinic
Student Attorney, Juvenile Justice Clinic

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Hispanic Studies, May 2011

Honors: William Orr. Dingwall Foundation Korean Ancestry Grant Recipient 2010-2011
Columbia Alumni Association of Southern California Scholarship Recipient 2010
U.S. Department of State Critical Language (Korean) Scholarship Recipient 2009

Activities: *Study Abroad Student*, University of London's School of Oriental & African Studies, London, UK and the University of Carlos III, Madrid, Spain
Program Co-Coordinator, Columbia University's Visiting Student Program
Bibliographic Assistant, Columbia Law School's Law Library
Member, Columbia Korean Student Association Culture Show's Public Relations Committee
Participant, Hillel & Office of Multicultural Affairs Alternative Spring Break to New Orleans, LA after Hurricane Katrina

SELECT OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

CAIR Coalition, Immigration Impact Lab, Washington, DC

Managing Attorney, Feb. 2021 – July 2022

Senior Attorney, Sept. 2019 – Jan. 2021

Staff Attorney, Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2019

1. Appeals:

- Represented detained noncitizens on fear-based relief impact appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and petitions for review before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Co-counseled and co-argued *Gordon v. Barr*, 965 F.3d 252 (4th Cir. 2020) before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which reiterated the categorical approach used to ascertain the immigration consequences of criminal convictions in the Fourth Circuit.
- Coordinated and filed several amicus briefs to circuit courts and immigration agencies.

2. Habeas Corpus:

- Led case development for and co-counseled *Miranda v. Barr*, 463 F.Supp.3d 632 (D. Md. 2020), a class action in which a preliminary injunction was granted ordering the government to bear the burden to justify detention and the immigration judge to consider ability to pay and alternative conditions to detention in immigration bond proceedings held in the District of Maryland; Co-counseled the appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Argued for and obtained a preliminary injunction in *J.M.G. v. Hayes*, No. 5:19-cv-00051 (W.D. Va. July 19, 2019) for the return of an unaccompanied minor to the jurisdiction of their case on the merits and step-down to the least restrictive setting in the child's best interest.

3. Program Administration:

- Developed, implemented, and managed a BIA appeals referrals process and attorney training program for CAIR Coalition's Detained Adult Program.
- Trained and provided consultations to the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission's *Padilla* attorney and court-appointed defense attorneys on immigration consequences of criminal convictions.
- Developed and created the child habeas pipeline and toolkit on advocacy and litigation to secure the reunification or step-down of unaccompanied minors in prolonged Office of Refugee Resettlement custody (resources have been used for a national Vera Institute of Justice training).
- Mentored attorneys and interns on habeas petitions, bond hearings, and appeals.
- Served as a member of the Staff Services, Intern Hiring, and Fun Committees.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice of Southern California, Citizenship Project,
Los Angeles, CA

Staff Attorney, June 2017 – Nov. 2018

- Helped naturalize over 54 individuals, including individuals with criminal records and complex immigration histories, and had 59 additional applications submitted to USCIS and awaiting interview at the time of resignation.
- Provided immigration consultations to Koreatown residents in partnership with the Los Angeles Public Library and Artesia residents in partnership with the South Asian Network.
- Conducted naturalization training for pro bono attorneys and volunteers.

Church World Service, Immigration and Refugee Program, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, Nov. 2016 – Mar. 2017

Represented individuals on their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, green card renewal, asylum, and adjustment of status applications.

Kings County District Attorney’s Office, Brooklyn, NY

Assistant District Attorney, Sept. 2015 – Oct. 2016

Drafted complaints, conducted arraignment, and managed domestic violence cases to disposition.

PUBLICATIONS

Rescuing Noncitizen Veterans from the “Deconstitutionalized Zone,” 21 STAN. J. C.R. & C.L. (forthcoming, spring 2025)

Other:

BIA Appeals Training Syllabus, CAIR Coalition, Apr. 18, 2022

Brief for Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition et. al. as Amici Curiae Supporting Respondent, *Matter of B-Z-R-*, 28 I&N Dec. 424 (A.G. 2021) (providing immigration practitioners’ perspective on behalf of 13 nonprofit organizations on the exclusion of mental health evidence in “particularly serious crime” determinations) (co-authored)

Child Habeas Petition Manual, CAIR Coalition, Jan. 28, 2021 (co-authored)

Virginia Firearms Offenses and the Categorical Approach in the Fourth Circuit under Gordon v. Barr, July 30, 2021 (co-authored)

Dubon Miranda v. Barr Practice Advisory, caircoalition.org, Aug. 3, 2020 (co-authored)

PRESENTATIONS

American Association of Law Schools 2024 Conference on Clinical Legal Education
“Unfinished Arcs: Resistance & Resilience Amid Backlash,” St. Louis, MO, May 2024
Presenter, “It’s the Hard Knock Life”: Leveraging the Self while Navigating the Fellowship and Teaching Market Process as a WOC (Womxn of Color)

American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2024

Presenter, Rescuing Noncitizen Veterans from the “Zone of Death” at “New Voices in Immigration Law” session

Students United for Immigrant Equality, Chapel Hill, NC, Nov. 2023
Presenter, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Panel

Southern Clinical Conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2023
Panelist, Enlisting Veteran Rights to Reimagine Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice

American Association of Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2023

Panelist, Using Law Students to Expand Pro Se Access

AILA DC Chapter Fall 2019 Conference, Rockville, MD, Nov. 2019
Speaker, Updates from the Fourth Circuit, Attorney General, and BIA

CAIR Coalition and Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Charlotte, NC, May 2019
Speaker, Appeals to the BIA

Humboldt University: The State of the Research in Forced Migration and Information from a Global Perspective, College Park, MD, Mar. 2019

Panelist, Prolonged Detention, Habeas and Public Engagement of Immigration Detention

Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, Richmond, VA, Mar. 2019
Speaker, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Certification Training

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal Research & Writing, Clinical Teaching, Experiential Learning, Immigration Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law

SERVICE

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Supervising Attorney, El Centro Hispano Naturalization Workshop, Mar. 2024; Sept. 2023
Supervised law students in helping noncitizens with their naturalization applications.

Supervising Attorney, Duke Immigrant & Refugee Project Spring Break Trip, Mar. 2024
Supervised law students on screenings as well as parole applications and bond motions for noncitizens detained in Lumpkin, GA

Lecturer, Duke Immigrant Stories Lab: Sharing Our Stories, Part II, Nov. 2023
Describing the history of Middle Eastern, North African, South Asian, and Muslim immigration in the United States, and current immigration issues affecting those communities.

Judge, Dean’s Cup, Nov. 2023; Feb. 2023

Speaker, Government and Public Service Society: Lawyering for Racial Justice, Aug. 2023

Judge, Hardt Cup, Mar. 2023

Speaker, Duke Immigrant and Refugee Project Career Digest: A Conversation with Jenny Kim,
Nov. 2022

Seminar Facilitator, Professional Development: Pro Bono and the Service Profession, Oct. 2022

Duke University, Durham, NC

Judge, Duke Mock Trial Tobacco Road Invitational, Nov. 2023

Deported Veterans Coalition, Nationwide

Member, Aug. 2022 – Present

Participate in advocacy efforts and information exchange to support noncitizen veterans.

Parole Preparation Project, New York, NY

Volunteer, Apr. 2022 – Oct. 2022

Represented an individual on an appeal of a parole denial before the New York State Board of Parole.

Little Lights, Washington, DC

Volunteer Tutor, Oct. 2021 – July 2022

Tutored and provided support on the college admissions process to high school students in a public housing community in Washington, DC.

Hamkae Center (formerly NAKASEC), Annandale, VA

Volunteer, Sept. 2019 – Dec. 2021

People Power Awardee, 2021

Provided legal review of naturalization applications for individuals in Virginia.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Korean and Spanish