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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Associate Professor of Law

Assistant Professor of Law

Des Moines, Iowa

July 2024 – Present

July 2021 – June 2024

- Direct the Children’s Rights Clinic, where student attorneys under my supervision provide client-centered legal representation for children in the areas of juvenile delinquency, child welfare, special education, minor guardianship, emancipation, LGBTQIA+ rights, and immigration. Responsibilities include teaching a weekly juvenile law and skills seminar, curriculum design, supervision of students in litigation and project work, docket selection, student recruitment, and community engagement.
- Direct the Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children’s Rights and provide local and statewide training and advocacy to improve the procedures, laws, and legal representation for children.
- Faculty advisor for OUTlaws, the Youth Justice Society, and the juvenile law internship program.
- Serve on law school faculty committees (Admissions AY25-26, Appointments AY24-25, Curriculum AY23-24 & AY21-22, and DEI AY22-23), the Drake Law Women’s Emergency Fund Committee, the Public Interest Summer Stipend Committee, and the University Mentorship Cohort.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Baltimore, Maryland

July 2020 – May 2021

- Directed the Bronfein Family Law Clinic, supervising and teaching student attorneys in the clinic.
- Trained, mentored, and supervised a new Family Law Clinic Teaching Fellow.
- Co-taught a weekly clinic seminar, including classes on family law, domestic violence, evidence, civil procedure, professional responsibility, trial advocacy, client-centered interviewing, counseling, cross-cultural lawyering, collaboration, case theory, fact investigation, narrative, and movement lawyering.
- Redesigned the clinic seminar, altered the docket, and modified student supervision techniques to employ best practices in online teaching pedagogy and legal representation during the pandemic.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

Immigrant Rights Clinic, Clinical Teaching Fellow

Baltimore, Maryland

July 2017 – June 2020

- Directed the Immigrant Rights Clinic during the spring 2018 semester while the Director was on leave and in the spring 2020 semester while the Director was on sabbatical. Responsibilities included syllabus design, teaching the weekly seminar, docket selection, supervision of students, maintaining relationships with community partners, and converting to a remote clinic due to the pandemic.

- Developed and launched a new medical-legal partnership with Johns Hopkins Hospital, where I directed a weekly immigration clinic. Collaborated with doctors, nurses, and social workers on services to better address health-harming social needs of the local immigrant population.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

IMMIGRANT DEFENDERS LAW CENTER

Managing Attorney

Los Angeles, California
November 2015 – June 2017

- Co-managed one of the largest U.S. immigrant children's representation programs, which provided direct legal services to more than 500 children each year, including refugees, unaccompanied minors, and foster youth.
- Represented clients in the California Supreme Court, Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, California Courts of Appeal, family court, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in their immigration and related family law matters. This work included adversarial trials, brief writing, motion practice, negotiation, and oral argument.
- Acted as a consultant to the California Legislature and Judicial Council in crafting state court procedures for handling Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) findings, including drafting the legislative history for Assembly Bill 1603 (2015-2016).
- Conducted national, statewide and local trainings on children's immigration issues with a focus on SIJS and asylum.

PUBLIC COUNSEL

Staff Attorney

Los Angeles, California
November 2014 – November 2015

- Defended unaccompanied minors in Immigration Court and represented them in their asylum, U Visa, T Visa and SIJS applications.
- Trained and mentored pro bono attorneys and members of the Southern California SIJS collaborative on SIJS petitions in family court and probate court.
- Practiced trauma-informed lawyering and collaborated with therapists, social workers, and educators.

IMMIGRATION CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Staff Attorney

Los Angeles, California
April 2013 – November 2014

- Enabled low-income survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other serious crimes to stabilize their immigration status through representation in U Visa, T Visa, and VAWA applications.
- Engaged in coalition-building to expand and improve access to legal services for immigrants.

PUBLIC LAW CENTER

Legal Fellow

Santa Ana, California
August 2012 – April 2013

- Represented low-income clients in applications for immigration relief including U Visa, VAWA, SIJS, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

- Served as a member of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force and travelled throughout Southern California providing trainings on T Visas to law enforcement agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- Organized and directed “know your rights” presentations and pro se citizenship and DACA clinics.
- Conducted intakes and legal orientations to detained immigrants at the James A. Musick Facility.
- Supervised a pro se Guardianship Clinic at the Orange County Superior Court.

BAR ADMISSION & EDUCATION

STATE BAR OF IOWA (2021)

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA (2012), Inactive Status as of 2023

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, conferred *cum laude* May 2012

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, New York

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, conferred May 2008

PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

- *Law Clinics as CIS Space*, co-authored with Rosemary Adams (work-in-progress).
- *Accommodating Childhood in Immigration Removal Proceedings* (forthcoming in the University of Illinois Law Review).
- Nickole Miller, Letter to the Editor, *Bill puts trans Iowans at risk of harm.*, THE DES MOINES REGISTER, Feb. 24, 2025, available at <https://perma.cc/SF4B-P8WE>.
- *Fearless Children’s Lawyer Award*, American Bar Association (Feb. 2023).
- Nickole Miller, Op-Ed, *Trump’s new rules against asylum seekers are dire. They must be challenged.*, THE WASH. POST, June 19, 2020, available at <https://perma.cc/7KBE-8SMP>.
- Nickole Miller, Op-Ed, *Ending family separation is not enough; stop detaining families indefinitely.*, THE BALTIMORE SUN, June 22, 2018, at News 13, available at <https://perma.cc/V84Z-7ERG>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

- Organizer and Facilitator, Midwest Clinicians Summer Writing Workshop (May 22, 2025).
- Panelist, *Best Practices in Supporting our LGBTQI+ Students*, AALS Clinical Conference (April 28, 2025).
- Co-Chair, *CLEA New Clinicians Conference*, University of Baltimore School of Law (April 26, 2025).
- Co-Presenter, *Law Clinics as CIS Space*, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians Writing Workshop (April 18, 2025).

- Presenter, *Immigration Updates & Juvenile Court*, Fifth District Juvenile Court Services (March 4, 2025).
- Facilitator, *Student Supervision*, Iowa Clinicians Pedagogy Workshop (Feb. 28, 2025).
- Presenter, *New Voices in Immigration Law*, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 11, 2025).
- Co-Presenter, *Juvenile Delinquency 101*, Iowa State Bar Association (Nov. 25, 2024).
- Panelist, *How Clinics Can Support LGBTQ+ Clients and Students*, Midwest Clinical Conference (Nov. 7, 2024).
- Co-Presenter, *Immigration Issues in Child Welfare Cases*, 2024 Juvenile Judges Conference (Sept. 13, 2024).
- Co-Presenter, *ABA 303(b)(2) and the Role of Clinicians*, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2, 2023).
- Co-Presenter, *U Visa 101 for Juvenile Court Professionals*, Cohen Juvenile Practice Series (April 18, 2024).
- Panelist, *Children's Rights & Voices in the Era of Parents' Rights*, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2024).
- Panelist, *How to be a Good Client-Centered Attorney*, ISBA Family Law Seminar (Oct. 27, 2023).
- Presenter, *Accommodating Childhood in Immigration Removal Proceedings*, NYU Clinical Law Review Workshop (Oct. 14, 2023).
- Panelist, *Exploring Models of Clinic Coverage to Support Scholarship, Professional Development, and Sustainability*, Midwest Clinical Law Conference (Oct. 20, 2023).
- Presenter, *Accommodating Childhood in Immigration Removal Proceedings*, Works-in-Progress Convening in Chicago, IL sponsored by the AALS Sections on Education Law & Children and the Law (Sept. 22, 2023).
- Presenter, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Juvenile Court*, Public Defenders Association of Iowa Conference (June 22, 2023).
- Panelist, *Using an Interpreter in Juvenile and Family Law Proceedings*, 2023 ISBA Annual Meeting (June 22, 2023).
- Co-presenter, *Resiliency Workshop for Vicarious Trauma & Burnout*, 2023 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 28, 2023).
- Co-presenter, *Delinquency Waivers*, ISBA Juvenile Law Seminar (April 13, 2023).
- Panelist, *Integration of Equity with Court Partners*, Iowa Dept. of Health and Human Services' Annual Learning Session on Reducing Disproportionality & Disparate Outcomes for Children & Families of Color (Nov. 3, 2022).
- Co-presenter, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Family and Juvenile Law Cases*, ISBA Family Law Seminar (Oct. 20, 2022).
- Co-Presenter, *Cultural Humility*, 2022 Iowa Magistrate Conference (June 16, 2022).
- Facilitator, *Workshop for New Law School Clinical Teachers*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 9, 2022).

- Co-presenter, *Immigration Red Flags and Remedies for Non-Citizen Youth*, Model Court and the Office of the State Public Defender (March 17, 2022).
- Moderator, *Iowa Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Task Force Summit* (Jan. 26, 2022).
- Presenter, *Immigration Issues*, 4 Our Kids Conference (Oct. 22, 2021).
- Co-Presenter, *LGBTQ Youth in Juvenile Court*, Office of the Iowa State Public Defender and the Polk County Model Court (Sept. 23, 2021).
- Presenter, *Making Educational Videos*, webinar for the experiential education community (Aug. 2020).
- Presenter, *Meet Them Where They Are: A Medical-Legal Partnership in the Age of Trump*, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, BYU Law School (June 7, 2019).
- Panelist, *Gumming Up the Wheels of Injustice*, AALS Conference on Clinical Education, San Francisco, California (May 6, 2019).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Treasurer, Clinical Legal Education Association (July 2025 – Present).
- Member, Iowa Supreme Court Task Force on Expedited Appeals in Termination of Parental Rights and Children in Need of Assistance Cases (June 2024 – Present).
- Member, North Central Regional Board of the Gault Center (January 2024 – Present).
- Member, Iowa Task Force for Young Women, Iowa Department of Human Rights (January 2022 – Present).
- Member, Juvenile Law Committee, Iowa State Bar Association (January 2022 – Present).
- Member, Advisory Council, Iowa Children’s Justice (August 2021 – Present).
- Board Member, Cohen Juvenile Practice Services (August 2021 – Present).
- Member, New Clinicians Committee, Clinical Legal Education Association (October 2017 – Present).
- Member, Newsletter Committee, Clinical Legal Education Association (October 2019 – Present).
- Board Member, Clinical Legal Education Association (July 2024 – July 2025).
- Member, Iowa Supreme Court Task Force on Remote Proceedings (March 2023 – December 2023).
- Faculty Member, Iowa Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Task Force (January 2022 – December 2022).