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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego, California

Associate Dean of Experiential Education, July 2026 – Present

Professor of Law, July 2026 – Present

Executive Director, Innocence & Justice Clinic, July 2024 – Present

Associate Professor of Law, July 2024 – June 2026

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Associate Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction, August 2022 – June 2024

Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction, August 2019 – July 2022

Director, Criminal Defense Clinic, August 2019 – June 2024

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: *Order of the Coif*

Vanderbilt Medal – awarded for outstanding contributions to the law school

Hays Fellow – awarded for legal ability and commitment to civil liberties

N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change – *Student Article Development Editor*

Activities: *Public Interest Law Foundation*, Co-Chair

OutLaw LGBT Students Association, Co-Chair

Prof. Helen Hershkoff, Research & Teaching Assistant

Juvenile Defender Clinic

Internships: *Legal Aid Society – Juvenile Rights Practice, Bronx & New York, New York*

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, New York, New York

Bronx Defenders – Family Defense Practice, Bronx, New York

Urban Justice Center – Peter Cicchino Youth Project, New York, New York

Advocates for Children, New York, New York

Make the Road, Brooklyn, New York

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE, New York, New York

M.A. in English Teaching, May 2003

Honors: *Columbia Urban Educator*

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, New York

B.A. in English with a concentration in Religion, *magna cum laude*, May 2001

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Teaching, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Justice (including Federal Sentencing), Immigration Law, Juvenile Law, Education Law, Trial Advocacy, Critical Legal Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Able-ism and the Innocence Pipeline (early-stage project).

Outsider Prosecutions (work in progress).

Lone Star Lessons, 40 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 104 (2025).

Violent Images in Legal Education, in HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR TRAUMA AND EMOTIONS IN LEGAL TEACHING (Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd.) (2024).

Alienating Criminal Procedure, 37 GEO. IMMIGR. L. J. 237 (2023).

Paying for a Clean Record, 112 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 439 (2022).

- Reviewed by Jessica M. Eaglin, *Costly Criminal Relief*, JOTWELL (Dec. 6, 2023), <https://crim.jotwell.com/costly-criminal-record-relief/>

Pretrial Release for Non-U.S. Citizen Clients: One Front of the War for Racial Justice, THE CHAMPION 16 (Jul. 2021) (with James M. Chavez).

Violent Videos: Criminal Defense in a Digital Age, 37 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 305 (2021).

- Selected as a “Must Read” article by the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys’ Getting Scholarship into Courts Project.

Coordinating Community Re-entry Services for “Deportable Alien” Defendants: A Moral and Financial Imperative, 70 FLA. L. REV. 1019 (2018).

Chapter 1: The Bail Reform Act, DEFENDING A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE, 2016 Ed. (2016).

Using Laws Designed to Protect as a Weapon: Prosecuting Minors under Child Pornography Laws, 34 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 299 (2010) (cited in *United States v. C.R.*, 792 F. Supp. 2d 343, 510 (E.D.N.Y. 2011)).

EXPERIENCE

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, San Francisco, California
Attorney, Criminal Justice Services, March 2018 – June 2019

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, San Jose & Morgan Hill, California
Deputy Public Defender, July 2016 – March 2018

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC., San Diego, California
Trial Attorney, October 2009 – July 2016

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, New York, New York
Math & English Teacher, July 2001– June 2006

PRESENTATIONS

Outsider Prosecutions, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress series, June 16, 2026 (presenter)

Is Sharing Caring?: The Ethics of Sharing our Clinic Stories, 2026 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Portland, OR, May 2, 2026 (with Courtney Cross, Nicole Godfrey, Allyson Gold, and Nicole Smith Futrell)

Data and Wrongful Convictions, Prof. Prashant Bharadwaj's Detecting Discrimination in Data Class, University of California at San Diego, Apr. 28, 2026 (guest lecturer)

Innocence Work as a Catalyst for Change, March 25, 2026, California Western School of Law (with Ty Alper and Alexis Hoag-Fordjour)

Outsider Prosecutions, ABA-AALS Criminal Justice Academic Workshop, December 5, 2025 (presenter)

Lone Star Lessons, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory ("LatCrit") Biennial Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 18, 2025 (presenter)

Disability and Mental Health in Criminal Law, Prof. Kelly Bruhn's Disability Law Class, California Western School of Law, Oct. 7, 2025 (guest lecturer)

How to Avoid Burnout When Working with Violent Videos, 2025 National Association for Public Defense (NAPD) Rise. Resist. Represent. Virtual Conference, Mar. 21, 2025 (with Kevin McGee, Jamie Connolly)

How to Account for Trauma and Emotions in Legal Teaching, 2025 AALS Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 8, 2025 (with Lindsay M. Harris, Mallika Kaur, Sarah H. Paoletti, Nicole Tuchinda)

Exploring Options in Criminal Law, California Western School of Law, Career and Professional Development Office, Oct. 15, 2024 (panelist)

Outsider Prosecutions, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, New York, New York, Sept. 28, 2024 (presenter)

Strangers in a Strange Land: Place as an Element of Clinic Design, 2024 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, St. Louis, MO, May 2, 2024 (with Eric Amarante, Elana Fogel & Chris Roberts)

Lone Star Lessons, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, New York, New York, October 14, 2023 (presenter)

Lone Star Lessons, Emerging Immigration Scholars, UCLA Center for Migration Studies, Los Angeles, California, October 7, 2023 (presenter)

The Role of LGBTQ Law Professors and Allies in the South, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, 2022 Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, July 23, 2023 (moderator)

Lone Star Lessons, CrimFest, Brooklyn Law School, New York, New York, July 18, 2023 (presenter)

Outsider Prosecutions, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress series, July 6, 2023 (presenter)

Outsider Prosecutions, Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA, May 23, 2023 (presenter)

Leveraging Best Practices from the Clinical Teaching Market to Further Clinical Legal Education, 2023 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA, April 28, 2023 (with Jenny Roberts, Alicia Plerhoples, Lula Hagos, and Edward De Barbieri)

Constitutionally Adequate Counseling after Padilla, Prof. Shalini Ray's Immigration Law Class, University of Alabama School of Law, March 8, 2023 (guest lecturer)

The Role of the Defense Attorney, Prof. Jennifer Cox's Law & Inequality Course, University of Alabama Department of Psychology, February 22, 2023 (guest lecturer)

Operation Lone Star, ABA-AALS-Academy for Justice Workshop, December 2, 2022 (presenter)

Operation Lone Star, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, New York, New York, October 8, 2022 (presenter)

Barriers to Women's Health Care, IGNITE National UA, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 22, 2022 (panelist)

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, 2022 Conference, Miramar Beach, Florida, July 27, 2022 (presenter)

Operation Lone Star, CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, New York, New York, July 19, 2022 (presenter)

Operation Lone Star, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress series, June 20, 2022 (presenter)

LGBTQ+ Veterans and Intimate Partner Violence, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 17, 2022 (panelist)

Introduction to Criminal Trial Advocacy, University of Alabama School of Law, Summer Scholars Program, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 13, 2022

Leveraging the History of Racism in Written and Oral Advocacy, 2022 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 10, 2022 (with Maneka Sinha, Daniel Harawa, and Vincent Southerland)

Alienating Criminal Procedure, 2022 Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, April 22, 2022 (presenter)

UA Law Clinics Information Session, University of Alabama Counseling Center, March 23, 2022 (with Kayleigh Furr)

Constitutionally Adequate Counseling after Padilla, Prof. Shalini Ray's Immigration Law Class, University of Alabama School of Law, March 3, 2022 (guest lecturer)

Medical Compassionate Release: What's Working and What's Not, Second Chances Symposium, University of Chicago School of Law, February 17, 2022 (panelist) ([link](#))

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Criminal Justice Reform Workshop Series, Deason Center, SMU Dedman School of Law, February 3, 2022 ([link](#))

Borderless: Discussing Immigration, Women and Gender Resource Center, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, October 6, 2021 (panelist)

Alienating Criminal Procedure, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, October 2, 2021

Alienating Criminal Procedure, CrimFest, July 19, 2021

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in-Progress series, July 12, 2021 (presenter)

Criminal Justice Reform Panel: A Conversation with Organization on the Ground, Alabama House Democratic Caucus Pro-Growth Policy Conference, June 24, 2021 (panelist)

Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases, Madison County Criminal Bar Association, Hunstville, AL, May 19, 2021 (presenter)

Criminal Legal System and Transgender Rights, OutLaw & Criminal Law Society, University of Alabama School of Law, April 7, 2021 (with Gabriel Arkles)

What Do You Do When the Man's Spying on You: The Intersection of Government Surveillance and Legal Advocacy, Virtual Symposium, *Journal of the Legal Profession*, University of Alabama School of Law, March 26, 2021 (moderator of panel *The Cost of Advocacy: Roadblocks to Representation at the Border*)

The Undocumented Lawyer, University of Alabama School of Law – Office of Diversity and Inclusion, February 3, 2021 (moderator) ([link](#))

The School to Prison Pipeline, Washburn University School of Law - Children and Family Center, Topeka, KS, November 12, 2020 (with Jenny Ryan)

Paying for a Clean Record, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, October 3, 2020 (presenter)

Diversity, Inclusion, and the Law School Community, 1L Orientation, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, August 11, 2020 (with Joshua Porter, Dr. Christine Taylor, and Chenelle Jones)

LGBTQ Clinicians and the Fight for Racial Justice, Virtual Clinical Conference, CLEA/AALS, July 21 & 23, 2020 (with Daniel Harawa)

Viewing Violent Videos, Virtual Clinical Conference, CLEA/AALS, July 21, 2020

Paying for a Clean Record, CrimFest, July 13, 2020 (virtual)

Representing “Illegal People,” University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 11, 2020

Paths to Public Defense, Public Interest Student Board, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 6, 2020

Navigating the Workplace, OutLaw & Career Services Office, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 7, 2019

Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases, Criminal Defense Law, CLE Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 1, 2019

Violent Videos: Criminal Defense in a Digital Age, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer’s Workshop, New York, NY, September 21, 2019

Mental Health Regional Round Tables, Judicial Council of California (with Judge Stephen Manley, Judge James Bianco, Judge Larry Brown, and Hallie Fader-Towe)

- Southern Round Table, Sacramento, CA, May 20, 2019
- Northern Round Table, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, April 5, 2019

Partnering with County Behavioral Health to Serve Justice-Involved Populations, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, February 7, 2019

Serious Mental Health Conditions, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, December 13, 2018

AB 1810 Implementation, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, December 13, 2018 (with Arley Lindberg)

Plugged In: How Drug Courts Can Use Technology to Enhance Treatment, Supervision, and Training, California Association of Collaborative Courts Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA, September 2018 (with Precious Benally)

Taboos in Closing Arguments, Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) Panel Training, San Diego, CA, October 2015 (with Harini Raghupathi)

Challenging Immigration Judge Deportation Orders, CJA Panel Training, San Diego, CA, July 2013 (with Sara Brin)

Litigating 8 U.S.C. § 1326 Cases, CJA Panel Training, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2012 (with Norma Aguilar)

1326(d) Motions (Real or Threatened), CJA Panel Training, San Diego, CA, March 2012 (with Norma Aguilar)

MEDIA

Noelle Harff, *'Promise and peril.' Some San Diego agencies testing AI policing technology*, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB. (Apr. 1, 2026), ([link](#)) (quoted).

Katie Hyson, *California Western School of Law relaunches Innocence and Justice Clinic*, KPBS (Mar. 26, 2026) ([link](#)) (highlighting clinic event).

Andrew J. Campa, *He Was Wrongfully Convicted of Murder. Now L.A. County Will Pay Him \$14 Million*, L.A. TIMES (Jul. 15, 2025) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Alex Riggins, *A San Diego Juror Received an Apparent Spam Text. Could It Upend a Hostage-Taking Murder Verdict?* SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB. (Jun. 1, 2025) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Vaani Chawla & Katelynn Robinson, *California Western School of Law's Innocence Clinic Charts a New Course*, SAN DIEGO LAWYER 20 (May/June 2024) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Teri Figueroa, *San Diego's Powerhouse Innocence Project Closed Its Doors. Here's Who Hopes to Fill the Void*. SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB. (Feb. 27, 2024) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Amy Kimpel, *Op-ed: Legislators Should Vote Against 'Don't Say Gay' Bill to Ban Classroom Discussion of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*, AL.COM (Mar. 31, 2024) ([link](#)).

Ralph Chapoco, *Most States Provide Lawyers for This Critical Death Penalty Appeal. Not Alabama.*, ALA. REFLECTOR (Jan. 1, 2024) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Teri Figueroa, *California Innocence Project Shutting its Doors for Several Months Amid Leadership Void*, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB. (Dec. 2, 2023) ([link](#)) (mentioned).

Ralph Chapoco, *The Fee Trap: Court Costs and Fines Put Burden on Those Least Able to Pay*, ALA. REFLECTOR (Sept. 14, 2023) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Fred Clasen-Kelly, *Frail People Are Left to Die in Prison as Judges Fail to Act on a Law to Free Them*, NPR (Feb. 21, 2023) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Kayode Crown, *Advocates Push for Automated Criminal Record Expungement in Mississippi*, MISS. FREE PRESS (Dec. 15, 2022) ([link](#)) (quoting published work).

Sudiksha Kochi, *Fact Check: False claim that a 12-year-old who gets an abortion in Alabama is jailed for life*, USA TODAY (Oct. 24, 2022) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Emelie Svensson, *Aborter I Alabama - läkare riskerar upp till 99 år i fängelse*, AFTONBLADET (Jul. 10, 2022) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Angelo Fichera, *Post Comparing Abortion, Rape Penalties in Alabama Lacks Context*, AP NEWS (Jun. 29, 2022) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Connor Sheets, *'I Need that Money': Alabama Siphoning Inmates' Stimulus Funds to Pay Fines, Fees, Restitution*, AL.COM (Jun. 5, 2021) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Mark Berman, *Former Prosecutors, Judges Join Push for New Trial in Alabama Death Row Case*, WASH. POST (Mar. 10, 2021) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Safiya Charles, *Many Americans Have Criminal Records, So Why Does Alabama Make It So Hard to Clear Your Name?* MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER (Nov. 12, 2020) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Chelsea Barton, *Mock Trials Help Law Students and Officers Gain New Skills*, WVUA 23 NEWS (Nov. 2, 2020) ([link](#)) (discussing the Criminal Defense Clinic).

Carol Robinson, *Alabama defense lawyers: Release prison inmates most at risk of dying from coronavirus*, AL.COM (Mar. 27, 2020) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Greg Moran, *Prosecutor Slapped for Letting Law License Lapse*, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIB. (Aug. 9, 2013) ([link](#)) (mentioned).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama (inactive), California, Ninth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, Southern District of California, Middle District of Alabama

SERVICE

Board Member, AALS Section on Criminal Procedure, 2026-Present

Advisory Board Member, California Western System Impacted Law Student Association, 2026-Present

Appointments Committee, California Western School of Law, Summer 2026-Present

Faculty Development Committee, California Western School of Law, Summer 2026-Present

Admissions Committee, California Western School of Law, Fall 2024-Summer 2026

Facilitator, Clinician Crew, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, 2021-2023, 2025-Present

Board Member, Redemption Earned, March 2021-June 2024

Faculty Advisor, OutLaw, University of Alabama School of Law, 2020-2024

Faculty Advisor, Criminal Law Society, University of Alabama School of Law, 2020-2024

Faculty Hiring Committee, University of Alabama School of Law, Fall 2021

Clinical Faculty Hiring Committee, University of Alabama School of Law, Fall 2023