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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, *Professor of Law* (2013-Present)

Current Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure
Crimmigration Law Seminar

Previous Courses: Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills I & II
Youth Offender Parole Clinic I & II

EDUCATION

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., 2002

- Graduated from the Epstein Public Interest Law and Policy Program
- Joseph Duff Public Interest Law Award, UCLA School of Law, 2002
- Exceptional Merit Scholarship, California State Bar Foundation, 2001
- LeBoeuf Scholar, 2001; Manuel G. Gonzalez Scholarship, 2000; Lee B. Wenzel Scholarship, 1999

UCLA LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, Master of Social Welfare, 2002

- Specialization in Children, Youth & Families

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, B.A., Sociology, *summa cum laude*, 1997

- *Phi Beta Kappa*; College Honors Program
- Ford Foundation Fellowship awarded through the Center for the Study of Urban Poverty and Public Policy

FELLOWSHIPS

Soros Justice Media Fellowship (2012-2013)

Conducted research for 2019 book *DEPORTED AMERICANS*. Wrote and produced media stories documenting deportation's consequences on children and families. Produced an award-winning three-part radio series for KPBS, a television segment for Univision, and a front-page story for *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish-language newspaper on the West coast.

Fulbright Garcia Robles Fellowship (2009-2010)

Conducted primary research on the creation of a juvenile delinquency system in Oaxaca, Mexico. Published this research in *Punishment v. Restoration: Juvenile Justice in the United States and Mexico*, 20 CARDOZO J. INT'L & COMP. L. 105 (2011).

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (1998-1999)

Attended classes at the *Universidad de Guadalajara* in Mexico.

Ford Foundation Fellowship (1996-1997)

Awarded through UCLA's Center for the Study of Urban Poverty and Public Policy to fund ethnographic research.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles County Office of the Public Defender (2005-2009)

Deputy Public Defender. Provided legal representation to thousands of indigent people charged with crimes. Conducted over twenty trials in adult court. In juvenile court, used expertise in social work to develop mitigating evidence to preserve dependency status and to prevent transfers to adult court.

Venice Community Housing (2001-2005)

Youth Development Director (2004-2005)

Community Youth Services Coordinator (2002-2004); MSW Intern (2001-2002).

Oversaw job training, education, counseling, and advocacy programs for at-risk youth between the ages of five and twenty-five. Spearheaded community organizing campaign to contest the use of gang injunctions.

IMPACTO / Homeboy Industries (1996-1998)

Program Assistant. Worked on program design and implementation in this community-based gang prevention and intervention program. Assisted juveniles in probation camps prepare for release and provided re-entry services.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

DEPORTED AMERICANS, Duke University Press (2019).

- Selected as a Finalist for the PEN/John Galbraith Literary Award for Nonfiction (2021)

Articles

"Care as a Smokescreen" and the Criminalization of Young People, 53 SW L. Rev. 207 (2025).

Reifying Injustice: Using Culturally Specific Tattoos as Markers of Gang Membership, 98 Wash. L. Rev. (2023).

Robert E. Lutz: Paul E. Treusch Professor of Law Emeritus (co-written with Warren Grimes), 28 SW. J. Int'l. L. 273 (2023).

Shifting the Paradigm: An Abolitionist Analysis of the Recent Juvenile Justice Revolution, forthcoming in NEVADA L.J.

The Twice Diminished Culpability of Juvenile Accomplices to Felony Murder, 11 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 905 (2021).

Reflections on the Right to Move Freely Across Borders, 50 SW. L. REV. 359 (2021).

Introduction: Immigration in the Trump Era Symposium, 48 SW. L. REV. 457 (2019).

Deported by Marriage, 82 BROOK. L. REV. 1 (2016).

Reducing Deportation's Harm by Extending Constitutional Protections to Functional Americans, LatCrit Twentieth Anniversary Symposium, 37 WHITTIER L. REV. 355 (2016) (symposium).

Creating Meaningful Opportunities for Release, 40 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 245 (2016).

Miller v. Alabama as a Watershed Procedural Rule: The Case for Retroactivity, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. (2015) (online).

Globalization and Juvenile Life Sentences: Creating Meaningful Opportunities for Release for Juvenile Offenders, JOURNAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (2014) (invited).

Banished for Life: Mandatory Deportation of Juvenile Offenders as Cruel and Unusual Punishment, 34 CARDOZO L. REV. 2261 (2013).

Appealing to Empathy: Counsel's Obligation to Present Mitigating Evidence for Juveniles in Adult Court, 64 MAINE L. REV. 391 (2012) (symposium).

Twenty-Five to Life for Adolescent Mistakes: Juvenile Strikes as Cruel and Unusual Punishment, 46 U.S.F.L. REV. 581 (2012).

Addressing Intersectionality in the Lives of Women in Poverty: Incorporating Core Components of a Social Work Program into Legal Education, 20 AM. U. J. GENDER & SOC. POL'Y & L. 823 (2012) (symposium).

Punishment v. Restoration: Juvenile Justice in the United States and Mexico, 20 CARDOZO J. INT'L & COMP. L. 105 (2011).

"Superpredators" and "Animals": Images in California's Initiative Process (co-authored), 11 JOURNAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 61 (2011).

Criminalizing Day-to-Day Life: A Socio-Legal Critique of Gang Injunctions, 37 AM. J. CRIM. L. 241 (2010).

Latinas' Experiences in Relation to Gangs: Intersectionality of Race, Class, Gender & the State, 1 GEO. J.L. & CRITICAL RACE PERSP. 10 (2010).

SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

What Happens to Children When Their Parents Are Deported, Youth Today (2017)

Dreamers Deported Under Obama Show Possible Future for 800,000, Op-Ed, The Hill (2017).

Probation Camp Alternatives Work Better for Teens, Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (2016).

Excluding 'Criminals' from Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Al Jazeera America (2013)

Juvenile Offenders in the US Deported for Life, Al Jazeera America (2013)

Co-produced award-winning three-part radio series for KPBS, including the following segments:

- *Children Left Behind: Deported Parents, American Kids* (2013).
- *A Revolving Door for Deported Children* (2013).
- *American Children in Mexico Face Educational Challenges* (2013).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, Deported Americans, University of Illinois Re-Entry Program (February 2025)

Panelist, Mental Health Consequences of Deportation, International Association of Law & Mental Health (July 2025)

Panelist, Prison Gang Membership and Parole, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2025)

Designing Digital Escape Rooms, CALI Conference on Distance Education (June 2021)

Commentator, Virtual Workshop on Contemporary Parole Studies (April 2021)

Book talk re. Deported Americans, Lone Star Community College (March 2021)

Presentation re. *Deported Americans*, Southwestern (February 2020)

Panelist, Social Integration and Welfare of Latinx and Immigrant Communities in the Wake of Prop. 187 and Today, UC Davis Law Review Symposium: The Legal and Movement Resistance to Proposition 187 (November 2020)

Keynote speaker, Forum on Race, Borders, and Belonging, California State University, Sacramento (November 2020)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, Occidental College (October 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, Emerson College Exchange Program (August 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, Soros Justice Fellows Conference (July 2019)

“Undocumented Lives on Both Sides of the U.S.-Mexico Border,” City Lights Books, San Francisco (with Ana Minian, Stanford University) (June 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, Vroman’s Bookstore, Pasadena (June 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*. Chevalier’s Books, Los Angeles (with Ingrid Eagly, UCLA School of Law) (May 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs, Latinx Community Conference (April 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, University of New Mexico School of Law, Faculty Colloquium (April 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Portland, Oregon (March 2019)

Book talk re. *Deported Americans*, Pepperdine University, Women in International Studies Series, Malibu, California (February 2019)

“Resisting the Deportation State,” Keynote speaker at UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs, *Latinx Community Conference* (2019).

“Risk Assessments in Criminal Court,” Moderator, American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Portland, Oregon (2019).

“Immigration Federalism: Detention, Sanctuary Cities, and ICE,” Moderator at Southwestern Law Review’s *Immigration in the Trump Era* symposium (2019).

“Exploring the Transnational Consequences of Deportation,” Chair and Panelist, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (2018).

“Resistance and Reforms,” Presenter in Works-in-Progress Session of the Immigration Law Section, AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego (2018).

“Life After Deportation to Mexico,” Presentation at Binational Exchange hosted by *Colegio de la Frontera Norte*, Tijuana Mexico (2017).

“Post-Deportation Life Trajectories,” Panelist on *New Voices in Crimmigration Law* panel, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City (2017).

“Meaningful Opportunities for Release for Youth Offenders,” Speaker at Southwestern Law School (2017).

“Creating Meaningful Opportunities for Release,” Speaker at Faculty Colloquium, LaVerne Law School (2016).

“Closing the Justice Gap for California’s Youth,” Moderator, Southwestern Law School (2016).

“Cash for Kids,” Panelist, Southwestern Law School (2015).

“Building a Research Agenda,” Society of Law Teachers Faculty Development Conference (2015).

“Globalization of Juvenile Justice,” Keynote speaker, University of Central Missouri (2014).

“Recent Developments in Juvenile Justice,” Moderator, Southwestern Law Review Symposium (2014).

“Essential Skills for Representing Youth: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Juvenile Justice,” Global Legal Skills Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica (2012).

“Lessons the Legal Academy Can Draw from Social Work Education,” AALS Annual Meeting (2012).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Admitted to the California Bar (2003-present)

- Peer Reviewer for various publishers and funders, including the Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, University of California Press, Criminology & Public Policy Review, National Science Foundation (NSF)