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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC (IHRC)

Senior Lecturing Fellow & Supervising Attorney (Aug. 2017-May 2020); Clinical Professor of Law (Teaching) & Supervising Attorney (May 2020-present)

- In partnership with the IHRC Director, supervise student fieldwork in Clinic projects on a range of topics and with partners including United Nations agencies, international NGOs, and U.S. based grassroots organizations, plan and teach the Clinic advocacy seminar, run the Human Rights in Practice series that brings speakers in international human rights to the law school, mentor students in academic and career matters, serve as faculty adviser to the Human Rights Pro Bono Program, and otherwise work to expand Duke Law's experiential learning opportunities in international law.
- **Teaching experience:** International Human Rights Clinic (Aug. 2017-present); Advanced International Human Rights Clinic (Aug. 2017-present), Clinical faculty-led readings classes: "Readings in Social Justice: Mass Incarceration" (Spring 2018), "Examining the Opioid Crisis" (Spring 2020), "Reproductive Justice" (Fall 2022).
- **Committees:** Fellowship Selection Committee for Duke Law Post-Graduate Fellowship in Public International Law and International Human Rights; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): Subcommittee to develop DEI Preliminary Strategic Plan (July 2020-Sept. 2020); Committee, Sept. 2020-current (including co-chair, with Professor Lovelace, DEI Committee Strategic Plan Working Group (Spring 2021 semester)).
- **Other:** PIPS (Public Interest and Public Service) and LL.M. mentor; co-leader, monthly clinical faculty teaching meetings (Fall 2018-Fall 2021); faculty adviser, Duke Japanese Law Society.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS (ESCR-NET) Apr. 2016 – July 2017

Women and ESCR Working Group

- Identified, coordinated, and strategically developed collective projects to advance women's economic, social, and cultural rights with a diverse and member-driven Working Group consisting of approximately 60 organizational members in 30 countries ranging from international human rights organizations to social movements and grassroots groups.
- Led collaborative efforts between the Women and ESCR Working Group and other thematic Working Groups to ensure intersectional analysis and approach in all work.
- Maintained regular communication with Working Group members on projects, meetings, and key developments relevant to the Working Group and to the field of women's rights.
- Conducted outreach to strengthen the regional and organizational diversity and effectiveness of the Working Group.
- Organized and facilitated capacity building workshops and strategy meetings on women's economic, social, and cultural rights including in Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Kenya, and Lebanon.
- Supported fundraising activities, including drafting or reviewing proposals and reports and engaging with funders.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, New York, NY

Nov. 2015 – Feb. 2016

Consultant

- Conducted legal research with a focus on regional and international human rights law and drafted a document that contributed to a report arguing that reproductive rights violations can constitute a form of institutional violence as well as torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER, San Francisco, CA

Feb. 2015 – Oct. 2015

Staff Attorney

- Effectively served as interim director, leading day-to-day operation and management and supervising fellows and interns while Executive Director was on leave.
- Researched and drafted materials including manuals and guides on international human rights law for online resource hub.
- Explored opportunities to provide advocacy support and identified partner organizations with whom to collaborate.

Human Rights Consultancies: Mexico City, Mexico (June 2013-Feb. 2015)

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS (OSF), INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nov. 2014 – Feb. 2015

- Conducted research and finalized report on the human rights abuses committed against individuals in drug detention centers in Mexico that contributed to a final OSF report. Held meetings with national NGOs working on this issue.

UNITED STATES HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK

Sept. 2014 – Oct. 2014

- Drafted report for submission to the United Nations Committee against Torture in advance of November 2014 review of the United States, based on approximately fifty shadow letters and reports submitted by individuals, organizations, and coalitions assessing compliance by the United States government with the Convention against Torture.

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROGRAM

Dec. 2013 – Aug. 2014

- Finalized amicus brief to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Drafted report analyzing the extent of El Salvador's compliance with the Protocol of San Salvador. Conducted research and planning for advocacy event on reproductive rights issues with the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, D.C.

GIRE [GRUPO DE INFORMACIÓN EN REPRODUCCIÓN ELEGIDA / GROUP ON INFORMATION ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE]

June 2013 – Sept. 2013; Dec. 2013 – Mar. 2014

- Conducted comparative and international legal research and prepared advocacy memo on access to assisted reproductive technologies for submission to members of the Mexican Congress for advocacy purposes.

CROWLEY PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, LEITNER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW & JUSTICE, FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

Aug. 2011 - May 2013

Crowley Fellow/Adjunct Professor of Law

- Conceptualized, designed, planned, and carried out all logistical and substantive aspects of a fact-finding project to Bolivia to investigate the human rights violations resulting from the excessive and arbitrary use of pretrial detention in contravention of Bolivian and international law and published a report based on findings. (*Please see below under "Selected Human Rights Reports and Submissions"*).
- Taught a seminar to a group of law school students and colleagues in preparation for fact-finding trips to Bolivia. Subsequently, taught a follow-up seminar and developed advocacy strategies based on findings from fact-finding trips.
- Supervised students on independent study projects including the drafting of an amicus brief to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for a case filed by the Center for Reproductive Rights.
- Taught a legal note-writing seminar ("Advanced Topics in Human Rights") to Leitner Center Fellows.
- Administered day-to-day aspects of the Crowley Program, including running a weekly human rights lecture series and advising students seeking human rights internships and employment.

Apr. 2011 – Aug. 2011 (following accident that prevented continued work in Nepal): Consultancies with Center for Reproductive Rights, International Center for Transitional Justice, and Open Society Foundations Public Health Program, Law and Health Initiative

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE [ICTJ], Kathmandu, Nepal

Sept. 2009 – Mar. 2011

Gender and Transitional Justice Associate

- Led all projects under UN Women grant: conducted capacity assessment of women's rights organizations regarding their knowledge of transitional justice and gender; organized "National Hearing on Women's Perspectives on Transitional Justice" and created "Women's Transitional Justice Manifesto" based on views expressed during this hearing to be used in advocacy efforts; led trainings on gender and transitional justice for human rights defenders from districts throughout Nepal; drafted sections of and completed report on gender violations committed during armed conflict; created "messaging" on gender and transitional justice to be disseminated through radio programs, street theater performances, and illustrated book.
- Spearheaded efforts to ensure that gender would be integrated into all aspects of transitional justice mechanisms in Nepal.
- Conducted interviews and research and drafted report regarding children and transitional justice in Nepal.

ICTJ, New York, NY

Sept. 2008 – Aug. 2009; consultancy in Spring 2013

Capacity Building and Communications Coordinator, Gender Justice Program

- Developed materials for internal and external capacity-building activities in conjunction with ICTJ units worldwide to ensure gender integration in their work.
- Developed resources to provide technical assistance on gender and transitional justice issues to in-country, regional, and thematic programs.
- Performed research and writing to analyze transitional justice approaches from a gender perspective.

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROGRAM, New York, NY

Legal Adviser for International Litigation & Advocacy, Sept. 2007 – Aug. 2008; Fellow, Sept. 2005 – Aug. 2007; Legal Intern, Summer 2003

- Developed cases before regional and international fora by drafting legal memoranda, briefs, and other submissions to the CEDAW Committee, the European Court of Human Rights, the Human Rights Committee, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.
- Participated in fact-finding missions to countries including Argentina, Nigeria, and the Philippines.
- Conducted capacity-building trainings (in Bulgaria, India, and South Africa) about how to use regional and international accountability mechanisms to advocate for reproductive rights.
- Oversaw the organization and planning of the International Legal Advisory Committee convening of global human rights experts to discuss litigation and advocacy strategies to advance reproductive rights.
- Conducted legal and policy analyses of international reproductive rights issues.
- Supervised legal interns and legal fellows.

BREAD FOR THE CITY, Washington, D.C.

Sept. 2004 – Aug. 2005

Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow

- Provided legal services to low-income women trying to obtain or maintain child support and public benefits.
- Engaged in education and community outreach to community-based organizations throughout Washington, D.C.
- Designed and led informational presentations and workshops to service providers and clients.
- Participated in efforts aimed at systemic reform to expand access to community economic resources for low-income women and immigrant populations.

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP, New York, NY

July 1999 - July 2001

- *Assistant to the Director: Skadden Fellowship Foundation* (7/00-7/01): Reviewed applications of law school graduates seeking fellowships to pursue public interest law. Participated in meetings with Advisory Committee and Trustees. Helped organize annual symposium of Fellows.
- *Legal Assistant: Antitrust Department* (7/99-7/00): Reviewed client documents for criminal investigations or second requests by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice.
- *Pro Bono*: Drafted brief and attended hearings for political asylum case. Participated in *pro se* divorce workshops and assisted a woman in obtaining a divorce. Recipient, Pro Bono Publico Service Award.

EDUCATION

INSTITUTO CULTURAL OAXACA (Oaxaca, Mexico) & **NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO [UNAM]**,

Mexico City, Mexico

Aug. 2013 and Oct. 2013 – Mar. 2014

Full-time enrollment in Spanish language immersion and writing courses.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW New York, NY

J.D. May 2004

Honors: Post-graduate Tolan Fellowship in Human Rights; Advocate, Crowley Program in International Human Rights; Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law and Ethics; Representative, Stein Council; Chair, Stein International Human Rights Interest Group; Member, Stein Civil Rights Interest Group

Awards: The National Association of Women Lawyers Award for outstanding law graduate; The Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award Magna Cum Laude; The Public Service Student Award

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Legal Research Workshop; Advanced Seminar in Public Interest Lawyering; Constitutional Rights and International Human Rights; Feminist Legal Theory; Gender, Sex and the Law; Immigration Clinic; International Human Rights; Professional Responsibility in Public Interest Law

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE Bryn Mawr, PA

B.A. May 1999

Awards: *cum laude*; English Department Honors; McPherson Scholarship for Excellence for Service to the Community

Activities: Student Government: President (1998-1999), Vice-President (1997-1998). Plenary Board (1995-1997). 'Half-&-Half' Multiracial Organization: Founder and President (1998-1999). Diversity Council (1999). Designated student speaker: "Feminism and Education in a New Millennium" Conference (1999). Appointed Delegate: Seven Sisters Multiculturalism Conference (1996).

SELECTED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AND SUBMISSIONS

- Tamar Ezer, Elizabeth Brundige, Aya Fujimura-Fanselow, and Ryan Thoreson, *Integrating Human Rights in Domestic Clinical Practice*, 30 CLINICAL L. REV. 345 (2023-2024)
- "Catalyzing rights": *Identifying progress in moments of crisis*, OPENGLOBALRIGHTS, Sept. 26, 2023.
- *An Exercise in Doublespeak: Pompeo's Flawed "Unalienable Rights" Commission*, JUST SECURITY, July 29, 2020, co-authored with Jayne Huckerby & Sarah Knuckey.
- *The United States' Human Rights Obligations on Guns & Domestic Violence, Submission to U.N. Human Rights Committee 125th session, in relation to U.S. List of Issues Prior to Reporting (LoIPR)* (2019), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic
- *Fragmented and Unequal, A Justice System that Fails Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in Louisiana, USA*, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (2019), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic "provided additional legal research"
- *Torture Flights: North Carolina's Role in the CIA Rendition and Torture Program*, THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON TORTURE (2018), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic provided "drafting and research assistance"
- *What Happened in North Carolina: The State's Role in U.S. Post-9/11 Rendition and Torture*, JUST SECURITY, Sept. 28, 2018, co-authored with Jayne Huckerby
- *The Truth About Rendition and Torture: An Inquiry in North Carolina*, JUST SECURITY, Dec. 14, 2017 (also appeared as *Why Won't the U.S. Confess that it Tortured People?* NEWSWEEK, Dec. 15, 2017), co-authored with Jayne Huckerby
- *Submission to the Commission on Unalienable Rights* (2020), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic
- *Families in the Crosshairs: A Human Rights Analysis of the Netherlands' National Security Policies* (2020), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic
- Development and launch of Catalyzing Rights, interactive database of more than 200 advancements to human rights made by governments during the COVID-19 pandemic (Summer 2020-ongoing), Duke Law International Human Rights Clinic

Lead or contributing author and/or researcher (prior to Duke University School of Law):

- Amnesty International, *The State as a Catalyst for Violence against Women* (2016)
- Executive Summary of Shadow Report Submissions Compiled by the U.S. Human Rights Network on Behalf of Member and Partner Organizations to the United Nations Committee against Torture (Oct. 2014)
- Aya Fujimura-Fanselow and Elisabeth Wickeri, Special Report, “*We are Left to Rot*”: *Arbitrary and Excessive Pretrial Detention in Bolivia*, 36 *FORDHAM INT’L L.J.* 812 (2013)
- ICTJ, *Through a New Lens: A Child-Sensitive Approach to Transitional Justice* (2011)
- Advocacy Forum and ICTJ, *Across the Lines: The Impact of Nepal’s Conflict on Women* (2010)
- ICTJ, *Awakening: Impact of Nepal’s Conflict on Women (Illustrated)* (2010)
- Center for Reproductive Rights and Women Advocates Resource and Documentation Centre, *Broken Promises: Human Rights, Accountability, and Maternal Death in Nigeria* (2008)
- Likhaan, ReproCen, and the Center for Reproductive Rights, *Imposing Misery: The Impact of Manila’s Contraception Ban on Women and Families* (2007)

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDWORK & CONFERENCES WITH DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

- Brussels: Mar. 2018 & June 2019
- Chile: July 2019
- Denmark: June 2019
- France: June 2019
- Kenya: Aug. & Dec. 2023
- Peru: Oct. 2019
- Slovakia: Mar. 2019
- Switzerland: Mar. & Dec. 2018, Mar. 2022
- Turkey: May 2019
- The Netherlands: Oct. 2017, June 2019, June-July 2022, Apr. 2023, Nov. 2023
- United Kingdom: Mar. 2019, Mar. 2022, & Oct. 2022, Nov. 2023, Mar. 2024

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS WHILE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

- Bolch Judicial Institute of Duke Law School, Introductory Webinar on U.S. Public Interest Law, *Panelist*: “Teaching Advocacy Skills Through Practice,” Durham, NC (June 2024 & August 2024)
- International Human Rights Clinicians’ Conference, *Facilitator*: “Discussion on Town Hall and Hope and Resilience Panel Topics & Breakout Group on Professional Development,” Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (Apr. 2024)
- AALS (Association of American Law Schools) Clinical Legal Education Conference, *Panelist*: “Creative Multimedia Advocacy in Clinical Legal Education,” San Francisco, CA (Apr. 2023)
- International Human Rights Clinicians’ Conference, *Panelist*: “Innovations in Clinical Human Rights Pedagogy and Practice” & *Moderator*: “Anti-Racist and Anti-Colonial Clinical Practice,” University of Virginia; Charlottesville, VA (Mar. 2023)
- AALS (Association of American Law Schools) Clinical Legal Education Conference, *Panelist*: “Advancing Advocacy, Access to Justice, and Learning Objectives Through Technology” (May 2022, virtual)
- Washington and Lee Law Review, 2021-22 Lara D. Gass Symposium, Centering Intersectionality in Human Right Discourse, *Panelist*: “Promoting Intersectionality Through Activism and Coalition” (Mar. 2022, virtual)
- NYU Law Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop, *Presentation of paper*: “Integrating Human Rights in Domestic Clinical Practice” (Oct. 2021, virtual)
- AALS (Association of American Law Schools) Clinical Legal Education Conference, *Co-panelist*: “Human Rights Basics for Clinicians” (Apr. 2021, virtual)
- Duke Law School, *Moderator*: “A Discussion with Dr. Paul Farmer: Equity of Access to Healthcare in the Global South” (Mar. 2021, virtual)
- Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School, *Panelist*: “Pathways to Clinical Teaching” (Feb. 2021, virtual)
- Trinity College Dublin School of Law, COVID-19 and Public International Law Conference, *Panelist*: “Social Movements and COVID-19” (Sept. 2020, virtual)
- International Human Rights Clinicians Conference, *Co-panelist/facilitator*, “Human Rights Clinical Pedagogy in the current environment” (June 2020, virtual)
- Carmelitas Model United Nations, *Keynote speaker*, Lima, Peru (Oct. 2019)
- International Society of Public Law Conference, *Panelist*: “Citizen-led inquiries as a form of resilience in the global and national order: opportunities and challenges,” Santiago, Chile (July 2019)
- NATO Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism, Women in Terrorism and Counterterrorism Workshop, *Panelist*, “Advancing and Advocating Women’s Rights,” Ankara, Turkey (May 2019)
- Duke University, Reproductive Justice Conference, Popping the Duke Bubble, From Activism to Reproductive Justice Rights, *Panelist*: “International Human Rights and Reproductive Rights,” Durham, NC (Mar. 2019)

- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta De-risking, Financial Exclusion and Resiliency in the Caribbean: Scoping out the problem, Searching for Solutions, *Panelist*, “Tightening the Purse Strings: The Gendered Impact of De-risking,” Atlanta, GA (Nov. 2018)
- International Human Rights Clinicians Conference, *Panelist*, “U.S. Accountability for Torture, Renditions and Killings,” Los Angeles, CA (Apr. 2018)
- Duke Law School, The Rights of the Child in a Globalized World, *Moderator*, “Stakeholder Citizenship and Children,” Durham, NC (Nov. 2017)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: New York Bar, Member in Good Standing; Association of the Bar of the City of New York; International Human Rights Committee (student member: 2003-2004).

SELECTED PRESS APPEARANCES: BBC Asia Today television interview; Policy Innovations, Time Magazine and The Himalayan Times print interviews; ABC Radio Australia, New Internationalist, and Radio Loyola Fides (Bolivia) radio interviews.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Spanish: fluent; Japanese: fluent; Nepali: basic

Other: Yoga instructor and meditation practitioner