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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Northeastern University School of Law

Professor of Law 2015-Present

Faculty Fellow, Center for Law, Equity and Race, 2022-'23

Associate Dean for Experiential Education, 2020-'22

Associate Professor of Law 2012-'15

Assistant Professor of Law 2009-'12

Faculty Fellow, Humanities Center, 2020-'21

Co-Director, Immigrant Justice Clinic, 2017-'20

Courses: Administrative Law, Immigration Law, Immigration Law,
Refugee and Asylum Law

University of California-Berkeley

Visiting Scholar, Center for Race & Gender, Spring 2023

Yale Law School

Visiting Professor of Law Fall 2017

Course: Critical Approaches to Law and Organizing

University of Cadiz-Law Faculty (Jerez, Spain)

Visiting Scholar, Spring 2016

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration, Northeastern University School of Law (2017-present); Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy, Northeastern University School of Law (2009-present); Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College (2009-present)

Bentley College

Adjunct Professor, Department of Law, Taxation, and Financial Planning, 2008-2009

Taught upper-level undergraduate course on Race and the Law

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Litigating Birthright Citizenship the Shadow of World War II: The Continuing Relevance of a Forgotten Case, forthcoming 31 MICH. J. RACE & L. 1 (2026).

Immigration Detention Through the Lens of the County Jail, JOTWELL (April 17, 2025) (reviewing Brianna Nofil, *The Migrant's Jail: An American History of Mass Incarceration* (2024)).

Commentary on United States v. Wong Kim Ark, in *FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: IMMIGRATION LAW DECISIONS REWRITTEN*, Kathleen Kim, Kevin Lapp, and Jennifer Lee, eds., Cambridge University Press (2023).

Beyond Severity: A New View of Crimmigration, 22 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 663 (2018), reprinted in 24 BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN 1231 (2019) and in 40 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW 333 (2019).

From the Outside Looking In: U.S. Passports in the Borderlands, in *CITIZENSHIP IN QUESTION: EVIDENTIARY BIRTHRIGHT AND STATELESSNESS*, Benjamin N. Lawrance and Jacqueline Stevens, eds., Duke University Press (2017).

Federalism and Fundamental Rights: Safeguarding the Rights of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States and the European Union, 4 PAIX ET SECURITÉ INTERNATIONALES 13 (2016).

Policing Sex, Policing Immigrants: What Crimmigration's Past Can Tell Us About Its Present and Its Future, 104 CALIF. L. REV. 149 (2016), reprinted in 36 IMMIGR. & NAT'LITY L. REV. 511 (2015-16)

The Citizenship Line: Rethinking Immigration Exceptionalism, 54 B.C. L. REV. 1965 (2013).

Policing the Borders of Birthright Citizenship: Some Thoughts on the New (and Old) Restrictionism, 51 WASHBURN L.J. 311 (2012).

The Boston Principles: An Introduction, 1 NOTRE DAME J. INT'L COMP. & HUM. RTS L. 145 (2011) (with Hope Lewis).

Will Padilla Reach Across the Border?, 45 NEW ENG. L. REV. 327 (2011).

Remedies for the Wrongly Deported: Territoriality, Finality, and the Significance of Departure, 33 U. HAW. L. REV. 139 (2010).

Is the Attorney General the Custodian of an INS Detainee? Personal Jurisdiction and the "Immediate Custodian" Rule in Immigration-Related Habeas Actions, 27 NYU REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 543-86 (2002).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Birthright Citizenship: The Long View” Citizenship symposium, Brigham Young University Law Review, November 6, 2025.

“The Broken Promise of America’s Asylum System,” Summer Lecture Series, Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at Dartmouth College, July 16, 2025.

“Documents at the Border: Proving Chinese American Citizenship in the Final Decades of the Exclusion Era,” Paper People: Documentation, Identity, and Citizenship in U.S. History, Northwestern University, May 2, 2025.

“The Multiple Meanings of Birthright Citizenship in the 1920s,” 2024 Conrad E. Wright Research Conference on Citizenship, Massachusetts Historical Society, July 11, 2024.

“Conflicts Over Birthright Citizenship in the Shadow of World War II,” Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Colloquium, March 5, 2024.

“Race, Borders, and Birthright Citizenship,” Faculty Fellows Showcase, Center for Law, Equity and Race, Northeastern University School of Law, July 17, 2023.

“Race, Borders, and Birthright Citizenship,” Visiting Scholars Showcase, Center for Race and Gender, University of California-Berkeley, April 6, 2023.

“*Regan v. King* and the Quest to Limit Birthright Citizenship, 1919-1943,” American Political History Seminar, University of California-Berkeley, Feb. 24, 2023 (invited presentation).

“In the Shadow of War: Midcentury Challenges to *Wong Kim Ark*,” Panel on “Immigration Policy,” Policy History Conference, Arizona State University, June 2, 2022.

“Citizenship and Soil: Race, Gender, and Settler Colonialism in Early-Twentieth-Century Efforts to Restrict Birthright Citizenship,” conference on “Contested Boundaries: The Past, Present, and Future of US Citizenship,” American University Washington College of Law, Oct. 1, 2021 (invited presentation).

“Citizenship and Soil: Birthright Citizens and the Alien Land Laws, 1913-1924,” panel on Citizenship & Alienage in the 20th-Century American Political Economy, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 27, 2021.

“Native-Born: Race, Immigration, and Birthright Citizenship, 1868-2018,” Faculty Works-in-Progress Colloquium Series, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University, Feb. 1, 2021.

“IRCA and its Alternatives,” panel on “US Migration and Law 1980-2019: Imagining Alternative Histories,” Immigration Theory Workshop, University of Houston, February 21, 2020 (invited presentation).

“Una reflexión sobre la severidad del Derecho de extranjería en los Estados Unidos [A Reflection on the Severity of U.S. Immigration Law],” School of Law, Complutense University, Madrid, July 2, 2019 (invited presentation).

“Debating Birthright Citizenship Again,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 31, 2019 (roundtable participant).

Keynote Address: “El precio de la criminalización de los inmigrantes [The Price of Criminalizing Immigrants],” Migration and Public Policies: Legal Tensions and Challenges, School of Law, Pontifical Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, Oct. 24, 2018.

“Immigration Insecurity,” New England Clinical Conference, Roger Williams University School of Law, October 12, 2018 (works-in-progress presentation).

“Beyond Severity: Toward a Broader View of Crimmigration,” panel on “New Perspectives on Crimmigration: The Domestic and Global Impact of U.S. Crime and Migration Control Policies,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Friday, June 23, 2017 (panel presentation).

Invited speaker, panel on “Teaching Race, Gender, and Citizenship in the Age of Trump,” Northeastern University, January 30, 2017.

“The ‘Sanctuary City’ Model,” panel on “Human Rights Cities,” Human Rights Institute on “Global Justice Goes Local: The Emergence of Human Rights Cities” sponsored by the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy, Northeastern University School of Law, Dec. 8, 2016 (panel presentation).

“Understanding the Current Wave of American Nativism,” panel on “What is America? Globalization and the New Age of Migration,” Northeastern University Civility Series, Sept. 21, 2016 (panel presentation).

“Federalism and Fundamental Rights,” panel on “The Rights of Irregular Migrants,” Faculty of Law, University of Seville, Seville, Spain, June 15, 2016 (panel presentation).

“Refugiados en la Frontera Sur de Los Estados Unidos,” Jean Monnet Module on Immigration and Human Rights on the Southern European Border, Faculty of Law, University of Cadiz, Jerez, Spain, May 19, 2016 (invited presentation).

“Federalism, Human Rights, and Unauthorized Immigration: A U.S. Perspective,” Jean Monnet Module on Immigration and Human Rights on the Southern European Border, Faculty of Law,

University of Cadiz, Jerez, Spain, April 28, 2016 (invited presentation).

“Governing Immigrants Through Crime,” New England Clinical Conference, Harvard Law School, Nov. 7, 2015 (works-in-progress presentation).

“When Inclusion Meets Exclusion in Immigration Law,” Emerging Immigration Scholars’ Conference, University of Miami, June 11, 2015 (works-in-progress presentation).

“The Long Road to Crimmigration: Sex Panics and the Untold History of Police-Immigration Collaboration in the 1950s,” Junior Faculty Scholarship Exchange, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth Law School, October 17, 2014 (works-in-progress presentation).

“Coming to Terms with Crimmigration's Deep Roots in the United States,” Second International Crimmigration Control Conference, October 9-10, 2014 University of Leiden (panel presentation).

“The Ballad of George Fleuti: In Search of Crimmigration’s Early Roots,” Faculty Colloquium, Suffolk University Law School, April 24, 2014 (invited presentation).

“Post-Conviction Relief from the Other Side of the Border,” Conference on the Draft Convention on the Rights of Forcibly Expelled Persons, Boston College, May 2-3, 2014 (panel presentation).

“Queering Crimmigration: The 1950s Convergence of Immigration Enforcement and Local Policing,” panel on “Asylum, Immigration, and the Liminal Citizen,” From Patriarchy to Pussy Riot: Gender, Sexuality, & Global Citizenship, Northeastern University, March 14, 2014 (panel presentation).

“Thoughts on CIR and Open Borders,” panel on “Immigration Reform 2014,” Northeastern University School of Law, January 13, 2014 (panel presentation).

"The Citizenship Line: Rethinking Immigration Exceptionalism," Boston College Law School, November 12, 2013 (featured speaker followed by three commentators, organized by Boston College Law Review).

"Recent Trends in Immigration Enforcement," panel on “Immigration and Democracy,” Northeastern University Civility Series, Northeastern University, October 15, 2013.

"Another Side of Fleuti: Exploring Crimmigration's Roots,” Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of California-Irvine School of Law, June 13, 2013 (works-in-progress presentation).

"The Citizenship Line: Rethinking Immigration Exceptionalism," Law and Society Annual Conference, June 2, 2013 (panel presentation).

Invited Participant, Roundtable Discussion on Drafting an International Convention on the Rights of Deportees, Boston College Law School, November 17, 2012.

“Citizenship’s Borderlands,” Border Crossing: Citizenship, Race, Gender, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 12-13, 2012 (keynote address).

“Teaching Upper-Level Immigration Courses,” Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Workshop, Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hofstra University, May 31-June 2, 2012 (invited panel presentation).

“Alleged Americans: Immigration Law Through the Lens of Citizenship,” Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Workshop, Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hofstra University, May 31-June 2, 2012 (works-in-progress presentation).

“In the Borderlands of Citizenship: Birth Registration along the U.S.-Mexico Divide,” Citizenship-in-Question: Critical Perspectives on *Jus Soli* and Autochthony from *Authenticité* to “Birtherism,” Boston College Law School, April 19-21, 2012 (panel presentation).

“Alleged Americans: Race and the Evidentiary Burdens of Birthright Citizenship,” Faculty Colloquium, Northeastern University School of Law, December 19, 2011.

“Policing the Borders of Citizenship: Some Thoughts on the New (and Old) Restrictionism,” Breaching Borders: State Encroachment into the Federal Immigration Domain?, Washburn University School of Law, October 20-21, 2011 (invited panel presentation).

“Race and the Evidentiary Burdens of Birthright Citizenship,” Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Conference, Washington College of Law, American University, May 19-20, 2011 (works-in-progress presentation).

“Shades of Belonging: Race and Authenticity at the Borders of Citizenship,” New England Junior Faculty Conference, Boston College Law School, March 18, 2011 (works-in-progress presentation).

“Will Padilla Reach Across the Border?” Crossing the Border: The Future of Immigration Law and Its Impact on Lawyers, New England Law-Boston, November 12, 2010 (invited panel presentation).

“Remedies for the Wrongly Deported: Territoriality, Finality, and the Significance of Departure,” New England Junior Scholars Conference, Suffolk University Law School, July 22, 2010 (works-in-progress presentation).

“Due Process, Extraterritoriality, and the Wrongly Deported,” Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Workshop, DePaul University College of Law, May 25-26, 2010 (works-in-progress presentation).

Invited Participant, Roundtable on Immigration Enforcement, New York University School of Law, March 13, 2009 (published in *NYU Law School Magazine*, Fall 2009).

Invited panel presentation, Deportation, Migration and Human Rights: Interdisciplinary Theory and Practice, Boston College, March 18-20, 2010.

“Understanding and Addressing the Impact of Deportation on Mexican and Central American Immigrant Families and Communities: Towards a Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Intervention Pre- and Post-Deportation,” Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture, Boston College, October 4, 2008 (panel presentation).

TESTIMONY AND REPORTS

Report and Recommendation to the American Bar Association House of Delegates on Elimination of the Departure Bar on Motions to Reopen Removal Proceedings, 2011 (with Daniel Kanstroom and Jill Family).

Co-Compiler (with Hope Lewis), *The Boston Principles on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights of Noncitizens*

Testimony, Hearing on “Problems with ICE Interrogation, Detention, and Removal Procedures,” Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, United States House of Representatives, February 13, 2008.

SELECTED COMMENTARY, PANELS MODERATED, AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Commentary on Ragini N. Shah, *Constructed Movements: Extraction and Resistance in Mexican Migrant Communities* and Rebecca Sharpless, *Shackled: 92 Refugees Imprisoned on ICE Air*, New Socio-legal Books Centering Migrant Stories (Author Meets Reader session), Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2025.

Discussant, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., June 15, 2023 (remote) (commentary on papers by Matthew Boaz and Abel Rodriguez).

Discussant, New Voices session, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2020 (commentary on paper by Eisha Jain).

Moderator, panel on “Legal Borders,” *Rethinking Borders: Climate Change, Migration, and Human Rights*, Northeastern University School of Law, Nov. 2, 2018.

Organizer and Chair, panel on “New Perspectives on Crimmigration: The Domestic and Global Impact of U.S. Crime and Migration Control Policies,” Law and Society Annual Conference, Mexico City, June 23, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, panel on “Understanding and Responding to the Executive Order,” Northeastern University School of Law, Feb. 8, 2017.

Organizer, panel on “Drawing the Line: Race, Citizenship, and the Construction of Illegality in Federal, State, and Local Immigration Enforcement,” Law and Society Annual Conference, Boston, June 2, 2013.

Moderator, Northeastern University Law Forum event featuring Prof. Daniel Kanstroom, Northeastern University School of Law, April 26, 2013.

Moderator, panel on “Misclassification and Exclusion of Domestic Workers,” *Employed or Just Working?: Rethinking Employment Relationships in the Global Economy*, Northeastern University School of Law, March 22, 2013.

Discussant, Panel on “Defining Membership,” *Discretion and Deference: Immigrants, Citizens, and the Law*, J. Ruben Clarke Law School, Brigham Young University, January 24-25, 2013.

Symposium Co-Organizer, *Citizenship-in-Question: Critical Perspectives on Jus Soli and Autochthony from Authenticité to “Birtherism,”* Boston College, April 19-21, 2012.

Organizer and Moderator, roundtable on “The Politics of Asylum Adjudications,” Northeastern University School of Law, January 11, 2012.

Organizer and Moderator, panel on “Finding a Way: Public Interest Lawyering in a Solo or Small Firm Practice,” Northeastern University School of Law, January 30, 2012.

Moderator, panel on “Liberty in the Balance: Anti-Immigration Legislation After SB 1070,” Northeastern University School of Law, August 1, 2011.

Moderator, panel on “Secure Communities: What the Initiative Means for Immigrant Communities,” Northeastern University School of Law, April 27, 2011.

Organizer and Moderator, panel on “Bridging the Gap: The Nuts and Bolts of Collaboration Between Public Interest and *Pro Bono* Lawyers,” Northeastern University School of Law, April 20, 2011.

Co-chair, *Beyond National Security: Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights*, Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy Institute, Northeastern University School of Law, October 14-15, 2010 (two-day institute supported by Ford Foundation grant).

Moderator, panel on “The Economic, Social and Cultural Impact of Deportation, Detention and Profiling,” Beyond National Security: Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy Institute, Northeastern University School of Law, October 14-15, 2010.

Discussant, New England Junior Scholars Conference, Suffolk University Law School, July 22, 2010 (commentary on papers by Prof. Mary Holper and Prof. Erin Corcoran).

Discussant, Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Workshop, Chicago, IL, May 25-26, 2010 (commentary on paper by Mathilde Cohen).

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES, BLOG POSTS, AND COMMENTARY

[*Birthright Citizenship Has Been Challenged Before*](#), TIME, Jan. 15, 2026.

[*Another Reason Trump’s Birthright Citizenship Order is Unlawful*](#), JUST SEC., May 15, 2025. (coauthored with Kristin A. Collins and Gerald Neuman).

“There’s No Question About Harris’s Citizenship. So Why Is Trump Questioning It?,” *Washington Post: Made by History*, Aug. 16, 2020.

“Separating families at the border takes harsh immigration enforcement practices to a new extreme,” invited blog post, United States Politics and Policy blog of the London School of Economics, June 20, 2018.

“Expert Analysis: A Win for Immigrants and Cloud Over *Chevron* at High Court,” invited article, Law360.com, June 22, 2018.

“Due Process Rights, Beyond Marriage,” invited blog post, Online Symposium on *Kerry v. Din*, *ImmigrationProf Blog*, June 18, 2015.

“President Obama’s immigration plan may signal a move away from punitive enforcement policies,” invited blog post, *American Politics and Policy Blog of the London School of Economics and Political Science*, Dec. 3, 2014.

“Procedures at the U.S. - Mexico border Can Be a Life-or-Death Issue for Unaccompanied Children,” invited blog post, *American Politics and Policy Blog of the London School of Economics and Political Science*, July 31, 2014.

“Needed: Lawyers in Immigration Court,” Op-Ed, *Boston Globe*, June 24, 2014.

“Bring Back the Wrongly Deported,” Op-Ed, *National Law Journal*, Aug. 2, 2010.

“Senseless Deportations,” Op-Ed, *Washington Post*, Sunday, March 25, 2006.

Appearances and coverage in national and international media outlets, including *CNN Evening News*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *International Herald Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Nation*, Associated Press, Knight Ridder.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Blurred Line of Citizenship,” *Northeastern Law Magazine*, Summer 2013.

“Insecure Communities,” *Northeastern Law Magazine*, Winter 2012.

Gone For Good? Seeking Reopening or Reconsideration After a Respondent has Departed the United States, 13-14 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 1 (Jul. 15, 2008).

Beyond the “Immediate Custodian” Rule: Who is the Proper Respondent to an Immigration-Related Habeas Action? 8 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 853 (May 15, 2003).

Editor, UNSPOKEN RULES: SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS. San Francisco: International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, 1995. Second edition, London: Cassell, 1996.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston College Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Newton, MA
Human Rights Fellow and Supervising Attorney, Post-Deportation Human Rights Project,
August 2006-2009

Segal Roitman LLP, Boston, MA
Associate, September 2004-August 2006

The Hon. Morris E. Lasker, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York,
sitting by designation in the District of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
Law Clerk, 2002-2004

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2002
Honors: Order of the Coif
Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar

Florence Allen Scholar
Journal: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE
Articles Selection Editor, 2001-2002

University of California, Berkeley, CA
M.A. in History, December 1994
Honors: Regents Scholar
Human Rights Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities

Columbia University, New York, NY
B.A. in History, *magna cum laude*, May 1990
Honors: Taraknath Das Prize for Excellence in Asian Studies
Henry Evans Traveling Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021-present Member, Editorial Board, PAIX ET SECURITÉ INTERNATIONALES
2012-2020 Member, Board of Directors, Justice at Work (Boston, MA) (Board President 2016-2018)
2009-present Member, Advisory Board, Post Deportation Human Rights Project, Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Boston College
2011-2012 Co-Chair, Immigration Committee, Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, American Bar Association (ABA)

AWARDS

2018 William J. Fitzgerald Exemplary Service Award for Faculty
2008 Human Rights Award, Alternative Chance/Chans Alternativ (New York/Haiti)