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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law	Baltimore, MD
Associate Professor of Law	2025 — present
Assistant Professor of Law	2022 — 2025
Director, Federal Appellate Immigration Clinic	2022 — present

EDUCATION

Yale Law School

J.D. 2014

Charles G. Albom Prize for excellence in appellate advocacy in a clinical program

Harvard College

A.B., *summa cum laude*, 2008

Comparative Study of Religion, minor in government, Spanish language citation

Phi beta kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Surprise Deportations, 67 B.C. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2026)

Abandoning Deportation Adjudication, [77 STAN. L. REV. 1557 \(2025\)](#)

Shorter Works

The Fox TV Problem with Deporting International Students, [JUST SECURITY](#) (Apr. 21, 2025)

Perspective: The Battle Over Immigration Policy, [MARYLAND CAREY LAW MAGAZINE](#) (Nov. 29, 2023)

The border comes to Baltimore, [BALTIMORE SUN](#) (May 22, 2023)

Seeking asylum, locked up by Trump, [NEW YORK DAILY NEWS](#) (Dec. 17, 2017) (with Paige Austin)

SELECT LITIGATION

- *Black v. Decker*, 103 F.4th 133 (2d Cir. 2024) (holding that prolonged mandatory immigration detention without a bond hearing violates due process) (co-counsel in consolidated case *Keisy G.M. v. Decker*)
- *Millan-Hernandez v. Barr*, 965 F.3d 140 (2d Cir. 2020) (reversing agency's denial of a suppression hearing)
- *Velasco Lopez v. Decker*, 978 F.3d 842 (2d Cir. 2020) (holding that due process requires the government to bear the burden of proof at bond hearings once immigration detention becomes prolonged)
- *Cristian A.R. v. Decker*, 453 F. Supp. 3d 670 (D.N.J. 2020) (ordering the immediate release of people held in immigration detention due to their vulnerabilities to COVID-19)
- *Coronel v. Decker*, 449 F. Supp. 3d 274 (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (second decision in the nation to order the immediate release of people held in immigration detention due to their vulnerabilities to COVID-19)

- *Hernandez v. New York*, 99 N.Y.S.3d 795 (App. Div. 3d Dep’t 2019) (striking down exclusion of farmworkers from New York’s labor relations law)
- *L.V.M. v. Lloyd*, 318 F. Supp. 3d 601 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) (certifying class of immigration children in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement and enjoining policy delaying their release from custody)
- *Abdi v. Duke*, 280 F. Supp. 3d 373 (W.D.N.Y. 2017) (issuing class-wide preliminary injunction requiring ICE to follow its parole policy)

WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, *Designing and Directing an Appellate Clinic*, Panelist, April 2025

Surprise Deportations

- University of Maryland-University of Baltimore Junior Faculty Workshop, December 2024
- AAPI MENA Women in the Legal Academy, October 2024
- Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, June 2023

Abandoning Deportation Adjudication

- Drexel University Kline School of Law Faculty Workshop, October 2024
- Ninth Annual Administrative Law New Scholarship Roundtable, June 2024
- 2024 Immigration Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, May 2024
- Mid-Atlantic Clinicians’ Writing Workshop, May 2024
- University of Maryland-University of Baltimore Junior Faculty Workshop, April 2024

Second Annual Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, Teaching Spotlight Panel, Facilitator, February 2024

AALS Conference on Clinician Legal Education, *Growth Through Grief: Processing Loss in Clinic*, Panelist, April 2023

PAST EMPLOYMENT

The Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit	New York, NY
Supervising Attorney	2021 — 2022
Staff Attorney	2019 — 2021
New York Civil Liberties Union	New York, NY
Staff Attorney	2017 — 2019
Skadden Fellow	2014 — 2017
Bain & Company	Boston, MA
Senior Associate Consultant	2010 — 2011
Associate Consultant	2008 — 2010
