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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA.

Wagner-Murphy Fellow in Law (July 2006-present)

Clinical Professor of Law (May 2022 – present)

Clinical Associate Professor (July 2017 – May 2022)

- Clinic/Experiential Courses: LAW 9302/03 Clinical Law Program/Advanced Clinical Law Program; LAW 4800 Undergraduate Clinical Law Program; LAW 8224 Client Counseling; CSI 1213 Special Topics/Trial Advocacy
- Podium/Seminar Courses: LAW 8105 Administrative Law; LAW 9861 Current Social Justice Issues & Critical Theory Perspectives
- Research Supervision: LAW 9490 Independent Research Project (topics included health law, criminal procedure, professional responsibility, abolition); URES 3994 Undergraduate Research

Community Empowerment Law Project (CELP) (July 2017 – present)

- Design, direct, and teach an interdisciplinary, live-client, nine-credit clinic in which students represent nonprofits, municipalities, and other entities working to strengthen their communities, and advance economic and social justice in matters ranging from entity formation to the design of strategic advocacy plans. Program highlights include:
 - Introduction of [HSB 314](#) in Iowa's 91st General Assembly (advocacy campaign designed by CELP for FAMM)
 - Completion of Phase 1 of the [Model Jury Instruction Project](#) with the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
 - Passage of Iowa City [hate crime ordinance](#) (drafted by CELP for Johnson County Interfaith Coalition).
 - Publication of [Reinvest, Revitalize, Repeat: Exploring Community Investment Strategies](#) (authored by CELP).
 - National launch of [The Promise of Racial Impact Statements: Findings From a Case Study of Minority Impact Statements in Iowa](#) (authored by CELP and the National Juvenile Justice Network (now-National Youth Justice Network).

Voting Rights Restoration Clinic (VRRC) (Aug. 2018 – Sept. 2020)

- Co-directed the VRRC with Prof. Alison Guernsey and supervised students representing returning citizens seeking to restore their citizenship rights in Iowa.
- Organized clinics in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Des Moines, and Waterloo. Program highlights include:
 - Represented more than 120 individuals seeking assistance with the restoration process.
 - Consulted by the Office of the Governor to provide recommendations on the restoration application and process, leading to critical reforms in early 2019 and an executive order in August 2020.

Associate Dean of Clinical Programs (Jan. – Dec. 2024)

- Developed vision, strategic plan, and infrastructure for live-client, in-house clinics.
- Chaired the hiring committee for two new clinical faculty members.
- Oversaw budget and communications, supervised professional staff, coordinated six faculty in clinic, and served on law school management team.

Georgetown University Law Center (GULC), Washington, DC.

Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Clinic Director (July 2015 – July 2017)

Clinical Teaching Fellow and Supervising Attorney (July 2013 – June 2015)

- Directed the Community Justice Project (CJP), a ten credit, live-client, economic justice clinic, representing individuals in litigation matters and organizations in policy and advocacy work.
- Taught seminars and/or simulations for first-year Clinical Teaching Fellows, D.C. Affordable Law Firm attorney, and the Delaney Public Policy Scholars.
- Served as a leader and facilitator of GULC's Lawyers in Balance Program.

Universidad San Francisco de Quito - Law Faculty, Quito, Ecuador.

Adjunct Professor (Jan. – Aug. 2006)

- Designed and co-taught *Survey of Issues in U.S. Litigation* in both English and Spanish in Spring 2006, and *Case Studies in Contemporary Human Rights Litigation* in Summer 2006.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

L.L.M., *with Distinction*, 2015

University of Michigan Law School

J.D., *cum laude*, 2005

- Jane L. Mixer Award for the Advancement of Social Justice
- Clara Belfield and Henry Bates Fellow
- Scholarly Writing Award (*But One of Many?: An Analysis of the Higher Threshold of Serious Harm Applied to Domestic Violence Asylum Claims*)
- Certificate of Merit (International Refugee Law)
- Articles Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law*

Yale University

B.A., *with Distinction*, 1998

- Mark Deitz Memorial Prize (annual prize for best original research in History of Art) (*Toward Nothing New: The Museum of Modern Art and the Entanglement of Architecture, Competition, and Exhibition*)

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Works-in-Progress

The Venn Diagram of Rural Legal Deserts: Competence Misunderstood & Unchecked Urbanormativity (work in progress).

Everyday Legality in Rural Contexts: Building a Legal Vulnerability Index to Guide Access to Justice Interventions (work in progress, w/ Brian Farrell, Ryan Sakoda & Eric Tate).

Law Reviews

The Role of Indigent Defense Systems in the Rural Practice Ecosystem, 72 DRAKE L. REV. 613 (2025) (invited piece, w/ Brian Farrell).

Theorizing Legal Vulnerability to Enhance Rural Access to Justice, 69 S. D. L. REV. 458 (2024) (w/ Brian Farrell & Ryan Sakoda).

One Crisis, Two Problems: Disentangling Rural Access to Justice and the Rural Attorney Shortage, 98 WASH. L. REV. 849 (2023) (w/ Brian Farrell).

A Pedagogy of Anxiety: The Dangers of Specialization in Legal Education and the Profession, 44 J. LEGAL PROF. 37 (2019).

Sketch No. I in Gerald P. López, *Transform—Don't Just Tinker With—Legal Education (Part II)*, 24 CLINICAL L. REV. 247, 423 (2018).

Etta & Dan: Seeking a Prelude to a Transformative Journey, 23 CLINICAL L. REV. 251 (2016).

Developing a Pedagogy of Beneficiary Accountability in the Representation of Social Justice Non-Profit Organizations, 45 SOUTHWESTERN L. REV. 825 (2016) (w/ Amber Baylor).

Closing the Age-Out Gap: Assessing Maryland's Recent Expansion of Equity Court Jurisdiction for Potential Special Immigrant Juveniles, 22 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y 33 (2014).

Mainstream Publications

[*Beyond the Unique Hurdles of Rural Access to Justice*](#), LAW360 (Mar. 22, 2024) (w/ Brian Farrell).

[*Bar Exam Puts Iowa Graduates in an Impossible Scenario*](#), DES MOINES REGISTER (July 27, 2020) (w/ Allen et al.).

[*White Privilege Must be Discussed*](#), THE GAZETTE (Feb. 13, 2019) (w/ Alison Guernsey)

Other Research

Co-Primary Investigator (with Ebonee Johnson, Heather Erwin & Chris Veeh), [*Experiencing Health Services in Iowa Prisons*](#) (participatory research design using semi-structured interviews) (2022-25/ \$50,000)

The Tension Between Deference and Consent: An Analysis of the Jurisprudence of the Administrative Appeals Office in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Cases, 1998-2014 (unpublished empirical research) (discussed in Elizabeth Keyes, *Evolving Contours of Immigration Federalism: The Case of Migrant Children*, 19 HARVARD LATINO L. REV. 33, 54-55 (2016)).

A W A R D S

2024	Outstanding Faculty Award, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities
2022	(Inaugural) Faculty Award, University of Iowa College of Law DEI Award
2021	Fellow-in-Residence, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies
2019-21	Bellow Scholar, AALS Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest
2018	Finalist, College of Law Collegiate Teaching Award

S Y M P O S I A F U N D I N G

2025-26	Co-Director (with Brian Farrell & Ryan Sakoda), Obermann Center Symposium, <i>Cultivating Rurality: Building Community Around Rural Research & Scholarship at the University of Iowa</i> (2025-26 / \$27,000)
2024	Co-Director (with Brian Farrell, Hannah Hacksgaard & Jessica Shoemaker), <i>Law & Rurality Workshop</i> (interdisciplinary scholarly workshop) (Fall 2024 / \$5,000)

SELECTED MEDIA REFERENCES

[*The Experts Cultivating Rurality*](#), RIVER TO RIVER, IOWA PUBLIC RADIO (Mar. 27, 2026)

[*Beyond Times New Roman: Daria Fisher Page makes the case for visual advocacy in law school*](#), OBERMANN CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES NEWSLETTER (Nov. 23, 2021).

Robin Opsahl, [*Action Urged Now on Felons' Rights*](#), DES MOINES REGISTER (Aug. 1, 2020)

[*Iowa City Council to Discuss Hate Crime Ordinance*](#), GAZETTE (June 3, 2019).

James Q. Lynch, [*Governor Reynolds Streamlines Voting Rights Application for Felons*](#), THE GAZETTE (Mar. 12, 2019).

Tara Bahrapour, [*Clearer Rules Urged for Asylum Seekers*](#), WASHINGTON POST (Oct. 1, 2009).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- *The Role of Indigent Defense Systems in the Rural Practice Ecosystem*
Law & Rurality Workshop, University of Nebraska (online) (w/ Brian Farrell) (Nov. 14, 2025)
- *A Legal Vulnerability Index to Guide Access to Justice Interventions*
Int'l Access to Justice Forum, NYU (w/ Ryan Sakoda & Brian Farrell) (Sept. 25, 2025)
Law & Society Meeting, Chicago, IL (w/ Ryan Sakoda & Brian Farrell) (May 24, 2025)
Law & Rurality Workshop, University of Iowa (w/ Ryan Sakoda & Brian Farrell) (Nov. 15, 2024)
- *Pedagogy of Utopic Lawyering*
AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD (April 27, 2025)
- *Ethical Issues and Rural Legal Deserts*
Baum Chair of Ethics in the Professions Symposium, Drake University (Oct. 18, 2024)
- *Balancing Pedagogical, Community, & Institutional Pressures When Designing a Clinic*
AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Saint Louis, MO (May 5, 2024)
- *Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: Developing New Measurements of Legal Infrastructure and Need*
Int'l Access to Justice Forum 2023, UC Irvine School of Law (w/ Brian Farrell) (Oct. 13, 2023)
Law & Society Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (w/ Brian Farrell) (June 2, 2023)
- *Theorizing Legal Vulnerability in the Rural Context*
South Dakota Law Review Symposium, Knudson School of Law (Sept. 22, 2023)
- *Youth-Related Advocacy: DSM BLM & Removing SROs from Iowa Schools*
Scanlan Center for School Mental Health, University of Iowa (Feb. 25, 2023)
- *Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: The Limits of Existing Approaches & Data*
Law & Rurality Workshop, University of Nebraska (w/ Brian Farrell) (Oct. 20-21, 2022)
Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (w/ Brian Farrell) (May 27, 2021)
- *The Seeable & the Sayable: Visual Advocacy in the Practice & Pedagogy of Social Change Lawyering*
Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, NYU School of Law (Oct. 8, 2022)
Here Comes the Metaverse: Designing the Virtual & the Real,
Thirteenth International Conference on the Image, University of Texas - Austin (Sept. 28, 2022)
- *From the Clinic to the Community: Leveraging Empirical Analysis to Advance Social Justice* AALS
Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, virtual (May 13, 2022 & April 29, 2021)

- *Economic Development as Social Justice*
Obermann Center/Iowa City Public Library Conversation, Iowa City, IA (Dec. 2, 2021)
- *Reframing Assessment of Rural Access to Justice: The Limits of Existing Approaches & Data*
Law & Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (w/ Brian Farrell) (May 27, 2021)
- *The Role of Innovation in Rural Access to Justice in Iowa*
Innovations in the Business of Lawyering, University of Iowa (w/ Brian Farrell) (Mar. 31, 2020)
- *Criminalizing Voting Rights*
American Constitution Society, University of Iowa College of Law (Oct. 2, 2019)
- *Rural Access to Justice in Iowa: An Empirical Approach to Defining the Problem*
Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, NYU School of Law (Sept. 21, 2019)
Bellow Scholar Workshop, Columbia Law (Sept. 20, 2019)
- *Forging Clinic Collaborations with Non-Legal Partners*
AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA (May 6, 2019)
- *Engaged Scholarship & Social Justice*
Out There: A Symposium on Provocative Research, Pedagogy, & Academic Freedom,
University of Iowa (Mar. 29, 2019)
- *Borrowing from Participatory Design to Enhance Collaborative Lawyering*
Southern Clinical Legal Education Conference, University of South Carolina (Oct. 19, 2018)
- *Bigger Fish, Smaller Ponds: Contemplating the Allure of Expertise and the Problem of Specialization*
Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop, NYU School of Law (Sept. 22, 2018)
ClassCrits X, Tulane University Law School (WIP, Nov. 2017)
- *Committing to Change: Building Intentional Uncertainty and Fluidity into Clinic Design*
AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL (Apr. 30, 2018)
- *Interdisciplinary Panel: Collective Acts Towards Sustainability*
Me & We: Collective Acts Towards Sustainability, University of Iowa (Feb. 23, 2018)
- *Responding to the Needs of Evening Students: The Night-Own Clinician*
AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Denver, CO (May 8, 2017)
- *Etta & Dan: Seeking a Prelude to a Transformative Journey*
Clinical Law Review Symposium: Rebellious Lawyering at Twenty-Five (May 1, 2016)
- *Lawyers as Organizers, with Organizer*
Poverty Law: Academic Activism, Seattle University School of Law (Feb. 19, 2016)
- *Developing a Pedagogy of Community (Beneficiary) Accountability in Non-Profit Representation*
ClassCrits VIII, University of Tennessee College of Law (w/ Amber Baylor) (Oct. 21, 2015)
- *Teaching Lawyering Values*
SALT Teaching Conference, UNLV Boyd School of Law (roundtable facilitator) (Oct. 11, 2014)

COMPETITIVE TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

2025	Facilitator Training, Federal Restorative Justice Initiative, U.S. District Court of Boston
2023	Fellow, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop
2019	Instructor Training, Inside-Out Prison Exchange, Temple University
2018	Fellow, Digital Bridges for Humanistic Inquiry Summer Institute, University of Iowa, Grinnell College & Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

LEGAL & POLICY EXPERIENCE

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Washington, DC.

Supervising Attorney (Aug. 2011 – May 2013)

Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney (Jan. 2010 – July 2011)

Managed office with 250 active juvenile immigration cases; supervised attorneys, staff, and pro bono attorneys in state courts, administrative courts, and appeals.

Tahirih Justice Center, Falls Church, VA.

Senior Staff Attorney (Oct. 2008 – Jan. 2010)

Staff Attorney (Nov. 2007 – Oct. 2008)

Represented immigrant women and girls in all phases of asylum, U visa, T visa, VAWA, and SIJS cases; supervised staff attorneys and intake paralegals in same matters.

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation, Washington, DC.

Trial Attorney (Aug. 2007 – Nov. 2007)

Authored appellate briefs and motions in immigration cases in the Third and Ninth Circuits.

Africa & Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA), Cairo, Egypt.

Interim Unaccompanied Minors Team Leader /Legal Advisor (Sept. 2006 – Apr. 2007)

Maintained own caseload of asylum seekers; assigned caseloads and oversaw work of legal advisors; represented AMERA in all interactions with UNHCR related to minors.

Frente de Defensa de la Amazonia, Quito/Lago Agrio, Ecuador.

Legal Consultant (Oct. 2005 – Aug. 2006)

Authored legal memos, strategy papers, press documents, and communications for plaintiffs in *Aguinda v. ChevronTexaco*, an environmental class action on behalf of communities affected by oil contamination.

Refugee Rights Project – University of Cape Town, Cape Town, R.S.A.

Legal Advisor (Sept. 2004 – Jan. 2005)

Drafted issue papers and represented refugees regarding protection issues, voluntary repatriation, resettlement, and family reunification; established a “mobile clinic” to serve remote areas.

Amnesty International (AI) – International Secretariat, London, U.K.

Michigan Refugee/Asylum Law Fellow (Summer 2004)

Drafted policy statements and comprehensive guide on gender-based asylum for AI field offices.

GTZ/Ministry of Women’s and Veterans’ Affairs, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Law Clerk (Summer 2003)

Interviewed stakeholders and designed system to monitor implementation and efficacy of country’s first domestic violence law.

SERVICE

Professional & Community

- Co-Director, Law & Society Association Collaborative Research Network, [CRN 39: Everyday Legality & Access to Justice](#)
- Peer reviewer, LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY, American Bar Foundation
- Technical Assistance, Johnson County Transgender Advisory Committee
- Technical Assistance, Iowa Freedom Riders
- Volunteer Attorney, Iowa Legal Aid Expungement Clinic
- Speaker, International Visitor Leadership Program, CIVIC/U.S. Department of State

College of Law

- Chair, Teaching Review Committee (2024 – 2026)
- Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee (Clinical) (2023-24)
- Chair, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (2022-23)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee Learning Outcomes Subcommittee (2020-21)
- Mark & Marilyn Wunder Award for Nonprofit Excellence Selection Committee
- Committees: Post-Retreat Planning, Honors & Awards, Admissions, Curriculum, Intellectual Life, Dean's Advisory Council on Curricular & Community Enhancement
- Advisor to 1L Students
- Advisor on Student Notes

University of Iowa

- Faculty Advisor, Prison Writing Project
- Dean Search Committee, College of Law
- Advisory Committee, Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center
- Steering Committee, Master of Public Administration, School of Planning & Public Affairs
- Liberal Arts Beyond Bars (UI-LABB), Oakdale Prison
- Provost's Review Committee of the UI Office of Outreach & Engagement

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Iowa Supreme Court (2018)

District of Columbia Court of Appeals (2012) (inactive)

State of New York Court of Appeals (2006)

L A N G U A G E S

Proficient Spanish (speaking, reading, writing)

Basic French (speaking, reading, writing)