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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., June 2005
Yale Journal of International Law
Immigration Clinic, Student Director

Williams College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, June 2002
Phi Beta Kappa
NCAA Men's Swimming All-America

Academic Appointments

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX Aug. 2019-
Associate Professor of Law with Tenure 2023-
Dwight Olds Chair in Law 2019-2023
George Butler Research Professor

DePaul College of Law, Chicago IL June 2011- July 2019
Associate Professor of Law (Tenured 2017)
DePaul U. "Spirit of Inquiry Award"
for Excellence in Research, June 2017
Award for Excellence in Teaching, May 2012

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL Jun-Aug. 2010
Visiting Faculty

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI Jan. 2008-May 2009
William H. Hastie Fellow

Scholarship

An Immigration Law for Abolitionists (and Reactionaries), 13 U.C. IRVINE. L. REV. 1291 (2023).

Immigration Law and the Production of Crisis, 47 HOU. J. INT'L L. ____ (forthcoming 2024) (Invited Skelton Lecture).

A First Amendment Law for Migrant Emancipation, 56 GEORGIA. L. REV. 1401 (2023) (Invited Symposium).

Postmodern Identity and the Structure of Immigration Control, in THEORIZING LOCAL MIGRATION GOVERNANCE, Baumgärtel and Miellel eds. 223-251 (Cambridge 2022).

Revelation out of Rupture: Building Human Rights from the Bottom Up, 35 MARY. J. INT'L L. 127 (2021) (Invited Symposium).

Dissent in Immigration, 16 LAW, CULTURE, AND THE HUMANITIES 250 (2020) (Invited, peer reviewed).

Puerto Rican Identity and the Trouble with National Self-Determination 43 YALE J. INT'L L. F. (2018) (Invited Symposium)

Transforming Crime-Based Deportation, 92 N.Y.U. LAW REVIEW 699 (2017).

“Illegal” Migration is Speech, 92 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 735 (2017), *republished in* 38 IMMIGR. & NAT’LITY L. REV. 547 (2019) (Prof. Gabriel J. Chin, ed.) (annual anthology of exceptional immigration scholarship).

The Undocumented as New (and Peaceful) American Revolutionaries, 12 DUKE J. CON. LAW & PUB. POL. 135 (2016) (Symposium).

Crimes of Migration, 49 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW 1257 (2015).

It’s Time For an Immigration Jury, 108 NORTHWESTERN L. R. COLLOQUY 36 (2013).

Immigration Reform and the Democratic Will, 16 U. PENNSYLVANIA J. L. & SOC. CHANGE 49-93 (2013), *republished in* 34 IMMIGR. & NAT’LITY L. REV. 123 (2014) (Prof. Gabriel J. Chin, ed.), *reviewed in* Mary Fan, [Violence, Yearning and Hope](#), Jotwell: Criminal Law.

In Democracy’s Shadow: Fences, Raids, and the Production of Migrant Illegality, 5 STANFORD J. C.R. & C.L. 23 (2009), *republished in* 30 IMMIGR. & NAT’LITY L. REV. 547 (2010) (Prof. Gabriel J. Chin, ed.).

A Matter of Rhetoric: The Diversity Rationale in Political Context, 10 CHAPMAN L. REV. 187 (2006).

Shorter Works

[The U.S.-Mexico Border as a Crisis of Social Reproduction](#), LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY PROJECT BLOG, February 19, 2024.

[Talented Black and Latinx students like us are now being shut out of Thomas Jefferson High School](#), THE WASHINGTON POST, April 23, 2021 (with Fabianna Del Canto).

[DNA Collection at the Border Threatens the Privacy of All Americans](#), THE NEW YORK TIMES, Opinion, A25, January 24, 2020 (with Natalie Ram and Jessica L. Roberts).

The First Amendment and Soliciting Crimes of Migration, [Take Care](#) (Nov. 2, 2017) (Invited).

CIR that doesn’t Institutionalize Forgiveness is not Comprehensive, [ImmigrationProf Blog](#) (June 25, 2013).

Contribution to Race, Borders, and Digital Technologies to UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (Nov. 15, 2020)

In Progress

Immigration Law as Identity Law
Our Immigration Sovereignty

Presentations

Panel: Temporary Solutions for Intractable problems, Cities and Migration Plans, Policies, Actions, April 11, 2024, DePaul University, invited panelist.

Panel: Identity, Violence and Mobility, ClassCrits Conference 2024, Demanding Justice in the Face of Retrenchment, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, February 9-11 2024.

A DREAM Deferred, Never to Come, or Misbegotten?: Assessing the DREAMer Paradigm in 2023, Berkeley La Raza Law Journal Symposium, February 3, 2023, Berkeley Law School, Co-convenor (with Kathy Abrams) and Moderator.

Plenary Panel: Critical Approaches to Immigration Law, Immigration Law Teacher's and Scholars Workshop, June 7, 2022, Loyola Law School, Invited panelist.

Immigration Law as Identity Law, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, May 30, 2021.

Our Immigration Sovereignty, Penn State University School of Law, February 11, 2021 online faculty seminar, invited presenter.

The Precarious Workplace, Texas A&M School of Law, January 11, 2020, online workshop, invited commentator.

"Open Borders: The Legal Foundations of Unrestricted Migration," The Free Migration Project, July 16, 2020, online panel with Illya Somin.

Conference Convenor, Immigration Theory Workshop, "Imagining Migration After Populism," Feb. 21, 2020, University of Houston Law Center.

"Making Space for the Sanctuary Ethic with Immigration Decentralization," Citizenship, Democracy, and Open Borders, invited panelist, Open Borders Conference, The New School, New York, NY, October 19, 2019.

"We Can Do This: Doing Human Rights With Decentralization," International Refugee and Asylum Law: Borders, Security, Migration and the Rule of Law, invited panelist, Navigating the Backlash Against Global Law & Institutions, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 15, 2019.

"What Comes After Nationalism?," The Uses and Disadvantages of Arendt's Concept of Nation, invited panelist, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 30, 2019.

"The (Mis)Rule of Immigration Law," Law & Society Annual Meeting, Washington DC, May 31, 2019.

"The (Mis)Rule of Immigration Law, invited presenter, Duke Law School, Identity, Law & Politics Workshop, Durham, NC, April 4, 2018.

"Crimes of Migration," invited presenter, Justice Strategies & Grassroots Leadership, Resistance on All Fronts: A Convening on Migrant Prosecutions, Tucson, AZ, November 28, 2017.

"'Illegal' Migration is Speech," Law & Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 19, 2017.

"Transforming Crime-Based Deportation," CINETS Conference, Crimmigration in the Shadow of Sovereignty, U. Maryland, College Park, College Park, Md., October 6-7, 2016.

"'Illegal' Migration is Speech," presenter, The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America, Duke Law School, Durham, N.C., November 20-21, 2015.

"A Speech Theory of 'Illegal' Migration" presenter, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Eighteenth Annual Conference, Georgetown Law School, Washington D.C., March 6, 2015.

"The Long Shadow of the Crimmigrant," presenter, The Borders of Crimmigration, 2nd CINETS Conference, Leiden University Law School, Leiden, the Netherlands, October 10, 2014.

"A Speech Theory of 'Illegal' Migration," work in progress presenter, Midwest Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, September 26, 2014.

“Crimes of Migration,” presenter, CrimFest Conference, Rutgers University Law School, Newark, NJ, July 22, 2014.

“Crimes of Migration,” work in progress presenter, Immigration Law Teacher’s Workshop, University of California Irvine, May 23, 2014.

“Crimes of Migration,” work in progress presenter, Midwest Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, December 13, 2013.

“Crimes of Migration,” work in progress presenter, New England People of Color Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 6, 2013.

“Beyond Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” Yale Law School Alumni Association of Chicago, February 2013.

“The Impact of Arizona v. United States,” panel presentation for the DePaul College of Law Public Interest Law Initiative & the Heartland Alliance, November 2012.

“Citizen Participation in Immigration Adjudication,” work in progress presenter, 2012 Immigration Law Teacher’s Workshop, May 2012.

“Property Law, Belonging, and the Undocumented in the United States,” presenter, 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, May 2010.

“Fences, Raids and the Production of Migrant Illegality,” presenter, On the Margins of a Dream, Interdisciplinary Conference on Undocumented Hispanic Migration, Connecticut College, October 2009.

Courses Taught

Asylum Law
Immigration Law
Imagining Multiracial Democracy (seminar)
Latinos & the Law
Constitutional Law
Crimmigration (seminar)
Legislation
Civil Procedure

Service

Founding Director, Immigration Theory Workshop
Lateral Hiring Committee, Member
Unified Hiring Committee, Member
Clerkship Committee, Member
Clerkship Committee, Chair (DePaul)
Center for Public Interest Law Committee (DePaul)
President’s Diversity Council (Univ. Comm.) (DePaul)
Skills Task Force (DePaul)
Committee for Continuing and Professional Education (Univ. Comm.) (DePaul)
Committee on Curriculum and Programs (substitute) (Univ. Comm.) (DePaul)
Career Services Committee (DePaul)
Minority Student Group Scholarship Committee (DePaul)
LRAP Scholarship Committee (DePaul)
Public Interest Summer Stipend Committee (DePaul)
Referee, Law & Social Inquiry
Referee, Studies in Law, Politics, and Society
Referee, Tenure File

Clerkships

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Columbus, OH
Law Clerk to the Hon. R. Guy Cole, Jr. Aug. 2010-Aug. 2011

U.S. District Court, N. District of Illinois, Chicago, IL
Law Clerk to the Hon. Joan B. Gottschall Jun. 2009-May 2010

Law Firms

Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, IL
Associate Attorney, Intellectual Property Group July 2006-Jan. 2008

Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL
Associate Attorney Sep. 2005-Jun. 2006

Admitted to practice in Illinois