

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL

Assistant Dean for Public Interest, July 2015-present

Lecturer in Law, July 2015-present

Social Justice Placement Specialist, May 2014-July 2015

Public Interest Administration

- Mentor and counsel students seeking public sector summer and post-graduate opportunities. Develop and maintain relationships with public interest employers and partner organizations. Oversee student pro bono program and facilitate student public interest practice opportunities. Advise student public interest organizations, including Vanderbilt's Legal Aid Society and Law Students for Social Justice. Develop and plan public interest programming and events, such as the Public Service Orientation and the Social Justice and the Legal Profession series. Co-administer the law school's public interest summer stipend program and post-graduate public interest fellowship program.

Courses

- The Public Lawyer, 2019-Present
- In-Nashville Externship Seminar, 2015-Present
- Legal Aid Society Pro Bono credit, 2016-Present
- Immigrant Advocacy Practicum, 2015-2017
- Immigration Law and Policy, 2017-2018

Service

- Member, Vanderbilt University Immersion Faculty Steering Committee

OTHER LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUSTICE IN MOTION – Brooklyn, NY

Project Consultant, 2018

- Planned and implemented an in-person participatory evaluation in Tela, Honduras of a transnational returned migrants' access-to-justice initiative led by a U.S.-based NGO with partner organizations in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

SOUTHERN MIGRANT LEGAL SERVICES, A PROJECT OF TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID (TRLA)— Nashville, TN

Managing Attorney, Human Trafficking Practice Area, 2010-2014

Staff Attorney, 2009-2010

Skadden Fellow, 2007-2009

Summer Law Clerk, 2006

- Managed TRLA's human trafficking practice area, including coordinating the implementation of federal grants to combat human trafficking and protect victims. Litigated claims under federal wage and hour, anti-discrimination, and anti-human trafficking laws on behalf of migrant and seasonal agricultural worker plaintiffs. Secured immigration relief for noncitizen victims of labor trafficking and certain other workplace crimes. Represented migrant and seasonal agricultural workers in state unemployment and workers compensation proceedings. Promoted the health and safety-related workplace rights of migrant and seasonal agricultural workers through administrative advocacy.

TENNESSEE JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS – Nashville, TN

Volunteer Attorney, 2008-2010

- Represented two poultry workers arrested in a 2008 ICE raid in removal proceedings; secured humanitarian-based relief from removal for both.

HARVARD IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE CLINIC, GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES—Boston, MA

Law Clerk, 2005

- Prepared asylum cases for hearings before the Boston Immigration Court. Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda. Performed client and expert interviews and drafted affidavits.

SALVADORAN AMERICAN NATIONAL NETWORK (SANN) – Boston, MA

Consultant, 2004

- Produced and translated public materials for SANN, including brochures, press releases, and policy position documents.

CARECEN INTERNACIONAL AND INSTITUTO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LA UNIVERSIDAD CENTROAMERICANA JOSÉ SIMEÓN CAÑAS—San Salvador, El Salvador

Consultant, 2003-2004

- Coordinated planning of a region-wide monitoring project to document human rights violations of migrants in transit throughout Central America and southern Mexico.

ENLACES AMÉRICA, HEARTLAND ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN NEEDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS—Chicago, IL

Program Coordinator, 2001-2003

- Coordinated the work of a regional initiative to link civil society advocacy on migration, trade, and development policies in North and Central America.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)—Washington, D.C.

Domestic Policy Analyst, 2000-2001

- Served as the AFSC representative in Washington for domestic policy issues, collaborating with program offices to bring AFSC field experience to bear in federal policy-making processes.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL—J.D. *magna cum laude*, 2007

- Edith W. Fine and Maria & Robert A. Skirnick Public Interest Fellowships 2007; Outstanding Clinical Student Award 2007; Henigson Human Rights Winter Fellow 2006; Co-founder and Vice President (2005-2006), Harvard Immigration Project.

BROWN UNIVERSITY—B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2000

- Latin American Studies concentration; *Phi Beta Kappa*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Spring Miller and Stacie Jonas, *Using Anti-trafficking Laws to Advance Workers' Rights*, CLEARINGHOUSE ARTICLE (May 2015).

Laura Pedraza-Fariña, Spring Miller, and James Cavallaro, *No Place to Hide: Gang, State, and Clandestine Violence in El Salvador*, International Human Rights Clinic, Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, Harvard University Press (2010).

Frequent presenter on issues related to workplace rights and labor trafficking; representative examples include: *Low-Wage Workers' Rights Overview*, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Equal Justice University (co-presenter, Aug. 2017); *Using Trafficking Laws to Advance Low-Wage Workers' Rights*, Low-Wage Worker Legal Network (Oct. 2014); *Human Trafficking*, MAFO National Farmworker Conference and Convention (March 2014); *Labor Trafficking and Labor Protections for Noncitizen Workers*, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Equal Justice University (Oct. 2013).

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Admitted to practice law in Tennessee, 2007-present

Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, Board Member and Secretary, 2018-Present

Tennessee Bar Association Access to Justice Committee Member, 2016-Present

Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, New Advocate of the Year, 2009

Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors of Tennessee, Board Member, 2009-2010