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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF LAW** (formerly UC Hastings), San Francisco, CA  
Professor and Harry & Lillian Hastings Research Chair, Fall 2022-present; Visiting Professor, Fall 2021-2022  
Faculty-Director, Center for Race, Immigration, Citizenship, Equality (RICE), Fall 2022-present  
Courses: Constitutional Law, Legislation & Regulation, Comparative Citizenship & Equality, RICE Colloquium

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY LAW SCHOOL**, Berkeley, CA  
Visiting Scholar, Center for Race and Gender, Fall 2025  
Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Society, Spring 2018, Fall 2024-Spring 2025  
Graduate Student Instructor, Law, Politics, and Society (Malcolm Feeley), Fall 2006-2011

**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, CANADA**  
Visiting Scholar, Centre for Migration Studies, Fall 2025

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL**, Boulder, CO  
Professor, Fall 2021-2022, Associate Professor Fall 2011-2017  
Founding Faculty-Director, CU Immigration and Citizenship Law Program, 2017 – 2022  
Courtesy Appointment in Political Science Department, Fall 2012 – 2022 and Ethnic Studies, Fall 2015 – 2022  
Courses: Administrative Law, Immigration Law, Legislation & Regulation, Law & Politics: Race in America

### SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

UC Law Foundation Award for Faculty Scholarship (March 2026)

Robertson Research Award for empirical research (September 2023-present); New Americans Campaign funding to study civic engagement of Asian, Latinx, and Arab citizens (2024-2025); AAJ-Habush Endowment for keynote lecture at symposium on race and equality (with UC Law Journal) (2024)

Public Voices Fellow of the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship and the Op-Ed Project (May 2023-February 2024)

University of Colorado Boulder

- Calhoun Public Service Award (2017); CU IMPART Grant, Community Engagement Grant, Diversity & Excellence Grant (2016-18)
- Gamm Justice Award for Faculty Scholarship (2015)

University of California Berkeley

- University of California Washington Center, Graduate Fellow (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)
- Selznick Fellowship and Dissertation Year Fellowship (full tuition scholarship for Ph.D 2005-2011)

New York University School of Law

- Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (full-tuition scholarship 2001-2003)
- Leonard M. Henkin Prize (best student article on Equal Protection Clause and Constitutional Law 2004); Gary E. Moncrieffe Award (best student article on race 2004)

### BOOKS

PURSUING CITIZENSHIP IN THE ENFORCEMENT ERA (Stanford University Press, August 2020)

- Reviewed in Law & Society Review, Michigan Law Review, Colorado Law Review, American University Law Review, Scholar Strategy Network Brief, USC Dornsife Equity Research Institute Brief

- Featured at Byron White Center Symposium, American Political Science Association, Law & Society Association, American Sociological Association, Migration Policy Roundtable, TEDx MileHigh

SACRED PLACES, CIVIC PURPOSES: SHOULD GOVERNMENT HELP FAITH-BASED CHARITY? (BROOKINGS INSTITUTION 2001) (co-edited book with E.J. Dionne)

### ARTICLES

*Paradox of Privilege for (Asian) Guestworkers in Silicon Valley*, 51 *BYU L. REVIEW* \_ (forthcoming 2026)

*Exclusion by Design: Immigrant Racialization and Temporary Legal Status* (with Jennifer Chacon and Shannon Gleeson), 59 *UC DAVIS L. REV.* \_ (forthcoming 2026)

*Colorblind Nationalism and the Limits of Citizenship*, 44 *CARDOZO LAW REVIEW* 945 (2023)

- Reviewed in Chao-Ju Chen, *The Perpetual Foreigner in Today's America: How Colorblind Nationalism Produces Unequal Immigrants and Citizens* (Jan. 22, 2024), <https://equality.jotwell.com/the-perpetual-foreigners-in-todays-america-how-colorblind-nationalism-produces-unequal-immigrants-and-citizens/>

*The New Normal: Regulatory Dysfunction as Policymaking* (with Daimeon Shanks) 82 *MARYLAND LAW REVIEW* 300 (2023)

*Pursuing Citizenship During COVID-19*, 93 *U. COLO. L. REV.* 489 (2022)

*The Political (Mis)Representation of Immigrants on the Census*, 96 *N.Y.U. L. REV.* 901 (2021)

- Reprinted in *JUDGES BOOK* for UC Hastings College of Law (2022)
- Reprinted in *IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW* (2022-2023)

*The Political (Mis)representation of Immigrants in Voting* (with Hunter Knapp), 92 *U. COLO. L. REV.* 715 (2021)

*Citizenship Denied: Implications of the Naturalization Backlog for Noncitizens in Military*, 97 *DENVER UNIV. L. REV.* 669 (2020)

- Reprinted in Thomson Reuters *Immigration Bulletin* (November 2020)

*Silence and the Second Wall* (with Zachary New), 27 *SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW JOURNAL* 549 (2019)

- Reprinted in Bender's *Immigration Bulletin* (July 1, 2020)
- Selected from call for papers for University of Southern California Law Sanctuary Cities Symposium (2019) and C. Boyden Gray Center for Study of Administrative State Immigration Roundtable (2019)

*Sanctuary Networks as Integrative Enforcement*, 75 *WASHINGTON & LEE L. REV.* 1361 (2018)

- Reprinted in 39 *IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW* (2018)
- Reviewed in Alex Kang, *Loosening the Federal Grip on Immigration Policymaking*, *THE REGULATORY REVIEW* (June 27, 2018), <https://www.theregreview.org/2018/06/27/kang-loosening-federal-grip-immigration-policy/>

*Administrator-In-Chief: The President & Executive Action in Immigration Law*, 69 *ADMIN. L. REV.* 347 (2017)

- Reviewed in Jill Family, *Procedure Matters*, *JOTWELL* (November 30, 2017), <https://lex.jotwell.com/procedure-matters/>
- Commended on administrative law professor list-serve and SSRN top down-loads

*Beyond Legality: Understanding the Legitimacy of Executive Action in Immigration Law*, 66 SYRACUSE L. REV. 87 (2015-2016)

- Awarded 2015 Gamm Justice Award for outstanding written work addressing critical issues in justice
- Cited in *Immigration and Refugee Law & Policy, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed Supplement* (eds. Legomsky & Rodriguez 2015)
- Selected for inclusion in the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance Working Paper Series

*Trust in Immigration Enforcement: State Noncooperation and Sanctuary Cities After Secure Communities*, 91 CHICAGO-KENT L. REV. 13 (2015)

- Cited in *Immigration and Citizenship, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition* (eds. Aleinikoff et al, 2016)
- Reprinted in 36 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY L. REV. (2016)

*Governing by Guidance: Civil Rights Agencies and the Emergence of Language Rights in Schools and Workplaces*, 49 HARV. C.R. – C.L. L. REV. 201 (2014)

*Reimagining Democratic Inclusion: Asian Americans and the Voting Rights Act* (with Taeku Lee), 3 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 227 (2013)

*Where You Stand Depends on Where You Sit: Immigrant Incorporation in Federal Workplace Agencies*, 33 BERKELEY JOURNAL OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR LAW 359 (2012-2013)

- Cited in *Immigration and Refugee Law & Policy, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition* (eds. Legomsky & Rodriguez 2015)

#### ESSAYS & OTHER WRITINGS

*Civic Engagement among New Americans: Arab, Asian, Latinx Americans During a Shifting Political Landscape* (with Adrian Ballesteros, Emily Cole, and Joy Min), 77 U.C. LAW JOURNAL ONLINE (2025)

*U.S. Migrant Integration and Assimilation Policy*, OXFORD HANDBOOK ON COMPARATIVE IMMIGRATION LAW (Forthcoming 2024)

*Epilogue: We the People: Race, Citizenship, and Equality*, 75 U.C. LAW JOURNAL 1729 (2024)

*Race and Regulatory Equity*, 22 GEORGETOWN J. LAW & PUB. POLICY 395 (2024)

*The Road Not Taken: Racial Preferences for Naturalized Citizenship*, 65 WM. M. L. REV. 1137 (2024)

*Teaching Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Citizenship & Immigration*, 67 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 513 (2023)

*Making Litigating Citizenship More Fair*, 73 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW EN BANC 133 (May 2020)

*How Much Procedure is Needed to Change Novel Regulatory Policies*, 71 HASTINGS L. J. 1127 (June 2020)

*Citizenship Delayed: Civil Rights and Voting Rights Implications of the Citizenship and Naturalization Backlog*, Report of Colorado Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (September 2019)

- Reprinted in Bender's Immigration Bulletin (May 2020)
- Reprinted in 91 U. COLO. L. REV. FORUM (2019)

*Leveraging Social Science Expertise in Immigration Policy*, 112 NORTHWESTERN L. REV. ONLINE 281 (2018)

- Selected from Call for Papers for e-CRT Northwestern and American Bar Foundation Symposium
- Reviewed in JOTWELL, *The Need for Facts in Immigration Policymaking* (June 6, 2018)

*Regulatory Rights: Civil Rights Agencies, Courts, and the Entrenchment of Language Rights*, in THE RIGHTS REVOLUTION REVISITED (ed. Lynda Dodd, Cambridge University Press 2018)

*Immigration & Cooperative Federalism*, 85 U. COLORADO L. REV. 1087 (2014)

- Reprinted in 35 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY L. REV. (2014)

*Alienated: Reworking the Racialization Thesis*, 18 AM. U. J. GENDER & SOC. POL'Y & L. 411 (2010)

*Two Wrongs Make a Right: Hybrid Claims of Discrimination*, 79 N.Y.U. L. REV. 685 (2004)

- Leonard M. Henkin Prize (best student article on Equal Protection Clause and Constitutional Law 2004)
- Gary E. Moncrieffe Award (best student article on race 2004)

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Migrating Across the Color Line: Racialized Integration for International Students in US*

*Student to Worker Transitions: Coming of Age as International Students in the US and Canada*

*The Limits of Citizenship* (book manuscript)

### SELECTED MEDIA, BLOGS & PUBLIC EDUCATION

[Professor Chen Recognized for Scholarly Excellence with UC Law SF Foundation Award](#) (March 2026)

Presentations on birthright citizenship and executive actions on immigration for Northern District of California Historical Society, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Albany Library (February-April 2026)

[Affiliate-in-Focus](#) UBC Centre for Migration Studies and [Visiting Scholar](#) UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender (November 2025)

Comments on birthright citizenship in [The Guardian](#), [NPR](#), and [SF Chronicle](#) (January 2025).

[California Cannot Abandon Undocumented Students after UC Regents Change Course on Hiring](#), SACRAMENTO BEE (February 24, 2024).

[We Should End Legacy Admissions, But It Won't Make Up for Affirmative Action](#), BOSTON GLOBE (Jan 13, 2024).

[What the Supreme Court Got Wrong About Affirmative Action](#), THE PROGRESSIVE (September 5, 2023)

[Undocumented students need jobs to pay for college](#), SF CHRONICLE (July 6, 2023).

[We Can't Ignore Latino and Asian American Voices in 2024](#), THE HILL (June 14, 2023)

[Citizenship, Race, and Political Inequality](#), Race and Regulation Podcast (University of Pennsylvania –2022)

[A New Way to Think About Citizenship](#), TEDxMileHigh (December 2020)

[Race Masked in Colorblind Administrative Procedures](#), THE REGULATORY REVIEW (October/November 2020)

[Citizenship Delays Imperil Voting in 2020 Election](#), THE CONVERSATION (September 3, 2020)

[How Can the U.S. Support Immigrants Pursuing Citizenship](#), SCHOLAR STRATEGY NETWORK (August 2020)

[How International Students Became a White House Target During the Pandemic](#), CNBC (August 20, 2020)

[Colorblind Nationalism](#), YALE J. ON REG.: NOTICE & COMMENT (July 13, 2020)

[Are The Dreamers Safe Now That The Supreme Court Ruled? Not Exactly. Here's What's Still Up In The Air](#), The MonkeyCage, WASHINGTON POST (June 19, 2020)

[US Citizenship Applications are Backlogged, Prolonging the Wait for Civil and Voting Rights](#), THE CONVERSATION (September 20, 2019) (listed as Top 5 Essential reads for the year)

[A Worm's Eye View of the Practical Effect of Guidance](#), 36 YALE J. ON REG.: NOTICE & COMMENT (May 6, 2019) and [Immigration Exceptionalism for ACUS Report on Guidance](#), IMMIGRATIONPROF BLOG (May 7, 2019)

[Administrator-In-Chief in the Trump Era](#), YALE J. ON REG.: NOTICE & COMMENT (June 21, 2017)

#### SERVICE TO ACADEMY

Center for Race, Immigration, Citizenship, and Equality (RICE, founding Faculty-Director (2022-present)

Law and Society Association, Thematic Session for Program Committee (2025-present); Co-Chair and Executive Committee Citizenship and Migration Collaborative Research Network (2016-2020)

American Association of Law Schools Immigration Section, Chair and Executive Committee (2021-2025)

U.C. Law San Francisco Rank and Tenure Committee; Diversity Equity Inclusion Working Group, Curriculum Committee (Fall 2022-present)

University of Colorado Immigration and Citizenship Law Program, Faculty-Director (Fall 2017-2021)

University of Colorado Chancellor's Task Force on Immigration, Faculty-Advisor (Fall 2017– 2021)

#### SERVICE TO LEGAL PROFESSION

[ImmigrationProf Blog](#), Co-editor with Kevin Johnson, Bill Ong Hing, Kit Johnson, Ingrid Eagly (2019-present)

Member, Colorado Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2016-2021)

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT, San Francisco, CA  
*Law Clerk to Judge James R. Browning*, (2004-2005)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, Washington, DC  
*Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel (Appellate Services)*, Summer 2003

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, New York, NY  
*Law Clerk, Civil Division*, Summer 2002

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, Washington, D.C.  
*Research Assistant, Governmental Studies (E.J. Dionne)*, 2000 – 2001

*Research Associate, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, 2000 – 2001*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE, Washington, DC  
*Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Summer Intern, Summer 1999*

NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CONSORTIUM, Washington, DC  
*Organization of Pan Asian American Women Fellow and Summer Intern, Summer 1998*

### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY LAW SCHOOL, Berkeley, CA  
Ph.D (May 2011); MA (April 2008), Jurisprudence and Social Policy

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY  
J. D. (May 2004)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA  
A. B., *magna cum laude* and highest honors on senior thesis, in Social Studies and Study of Religion (June 2000)