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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 downloads

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, 6th 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, 8th 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, 6th 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 for Northern District of California Historical Society, Chinese for Affirmative Action, Albany Public Library, [Public Radio International](#) (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](#), [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 2 (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)