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**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, Boulder, CO
July 2009 – Present
Clinical Professor of Law, Criminal & Immigration Defense Clinic
Director, Immigration & Citizenship Law Program, 2021-Present

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.
October 2002 – June 2009
Staff Attorney, Trial Division

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
J.D., May 2002
Awards:
Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association
Public Service Scholarship Award, May 2002 (given to three students
planning to dedicate their careers to public service).

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY
B.A., May 1997, Sociology

AWARDS

Recipient, 2021 Polly Baca Raices Fuertes Community Leader Award.
Congressman Joe Neguse established this award in 2020 to recognize an exemplary leader in the 2nd Congressional District who best exhibits commitment to the service of others and dedication to social justice.

Faculty Recipient, President's Diversity Award, CU Boulder, 2017-18.
This annual award recognizes significant achievements of faculty, staff, students, and academic or administrative units in developing a culturally and intellectually diverse university community.

Faculty Recipient, Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award, 2017.
Established at CU Law in 1998, this award is given annually to a faculty or staff member who contributes to the public service of the law school in the spirit and tradition of Professor Emeritus Clifford Calhoun during his 29-year law school career. In 2017, this award was co-presented to Professor Violeta Chapin and Professor Ming H. Chen in recognition of their work with immigrants and the University of Colorado Boulder's international community.

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Co-Director, Clinical Programs, 2022-23

Dean Search Committee, 2020-21

LILAC Committee, 2020 – Present

Peer Review Committee (non-tenure track), 2020 – Present

Faculty Advisor, Latino Law Students Association, 2010 – Present

Faculty Mentor, Women of Color Collective, 2019 – 2021

Public Service Committee, 2017-19 (Chair, 2018-19)

Appointments Committee, 2016 -17, 2013-14

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, 2015 – 2016

ABA Site Visit Committee, 2014 – 2015

Admissions Committee, 2010 – 2014

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTED)

Core Faculty, Gideon’s Promise, Atlanta, GA, 2010 – Present.

One of ten core faculty to train and sustain public defenders working in under-resourced offices nationwide. Gather three times a year to train office heads, supervisors and line attorneys in client-centered representation and the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

UndocuAlly Trainings, CU Boulder, 2017 – Present.

Collaborate with CU Boulder campus administration and other faculty to train students, staff and faculty about how to support and advocate for undocumented students enrolled at CU Boulder and across the state of Colorado.

Board Member, Philanthropiece, Longmont, CO, 2018 – Present.

Advisory board member with a local philanthropic organization collaborating with partners in Guatemala, Mexico and Colorado to advance social entrepreneurship, community savings groups, and immigrant justice. Board service includes international travel to sites in Guatemala and Mexico.

Board Member, Alternate Defense Counsel, Denver, CO 2017 – Present.

The Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC) is conflict counsel when the CO State Public Defender cannot represent an indigent client due to an ethical conflict. Board members advise and consult with the director, staff and member attorneys regarding best practices for client-centered, holistic representation and continued support and training for OADC lawyers. Board service includes travel across the state of CO to meet with practitioners, prosecutors and judges.

Advisory Committee, Boulder Crisis Fund, Boulder Community Foundation (organized in the wake of the grocery store shooting in Boulder on March 22, 2021). Advising the Foundation in how funds should be distributed to support victims, their families and the community.

Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union, Denver, CO 2018 – 2019.

Member, Criminal Law Executive Council, Colorado Bar Association, 2014 – 2017.

Visiting Faculty, Harvard Law School, Trial Advocacy Workshop (TAW), Cambridge, MA, January 2011, 2012 and 2015.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECTED)

Guest appearance, Gideon's Promise, The Podcast, "What Does Independence Look Like in 2021," Episode 13, July 2021.

"When Cruelty Becomes Ordinary; Race, Punishment and Redemption," Colorado Law Race & the Law Series, November 2020.

Faculty lecturer, Immigration Law, Annual Mini Law School: Law School 101, Colorado Law, four years (most recently in Oct. 2020).

"The Future of DACA and Temporary Protected Status (TPS)," Boulder Conversations with Violeta Chapin, Museum of Boulder speaker series, October 2018.

"Immigration Laws and Presidential Power," Colorado Center for Civic Learning & Engagement, May 2018.

"DACA: What's Next for the Dreamers?" Diversity & Inclusion Summit, CU Boulder, November 2017 and February 2020.

Regular invited guest on matters of immigration, Denver Post, Boulder Daily Camera, KOA News Radio, and KGNU Boulder.

Plenary speaker, Annual Conference, Office of the Colorado State Public Defender, Fall 2011 and Fall 2018.

Guest speaker, Immigration Law Professor's Conference, May 2014.

Panelist, PATH Conference
Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C., Summer 2010

AALS Clinical Presentation, 2010 AALS Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. Integrating Principles of Backward by Design in the Criminal Defense Clinic, spring semester, School year 2009-10.

OTHER COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Frequent collaborator and legal consultant with Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN), El Comite Longmont, Northern Colorado Immigrants United, Alianza Norco of Ft. Collins, and other immigrant advocacy organizations in Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Inaugural Scholar, Justice Collaborative, 2019-20. Produced a report titled “The Coronavirus and the Immigrant Detention Crisis,” March 2020.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado (2009 – Present)
District of Columbia (2002 - 2012)