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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Juris Doctor, 2011

Certificate: Non-Profit Leadership and Cross-Sector Innovation

Honors: Toll Public Interest Scholar

Exemplary Pro Bono Service Award

Philadelphia Bar Association Law Student Pro Bono Honoree

Activities: Journal of Law and Social Change, *Senior Editor*

Immigrant Rights Project, *Co-Director*

Latin American Law Students Association, *Board Member*

Penn Law for Haiti, *Committee Member*

Harvard University, Master of Theological Studies, 2004

Concentration: World Religions

Activities: A History of Latinos at Harvard, *Contributor*

The Skeptic Student Paper, *Treasurer*

Stanford University, Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, 2002

Thesis: Trials of Visibility: Literature and Film in the Cuban Special Period

Activities: Research Assistant to Fernando Birri (New Latin American Cinema)

New Latin American Cinema Working Group, *Co-Coordinator*

Cabrini University, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish (Minor: Mathematics), 2001

Honors: Class Valedictorian; *summa cum laude*

Romance Language Departmental Award

Activities: Research Assistant to Cynthia Halpern (Latin American Literature)

Curriculum Committee; Student Academic Board; Student Ambassador

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC

2025-present

Associate Professor of Law

- Serve as affiliated faculty to the School of Divinity and the Race, Inequality, and Policy Initiative.
- Teach Criminal Law, Immigration Law, and Crimmigration.
- Advise student groups and serve on faculty committees.

St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY

2023-2025

Assistant Professor of Law

- Taught Criminal Law, Immigration Law, and Crimmigration.
- Advised student groups and served on Curriculum Committee and Bylaws and Status Committee.

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA 2019-2023
Lecturer in Law

- Taught Crimmigration seminar on race and the intersection of criminal law and immigration law.
- Acted as faculty supervisor for students completing Penn Law’s senior writing requirement.

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA 2021-2023
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

Director, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services

- Taught seminar on client-centered lawyering skills and practice of immigration law.
- Supervised student representation in defensive and affirmative immigration cases.
- Coordinated annual symposium and supervised full-time legal fellow and half-time paralegal.

Cabrini University, Radnor, PA (on leave 2021-2023) 2015-2023

Inaugural Director, Center on Immigration 2017-2023

Associate Professor of Religion, Law, and Social Justice (tenured) 2021-2023

Assistant Professor of Religion, Law, and Social Justice 2015-2021

- Led academic center promoting immigrant rights through education, advocacy, and scholarship.
- Secured funding for center, with IA, through an endowment gift, grants, and donations.
- Offered courses focused on immigration law and policy, race and ethics, and religion and law.

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA 2013-2014

Adjunct Professor, Immigration Legal Clinic

- Taught seminar on client-centered lawyering skills and practice of immigration law.
- Supervised law school students in live client representation in immigration proceedings.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Lecturer in Foreign Language 2004-2008

Course Chair, Intensive Introductory Spanish 2006-2008

- Taught introductory, intermediate, and advanced Spanish language and culture courses.
- Developed curriculum and coordinated up to 9 sections of introductory Spanish courses.
- Trained, supervised, evaluated, and mentored teams of 6-8 instructors.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Disappearing “Criminal Aliens”: Legal Responses to Authoritarian Violence, GA. J. INT’L & COMPAR. L. (symposium piece, forthcoming Spring 2026)

The Necropolitics of Immigration Enforcement, 98 TEMP. L. REV. 219 (2026)

Lethal Immigration Enforcement, 109 CORNELL L. REV. 465 (2024) (featured in Scholastica’s “What Legal Scholars Are Writing About: 2024 Edition”)

Legislating Morality: Moral Theory and Turpitudinous Crimes in Immigration Jurisprudence, 53 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 39 (2019) (co-author with Jennifer Bulcock)

Book

THE ROAD TO SANCTUARY: BUILDING POWER AND COMMUNITY IN PHILADELPHIA (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic 2022) (co-editor with Amada Armenta and Caitlin Barry)

Book Chapters

The Intersection of Criminal and Immigration Law, in SOCIAL WORK WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: LEGAL ISSUES, CLINICAL SKILLS, AND ADVOCACY (Fernando Chang-Muy & Elaine P. Congress eds., 3d ed., Springer Publishing Company 2023)

Examining the Past: A History of Sanctuary Movements and Practices, in THE ROAD TO SANCTUARY: BUILDING POWER AND COMMUNITY IN PHILADELPHIA (Amada Armenta, Caitlin Barry, Abel Rodríguez eds., Lexington Books/Fortress Academic 2022)

Philadelphia's Road to Sanctuary, in THE ROAD TO SANCTUARY: BUILDING POWER AND COMMUNITY IN PHILADELPHIA (Amada Armenta, Caitlin Barry, Abel Rodríguez eds., Lexington Books/Fortress Academic 2022)

Crimes and Immigration: Civil Advocacy for Noncitizens at the Intersection of Criminal and Immigration Law, in SOCIAL WORK WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: LEGAL ISSUES, CLINICAL SKILLS, AND ADVOCACY (Fernando Chang-Muy & Elaine Congress eds., 2d ed., Springer Publishing Company 2016)

Other Publications

Embracing Mother Cabrini's Vision: Pursuing Immigrant Justice in the Classroom and Beyond, CABRINI MAGAZINE, Fall 2016 (included in curriculum to accompany LAS MADRES DE BERKS documentary advocating for an end to family detention)

Works in Progress

Immigration Fictions

Reparations as Decolonization

Global Migrant Death

ADVOCACY FILMS

BOXED OUT: CRIMINAL RECORDS AND THE BAN THE BOX MOVEMENT IN PHILADELPHIA (Penn Program on Documentaries and the Law 2011) (co-director and co-editor with Katherine Andrews and Megan Rok)

THE SOLUTIONS: BUDUBURAM REFUGEE SETTLEMENT AND GHANA'S FORGOTTEN GUESTS (University of Pennsylvania Law School 2011) (director and editor)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA 2012-2015

Immigration Specialist

- Advised public defenders and clients as to the immigration consequences of criminal proceedings.
- Conducted information sessions for incarcerated noncitizens regarding immigration matters.

Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 2012-2015

Staff Attorney

- Represented formerly convicted clients in immigration court and before USCIS.
- Conducted consultations at NSC and the Mexican Consulate of Philadelphia.

Esperanza Immigration Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA 2011-2012

Langer, Grogan, and Diver Fellow in Social Justice

- Represented older adults and immigrants with disabilities in immigration matters.
- Conducted citizenship trainings for advocates working with noncitizens.

Penn Law Criminal Defense Clinic, Philadelphia, PA Spring 2011

Student Representative

- Represented clients in Philadelphia Municipal Court under attorney supervision.
- Conducted client intake interviews at the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

Penn Law Transnational Legal Clinic, Philadelphia, PA Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

Student Representative

- Represented clients in dependency/Special Immigrant Juvenile Status case under supervision.
- Disseminated report at the Buduburam Refugee Settlement in Ghana.

Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Miami, FL Summer 2010

Student Intern

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Zacatecas, MX Summer 2009

Student Intern

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

Presenter, "Immigration Fictions," Immigration Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, Duke University School of Law (June 6, 2026)

Presenter, “Immigration & Access to Justice: Immigration Lawyering, Interpretation Challenges, and Immigration Fictions,” Law and Society Conference, San Francisco, CA (May 29, 2026)

Presenter, “Immigration Fictions: Accelerant Fictions in a Time of Authoritarianism,” LatCrit Biennial Conference, Denver, CO (October 17, 2025)

Presenter, “The Necropolitics of Immigration Enforcement,” LatCrit Biennial Conference, Immigration Regimes Panel, Cornell University Law School (October 6, 2023)

Presenter, “Lethal Immigration Enforcement,” Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, George Washington University Law School (June 15-16, 2023)

Presenter, “Racialized Migrant Death,” Clinical Law Review’s Annual Workshop, New York University Law School (October 8, 2022)

Co-presenter, “Vile Exclusion: Abolishing the Codification of Morality in Immigration Law,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference (May 28-31, 2020)

Presenter, “Decriminalizing Sanctuary: Free Exercise and the Convergence of Interests in the New Sanctuary Movement,” Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November 13-16, 2019)

Presenter, “Devising Depravity: Examining Categorical Imperatives and Approaches to Morality in Immigration Jurisprudence,” Migration Law and Policy Section, The Migration Conference, University of Bari, Italy (June 18-20, 2019)

Co-presenter, “Legislating Morality: Normative Ethics and the Shortcomings of the Crime Involving Moral Turpitude in the Immigration Legal Context,” Migration Law and Policy Section, The Migration Conference, University of Lisbon, Portugal (June 27-29, 2018)

Panelist, “The Legal and Religious Dimensions of Sanctuary,” Immigration in Philadelphia Panel, Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Philadelphia, PA (February 23-25, 2017)

Invited Talks

Speaker, “Defending Life Amid Normalized Death: Faith, Justice, and Resistance to State Violence,” Wake Forest University Divinity School (Date TBD)

Guest Lecturer, “Challenges in the Crimmigration System,” School of Social Policy and Practice, Global Human Rights Graduate Course, University of Pennsylvania (March 4, 2026) (annual lecture)

Presenter, “Immigration Fictions: Accelerant Fictions in a Time of Authoritarianism,” Faculty Workshop Series, University of Tennessee Winston College of Law (February 26, 2026)

Panelist, “Crimmigration as Paradigmatic Migration Control in the United States: Exploring the Impact on Communities, Courts, and Attorneys,” Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law Symposium, University of Georgia School of Law (November 7, 2025)

Presenter, “Immigration Enforcement and the Demise of Democracy,” Faculty Workshop Series, Albany Law School (April 16, 2025)

Presenter, “The Necropolitics of Immigration Enforcement,” Faculty Workshop Series, Rutgers Law School (April 9, 2025)

Speaker, “Lethal Enforcement: The Racialized Death of Immigrants and Democracy,” Social Justice Speaker Series, La Salle University (March 4, 2025)

Panelist, “Introduction to Crimmigration,” National Training for Elected Prosecutors, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Institute for Innovation in Prosecution (January 15, 2025)

Speaker, “Foundations of Crimmigration,” National Training, Pursuing Justice for Immigrants Convening, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Institute for Innovation in Prosecution (April 3, 2024)

Guest Lecturer, “Seeking Asylum Post-Trump: Changes and Remaining Challenges,” Perspectives on Migration Course, Villanova University (October 20, 2021)

Guest Lecturer, “The Sanctuary Movement in Historical Context,” Sanctuary Cities: Practice and Policies Course, Urban Strategy Program, Drexel University (April 12, 2021)

Speaker, “Justice at the Margins: Migrant Rights, Realities, and Resilience in the Borderlands,” Steinbrucker Series on Global Mobility & Social Life of Law, Arcadia University (November 5, 2019)

Guest Lecturer, “Historicizing Sanctuary,” Sanctuary Cities Graduate Course, Urban Strategy Program, Drexel University (April 15, 2019)

Panelist, “The Boundaries of Deservingness,” Latinx Ivy League Conference, University of Pennsylvania (April 6, 2019)

Panelist, “Navigating Sanctuary: Cities’ Responses to Shifting Immigration Policies,” Penn’s Perry World House and the City of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania (November 14, 2018)

Speaker, “The Roots and Resilience of Philadelphia’s Sanctuary Movement,” Center for Peace and Justice Education, Villanova University (November 7, 2018)

Panelist, “How Could this Happen? Unpacking the Legal Framework Enabling Family Separation,” Penn Law Immigrant Rights Project, University of Pennsylvania Law School (October 3, 2018)

Panelist, “Crimmigration and Immigration Enforcement,” LALSA Conference, University of Pennsylvania Law School (February 2, 2018)

Speaker, “An Immigrant’s Experience: Mental Health Access and Human Trafficking,” National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter, West Chester University (November 17, 2017)

Panelist, “DACA and Dreamers: Twenty-First Century Immigration Policy in America,” Latinos and Education Conference, Delaware County Community College (October 31, 2017)

Panelist, “Immigration Law and Constitutional Principles,” Annual Continuing Legal Education Conference, City of Philadelphia Law Department, (July 27, 2017)

Panelist, “Dreamers in College: (Im)Migration and Successful Institutional Policies,” Latinos and Education Conference, Delaware County Community College (April 7, 2017)

Presenter, “From Criminal Conviction to Civil Nightmare: Padilla’s Promise in Pennsylvania,” Philadelphia Bar Association (March 30, 2017)

Panelist, “Abriendo Puertas: Strengthening Latino Communities Through Mentoring, Leadership and Increasing College Access,” Latinos and Education Conference, Delaware County Community College (April 15, 2016)

Guest Lecturer, “Crimes and Deportation: Pitfalls and Strategies within the Criminal and Immigration Legal Systems,” Immigration Law Class, University of Pennsylvania Law School (November 3, 2014)

Panelist, “Effective Immigration Practice for Solo and Small Firms,” Bench-Bar and Annual Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, Atlantic City, NJ (October 18, 2014)

Panelist, “Immigration Consequences of Criminal Proceedings,” Philadelphia Municipal Court Judicial Conference, Philadelphia, PA (May 9, 2014)

Speaker, “Legal Challenges Facing Our Immigrant Communities,” TESOL Language and Linguistics Speaker Series, College of Education, Temple University (April 24, 2014)

Speaker, “Encountering Immigration Issues Unexpectedly,” Criminal Defense Continuing Legal Education Training, Defender Association of Philadelphia (April 5, 2014)

Panelist, “A Dialogue about Immigration, Identity, and Policy,” Penn for Immigrant Rights, University of Pennsylvania (February 26, 2014)

Keynote, “Answering the Call to Service,” Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Cabrini College, Radnor, PA (February 25, 2014)

Panelist, “The Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity,” Drexel University Law School, Philadelphia, PA (January 27, 2014)

Panelist, “Immigration Law and Practice Today,” Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (November 21, 2013)

Guest Lecturer, “Criminal Records and the Ban the Box Movement in Philadelphia,” Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania (November 7, 2013)

Panelist, “Hot Topics in Immigrant Rights and Immigration Law,” Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA (June 6, 2013)

Panelist, “Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions and Sentencing in Pennsylvania Courts,” Pennsylvania Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA (April 23, 2013)

Keynote, “Social Justice in Any Language,” Phi Sigma Iota Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Cabrini College, Radnor, PA (March 8, 2013)

Speaker, “Immigration Law and Policy: Grasping the Landscape at Institutions of Higher Education,” Staff Institute Training, Cabrini College, Radnor, PA (June 26, 2012)

Guest Speaker, “Justice for the Formerly Convicted and Ban the Box as Social Movement,” Rutgers School of Law, Camden, NJ (February 15, 2012)

Panelist, “Criminal Records and the Ban the Box Movement in Philadelphia,” University of Pennsylvania Law School (January 18, 2012)

Media Appearances & Service Talks

Responder, “Where Things Stand in the United States: Changes in Refugee and Asylum Law and Policy,” Wake Forest University (March 26, 2026)

Speaker, “ICE Killings of Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and Keith Porter,” Society for Criminal Justice Reform, Wake Forest University School of Law (February 19, 2026)

Speaker, “Know Your Rights in Encounters with Police and ICE,” MLK Community Empowerment Summit, Camel City United Indivisible (January 18, 2026)

Panelist, “The Fertility Fixation: Unpacking the New Pronatalist Agenda,” Reproductive Justice Law Student Group, Wake Forest University School of Law (November 13, 2025)

Panelist, “Careers in Criminal Law,” Society for Criminal Justice Reform and Women in Law, Wake Forest University School of Law (October 29, 2025)

Discussant, “The Infiltrators” film screening, Resistencia Latin American and Latino Film Festival, Winston-Salem (October 9, 2025)

Interview, Five Things to Know about Immigration: Where Does the Immigration Landscape Stand Today?, Wake Forest University School of Law (August 14, 2025)

Interview, Revocation of Visas, Inadmissibility to the United States, and Exclusion of Documented Migrants, *The Wall Street Journal* (March 17, 2025)

Panelist, “Navigating Justice in Uncharted Times: Trump’s Unprecedented Presidency,” St. John’s Law American Constitution Society (March 6, 2025)

Panelist, “Colorblindness, Meritocracy, and Racism,” Antiracism Day, St. John’s University School of Law, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (February 21, 2025)

Speaker, Know Your Rights in Encounters with Police and ICE, St. John’s University School of Law, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (January 16, 2025)

Speaker, “Holistic Public Defense: Exploring Consequences Beyond Conviction,” SJU Defenders, St. John’s University School of Law (April 11, 2024)

Speaker, “Unpacking Public Defense: Navigating Law School as a PD Student,” SJU Defenders, St. John’s University School of Law (October 26, 2023)

Panelist, “Leadership Mindset: Overcoming Obstacles,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA (January 31, 2022)

Trainer, Crimes and Immigration Training, Pro Bono Research Project - Statewide Resource for Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, Mariposa Legal, Indianapolis, IN (April 16, 2021)

Speaker, “Global Challenges in Migration and a Cabrini Response,” Dreaming of a Single Human Family Speaker Series, Cabrini National Shrine (February 24, 2021)

Speaker, “Welcoming the Stranger: Seeking Migrant Justice in the Borderlands,” Greenwich Reform Synagogue, Greenwich, CT (October 7, 2019)

Featured Expert, Segment on Immigration Raids, Telemundo Television Station, Philadelphia, PA (September 8, 2019)

Speaker, “Access to Justice and the Weaponization of Immigration Law,” Amnesty International - Philadelphia Chapter, Philadelphia, PA (October 25, 2018)

Guest, “Deportation, Detention, and Family Separation,” Encuentros Políticos/Political Encounters Radio Program, USALA Radio, Philadelphia, PA (July 4, 2018)

Keynote Speaker, “Leveraging Language for Change,” Phi Sigma Iota Honor Society Induction, Cabrini University (May 3, 2018)

Panelist, “How to Thrive as a Public Interest Lawyer,” Public Interest Week, University of Pennsylvania Law School (February 23, 2018)

Speaker, “The Search for Truth in the Immigration Continuum” Catholic Immigrant Refugee Coalition Convening, Radnor, PA (September 22, 2017)

Panelist, “Advancing the Common Good: Social Issues in the 2016 Election,” Faithful Citizens Series: Voting With Your Conscience, Cabrini University, Radnor, PA (October 12, 2016)

Panelist, “Diversity in Public Interest,” Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (September 8, 2014)

Panelist, “Know Your Criminal and Immigration Rights,” Trans-Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA (June 14, 2014)

Panelist, Penn Law Outreach Career Panel, Black Law Students Association, University of Pennsylvania Law School (February 8, 2014)

OTHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

University of Pennsylvania Law School , Philadelphia, PA <i>Interviewer, Toll Public Interest Scholarship</i>	2015-present
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ACLAMO Family Centers , Norristown, PA <i>Member, Board of Directors</i>	2013-2020
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AL DÍA News , Philadelphia, PA <i>Steering Committee Member, I Am an American Immigrant Campaign</i>	2018-2019
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Esperanza Immigration Legal Services , Philadelphia, PA <i>Member, Board of Directors</i>	2013-2015
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St. John the Evangelist Church , Philadelphia, PA <i>Member, Social Justice Committee</i>	2007-2008
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Annunciation House , El Paso, TX; Juárez, México <i>Interim House Coordinator, Border Awareness Experience Leader, Volunteer</i>	Summers 2003-2007
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COURSES TAUGHT

Wake Forest University – School of Law

LAW 132: Criminal Law
LAW 564: Immigration Law
LAW XXX: Crimmigration

St. John’s University – School of Law

CRIM 1040: Criminal Law

INDR 1030: Immigration Law
INDR 3020: Crimmigration

University of Pennsylvania – Carey Law School

LAW 906: Crimmigration

Villanova University – Charles Widger School of Law

LAW 5906: Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES)

LAW 8911: Advanced Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES)

Temple University – Beasley School of Law

LAW 750: Immigration Legal Clinic

Cabrini University – School of Humanities and Social Sciences

HECG 300: Honors Immigration Law and Social Justice

ECG 300: Immigration Law and Social Justice

REL 223: Church and State: A U.S. Perspective

REL 109: Morality Matters

COL 101: College Success

La Salle University – School of Arts and Sciences

POL 151: Principles of American Government

University of Pennsylvania – School of Arts and Sciences

SPA 202: Advanced Spanish Conversation

SPA 140: Intermediate Spanish II

SPA 130: Intermediate Spanish I

SPA 121: Intensive Introductory Spanish

SPA 120: Introductory Spanish II

SELECTED ACADEMIC COMMITTEE WORK

Academic Engagement and Advising Committee, Wake Forest Law (2025-2026)

Well-Being and Achievement Committee, Wake Forest Law (2025-2026)

Curriculum Committee, St. John's Law (2024-2025)

Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee, St. John's Law (2023-2024)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Council, Cabrini University (2020-2021)

Undergraduate Curriculum Subcommittee, Cabrini University (2016-2021)

Student Grievance Board, Cabrini University (2015-2021)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Campus Compact of New York and Pennsylvania, “Serving Noncitizen Students” Two-Day Virtual Faculty Development (2020)

Catholic Relief Services Global Solidarity Grant, “Social Justice in Action: Legislative Advocacy for Immigrant Rights in Washington, DC” (2019)

Mexican Consulate of Philadelphia Grant, Financial Literacy Training for Immigrant Communities in Montgomery and Delaware Counties (2018)

Cabrini University Faculty Development Summer Research Grant, “The Art of Social Justice” in Mexico City (2016)

Clinical Fellowship in Clinic for Applied Legal Studies (Political Asylum Clinic), Georgetown University Law School (2015) (declined)

Langer, Grogan, and Diver Social Justice Fellowship, Legal Representation for Older Adults and People with Disabilities in their Immigration Matters (2011-2012)

SELECTED EVENTS ORGANIZED

Conference, 2026 Immigration Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, Works in Progress Subcommittee, Duke University School of Law (June 5-7, 2026)

Panel, “Abolishing Solitary Confinement and Disciplinary Hearings,” Antiracism Day, St. John’s University School of Law (Spring 2024)

Symposium, “Taking Sanctuary: Building Power and Community in Philadelphia,” Villanova University School of Law (Spring 2023)

Symposium, “The Road to Abolition: Intersectional Approaches to Immigrant Justice,” Villanova University School of Law (Spring 2022)

Faculty Development, “Serving Noncitizen Students,” (Day 1: Serving Undocumented Students, Day 2: Serving International Students), Cabrini University (Spring 2021)

Center on Immigration Book Talk Series (hosted authors on issues of immigration, crimmigration, and racial justice), Cabrini University (2020-2021)

Delaware Valley Migration Scholars Colloquium Series (hosted scholars from the region each semester to discuss works in progress), Cabrini University (2019-2021)

Advocacy Days for Philadelphia Area Universities (coordinated advocacy days each semester for immigration reform in Washington, DC, and Harrisburg, PA), Cabrini University (2017-2021)

Know Your Rights Workshops (trainings for campus communities to protect rights in encounters with police and ICE), Cabrini University (2017-2021)

Symposium, “Decolonizing the Borderlands: Root Causes, Resilience, and Resistance,” Cabrini University (Fall 2019)

Symposium, “Trauma and Trafficking,” Co-sponsored by Center on Immigration and Center for Domestic Violence and Trauma Education, Cabrini University (Fall 2018)

Edward V. Sparer Symposium, “Now More Than Ever: Expanding Access to Justice in Times of Crisis,” University of Pennsylvania Law School (Fall 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Peter J. Gomes, STB '68 Distinguished Alumni Award, Harvard University (2020)

Luminary Award, Cabrini University (2019)

Distinguished Faculty Award for External Service, Cabrini University (2019)

Superhero Award, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and S. New Jersey (2018)

Alumni Hall of Fame, Montgomery County Community College (2018)

Distinguished Achievement Award, Cabrini University Alumni Association (2017)

Honorary Member, Delta Epsilon Sigma (2017)

Penn Course Review's Highest Rated Professors, University of Pennsylvania (2004-2008)

Nomination, Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Pennsylvania (2006)

BAR ADMISSION & AFFILIATIONS

Pennsylvania Bar (inactive)

Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Spanish (native)

Portuguese (intermediate)