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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1997 Juris Doctor
The University of Washington School of Law
Seattle, WA
- 1997 Master of Public Administration
The University of Washington, Evans School of Public Affairs
Seattle, WA
- 1994 Bachelor of Arts, Major - *Political Science*
The University of Washington
Seattle, WA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 – Pres. University of Washington School of Law
Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic, Teaching Professor
Teach and manage all aspects of the clinic providing representation to defendants charged in the Tulalip Tribal Court. Duties include doctrinal lecture and supervision of 2L and 3L students providing legal services as lay advocates in Tribal court. Duties also include supervision of advanced clinic students on legal motions and appeals. Teaching includes federal Indian law principles, Tribal court processes and general litigation skills. Students gain experiential knowledge through client interviews, legal research and writing, discovery, negotiation, pleadings, draft motions *in limine*, and jury trials. Duties also include lectures throughout the academic year, curriculum development, intensive team meetings and overseeing programs of the Native American Law Center including outreach on behalf of the Native American Law Center.
- 2020 – Pres. Interim Director, Native American Law Center
Manage all aspects of the work of the Center, including budgets management, funding requests, reports to funders, and strategic planning. Work with team members to ensure the continuation of vital programs including the criminal law clinic, youth in need of care clinic, and the Indian Law Symposium.
- 01/2017 – University of Washington School of Law
05/2018 *Associate Dean for Students, Equity and Engagement*

Serve as the primary advocate for law students and exemplify the school's commitment to service, equity, and inclusion. Duties include supervising the Assistant Dean for Student & Career Services whose staff is responsible for enriching the student experience and enhancing the academic mission through career counseling, academic advising, and student life programming. With the Student & Career Services team, the Associate Dean coordinates student-focused all-school activities such as Foundations for Legal Studies first year law student orientation and graduation. Duties also include reporting directly to the Dean and engaging UW Law in strategic planning for equity and engagement; for nurturing a student-centered, culturally competent, collegial community; and for building collaborative relationships with stakeholders in the larger community.

- 9/2016 – 12/2016 University of Washington School of Law
Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Equity
Engage UW Law in strategic planning for equity and engagement; nurture a student-centered, culturally competent, collegial community; and for build collaborative relationships with stakeholders in the larger community.
- 2003 - 2019 University of Washington, Professional and Continuing Education
Paralegal Studies Certificate Program
Instructor (Online and Classroom)
Litigation Basics and Litigation Specialties
Plan and present course material, grade assignments and meet with students.
Instruction includes criminal law and procedure, child welfare protection, juvenile justice, family advocacy and introduction to litigation through an overview of civil procedure. Instruction is based in the Moodle Course Management System.
- 1998 - 2008. The Defender Association
Staff Attorney
Represent indigent persons as court appointed counsel.
Duties included client interviews, legal research and writing, discovery, depositions, negotiation, pleadings, motions, trials and supervision of the Rule 9 intern program.
- 1998 – 2003 Misdemeanor, Felony, Juvenile, and Dependency Defender
2004 – 2004 Legal Intern Supervisor
2005 – 2008 Special Offender Commitment Defender
- 2006 - 2008 Office of Administrative Hearings
Employment Security Department
Temporary part-time Administrative Law Judge
Conduct hearings and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law in unemployment benefit hearings on a part-time basis only.
- 2005 The University of Washington, Educational Outreach
Paralegal Studies Certificate Program, Online Program
Course Developer - Litigation Specialties
Designed and prepared lectures and assignments for the online Litigation Specialties course.

TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- 2008 - Pres. Teaching Professor
Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic, Native American Law Center. Prepare syllabi, develop tribal centered curriculum, present course material through lecture, and manage student caseloads in the Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic.
- 2005 - 2019 Manage all aspects of two online certificate courses including use of the Moodle Course Management System, grading, interacting with students and providing instruction on civil procedure and litigation specialties
- 2017 – 2018 Prepared syllabus, course materials, lecture and exam for LatCrit Theory, an upper-level elective seminar providing an overview of LatCrit Theory from its origins to its present form as a branch of critical legal scholarship providing students with tools to understand inter-group differences and transnational dynamics.
- 2016 American Indian Law
Prepared syllabus, lectures, and exam for American Indian Law, providing a foundational overview of the fundamental principles of Federal Indian Law
- 2016 Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Prepared syllabus, lectures, and exam for, an upper-level law school course providing detailed analysis of the fundamental constitutional principles and United States Supreme Court rulings on matters of criminal procedure.
- 2015 Partnered with the Southwest Center for Law and Policy to develop and present a twenty-week online Certificate in Lay Advocacy course, offered to members of remote Indian communities working on behalf of victims of domestic violence providing basic legal training on protection order motion practice, conduct of court hearings, basic rules of evidence and general advocacy for lay persons acting as advocates within individual tribal court systems.
- 2011 – 2012 Prepared syllabus, course materials, lecture and exam for LatCrit Theory, an upper-level elective seminar providing an overview of LatCrit Theory from its origins to its present form as a branch of critical legal scholarship providing students with tools to understanding inter-group differences and transnational dynamics.
- 2005 - 2006 Developed online course materials for Litigation Specialties, an online course introducing paralegals to courtroom procedures, forms, processes, and representational support in criminal, dependency, and family law cases
- 2003 - 2005 Managed all aspects of the Litigation Specialties Course for the University of Washington's Professional and Continuing Education's Paralegal Certificate Program, including lectures, grading and student conferences
- 2004 Developed Trial Advocacy training for Rule 9 intern law students at the Public Defender Office to prepare student interns for jury trials Seattle Municipal Court

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

2021 – 2022	Member, UW Faculty Council on Race, Equity, and Justice
2020 - 2022	Washington State Bar Association, Council on Public Defense
2020 - 2021	The Task Force on Race and the Criminal Justice System
2020 - 2021	Member, UW Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs
2020	American Association of Law Schools, Committee on Clinical Legal Education
2017 - 2020	Chair, UW Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs
2017- 2018	Race & Equity Initiative Steering Committee
2017	UW Task Force on the Undocumented Student Experience, Final Report, April 2017
2016	UW Leadership Excellence Project: Thriving as a Change Agent in Academia
2013	King County Public Defense Advisory Task Force, Final Report, August 2013
2007 – 2011	El Centro de La Raza, Board Member, Secretary
2007 – 2011	Seattle Central Community College Foundation, Board Member
2007 - 2010	Elected, Board of Governors, At-Large seat, Washington State Bar Association
2007 - 2010	Appointed (Washington State Supreme Court Appointment) Minority and Justice Commission
2007 – 2010	Washington State Bar Association, Committee of Law Examiners
2005 – 2007	Washington State Bar Association, Court Rules and Procedures Committee
2005 – 2006	Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, President
2004 – 2006	Initiative for Diversity Governing Council, LBAW representative
2004 – 2005	Judicial Evaluation Committee Chair, Latina/o Bar Association of Washington
2004 – 2005	Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, Board Member
2006 – 2004	Washington State Bar Association, Civil Rights Committee
2003 – Pres.	The National Latina/o Law Student Association, Alumni Association, Founder
1997 - 1997	The National Latina/o Law Student Conference, Founder

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

May 2018	<i>Team Teaching Excellence Award</i> , The University of Washington, Professional and Continuing Education
May 2015	<i>Staff Commitment Advances Legal Education, S.C.A.L.E. Award</i> , Pacific Coast Banking, The University of Washington School of Law
April 2008	<i>Outstanding Contribution to Women in the Law</i> , Law Women's Caucus, The University of Washington School of Law
October 2003	<i>Excellence in Leadership Award</i> , The National Latina/o Law Student Association, The University of California, at Los Angeles

PUBLICATIONS

2019	Uncompromising Hunger for Justice: Resistance, Sacrifice, and LatCrit Theory. Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Vol. 16 (Available at: SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3334113)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 *Ethics and Returning to in-person (2021) Practice: Has Anything Changed?*
34th Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2020 *Ethics in the Time of Covid19: Securing your Legal (Remote) Practice*
33rd Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2019 *Trusting Technological Security: Ethical Quicksand for the Unsuspecting Lawyer*
32nd Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2018 *Ley Indígena Federal de los EE.UU., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) Mexico, D.F.*
- 2016 *VAWA's Full Faith and Credit for Tribal Protection Orders*
UW Law and Alaska: Partners in Legal Education
- 2015 *Negotiating Deference to Tribal Authority*
28th Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2015 *El Tribunal Indígena del Tulalip, Clínica de Defensa Pública: Los Estudiantes y el Ejercicio de la Abogacía*
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) Mexico, D.F.
- 2014 *Compliance with the Provisions of TLOA and VAWA*
27th Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2013 *The Legal Ethics of Technology: Social Media & Tribal Court Practitioners*
26th Annual Indian Law Symposium
- 2013 *New Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Indian Provisions*
25th Annual WSBA Indian Law Seminar, Speaker
- 2012 *The Ethics of Tribal Court Practice*
The Native American Law Center, Juvenile Justice Webinar Series
- 2012 *Indian Law Jurisdiction for State Court Practitioners*
The Native American Law Center, Juvenile Justice Webinar Series
- 2012 *Ethical Issues and the Indian Law Practitioner: Unraveling Complex Roles*
25th Annual University of Washington Indian Law Symposium, Panelist
- 2011 *Ethical Considerations in Tribal Court Practice*
24th Annual University of Washington Indian Law Symposium, Panelist
- 2010 *Ethical Issues and Indian Law Practice*
23rd Annual University of Washington Indian Law Symposium, Panelist

- 2010 *An Introduction to Lat Crit Theory*
Race and the Law, University of Washington School of Law, Guest Speaker
- 2009 *Ethical Issues in Tribal Court Practice*
22nd Western Regional Indian Law Symposium, University of Washington School of Law
- 2009 *Distinguishing the Criminal Process from the Civil Commitment Process*
Mental Health Law, University of Washington School of Law, Guest Speaker
- 2007 *Culturally Competent Practice in Dependency Proceedings*
Child Advocacy, University of Washington School of Law, Guest Speaker
- 2006 *Practicing Law in Seattle*
Symposium for Minority Summer Associates
- 2006 *Does Diversity Divide?*
Statewide Annual Diversity Conference: Washington Minority Bar Associations Collaboration Project
- 2006 *A Vision of Change: Coalitions amongst the Minority Bars*
10th Annual National Latina/o Law Student Conference, Una década despues: Lessons learned, mobilizing change, y uniendo comunidades
University of Washington and Seattle University Schools of Law
- 2005 *Minority Bars in Washington State*
Legally Speaking radio show, KLAY AM 1180
- 2005 *Leaders in their Professions*
Nordstrom Latina Empowerment Summit, Seattle, Washington
- 2005 *Diversity in the Judiciary*
Annual Bar Leaders/Access to Justice Conference, Wenatchee, Washington
- 2002 *Ethical Issues Presented in the Representation of Children*
The Defender Association, CLE, Seattle, Washington

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1998 Washington State Bar Association
- 2008 Tulalip Tribal Court Bar
- 2010 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court
- 2010 Squaxin Island Tribal Court
- 2012 Skokomish Tribal Court
- 2012 Makah Tribal Court