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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & FELLOWSHIPS

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

Assistant Professor of Law

June 2024 – Present

Courses: Immigration Law, Constitutional Law, The Law and Limits of Executive Power Seminar

Service: Education Policy Committee (2026-27); Faculty Appointments Committee (2025-26);
Faculty Development Committee (2025-26)
Co-Organizer, Cardozo-Fordham Metropolitan Junior Scholars Workshop (2026)
Co-Organizer, Power in the Administrative State Symposium (2025-Present)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

New York, NY

Acting Assistant Professor, Lawyering

June 2022 – May 2024

Courses: Lawyering

Service: Co-Chair, Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium
Faculty Advisor, NYU Immigrant Rights Project

ABA SECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW & REGULATORY PRACTICE

Washington, DC

Administrative Law Fellowship for Prospective Legal Academics

October 2021 – June 2022

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW

Seattle, WA

Affiliate Instructor

June 2020 – May 2022

Courses: Immigration Law; Immigration Clinic; Lawyering in the Time of COVID-19;
Adelante Pro Bono Project (independent study)

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL

J.D., 2014

Journal: Senior Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*

Activities: Student Director, Immigrant Legal Services Clinic
Student Director, Education Adequacy Project (Impact Litigation Clinic)
Dean's Advisor

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

B.S. with *Highest Distinction*, Mathematics, 2009

B.A. with *Highest Distinction*, Philosophy, 2009

Phi Beta Kappa; Outstanding Graduate in both degree programs

TEACHING INTERESTS

Administrative Law, Immigration Law, Constitutional Law, Legislation & Regulation, Executive Power Seminar

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

The Unitary Surveillance State (work-in-progress)

Agency Fact-Making, 135 YALE L.J. 2525 (2026) ([SSRN](#))

Conscripted Surveillance, 77 FLA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026)

Administrative Reliance, 73 DUKE L.J. 1743 (2024) ([SSRN](#))

- Reviewed by Jill Family, JOTWELL ([link](#)), Sept. 25, 2023
- Winner, Paper Competition, Workshop for AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy, 2023
- Featured as Immigration Article of the Day on ImmProf Blog, Apr. 21, 2023

Refoulement as Pandemic Policy, 31 WASH. INT'L L.J. 185 (2022; invited article) ([SSRN](#))

- Featured as Immigration Article of the Day on ImmProf Blog, Apr. 6, 2022

Essays, Briefs & Op-Eds:

Immigration Bounty Hunters, HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026; invited symposium contribution)

Handing Agency Oversight to Trump is a Fatal Blow to Public Trust, THE HILL (July 21, 2026) (co-authored with Daniel E. Walters)

Amicus Brief of Administrative Law Scholars, *A.C.R. v. Noem* (2d. Cir) (co-authored with Blake Emerson and Noah Rosenblum)

Trump's Immigration Crackdown is Specifically Targeting Children, SLATE (March 13, 2025)

Undo Process: Examining Agency Procedural Levers to Access to Counsel, 34 WIDENER COMMONWEALTH L. REV. 159 (2024; invited symposium contribution)

NIMBYism at the Border, HARV. L. REV. BLOG (Mar. 6, 2023) ([SSRN](#))

- Featured as Immigration Article of the Day on ImmProf Blog, March 8, 2023

Asylum, Interrupted, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. BLOG (Sept. 16, 2021; invited essay) ([SSRN](#))

Restoring the Right to Seek Asylum: The Case for Rescinding Removal Orders Issued Under the "Remain in Mexico" Policy, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. BLOG (Mar. 5, 2021) ([SSRN](#))

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ADELANTE PRO BONO PROJECT
Director and Co-Founder

New York, NY
June 2020 – Present

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW
Assistant Director, W.H. Gates Public Service Law Program

Seattle, WA
July 2020 – May 2022

FOSTER GARVEY PC
Of Counsel and Firmwide Co-Chair of Pro Bono

Seattle, WA
June 2019 – July 2020

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND)
Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney, Microsoft Fellow
Staff Attorney (Los Angeles)

Seattle, WA
December 2018 – June 2019
December 2017 – December 2018

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP

Los Angeles, CA
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Associate (Private Funds)

May 2016 – July 2017

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

Associate (Tax)

New York, NY

August 2014 – May 2016

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

The Unitary Surveillance State

- Immigration Law Teachers & Scholars Workshop, June 2026
- Law & Society Association Conference, May 2026

Symposium, *Executive Overreach: Evaluating the Unitary Executive Theory & the DOJ*, Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights & Social Justice, February 2026

Agency Fact-Making

- AALS New Voices in Administrative Law Workshop, January 2026
- Faculty Workshop, Pace University School of Law, October 2025

Symposium, *Democracy Without Trust?*, Nebraska Law Review, September 2024

Conscripted Surveillance

- CrimFest!, July 2024
- Immigration Law Teachers & Scholars Workshop, May 2024
- Yale Law School Information Society Project Workshop, April 2024
- Power in the Administrative State Workshop, April 2024
- AAPI-MENA Workshop, October 2023

Symposium, *Judging and Administrative Law*, Widener University Commonwealth School of Law, April 2024

Administrative Reliance

- *Duke Law Journal* Administrative Law Symposium, March 2024
- Emerging Immigration Law Scholars Workshop, June 2023
- AALS New Voices in Administrative Law Workshop, January 2023
- Clinical Writers' Workshop, October 2022
- AAPI-MENA Workshop, September 2022
- Immigration Law Teachers & Scholars Workshop, June 2022

The New School, Guest Lecture, *Psychological Needs of Asylum Seekers*, February 2022

Sustainable International Development Colloquium, University of Washington School of Law, *Human Rights Implications of Restricting Asylum at the Border*, October 2021

Asian American Women in the Legal Academy, *Bilateral Manipulation*, August 2021

C.Z. Smith Heritage Symposium, University of Washington School of Law, Keynote Presentation with WA Chief Justice Steven González, *Beyond the Wall: Cross-Border Responses to a Humanitarian Crisis*, May 2021

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

ICE, Minneapolis, and Beyond, Cardozo School of Law, February 2026

Lowering the Guardrails? The Supreme Court's Role in Shaping Government Oversight, Cardozo Law Review Symposium, April 2026

Immigration Law Panel, NYU, March 2025

The Future of Immigrant Rights, Cardozo School of Law, November 2024

Who Decides: Judges or Experts?, Cardozo School of Law, October 2024

SCOTUS Term Review & Preview, Cardozo School of Law, September 2024

Immigration 101, Define American, April 2023

APALSA – Careers in Public Interest and Private Practice, NYU School of Law, November 2022

Mentorship Matters: The Art & Value of Cultivating Meaningful Mentoring Relationships, Fordham Law School, October 2021

First-Generation Law Student Experiences, Moderator, Mentor in Law, Seattle, WA, January 2021

Separated but Not Forgotten: Family Separation One Year Later, Panel, National Association of Women Lawyers, June 2019

SELECTED MEDIA

Minneapolis Court Considers Whether Trump's Deployment of ICE Agents Violates Constitution, THE GUARDIAN (Jan. 26, 2026) (interviewed & quoted)

How Latest Block of Trump's Birthright Citizenship Order Tests Legal Landscape After Supreme Court Ruling, NBC NEWS (July 11, 2025) (interviewed & quoted)

Justices Face Busy Summer After Nixing Universal Injunctions, LAW360 (July 1, 2025) (interviewed & quoted)

Trump Tempts Suits in Shutting Public Out of Immigration Rules, BLOOMBERG (Mar. 20, 2025) (interviewed & quoted)

"The Whole Pie": Trump Team Attempts Novel Legal Strategy to Subvert Birthright Citizenship, MIAMI HERALD (Mar. 15, 2025) (interviewed & quoted)

Understanding Title 42: What its End Means for U.S. Immigration Policy, NBC NEWS NOW (May 10, 2023) (interviewed & quoted)

How Ukrainian Winner of 'The Voice' Fled Bombs to Start New Life in Seattle Area, SEATTLE TIMES (June 13, 2022) (interviewed & quoted)

Garland, Mayorkas Fail to Correct Gross Abuses of Due Process Caused by MPP System, IMMIGRATION COURTSIDE (Apr. 26, 2021) (mentioned)

They Missed Their U.S. Court Dates Because They were Kidnapped. Now They're Blocked from Applying for Asylum, WASHINGTON POST (Apr. 21, 2021) (interviewed & featured)

Father and Son Abducted in Mexico Are Allowed into the U.S., NEW YORK TIMES (Feb. 17, 2021) (interviewed & featured)

When the U.S. Puts a Border Between Migrant Kids and their Caretakers, REUTERS (July 11, 2019) (interviewed & featured)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE

Chair, Board of Directors, 2026-Present

ACACIA CENTER FOR JUSTICE

Academic Advisory Board, 2024-Present

YALE LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee, 2021 – 2024

DEFINE AMERICAN

Television and Media Immigration Law Consultant, 2019 – Present

Consulted on immigration law issues for shows including NBC's *Superstore*; NBC's *Sunnyside*; ABC's *A Million Little Things*; and projects in development with Netflix and Starz

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Pro Bono Attorney, 2021

NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT

Pro Bono Attorney, 2019 – 2022

ACLU IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS PROJECT

Pro Bono Attorney, 2020 – 2021

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Access to Justice Conference Planning Committee, 2020 – 2021

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROJECT—KING COUNTY, WA

Managing Attorney, 2019 – 2020

PUBLIC COUNSEL LAW CENTER

Associate Leadership Board, 2016 – 2017

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Executive Office for Immigration Review

California (Inactive)

Washington (Inactive)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent, oral and written)

Chinese (fluent, oral)