
Maryam Ahranjani, JD, LLM

Academic Employment

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
Professor of Law

2025-Present

University of New Mexico School of Law (UNMSOL)

Professor of Law (Ronald and Susan Friedman Faculty Excellence Award)
Associate Professor of Law (Don L. and Mabel F. Dickason Professor)
Assistant Professor of Law (Judge Leon Karelitz Professor 2018-19)
Visiting Professor

2022-2025
2019-2022
2016-2019
Fall 2014

Courses (regular courses in bold): **Constitutional Rights; Constitutional Criminal Procedure (Investigations); Criminal Law**; Criminal Law in Practice; Criminal Sentencing; Education Law; Education Law; Education Policy; Feminist Legal Theory; Human Rights and Business Actors; **Public Education and the Constitution**; 1L Practicum; Public Education and the Constitution; Special Topics in Criminal Law.

Leadership and Service (see p. 16 for national leadership roles):

- Elected Member, UNM Faculty Committee on Governance (2024-27)
- Director, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project (2023-2025)
- Director, Madrid Summer Law Institute (2024-2025)
- Member, Academic Success Committee (2024-2025)
- UNM Liaisons in Equity, Advocacy, and Diversity (LEAD) Council (2024-25)
- Co-Chair, Rule of Law, Inclusion & Equity Working Group (2025)
- Affiliated Faculty, UNM Institute for the Study of “Race” and Social Justice
- Affiliated Faculty, UNM Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
- Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee (2022-2024)
- Chair, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (2018-2022)
- Member, UNM Undocu Task Force (2017-2020)
- Current or former faculty advisor to Immigration Law Student Association, Law Students for Equity & Inclusion, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, MSL Student Group, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and Moms of Law

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January-May 2023

Taught the two full-time sections of 1L Criminal Law. Spoke on several panels.
Served as a commentator for colleagues’ work-in-progress.

Universidad del Istmo Facultad de Derecho, Guatemala City
Professor

2015-2016 and
Summers 2017-2018

Taught Common Law Institutions (in English) and Oratoria Forense (in Spanish). Created and coached first-ever team for the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

University of Pennsylvania Law School

Summers 2012 &
2013

Senior Lecturer and Director, Pre-College Summer Program
Developed and taught curriculum for summer program. Collaborated with Penn Law Dean of Graduate Affairs, new programs coordinator, and two law student instructors.

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American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL)

2003-2014

Adjunct Professor of Law

Taught Education & the Constitution (yearlong course, 3 credits each semester) and Externship Program course entitled Reflections on Meaningful Lawyering.

Other Professional History

Associate Director, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional

2009-2014

Literacy Project

Oversaw national and Washington DC programs and staff; trained hundreds of students who taught thousands of public high school students about constitutional rights and responsibilities; raised and managed approximately \$500,000; developed and taught criminal justice curriculum for law and high school students. Launched and provided technical assistance to 17 chapters (developed standards, organized national conferences and moot court competitions, provided curricular support, and assisted with fundraising); cultivated civil society engagement and development in all activities; coordinated program assistance to federal and local government agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, DC Metropolitan Police Department, DC Public Schools, Prince George's County Public Schools, and DC Office of Police Complaints; conducted periodic evaluations of objectives and outcomes; invited speaker at local community gatherings, public schools, universities, law firms, and professional association meetings (Law School Admissions Council, Council on Legal Education Opportunity, Association of American Law Schools, etc.); served as academic director from 6/01-11/03.

Director, AUWCL Summer Law Program in Chile and Argentina

2011-2012

Developed curriculum for fourteen students in two courses (Comparative Social Problems and Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America). Taught sessions on differences between common and civil law systems and contemporary human rights issues related to education access. Supervised two research assistants and one consultant. Coordinated on-site operations at Universidad de Chile and Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Product Manager, Kaplan Bar Review

2008-2009

Recruited to assist in start-up efforts when the \$2 billion Kaplan, Inc. acquired the second-largest bar exam review company in the United States. Recruited, trained, and managed 110 student employees. Led national team of business experts and attorneys in assessing market needs and developing products and academic content to meet those needs. Served as product lead for 1L course in ten cities. Created course book for a new product, recruited and trained faculty, and taught courses. Started as DC regional director, managing operations in DC and Maryland.

Associate Director, AUWCL Program on Law and Government

2003-2008

Coordinated eight-member permanent staff and faculty and four part-time research assistants. Launched and managed LLM career development processes, including listserv, résumé bank, and programs/events. Provided academic and career counseling to LLM and SJD students. Produced monthly and annual faculty and Dean's reports. Managed annual budget of LLM and SJD Programs. Coordinated all LLM recruitment and outreach efforts, including web site, brochures,

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career fairs and other travel, print advertisements, radio and TV advertisements. Organized panels and conferences. Collaborated with other staff to manage LLM and SJD alumni relations.

Regional Director, PMBR Bar Review

2001-2003

Managed operations in DC/Maryland/Northern Virginia. Taught bar review courses across the U.S. Hired, trained, and supervised 75 student representatives annually in DC-area law schools.

Law Clerk, Brustein & Manasevit

2000-2001

Wrote client memoranda. Conducted research on state statutes pertaining to special education and drafted updates for clients. Created comparative laws chart for firm manual on special education. Assisted client in forming tax-exempt organization. Translated legal documents Spanish to English.

Law Clerk, National Association of College and University Attorneys

1999-2000

Performed legal research and drafted memos on higher education issues for member attorneys. Worked with member attorneys to draft school policies. Edited association publications. Law Clerk, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Hearings and Appeals Summer 1999

Drafted appellate decision for administrative judge dealing with student funding violations. Wrote notices of disbarment. Researched various issues pertaining to federal education law.

Legal and Educational Consultant

2001-Present

- Draft and edit reports on public school equity, rule of law, and other topics.
- Draft and review funding and programmatic proposals.
- Design, develop, execute, monitor, and assess programs and curriculum.
- Provide lectures on anti-discrimination law and public education.
- Develop high-quality, digestible curriculum pertaining to civil and human rights, criminal law, education law and access to justice.
- Clients:
 - Administrative Office of the U.S. Federal Courts
 - Albuquerque Museum
 - American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative
 - American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section
 - Antiracist Development Institute at Penn State Dickinson Law
 - AUWCL Marshall-Brennan Project
 - Celestar Corporation
 - Council on Legal Education Opportunity
 - Cuba (NM) Independent School District
 - DevTech
 - EBSCO Information Services
 - Kaplan Bar Review
 - New Mexico Office of African American Affairs
 - New Mexico Public Education Department

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- Public Broadcasting System
- To'Hajiilee (NM) Community School
- University of Pennsylvania Law School

Representative Consulting Projects

Cuba (NM) Independent School District

2022-2023

Conducted an equity study examining attendance and graduation rates and other indicators of success during a five-year period after the *Yazzie/Martinez v. New Mexico* case; hired and managed a research team; presented regular reports to Superintendent and School Board; provided final written report to School Board with research findings.

U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement

2016

Developed human rights law curriculum in Spanish; organized trainings for Guatemalan government officials (judges, prosecutors, defense counsel) and civil society actors such as journalists and NGO leaders; delivered trainings in Spanish.

U.S. Agency for International Development/Guatemala

2016

Worked on an international team that evaluated the efficacy and efficiency of the Lifelong Learning Project designed to empower and educate youth in the Western Highlands.

District of Columbia Advisory Committee on Student Assignment

2013-2014

Appointed by Deputy Mayor Abby Smith to collaborate with colleagues to propose improved student assignment policy for DC Public schools to Mayor Vincent Gray; analyzed and drafted legislation; advised committee on legal consequences of proposed policy changes; reviewed data and policies on current attendance zones, student performance, diversity, and community engagement; attended and coordinated community meetings to hear stakeholders' concerns and recommendations; considered budgetary impact of proposed changes.

Scholarly Achievements

Books

Maryam Ahranjani, Editor, *Women in Criminal Law: A Practical Guide for Inclusive and Thriving Workplaces* (ABA Publishing, forthcoming 2025).

Maryam Ahranjani, Andrew G. Ferguson, Jamin B. Raskin, *Youth Justice in America* (2d ed. 2014).

Book Chapters

Maryam Ahranjani, The Role of the Law School Dean and Faculty in Supporting and Sustaining Ethical and Antiracist Admissions Practices, *Antiracist Approaches to Admissions and Financial Aid* (Jay Austin and Patricia Roberts, ed., forthcoming).

Maryam Ahranjani and Adria Kimbrough, Is Standardized Testing Antithetical to Antiracism Efforts in Law School Admissions?, *Antiracist Approaches to Admissions and Financial Aid* (Jay Austin and Patricia Roberts, ed., forthcoming).

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Maryam Ahranjani, Public K-12 Education in the Wake of the Guatemalan Civil War and the Continuing Path to Educational Success, *Dictators and the Disappeared: Democracy Lost and Restored* (Russ Davidson and Leslie Blaugrund Kim, ed., 2023).

Maryam Ahranjani and J.C. Blokhuis, Purposes of Education, *Legal Foundations of Education* (J.C. Blokhuis, ed., 2023).

Maryam Ahranjani, Erecting a Virtual Schoolhouse Gate, *Constitutional Knowledge and Its Impact on Citizenship Exercise in a Networked Society* (Ana Melro and Lidia Oliveira, ed., 2019).

Maryam Ahranjani, High School to Law School: Marshall-Brennan and Moot Court, *The Education Pipeline to the Professions: Programs that Work to Increase Diversity* (Sarah E. Redfield, ed.) (2012).

Maryam Ahranjani, The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project: A Case Study in Law and Social Justice, *Childhood, Youth, and Social Work in Transformation: Implications for Policy and Practice* (Lynn M. Nybell, Jeffrey J. Shook, and Janet L. Finn, ed., 2009).

Law Review Articles, Essays, Briefs, and Other Significant Scholarly Work

Maryam Ahranjani and Jill Callahan Engle, *A Dean Like Me: What Diverse Faculty Expect of Diverse Deans* (work-in-progress).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Unarresting School Safety*, 26 Nev. L.J. 709 (2025).

Brief of Amici Floyd Abrams, Bruce Ackerman, Maryam Ahranjani, Lee C. Bollinger, Erwin Chemerinsky, Alan Chen, Kent Greenfield, Martha Minow, and Geoffrey R. Stone, *Trump v. Anderson* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2024).

Brief for First Amendment Scholars as Amicus Curiae, *Anderson v. Griswold* (Colorado SC 2023).

Maryam Ahranjani and Natalie Saing, *The Constitutional Costs of School Policing*, 42 AM. U. L. REV. (2022) (lead article).

Brief for First Amendment Scholars as Amicus Curiae, *New Mexico v. Griffin*, 604 F. Supp. 3d 1143 (D.N.M. 2022).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Sprinting a Marathon* 106 MINNESOTA L. REV. HEADNOTES 228 (2022).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Pulling Back the Curtain: A Follow-up Report from the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force* (2021).

Maryam Ahranjani, *The Role of Lawyers in Bridging the Gap Between the Robust Federal Right to Education and Relatively Low Education Outcomes in Guatemala*, AUCTORITAS PRUDENTIUM (2021).

Maryam Ahranjani, *School “Safety” Measures Jump Constitutional Guardrails*, 44 SEATTLE UNIV. L. REV. 273 (2021).

Maryam Ahranjani, *“Toughen up, Buttercup” versus #TimesUp: Initial Findings of the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force*, 25 BERKELEY J. CRIM. L. 99 (2020).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Universities as “Sanctuaries,”* 44 J.C. & U.L. 1 (2018) (peer edited, lead article).

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Maryam Ahranjani, *The Prisonization of America's Public Schools: Prioritizing "Security" over Privacy*, 45 HOFSTRA LAW REV. 1097 (2017).

Maryam Ahranjani, Caleb Medearis and Jeffrey J. Shook, *Evaluating High School Students' Constitutional and Civic Literacy: A Case Study of the Washington, DC Chapter of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project* 90 D.U. LAW REV. 917 (2013).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Can They Do That to Me?! Does the 8th Amendment Protection Children's Best Interests?* 63 S.C. LAW REV. 403 (2011).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Mary Daly v. Boston College: The Impermissibility of Single-Sex Classes in Private Universities*, 9 AM. U.J.G. SOC. POL'Y & L. 179 (2001).

Op/Eds and Other Publications

Maryam Ahranjani, *Celebrate Constitution and Citizenship Day Every Day, Not Just September 17*, New Mexico Humanities Council *Pasa Por Aquí* blog (Sept. 1, 2024).

Donald Sherman and Maryam Ahranjani, *Bill Adds Another Tool to Hold Electors, and Other People, Accountable*, The Nevada Independent (May 27, 2023).

Maryam Ahranjani and Donald Sherman, *Otero County Commissioner Needs to Be Held Accountable*, Santa Fe New Mexican (April 2, 2022).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Why Are Women Lawyers Underrepresented in Criminal Law?* The Young Lawyer (March 31, 2021).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Looking Back, Looking Forward*, ABA Criminal Justice (Oct. 26, 2020).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Listening Session Participants Express Feelings of Isolation – and Demonstrate Resilience*, ABA Criminal Justice (Nov. 1, 2019).

Maryam Ahranjani, *What Does Immigration Status Have to Do with Law School Diversity*, CLEO Edge 50 (Winter/Spring 2018).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Are Transgender Students Protected Under Title IX?* WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION (2017).

Maryam Ahranjani, National Constitution Day Teaching Modules (2005-2013).

Maryam Ahranjani, *Immigration Trends in the D.C. Area and What They Mean for Public Education*, THE WASHINGTON POST, July 9, 2004.

Invited Professional and Community Presentations

Understanding Trauma in the Justice System (CLE), moderator, New Mexico Sentencing Commission, April 30, 2025.

Rule of Law, Federal Action, and Executive Orders (CLE), co-panelist with George Bach and Warigia Bowman, New Mexico State Bar Association, April 29, 2025.

Sentencing Law and Youth, Tulane University Prison Industrial Complex course, April 8, 2025.

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Rule of Law, Federal Action, and Executive Orders, co-presenter with Melanie Coffing, UNM School of Medicine, March 19, 2025.

Rule of Law, Federal Action, and Executive Orders, organizer and panelist with George Bach and Warigia Bowman, UNM School of Law, March 4, 2025.

State and Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws in Public Schools, NM Public Education Department Bridge to Equity Conference, February 27, 2025.

Unarresting School Safety, Shadows of Confinement Law Review Symposium, UNLV Boyd Law, February 22, 2025.

A Dean Like Me: What Diverse Faculty Expect of Diverse Deans, co-presenter with Jill Engle West Coast Sexuality, Gender, and the Law Conference, UCI Law, February 21, 2025.

A Dean Like Me: What Diverse Faculty Expect of Diverse Deans, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, American University Washington College of Law, February 7, 2025 (co-presenter with Jill Engle).

Unarresting School Safety, New Mexico State University School Psychology PhD students, February 5, 2025.

A Dean Like Me: What Diverse Faculty Expect of Diverse Deans, AALS Annual Conference, Works-in-Progress session hosted by the Section on Balance and Well-Being, January 11, 2025 (co-presenter, Interim Associate Dean Jill Engle, Penn State Dickinson Law).

Responding to Political Moments, AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Conference, plenary panelist, October 25, 2024.

Supreme Court Round Up, UNM Federalist Society, panelist, August 28, 2024.

Mainstreaming Gender in Criminal Law (in Spanish), ABA Rule of Law Initiative training for Colombia staff, June 26, 2024.

What DAs Should Know About School Police, CLE for the Bernalillo County, NM District Attorney's Office, June 24, 2024.

State and Federal Anti-Discrimination Law and School Policy, NM Public Education Department Building and Equity Bridge Annual Conference, June 6, 2024.

What is Academic Freedom and (How) Does it Relate to Teaching and Learning Internal Medicine?, UNM School of Medicine Internal Medicine Department Grand Rounds, May 23, 2024.

History and Future of Litigation Under the Disqualification Clause, UNMSOL ACLU chapter, panelist, April 10, 2024.

Trump v. Anderson, Disqualification, and Free Speech, University of New Mexico School of Law Faculty Colloquium, March 20, 2024.

Academic Freedom on Campus: Professional and Personal Reflections, University of New Mexico webinar sponsored by ADVANCE at UNM, Academic Affairs, and the Center for Teaching and Learning, March 19, 2024.

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Sentencing Law and Youth, Tulane University Race and the Law course, March 13, 2024.

School Psychologists' Ethical Obligations to Advocate for Individual Students and Systems Change Related to School Policing, New Mexico State University School Psychology Doctoral Class, Feb. 7, 2024.

Know Your Rights in Police Interactions, Albuquerque Public Schools African American Advisory Council Spring 2024 Retreat, Jan. 22, 2024.

Cuba Equity Study (2018-2023), Cuba (NM) Independent School Board Meeting, Dec. 20, 2023.

Human Rights in a Dangerous and Divided World, Through the Flower, panelist, Belen, New Mexico, November 18, 2023 (<https://throughtheflower.org/events/human-rights-in-a-dangerous-and-divided-world/>).

The Constitutional Costs of School Policing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Boyd Law Faculty Speaker Series, November 9, 2023.

School Psychologists' Ethical Obligations Regarding School Discipline, Policing, and Students' Rights, featured presenter, New Mexico Association of School Psychologists Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, November 4, 2023.

How to Operationalize the Ten Principles to Gender Equity in the Criminal Legal Profession, ABA Criminal Justice Section Fall Institute, co-presenter with Judge Rachel Pickering (Kansas Court of Appeals), Washington, DC, November 2, 2023.

Plenary Session: Identity, Community, Academic Freedom, and Responding to Hostility, AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Conference at CUNY School of Law, moderator, New York City, October 21, 2023.

The Road to Resolution 501, National Association for Public Defense, co-moderator, Sept. 14, 2023.

How to Become a Law Professor: AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Webinar for those Entering the Teaching Market, panelist, June 29, 2023.

Current Challenges to LGBTQ+ Rights in the United States, U.S. Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program, presenter, Albuquerque, June 22, 2023.

Anti-Discrimination Laws and Policies Affecting Public Schools in New Mexico, NM Public Education Department Building and Equity Bridge Annual Conference, June 7, 2023.

Recent Supreme Court Updates on K-12 Schools and the Establishment Clause, NM Federal Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Program, April 21, 2023.

The Disqualification Clause and Accountability for the January 6th Attack, panelist, UNLV Boyd Law American Constitution Society, March 27, 2023.

Teaching the Law of Sexual Assault, panelist, UNLV Boyd Law If/When/How, March 6, 2013.

Navigating the Post-Dobbs Future, panelist, University of Florida Levin College of Law Journal of Law and Public Policy Symposium, March 2, 2023.

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Resolution 501 (Ten Steps to Achieve Gender Equity in the Criminal Legal Profession), ABA Midyear Meeting House of Delegates meeting, presenter, New Orleans, February 6, 2023.

Proposed Resolution and Report (Ten Steps to Achieve Gender Equity in the Criminal Legal Profession), ABA Criminal Justice Section Council, Washington, DC, November 19, 2022.

What Dobbs Means for Reproductive Health Care Professionals, plenary speaker, UNM Law School/Health Sciences Interprofessional Education Values, Ethics and Shared Decision-Making Conference, remote, October 21, 2022.

Addressing Dobbs Across the Law School Curriculum, panelist, Society of American Law Teachers Annual Conference, Chicago, October 14, 2022.

The Future of Diversity in Higher Education Admissions, Council on Legal Education Opportunity, remote, October 13, 2022.

“Toughen Up, Buttercup” vs. #TimesUp, plenary speaker, National Association for Public Defense Women’s Conference, remote, September 23, 2022.

Role of the Criminal Legal System in the Prevention and Documentation of Human Rights Violations, speaker, U.S. Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program, Albuquerque, August 30, 2022.

The Law, Discrimination and School Policy, featured speaker, New Mexico Public Education Department, Building an Equity Bridge: Meeting the Moment Conference, Albuquerque, June 27, 2022.

What do the Findings of the Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Mean for College Students? guest lecturer, American University School of Public Affairs Gender and the Law course, June 6, 2022.

Safety by All Means?, featured speaker, New Mexico Office of African American Affairs Black “Thought” Expo, Albuquerque, May 17, 2022.

Does the Bill of Rights Apply to People Who Are Formerly Incarcerated?, Wings for L.I.F.E. May 9, 2022.

The First but Not the Last, panelist, ABA Criminal Justice Section Spring Conference, Savannah, April 8, 2022.

Policing in Schools, interviewee, Generation Justice Facebook Live, March 2, 2022.

School Psychologists as Gatekeepers of Students’ Rights, guest speaker in Dr. Lisa Peterson’s class, New Mexico State University School Psychology Doctoral Program, February 10, 2022.

Constitutional Concerns with Threat Assessments, panelist, National Center for Youth Law, State/Local Education Resource Equity Group, January 10, 2022.

Policing School Police, panelist, New Mexico Black Lawyers Association Fall CLE, Nov, 19, 2021.

The Law of School Safety, panelist, Education Law Association Annual Conference hot topics panel, October 21, 2021.

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Introduction to Education Law, panelist, Education Law Association Annual Conference pre-conference workshop, October 20, 2021.

Task Force Ops: "Pulling Back the Curtain" with the Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, interviewee, ABA JustPod podcast, October 20, 2021.

The Adoption of Restorative Justice as an Alternative to Policing in Albuquerque Public Schools, featured speaker, Equity and Social Justice Committee of the ABC Community Schools Intermediary Leadership Team, October 4, 2021.

Constitutional Rights and Sars-Cov-2, featured speaker for 20th Anniversary Lecture Series, la Universidad del Istmo Facultad de Derecho, September 24, 2021.

The Constitution, Women, and True Equality, featured speaker, League of Women Voters, Santa Fe, NM, September 9, 2021.

Language and the Law, moderator, Law Students for Equity & Inclusion, April 21, 2021.

Systemic Racism in Education Must Be Addressed Through Systemic Reform: A Case Study of School "Safety" Measures, Social Justice Lunchbox, April 15, 2021.

Women of Criminal Justice: Why Do They Leave?, panelist, ABA Criminal Justice Section Spring Conference, April 13, 2021.

Task Force Ops: Initial Findings from the Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, interviewee, ABA JustPod podcast, March 3, 2021.

School "Security" Measures Jump Constitutional Guardrails, presenter, UNM Lightning Lounge, February 10, 2021.

The Future of Plyler v. Doe on its Fortieth Anniversary, moderator, AALS Annual Conference, Section on Education Law, January 8, 2021.

School "Security" Measures Jump Constitutional Guardrails, featured speaker, ABC Community School Partnership, Equity and Social Justice Committee, January 7, 2021.

Discovering the Wounds of a Tainted Truth: The Work of the Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, panelist, ABA CJS Fall Institute, November 19, 2020.

Training Future Generations of Criminal Justice Leaders, panelist, ABA CJS Fall Institute, November 19, 2020.

We Are All in This Together: Highlighting the Role of Allies in the Push for Diversity, convener, ABA Criminal Justice Section (CJS) webinar, October 28, 2020.

Rethinking Brown v. Board of Education, discussant with Professor Justin Driver (Yale), Education Law Association Annual Conference, October 16, 2020.

Academic Careers in Education Law, panelist, Education Law Association, October 16, 2020.

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School "Security" Measures Jump Constitutional Guardrails, UNMSOL (sponsored by BLSA, MALSA, ACLU, Moms of Law, and NMCDLA), October 13, 2020.

UNMSOL (hosted by Women's Law Caucus and Moms of Law), panelist, *Honoring Justice Ginsburg*, October 1, 2020.

Equal Protection and Schools, speaker, UNMSOL Marshall-Brennan seminar, Sept. 20, 2020.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, June 26, 2020.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, March 5-6, 2020.

The Power of Listening: Lessons from the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, presenter, Faculty Colloquium, UNMSOL, January 22, 2020.

Teaching Criminal Law and Criminalizations: Race, Class, Gender and Beyond, invited panelist, AALS Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 3, 2020.

The Prisonization of America's Public Schools, invited speaker, Education Law Association Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA, November 14, 2019.

Voices from the Front Lines: Listening to Women in Criminal Justice, panelist, ABA CJS Fall Institute, Washington, DC, November 8, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC, November 7, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Convention, New York City, September 27, 2019.

Updates from the ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, co-presenter to ABA CJS Council at ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 10, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, August 8, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, National Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York City, July 22, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA, June 14, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Seattle University Law School, June 13, 2019.

The Role of Law Professors in Promoting the Diversity Pipeline to the Legal Profession, panelist, American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Symposium, Washington, DC April 4, 2019.

ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, Albuquerque, Jan. 25, 2019.

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ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force Listening Session, convener, ABA Mid-Year Meeting, January 25, 2019.

Guatemalan Youth Migration to the United States Hoy en Día, UNM International Studies Institute Fall Lecture Series, Albuquerque, NM, September 24, 2018.

Youth Migration from Guatemala to the United States, Inns of Court, Albuquerque, Sept. 11, 2018.

Universities as Sanctuaries, University of Kansas School of Law Faculty Exchange, Lawrence, KS, April 10, 2018.

De-Prisonizing our Schools Requires us to DREAM, American University Washington College of Law, National Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition, Washington, DC, March 23, 2018.

Protecting the Rights of Transgender Students in Schools, Children's Law Institute Annual Conference, Albuquerque, January 12, 2018.

DACA Teach-In (Co-Organizer and Moderator), UNM School of Law, September 14, 2017.

How Does the Current Immigration Landscape Affect Human Resources Professionals?, Northern New Mexico Human Resources Association, Santa Fe, NM, May 9, 2017.

Mass Incarceration in the United States, NM State Bar Association CLE, April 28, 2017.

The Prisonization of America's Public Schools: Prioritizing "Security" Over Privacy, Southwestern Law School Faculty Exchange, Los Angeles, CA, February 16, 2017.

Teach-In on Immigration Executive Orders Teach-In (Organizer and Moderator), UNM School of Law, January 31, 2017.

Prisonization: A Dangerous Response to School Violence, Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, Salt Lake City, UT, November 3, 2016.

The Importance of the Constitution and Upholding our Individual Rights in Today's Society, UNM Constitution Day Celebration sponsored by the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, September 15, 2016.

Recent Media Interviews

[Research Highlights Vital Role School Psychologists Can Play in School Safety](#), UNM News (June 13, 2025).

[The Struggling Sanctuary Campus Movement](#), Inside Higher Ed (March 24, 2025).

[New Mexico's Reaction to Trump's Ban on Transgender Athletes](#), KOB4 (Feb. 7, 2025)

[Talking to NM Democratic Delegates after Biden Leaves Race, Endorses Harris](#), NM Political Report (July 23, 2024)

[SCOTUS Affirms Gun Ban for Alleged Domestic Abusers](#), The Trace (June 21, 2024)

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[With Liberty and Justice for High Schoolers, UNM Communications podcast series It's \(Probably\) Not Rocket Science \(March 26, 2024\)](#)

[The Supreme Court Hears Arguments About Whether Trump Can Be Kept Off Presidential Ballot, LAist 89.3 \(February 8, 2024\)](#)

[National Day of Racial Healing, NBC News \(Jan. 12, 2024\)](#)

[UNM Program Teaches Teens About Interacting with Police, KOB4 \(Jan. 11, 2024\)](#)

[Free Speech Experts Denounce Trump in Colorado Ballot Suit, LAW 360 \(Nov. 29, 2023\)](#)

[New Mexico's Gun Garry Ban Isn't a Longterm Solution. Here's Why. The Trace. \(Sept. 12, 2023\)](#)

[Are Hot Classrooms in New Mexico Violating State Code? KOB4 \(Aug. 4, 2023\)](#)

[How Will New Mexicans Be Affected After the Supreme Court Reduced LGBT Protections? KRQE \(June 30, 2023\)](#)

[Bill Adds Another Tool to Hold People, and Electors, Accountable, The Nevada Independent \(May 27, 2023\)](#)

[Michigan School District Sued for Making Boys Remove "Let's Go, Brandon" Sweatshirts, MLive \(April 25, 2023\)](#)

[Edgewood Anti-Abortion Ordinance Likely to Face Challenge at NM Supreme Court, Scholar Says, Source NM \(April 17, 2023\)](#)

[Why New Mexico Has One of the Highest Rates for Killings by Police, NPR \(April 14, 2023\)](#)

[Conservatives' Civil Rights Complaints Target Meet Ups for Students of Color, The 74 \(Feb. 7, 2023\)](#)

[These 10 Principles Will Advance Gender Equity in Criminal Legal Profession, ABA Journal, \(Feb. 6, 2023\)](#)

[How the 'Rust' Settlement Could Affect Any Criminal Case, LA Times \(Oct. 5, 2022\).](#)

[Law Professor Says Griffin Ruling Could Have Widespread Implications, KUNM \(Sept. 6, 2022\)](#)

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Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School (LLM) 2013

American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) (JD) 2001

- Staff Member and Line Editor, American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law
- Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project Teaching Fellow
- Research assistant to Professor Joan Williams

Northwestern University (BSEd), *magna cum laude* 1998

- Social Policy (major), Spanish Language (minor), and Undergraduate Leadership Program Certificate
- School of Education and Social Policy Undergraduate Leadership Award
- Residence Hall Coordinator, Resident Assistant, and Willard Residential College President
- Senior Honors Thesis (*Educational Benefits of Single-Sex Public Education*)

Community Service and Other Professional Activities

- Elected Member, ABA Criminal Justice Section Council (2024-2027)
- Appointed Member, ABA Criminal Justice Section Finance Committee (2024-25)
- Appointed Member, ABA Criminal Justice Section Book Board Committee (2023-present)
- Appointed Member, ABA Silver Gavel Awards Selection Committee (2022-25)
- Co-Chair, ABA Criminal Justice Section Women in Criminal Justice Committee (2022-present)
- Executive Committee, AALS Section on Education Law (2020-present)
- Reporter, ABA Women in Criminal Justice Task Force (2019-2023)
- Appointed Member, ABA Standing Committee on Public Education (2019-22)
- Intermediary Leadership Team, ABC Community Schools (2020-2022)
- Founder, Call to Action Coalition (2020-22)
- Volunteer Constitutional Law Teacher at DC high schools (Roosevelt High School, Maya Angelou Public Charter School, School Without Walls, Wilson High School), Youth Services Center (facility for children awaiting adjudication of criminal charges), and Highland High School in Albuquerque (2000-2011, 2019)
- New Mexico AmeriCorps Application Reviewer (2020)
- Chair, AALS Section on Education Law (2020)
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- Member, District of Columbia Bar Association (2002-present)
- Member, Board of Advisors, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project (2014-16)
- Member, Advisory Board, Legal Prep Charter Academies of Chicago (2012-14)
- Co-founder, National Youth Justice Alliance (2008)
- Chair, AALS Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education (2006)

Language Skills

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish; fluent in spoken Persian (native).

Awards and Recognition

- Association of American Law Schools Deborah L. Rhode Award (2023)
- Woody Award for Most Supportive Professor, UNMSOL Class of 2022
- Supreme Court Fellows Program Semifinalist (2022)
- Education Law Association (ELA) Volunteer Service Award (2021)
- American Bar Foundation Fellow (2021)
- Woman of Influence, Albuquerque Business First (2021)
- American Bar Association Raeder-Taslitz Award (2020)
- University of New Mexico Early Career Teacher of the Year (2019-20)
- ELA Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship (2019)
- Marshall-Brennan Alum of the Year (2014)
- Council on Legal Education Diversity Award (2013)
- Alumni of the Year Award, WCL Latino/a Law Students Association (2008)
- American University Staff Performance Award for Professional Excellence (2006)
- NU School of Education and Social Policy Alumni Leadership Award (1998)