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EXPERIENCE

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Professor 2018-present
Associate Professor 2011-2018

- Courses: Federal Indian Law; Criminal Law; Civil Rights; Critical Race Theory; Tribal Law Practicum
- Service: Race, Gender & Policing Program (board member), Retention, Promotion & Tenure Committee (chair); Curriculum Committee; Honor Code Committee (chair); Appointments Committee; elected Dean's Advisory Committee; American Indian Alliance; graduate college committees: Margaret Huettl (Ph.D., History), Doris Morgan Rueda (Ph.D., History), Sahar B. Zavareh (M.A., Water Resources Management)

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Critical Race Studies Law Teaching Fellow 2009-2011

- Courses: Critical Race Theory; Indigenous Peoples, Race & American Law
- Service: Faculty co-chair for Fifth Annual CRS Symposium on Race & Sovereignty. Organized semester-long lecture series on Critical Race Theory in Native American Communities

Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, Washington, DC

Attorney 2004-2008

- Chaired legislative coalition on criminal and juvenile justice reform (Tribal Law and Order Act and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act)
- Lead attorney in two claims against Bureau of Indian Affairs to restore funding for operation and maintenance of tribal detention facilities
- Lead associate in successful D.C. Circuit litigation concerning definition of "initial reservation" under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and several cases involving tribal-state taxation disputes

American University, Washington Internships for Native Students, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor (Formation of Federal Indian Policy) 2005

Native Village of Barrow Iñupiat Traditional Government, Utqiagvik, Alaska, Consultant

2003-2004

UCLA Tribal Legal Development Clinic, Los Angeles, California, Project Supervisor

2003-2004

Native American Rights Fund, Anchorage, Alaska, Law Clerk

2003

Tribal Law and Policy Institute, West Hollywood, California, Legislation Clerk

2002-2003

Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, Los Angeles, CA, Law Clerk

2002

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, M.A., American Indian Studies, 2007

- Thesis: Developing a Tribal Juvenile Justice System: A Case Study in the Native Village of Barrow

UCLA School of Law, J.D. with Concentration in Critical Race Studies, 2004

- Program in Public Interest Law & Policy; founding Editorial Board, Indigenous Peoples' Journal of Law, Culture & Resistance; Women Lawyers' Association of L.A. Fran Kandel Public Action Grant

Oberlin College, B.A. with High Honors, Sociology, 1999

- Thesis: Sex, Anger, and Silence in the Lives of Adolescent Girls: Implications for Delinquency Prevention
- Comfort Starr Prize in Sociology; National Merit Scholar. Bonner Scholar; Jerome Davis Research Award

Articles

Defending White Space, 40 CARDOZO L. REV. 1639 (2019)

Untangling the Web: Juvenile Justice in Indian Country, 19 N.Y.U. J. OF LEG. & PUB. POL'Y. 49 (2016)

Locked Up: Fear, Racism, Prison Economics, and the Incarceration of Native Youth, 40 AM. INDIAN CULTURE & RES. J. 55 (2016)

Recentring Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction, 63 U.C.L.A. L. REV. 1638 (2016)

Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Beyond Citizenship and Blood, 39 AMER. INDIAN L. REV. 337 (2016)

The Promise of Mancari: Indian Political Rights as Racial Remedy, 86 N.Y.U. L. REV. 958 (2011) (awarded Honorable Mention for the John Hope Franklin Prize by the Law & Society Association)

Chapters & Essays

Rice v. Cayetano Reconsidered in CRITICAL RACE JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN U.S. COURT OPINIONS ON RACE AND LAW, Capers, Carbado, Lenhardt & Angela Onwuachi-Willig, eds., Cambridge Univ. Press (forthcoming 2020)

Indigenous Children in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS LAW, Jonathan Todres & Shani M. King, eds., Oxford Univ. Press (2020)

Resilience and Native Girls: A Critique, 2018 B.Y.U. L. REV. 1407

Native Youth and Juvenile Injustice in South Dakota, 62 SOUTH DAKOTA L. REV. 705 (2017)

Racial Anxieties in Adoption: Reflections on Adoptive Couple, White Parenthood, and Constitutional Challenges to the ICWA, 2017 MICH. STATE L. REV. 727

BRIEFS, REPORTS & EXPERT TESTIMONY

Brief of Nevada Law Professors as Amicus Curiae in Support of Reversal, *Vanisi v. Gittere*, Case 78209 (Nev., filed Oct. 3, 2019) (primary author)

Senate Committee in Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Juvenile Justice in Indian Country, Washington, D.C., September 26, 2018

Brief of National Congress of American Indians as Amicus Curiae in Support of Appellant Daniel T. Bailey and Favoring Reversal, *Kelsey v. Pope*, Case 14-1537 (6th Cir., filed Nov. 5, 2015) (co-counsel)

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Juvenile Justice in Indian Country: Challenges and Promising Strategies, Washington, D.C., July 15, 2015

Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence, Hearing on the Juvenile Justice System's Response, Scottsdale, AZ, February 11, 2014

A Tangled Web of Justice: American Indian and Alaska Native Youth in Federal, State, and Tribal Justice Systems, Campaign for Youth Justice, July 2008 (with Neelum Arya)

Authored

- Death Penalty Unfit for the Mentally Ill (Las Vegas Sun), March 16, 2020
- Lecture Preview: Race and Self-Defense Killings (UNLV News Center), April 13, 2015
- Expansions to Nevada’s Self-Defense Law are Unnecessary and Dangerous (Las Vegas Sun), March 15, 2015
- Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl (1 of 4): Why the Court’s ICWA Ruling Matters (PrawfsBlawg), June 29, 2013
- Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl (2 of 4): 3/256ths Cherokee? (PrawfsBlawg), June 30, 2013
- Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl (3 of 4): On the Portrayal of Dusten Brown as a Deadbeat Dad (PrawfsBlawg), June 30, 2013
- Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl (4 of 4): Whiteness and Ideal Parenthood (PrawfsBlawg), July 1, 2013
- Why Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter is More than Simply a Federal Contracting Case (PrawfsBlawg), June 28, 2012
- Rewriting the End of a Sovereignty Story: Santa Clara Pueblo Members Vote to Change Patrilineal Membership Rule (PrawfsBlawg), June 18, 2012

Quoted or profiled

- Tribe Member Charged with Murder in Nevada Girl’s January Death (Las Vegas Review Journal), August 29, 2019
- Native American Students Want Hey Reb Statue Removed (Las Vegas Review Journal), August 23, 2019
- 1 of 19 Nevada Tribes Will Have Access to the FBI’s Sex Offender Registry (Las Vegas Review Journal), July 22, 2019
- Gators Have No Place in a Family-Friendly Park (Las Vegas Review Journal), September 1, 2016
- Devontre Thomas is 19. He Could Face a Year in Prison. For a Gram of Marijuana. How Could This Happen in Oregon? (Willamette Week), July 26, 2016
- Tragic Misunderstanding Leads to Shooting Death Through Door (Las Vegas Review Journal), December 28, 2015
- Juvenile Justice System Fails Native Americans, Studies Show (NPR’s All Things Considered), July 31 2015
- No Jail Time for Troubled Kids: Radical Fixes for Juvenile Justice (Indian Country Today Media Network), July 24, 2015
- Feds and Tribes Work Toward Juvenile Justice (The Durango Herald), July 15, 2015
- Reports: Juvenile Justice System Fails Native Youth (Fronteras: The Changing America Desk), June 30, 2015
- Juvenile Justice in Native America (Native America Calling), June 11, 2015
- Race and Self-Defense (Top of Mind with Julie Rose, BYU Radio), June 4, 2015
- Trayvon Martin Verdict Echoes in Las Vegas (KNPR’s State of Nevada), July 17, 2013
- Death Penalty One Year After Troy Davis & Trayvon Martin, Our Own Voices Live, September 22, 2012
- Trayvon Martin Tragedy Reverberates in Nevada (Las Vegas Sun), April 11, 2012
- Trayvon Martin Case Has Some Looking at Nevada’s New Self-Defense Law (Las Vegas Sun), April 1, 2012
- Indian Tribe, Developer in Tug-of-War over Grand Canyon Skywalk (Reuters), March 18, 2012
- How Floyd Mayweather Avoided a Knockout in Court (The Legal Blitz), January 26, 2012

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

Organizer

- Doing Justice: Race, Reform & New Strategies in Criminal Law (conference co-chair, moderator), UNLV Law, April 2019
- Fifth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium: Race and Sovereignty (conference co-chair, panelist), UCLA School of Law, March 2011
- Race and Self-Defense Law: Beyond Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown, UNLV University Forum Lecture, April 30, 2015
- The President and the Pipeline (organizer, panelist), UNLV Law, September 2016
- Water Protectors: Activism and Social Change, UNLV Law, November 2016

- Roundtable on Legislating Belonging, AALS Section on Law & Anthropology Annual Meeting (organizer, panelist), February 2015
- Roundtable on Race, Sovereignty & Citizenship, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (organizer, moderator), May 2010

Invited Speaker

- Internment: Now & Then, The Ohio State University Center for Ethnic Studies, November 2019
- Why Are They Always Calling the Cops on Me?, 25th Annual National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference, Detroit, MI, September 2019 & Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission Conference, Community Policing in Los Angeles County – A Vision for the Future, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018
- American Indian Youth and Juvenile Justice: Working with Tribal Nations in State Courts, National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Meeting, Reno, NV, June 2019 & National Conference of Juvenile Court and Family Judges Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2019
- Punishing Resistance, Withholding Protection: An Account of Native Youth, Violence & Civil Rights in Border Towns, 50 Years of the Indian Civil Rights Act, University of New Mexico, March 2018
- Resilience and Native Nations, B.Y.U. Law Review Symposium, March 2018
- Claiming the Narrative: The Injustice of Race-Based Policing, National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Albuquerque, NM, October 2017
- Resistance and Response at Standing Rock, Oberlin College, March 2017
- Symposium on Juvenile Justice, South Dakota Law Review Symposium, September 2016
- Resisting Invisibility: Native Girls and Juvenile Justice, National Girls Initiative Roundtable on Native Girls, St. Paul, MN, August 2016
- The Realities of Mass Incarceration in America Today, University of LaVerne Law Review Symposium, April 2016
- The Indian Child Welfare Act: Old and New Challenges, University South Dakota Indian Law Symposium, March 2016
- The Next Frontier in Federal Indian Law: Building on the Foundational Work of Carole E. Goldberg, UCLA Law Review Symposium, January 2016
- A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer, UCLA American Indian Studies Center, January 24, 2014
- Preserving *Morton v. Mancari's* Dynamic Legacy, 38th Annual Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, April 11, 2013
- CRT in Realtime: Juvenile Justice, Critical Race Studies at 10: Building Our Home, UCLA School of Law, March 8, 2013
- Righting Wrongs in the Context of Superdiversity: The Possibilities and Limitations of Law, Superdiversity California Style: New Approaches to Race, Civil Rights, Governance and Cultural Production (UCLA Institute of American Cultures Inaugural Conference), March 1, 2013
- Race Undercover: Unpacking the Trayvon Martin Tragedy, UCLA School of Law, October 2, 2013
- Standing Our Ground for Trayvon Martin, African American Policy Forum National Roundtable, July 18, 2013
- Profiling, Protection and Prevention: What if it was Your Child?, UNLV Law, April 2012
- Plenary Panel on New Paradigms of Racialization? Race, Citizenship, Indigeneity, Immigration (Post-Jim Crow), AALS Mid-Year Meeting, Workshop on Post Racial Civil Rights Law, Politics and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama, June 2010

Presentations

When Law Fails to Protect: Resistance and Response at Standing Rock, presented at:

- Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities Annual Conference, Stanford Law School, April 2007
- Living Under Colonialism: The Dakota Access Pipeline and Other Current Issues, UNLV Department of Anthropology, April 2017

The Promise of *Mancari*: Indian Political Rights as Racial Remedy, presented at:

- UCLA School of Law, CRT and Native American Communities Speaker Series, January 2010
- UC Berkeley School of Law, Seminar on Critical Race Theory, November 2009

Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Beyond Citizenship and Blood, presented at:

- Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, University of Utah School of Law, September 2012
- University of New Mexico School of Law, February 2013
- UNLV Law, September 2013
- Indian Law Junior Scholars Forum, UCLA School of Law, July 2013
- University of Colorado, Boulder, February 2014

Racial Anxieties in Adoption, presented at:

- AALS Mid-Year Meeting on Family Law, June 2015
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2015

Defending White Space, presented at:

- UCLA School of Law, Advanced Critical Race Theory Seminar, Fall 2018
- WLPOC/CAPALF Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, September 2018
- Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, UNLV, November 2016
- University of New Mexico School of Law, February 2017
- J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU, February 2016
- AALS Mid-Year Meeting, Workshop on Poverty, Immigration and Property, June 2013
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2013

Group Rights and Anti-Racism, presented at:

- Arizona State University Legal Scholars Conference, March 2012
- Seattle University School of Law, junior faculty exchange, March 2012

Presentations on juvenile justice in Indian country:

- National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Meeting, Kansas City, MO, June 2018
- Know Her Truths Conference Anna Julia Cooper Center, April 2016
- National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Meeting, Saint Paul, MN, June 30, 2015
- Southwest Criminal Law Workshop, UNLV Law, September 2012
- Race and Criminal Justice in the West, Gonzaga University, September 24, 2011
- National Indian Child Welfare Association 27th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, April 2009
- National Congress of American Indians Third Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum, June 2008

Disciplining and Assimilating Native Girls: A Brief History of Four Systems, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 2018

The Meaning (or Meaninglessness) of Indigeneity under U.S. Law, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, May 2018

Roundtable on "Whiteness as Property" and Multiracial Identity, 7th Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium: Whiteness as Property: A Twenty Year Appraisal, UCLA School of Law, October 4, 2014

Teaching Identity in Post-Identity Classrooms, SALT 2014 Annual Meeting, UNLV, October 2014

Workshop on Race & Indigeneity in Australia and the United States, UCLA School of Law, October 2013

More Than a Race, Not Quite a Tribe: How Federal Law Dismantles Native Hawaiian Indigeneity, Unlearning the American Pacific: A Symposium on Anti-Colonial Pedagogies, UCLA Asian American Studies Department, April 2009

Sex, Anger, and Silence in the Lives of Adolescent Girls: Implications for Delinquency Prevention, presented at Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, April 2001

Moderator

- Police De-Escalation: Reducing Force and Building Community Trust, The Mob Museum, Las Vegas, NV, November 12, 2019
- Nevada's Death Penalty: Can We Live Without It?, UNLV Law, September 2012
- Over-Policed and Under-Protected: Women, Race and Criminalization, UCLA Law Review Symposium, January 27, 2012
- Workshop on Race and Extra-Constitutional Status, Fourth Annual CRS Symposium: Intersectionality: Challenging Theory, Reframing Politics, Transforming Movements (moderator), UCLA School of Law, March 2010
- Individuals, the Collective, and Democracy: Race, Class, Gender, Disability, and Individual Employee Rights (moderator), Democracy and the Workplace, Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution Symposium, UNLV Law, February 2012

Legislative, Judicial & CLE Trainings

- Juvenile Justice: Best Practices, Nevada Attorney General's Office, Las Vegas, NV, June 2019
- The Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018 – Maximizing Local Impact, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, June 2019
- Tribal Sovereignty 101, Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations (WEWIN) Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, August 19, 2014
- Tribal Code Development: TLOA, VAWA, and Non-Indians, National Tribal Judicial Center, National Judicial College, February 24, 2014
- The Protective Power of Sovereignty: New Developments with the Violence Against Women Act, Tribal Rights, Sovereignty & Economic Development, Law Seminars International, Las Vegas, NV, October 10, 2013
- The Making of a Constitution: What About Individual Rights? presented at Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's Constitutional Symposium, February 2004
- Civil Procedure and Rules of Court, presented at Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court Judicial Training, April 2003
- Establishing a Children's Court System, presented at Orutsararmuit Native Council Tribal Government Judicial Training, November 2002
- Children's Court Process, presented at Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court Judicial Training, October 2002
- Creation of a Judiciary, presented at Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court Judicial Training, October 2002
- Juvenile Court Process, presented at Native Village of Barrow Tribal Court Judicial Training, April 2002

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Bar and Court Admissions: California, Nevada (clinical faculty member under Rule 49.1), District of Columbia (2006-2012), United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, United State Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

AALS Section on Native Nations & Indigenous Peoples (chair, 2020; board member, 2016-2019); AALS Section on Law & Anthropology (chair, 2014; board member 2013, 2015-2017); HIPS, Washington, DC (board member, 2006-2014, including a term as chair)