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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

JSD Studies, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Law School, University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, Indiana, United States.

Dissertation: “Humanization of International Armed Conflicts. The Application of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law for the Protection of Civilians.” Terminated from the program due to expiration of time granted to complete dissertation. Adviser, George López.

Master in Law, LL.M. May 2000. Center for Civil and Human Rights, Law School, University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame.

LL.M. Paper: “Forced Internal Displacement in Colombia. Contribution to the Role of Non-Governmental Organizations.” Director, Juan E. Méndez.

Specialization in Constitucional Law, October 1996. Facultad de Derecho, Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.

Lawyer, March 1995, Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.

Tesis: *Los Jueces de Paz y Jueces de Pequeñas Causas: Un Puente para Acceder a la Justicia*. Adviser, Rodolfo Arango Rivadeneira

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Lawyer, authorized to appear before Courts in Colombia.

Lawyer, litigated cases before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court on Human Rights.

RESEARCH TOPICS

International human rights law

Immigration and refugee law

Non-governmental organizations and human rights

Gender and law

International humanitarian law

PUBLICATIONS

Book published by University Presses

“Derecho y Pueblo Mapuche, Aportes para la Discusión”, Helena Olea Rodríguez, ed., Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, (Santiago, Chile, 2013).

Articles Published by University Presses

(with Juan E. Méndez y Andreas Feldmann). “El Derecho Internacional y los Derechos Laborales de los Trabajadores Migratorios” in Renato Ribeiro, ed., *Os Rumos do Direito Internacional dos Direitos Humanos*

- Ensaïos em Homenagem ao Prof. Antonio Augusto Cançado Trindade - 6 vols (Brasília: University of Brasília Press, 2005).

(with Juan Méndez y Andreas Feldmann) “International Standards of Due Process for Migrant Workers, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees” in Anne Bayefsky, ed., *Human Rights, Refugees and Displaced Persons in Process: Essays in Honor of Joan Fitzpatrick and Arthur Helton* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006).

(with María José Guembe) “No Justice, No Peace: Discussion of a Legal Framework regarding the Demobilization of Non-state Armed Groups in Colombia” in Naomi Roht-Arriaza and Javier Mariezcurrena, eds., *Transitional Justice in the Twenty First Century: Beyond Truth versus Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

“Derechos Humanos y Migraciones. Un nuevo lente para un viejo fenómeno”, in *Anuario de Derechos Humanos 2007* (Facultad de Derecho, Universidad de Chile, 2007).

Articles published by commercial presses

(with Andreas Feldmann) “New Formulas, Old Sins: Human Rights Abuses Against Migrant Workers, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees in the Americas,” in Neve Gordon, ed., *Human Rights From the Margins: Critical Interventions* (Lanham, MD.: Lexington Books, 2004); Reprinted in *Beyond Law* No. 28, 2005.

“Análisis Jurídico: Prostitución y explotación Infantil” en Moira Nokousi y Daniel Soto eds., *Cine y Criminalidad Organizada, Una Mirada Multidisciplinaria* (Editorial Cuarto Propio, 2012).

Reports

(with Susan Gzesh and Gretchen Kuhner) “Uncertainty, Chance and Inequality: Report on the Human Rights of Migrants in Situations of Arrest, Detention, Deportation and Reception in the Member Countries of the Regional Conference on Migration”. Marzo 2001.

(for the Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, with Andreas Feldmann and Juan E. Méndez) “Garantías de Debido Proceso”, Informe Anual de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos 2000, Capítulo V. Estudios Especiales, Segundo Informe de Progreso de la Relatoría Sobre Trabajadores Migratorios y Miembros de sus Familias, OEA Doc OEA/Ser./L/V/II.114, abril 2001.

(for the Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, with Andreas Feldmann and Juan E. Méndez) “Conducción, Contrabando y Tráfico de Migrantes”, Informe Anual de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos 2001, Capítulo V Estudios Especiales, Tercer Informe de Progreso de la Relatoría sobre Trabajadores Migratorios y Miembros de sus Familias, OEA Doc OEA/Ser./L/V/II.114, abril 2002.

(for the Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, with Andreas Feldmann and Juan E. Méndez) Capítulo VI Visita in loco a Guatemala, Cuarto Informe de Progreso de la Relatoría sobre Trabajadores Migratorios y Miembros de sus Familias en el Hemisferio, Informe Anual de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos 2002, OEA Doc OEA/Ser.L/V/II.117, marzo 2003.

(for the Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, with Andreas Feldmann and Juan E. Méndez) Capítulo VII Visita in loco a Costa Rica, Cuarto Informe de Progreso de la Relatoría sobre Trabajadores Migratorios y Miembros de sus Familias en el Hemisferio, Informe Anual de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos 2002, OEA Doc OEA/Ser.L/V/II.117, marzo 2003.

(for the Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, with Andreas Feldmann and Juan E. Méndez) Capítulo V Visita in loco a México, Quinto Informe de Progreso de la Relatoría sobre Trabajadores Migratorios y Miembros de sus Familias en el Hemisferio, Informe Anual de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos 2003, OEA Doc OEA/Ser.L/V/II.118, diciembre 2003.

(with Susan Gzesh) “International human rights implications of US immigration enforcement actions post-September 11” document drafted for Migration Policy Institute, 2006.

El Derecho a la Salud de las Mujeres Enfermas de Cáncer en Chile en Informe Anual del Observatorio de Sentencias Judiciales 2009, Chile, Derechos de las Mujeres y Discurso Jurídico, Corporación Humanas, Chile, Marzo 2011.

Las Mujeres que Demandan Protección Judicial contra la Discriminación: el caso de Constanza Labraña, en Informe Anual del Observatorio de Sentencias Judiciales 2010, Chile, Derechos de las Mujeres y Discurso Jurídico, Corporación Humanas, Chile, Mayo 2011.

La Última Decisión del Tribunal Constitucional sobre la Anticoncepción de Emergencia: un Análisis en Profundidad en Informe Anual del Observatorio de Sentencias Judiciales 2009, Chile, Derechos de las Mujeres y Discurso Jurídico, Corporación Humanas, Chile, Marzo 2011; reimpresso en La Justicia en Construcción, Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género, Derecho y Género ante los tribunales y los medios en América Latina, Argentina, 2012.

“Derechos Humanos de los Migrantes y Refugiados” in Informe de Derechos Humanos, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, 2009.

“Derechos Humanos de los Migrantes y Refugiados” in Informe de Derechos Humanos, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, 2010.

“Derechos Humanos de los Migrantes y Refugiados” in Informe de Derechos Humanos, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, 2012.

“Derechos Humanos de los Migrantes y Refugiados” in Informe de Derechos Humanos, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, 2013.

(with Lidia Casas) “Trabajadoras de Casa Particular: Invisibilizadas y Discriminadas” in Informe de Derechos Humanos, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Diego Portales, 2014 (forthcoming).

Ley 20.000, Tráfico, microtráfico y consumo de drogas elementos jurídicos y sociológicos para su distinción y defensa, with Lidia Casas, Fernando Silva, Nicolás Soto and Rebeca Valenzuela, Centro de Documentación Defensoría Penal Pública, Chile, 2013.

ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCE

August 2014 – Present **Adjunct Professor in Criminology, Law and Justice and Latino and Latin American Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago.**

March 2007 – July 2014 **Assistant Professor and Researcher of the Law School of Universidad Diego Portales.** Courses: Legal Analysis Workshop (undergrad and Masters), Case Studies, International Humanitarian Law, Law and Society, Population Displacements in the XXIst Century, Gender and the Law, Litigation before the Inter American Human Rights System (Masters), Clinical Professor of Immigration and Refugee Law, and coordinator between the Human Rights Center and the Public Interest Clinic.

March 2009 – July 2014 **Assistant Adjunct Professor of the Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.** Undergraduate Courses: Institutions and Politics, Forced Migration, and Human Rights. Graduate Courses: Civil Society and International Relations and Master’s Thesis Seminar.

June 2006 – February 2007, and 2009. **Researcher Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Chile.** Coordinator of Certificate Program on Human Rights and Women: Theory and Practice, Teacher Assistant for International Human Rights Law Course in 2006 and Gender and Law in 2009.

December 2003 – December 2004. **Researcher Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School.** Project: International Justice funded by the JEHT Foundation.

August 2001 – August 2003. **Research Assistant for Juan E. Méndez.** Professor and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School.

March 1995 – August 1996. **Researcher Centro de Investigaciones Socio-Jurídicas, Facultad de Derecho, Universidad de los Andes.** Bogotá, Colombia. Projects: *La Incidencia Social de la Acción de Tutela; Impacto Social de la Tutela en Materia de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales; y Constitución Comentada para Jueces.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2007 – August 2011. **Attorney Corporación Humanas, Centro Regional de Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Género.** Santiago, Chile. Responsible for international litigation and advocacy. Worked jointly with CEJIL (Argentina) and Conectas Direitos Humanos (Brazil) in establishing a joint representation in Geneva before the UN; litigated a number of cases before the Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

October 2002 – August 2005. **Consultant Special Rapporteurship of Migrant Workers and their Families, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.** Washington, D.C., USA.

June 2000 – August 2001. **Professional Internship Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights.** Worked in two programs: Mexico-Advocates Network and the Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

November 1997 – August 1999. **Lawyer/Researcher Comisión Colombiana de Juristas (CCJ).** Bogotá, Colombia.

August 1993 – August 1994. **Constitutional Court of Colombia.** Judicial Clerk *ad honorem* for Magistrado Eduardo Cifuentes Muñoz. Bogotá, Colombia.

Trainings:

2012 – Present. Training Workshops for the Public Defenders Office on Immigration Law and Practice with an emphasis on the immigration consequences of a criminal procedure.

2009 Training Workshops on inclusion of a Gender Perspective for the Centers for Victims of Violent Crimes of the Ministry of Justice.

HONOR AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Kellogg Seed Money, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (Abril 2002). Field research.

Project: Democracy, Peace and Human Rights in Colombia at the University of Notre Dame. Full scholarship for the first year of doctoral program and partial funding for internship at Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, 2000 -2002.

Fulbright scholarship for LL.M. at the University of Notre Dame. 1999.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (maternal tongue), English (Proficient), French (basic).

REFERENCES

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