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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate School, July 2, 1997.

- Fulbright U.S. Student Fellow, Caracas, Venezuela, 1993-1994.
- New York State University Fellow, 1988-1991.

M.Phil. in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate School, June 1, 1995.

M.A. in Anthropology, Hunter College (CUNY), June 3, 1991.

B.A. in Sociology & Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, August 25, 1987.

- *Magna cum laude*.
- “Dean’s Scholar.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Researcher (January 2008–Present), **Research Associate** (April 2003–December 2007), Immigration Policy Center (IPC), American Immigration Council (formerly American Immigration Law Foundation), Washington, DC.

Write, research, and edit articles, reports, and opinion pieces on a wide range of topics pertaining to immigration, such as the role of immigrants in the U.S. economy, the impact of U.S. border-enforcement policies on national security, and the possible contours of comprehensive immigration reform. Have published articles in *Society*, the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*, the *Stanford Law and Policy Review*, and *Immigration Law Today*; and opinion pieces for the Society for International Development, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Miami Herald*, *Politico*, and *The Hill*. Several of my IPC reports have been reprinted on ILW.com and HispanicVista.com. Others have been reprinted by the Social Science Research Council (New York) and the Americas Program of the Center for International Policy (Washington, DC).

Immigration Policy Analyst, Office of Migration and Refugee Policy, Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington, DC, April 2001–April 2003.

Researched and wrote policy bulletins, fact sheets, and articles on immigration and refugee issues such as Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) detention practices, visa-application backlogs at the INS, and the impact on non-U.S. citizens of anti-terrorism measures implemented after 9/11. Published in *Bender’s Immigration Bulletin* and *Migration World Magazine*.

Program Director, National Citizenship Network (NCN), Immigration & Refugee Services of America {now U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants}, Washington, DC, January 1998–March 2000.

Oversaw activities of the NCN: a clearinghouse for the exchange of immigration-policy information among 190 advocacy, social-service, and legal organizations in 25 states. Issues of concern included INS detention practices, visa-application backlogs, and restructuring proposals; U.S. policies toward Central American refugees; and denial of welfare benefits to legal immigrants. Served as NCN liaison with INS headquarters and wrote for *Refugee Reports*.

Contributing Policy Analyst, American Immigration Law Foundation (now the American Immigration Council), Washington, DC, January 2000–June 2001.

Wrote *Immigration Policy Reports* on the economics of immigration to the United States and INS detention of undocumented children.

Legislative Assistant, Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE) {now merged with Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union to form UNITE HERE}, Washington, DC, April–July 2000.

Provided research and lobbying support on UNITE campaigns related to the granting of Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, proposals to increase the minimum wage, and the expansion of Medicare prescription-drug benefits.

Lecturer in Anthropology, American University, Washington, DC, Fall 1996.

Taught an introductory anthropology course emphasizing the use of ethnography and political economy in analyzing then-contemporary social issues such as the international debt crisis, structural adjustment programs of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), U.S. welfare reform, and U.S. campaign-finance reform.

Fulbright U.S. Student Fellow/Field Researcher, Caracas, Venezuela, November 1993–December 1994.

Conducted 14 months of research on the grassroots impact of the international debt crisis and IMF structural adjustment programs in terms of intensifying economic inequality, political protest, and violent crime during the 1980s and 1990s.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

“The Many Facets of Effective Immigration Reform,” *Society* 47, no. 2 (March/April 2010): 110-117.

“Beyond Border Enforcement: Enhancing National Security Through Immigration Reform,” *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 5, no. 2 (Summer 2007): 427-446.

“Facing Border Insecurity: U.S. Border-Enforcement Policies and National Safety,” *Immigration Law Today* 25, no. 4 (July/August 2006): 34-40.

“From Denial to Acceptance: Effectively Regulating Immigration to the United States,” *Stanford Law and Policy Review* 16, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 445-462.

“Missing the Forest for the Trees: Restrictionists Tie Immigration to Environmental Damage,” *Immigration Law Today* 23, no. 3 (May/June 2004): 16-22.

“The Forgotten U.S.-Mexico Immigration Accord: Is America Neglecting Its Southern Border?” *Immigration Law Today* 22, no. 5 (September/October 2003): 34-43.

“Immigration Policy for the 21st Century: The Case for Legalization of Undocumented Immigrants,” *Bender’s Immigration Bulletin* 8, no. 1 (January 1, 2003): 28-43.

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“Bad News from INS for Refugees, Asylees, and Diversity Visa ‘Winners,’” *Refugee Reports* 20, no. 8 (August/September 1999): 11-12.

“INS Faces Reorganization Proposals, Budget Shortfalls, and Backlogs,” *Refugee Reports* 20, no. 7 (July/August 1999): 11-13.

COMMENTARY

“Two-Tiered Justice: Anti-Immigrant Laws in the United States,” Society for International Development on-line forum, May 10, 2010.

“Immigration reform affords chance to improve economy,” *The Hill*, March 9, 2010.

“Immigrants’ importance,” *Modern Healthcare*, January 4, 2010.

“Immigrants offer much in this valley,” *San Jose Mercury News*, December 11, 2009.

“Immigration and employment,” *Politico*, December 7, 2009.

“Immigrants are vital to recovery,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 17, 2009.

“Reforming immigration can boost economy,” *Fairfax Times*, August 11, 2009.

“Immigration Reform Can Bolster State’s Economy,” *Virginian-Pilot*, July 27, 2009.

“Fuzzy math by FAIR on illegal immigration,” *Culpeper Star-Exponent*, July 3, 2009.

“Immigrants are not a fiscal drain,” *Sacramento Bee*, June 28, 2009.

“Debate: Are Illegal Immigrants Good for the U.S. Economy?,” *New York Times UPFRONT*, September 1, 2008.

“Immigration Fairytales,” *New America Media*, August 4, 2008.

“Poverty is Still Home-Grown,” *Washington Post*, September 8, 2007.

“Immigrants Bring Crime’ Is a Myth,” *New America Media*, February 22, 2007.

“Immigration Restrictionists Must Face Reality,” *Wall Street Journal*, February 25, 2004.

“A Failed Border Policy,” *Miami Herald*, May 24, 2003.

“Legalization After September 11,” *Migration World Magazine* 30(3), 2002, p. 6.

REPORTS

Arizona’s Punishment Doesn’t Fit the Crime: Studies Show Decrease in Arizona Crime Rates (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, April 28, 2010).

Looking for a Quick Fix: The Rise and Fall of the Secure Border Initiative’s High-Tech Solution to Unauthorized Immigration (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, April 15, 2010).

Immigration Reform and Job Growth: Legalizing Unauthorized Immigrants Would Boost the U.S. Economy (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, February 24, 2010).

Critical Care: The Role of Immigrant Workers in U.S. Healthcare (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, December 11, 2009). {Reprinted in *Journal of the Association of Staff Physician Recruiters* 17, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 19-21.}

American Roots in the Immigrant Experience: Immigrants and Children of Immigrants Comprise Nearly One Quarter of the U.S. Population (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, October 19, 2009).

Citizenship by the Numbers: The Demographic and Political Rise of Naturalized U.S. Citizens and the Native-Born Children of Immigrants (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, September 16, 2009).

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Fuzzy Math: The Anti-Immigration Arguments of NumbersUSA Don't Add Up (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, June 2, 2009).

Opportunity and Exclusion: A Brief History of U.S. Immigration Policy (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, November 25, 2008).

Chicken Little in the Voting Booth: The Heritage Foundation Sounds Alarm Over Non-Existent Problem of Non-Citizen "Voter Fraud" (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, July 24, 2008).

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Money for Nothing: Immigration Enforcement without Immigration Reform Doesn't Work (Washington, DC: Immigration Policy Center, May 2008).

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"Congressional Hearing Dissects the Many Failures of SBInet" (June 17, 2010).

"CIS Claims California is 'Least-Educated State' Because of Immigration" (June 11, 2010).

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"New Report Highlights Economic Gains from Immigration and Immigration Reform" (May 28, 2010).

"Restrictionist Group Blames Immigrants for Teen Unemployment (May 12, 2010).

"Fox & Friends' Trumpets Farcical Claim About Murders by Unauthorized Immigrants" (May 7, 2010).

"Polls Show Americans Want Broken Immigration System Fixed" (May 4, 2010).

"Arizona's Punishing New Immigration Law Doesn't Fight Crime" (April 28, 2010).

"The Nativist Resurgence of the Radical Right" (April 20, 2010).

"Immigration Reform Raises Revenue, While Enforcement-Only Strategies Throw Tax Dollars Away" (April 15, 2010).

“Nativist Group Blames Immigrants for Unemployment and Low Wages” (March 24, 2010) {Re-posted by AlterNet, March 24, 2010}.

“Restrictionist Group Strikes Back” (March 18, 2010).

“Restrictionist Front Group Still Pushing Green Xenophobia” (March 10, 2010) {Re-posted by AlterNet, March 10, 2010}.

“The Economic and Political Stakes of an Accurate Census Count” (March 4, 2010).

“Nativist Group Discovers Most Immigrants Don’t Vote Republican” (February 23, 2010) {Re-posted by AlterNet, February 23, 2010}.

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“Studies Show Latinos Climb Socio-Economic Ladder of Success” (December 7, 2009) {Re-posted by AlterNet, December 8, 2009.}

“FAIR Blames Immigrants and Children for Maryland’s Budget Deficit” (December 4, 2009).

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“An Anti-Immigrant Hate-Fest on Capitol Hill” (September 17, 2009).

“CIS Adds to Falsehoods about Health Care Reform” (September 8, 2009).

“CIS Misses the Mark on Immigration and the Economy” (August 18, 2009).

“Anti-Immigrant Minutemen Join White-Supremacist Militias on the Radical Right” (August 13, 2009).

“Republicans on the Road to Demographic Self-Destruction” (August 5, 2009).

“FAIR Targets Immigrants and Children in Pennsylvania” (July 28, 2009).

“*New Yorker* Profile of Joe Arpaio is Not a Pretty Picture” (July 22, 2009).

“CIS Proposes Unique Approach to Union Organizing” (July 16, 2009).

“FAIR Promotes ‘Green Xenophobia’” (July 6, 2009) {Re-posted by AlterNet, July 6, 2009}.

“Blaming Immigrants for State Budget Deficits Doesn’t Make Sense” (June 29, 2009).

“FAIR Takes Aim at Virginia’s Immigrants and Children” (June 16, 2009) {Re-posted by AlterNet, June 16, 2009}.

“Congress Beware: Don’t Touch the Fence” (June 11, 2009).

“The Anti-Immigrant Arithmetic of NumbersUSA Doesn’t Add Up” (June 3, 2009).

“New Reports Reveal Immigration Does Not Increase Unemployment” (May 19, 2009) {Re-posted by AlterNet, May 20, 2009}.

“Immigrants Could Soften Effects of Baby Boomer Retirement” (May 14, 2009).

“Pew Report Reveals Continuing Importance of Immigrants to Housing Market” (May 13, 2009).

“Nativists Blame Immigrants for Swine Flu—and Everything Else” (April 29, 2009).

“Pew Report Backs the Case for Legalizing Undocumented Immigrants” (April 15, 2009).

“Obama to Make Good on Promise of Immigration Reform This Year” (April 9, 2009).

“Moving Beyond the Failed Immigration-Enforcement Legacy of the Bush Era” (April 1, 2009).

“CIS Inadvertently Makes the Case for Legalizing Undocumented Workers” (March 18, 2009).

“CIS’ Dubious Data Deflects Rational Immigration Debate” (March 9, 2009).

“Anti-Immigration NumbersUSA Distorts Statistics for Dramatic Effect” (February 23, 2009).

“Pew Report Shows: ‘Deportation Only’ Immigration Approach Undermines Courts” (February 18, 2009).

“Unemployed Americans Are Just Collateral Damage in War on Immigrants” (February 5, 2009).

“Sheriff Joe Arpaio Stages Immigrant-Degradation March for the Cameras” (February 4, 2009).

“FAIR Blames Florida’s Budget Woes on Immigrants and Children” (January 30, 2009).

“CIS Ignores the Facts: Immigration Important Concern for Latino Voters” (January 28, 2009).

“Hate Group Blames Immigrants for Potholes” (January 15, 2009).

“Separating Fact From Fiction About Immigrants and Crime” (January 12, 2009) {Re-posted by AlterNet, January 16, 2009}.

“Restrictionist CIS Twists Facts on ‘Marriage Fraud’” (December 3, 2008).

“Worried About the Mortgage Market? Don’t Blame an Immigrant” (November 19, 2008).

“Latinos a Reason to Hold Your Breath for Immigration Reform” (November 12, 2008).

“Voodoo Science Raises Specter of Immigration-Fueled ‘Overpopulation’” (September 17, 2008).

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“Enforcement Without Reform: Current U.S. Immigration Policies Undermine National Security and the Economy,” Colloquium on Globalization, Labor Migration, and Immigration Reform, sponsored by the Julian Samora Research Institute, Canadian Studies Center, and Chicano/Latino Studies Program of Michigan State University (Lansing, MI, February 27, 2008).

“Beyond Border Enforcement: Enhancing National Security Through Immigration Reform,” Reforming U.S. Immigration Policy in the Post 9-11 World, symposium sponsored by the University of Arizona student chapters of the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society (Tucson, AZ, February 23, 2007).

“Sabotaging National Security: The Paradox of U.S. Border-Enforcement and Immigration Policies,” *Lineae Terrarum*. International Borders Conference (El Paso, TX, March 27, 2006).

“Youth Gangs in Caracas, Venezuela,” World Bank (Washington, DC, January 14, 1998).

PANELS

Panelist, “Economics of Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” Reform Immigration for America Campaign Summit (Washington, DC, June 5, 2009).

Speaker, “Shortcomings in U.S. Immigration Policy: Consequences and Remedies,” talk presented to delegation of Russian migration specialists, sponsored by George Mason University’s Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (Washington, DC, May 8, 2009).

Moderator, “Current Labor Flows (Documented and Undocumented) within an ‘Extended’ European Union and NAFTA Zones: Similarities and Differences,” 38th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (Washington, DC, November 18, 2006).

Panelist/Moderator, “Advocacy Training Workshop” (3 sessions), USCCB-MRS Refugee Programs National Convening (Houston, TX, March 20-23, 2002).

Panelist, “The Naturalization Process & Welfare Reform,” 5th National Conference of the Ethiopian Community Development Council (Arlington, VA, September 17, 1999).

Panelist, “Legislative & Policy Update,” Naturalization in a New Era Training Conference sponsored by IRSA, CLINIC, and the DC Community Coalition (Washington, DC, July 29, 1999).

Moderator, “Advocacy on Citizenship Issues: The Role of Community-Based Organizations,” 4th National Conference of the Ethiopian Community Development Council (Washington, DC, September 18, 1998).

Panelist, “Immigration & Citizenship Policy Update,” IRSA National Network Meeting (Washington, DC, May 28, 1998).