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LAW TEACHING

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (Villanova, PA, USA)

Professor of Law (tenured) (2004-present)

Associate Professor (2001-2004), Assistant Professor (1999-2001)

Founding Director, Clinical Program (1999-2008)

Founding Director, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES) (1999-present)

Directed development and expansion of in-house Clinical Program. Founded and direct CARES clinic to represent asylum seekers in immigration and administrative proceedings. Taught Comparative Asylum and Refugee Law and Policy, a 3-credit course incorporating lectures, role plays, and group exercises. Co-taught and developed new undergraduate course, Perspectives on Migration for Honors, Peace and Justice and Global Studies Programs.

Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning, [Faculty Associate](#) (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

One of two university faculty members selected for grant to work on innovative project related to teaching.

Project: developing new online inter-disciplinary educational certificate program to train non-lawyer accredited representatives to represent immigrants before the Department of Homeland Security and the Immigration Courts. Project supported by grant from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and grant from University President. Advisory

Stakeholders include representatives from the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, American Immigration Lawyers Association, HIAS, CLINIC, Mennonite Central Committee, as well as leaders in competencies-based education, Western Governors University and Southern New Hampshire University, College for America.

Center for Migration Studies of New York, *Journal on Migration and Human Security*

Associate Editor (2017-present), Co-Managing Editor (2015-2017)

Fellow (207-present)

Manage and edit interdisciplinary, peer reviewed, public policy journal on immigration. Center for Migration Studies of New York, a think tank and educational institute devoted to the study of international migration, is part of the Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN).

American University Washington College of Law (WCL)

Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2014 and 2008-2009 academic year)

Taught in Immigrant Justice Clinic during Spring 2014 semester; taught in International Human Rights Law Clinic, Immigrant Rights Section, for the 2008-09 academic year; taught a lecture course, Asylum and Refugee Law and Policy, during the Spring 2009 semester.

University of Malta

Fulbright Scholar (February-July 2006)

Awarded Fulbright Scholarship to teach law students lawyering skills and values and to assist in development of a legal clinic for the representation of refugees and asylum seekers. Trained Jesuit Refugee Services volunteer lawyers on refugee adjudication and advocacy skills. Consulted U.S. Embassy officials and Maltese government officials on migration and refugee issues and on clinical education. Lectured at the U.S. Ambassador's residence on immigration issues.

Georgetown University Law Center

Advocacy Fellow, Center for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) (1997-1999)

Awarded two-year teaching fellowship at clinic handling asylum cases before immigration court and asylum office. Taught classes on substantive immigration law and procedure and on lawyering and writing skills; supervised 2L and 3L students in client representation; developed instructional materials; selected students; conducted assessment and grading; and conducted client intake.

EXPERIENCE

Holy See Mission to the United Nations

Member, Expert Advisory Group (2017-present)

Provide expert advice on migration, refugee protection and related topics.

[LegalED](#)

Founder (2012-present)

Creator of internet startup that hosts resources developed by law professors for teaching and learning the law. Website hosts collection of teaching materials (consisting of short videos, problem sets and exercises, and assessment tools) designed to facilitate blended online and in-class teaching and learning, to incorporate teaching of legal knowledge, practical skills and professional values, and to facilitate innovation and collaboration in law teaching. Conceptualized project, developed business plan, built advisory team, built website, shot videos, developed and executed on social media strategy, built community following and network, supervised community manager. Partnered with FWD.us to produce video series on immigration law. Videos viewed more than 100,000 times (as of August 2018)

Igniting Law Teaching

Founder,

TEDx-Styled Conference on Law Teaching and Pedagogy. Organized and selected and prepared speakers for two conferences at which professors from more than 70 law schools in the US, Canada and England presented well-rehearsed 10-15 minute TEDx-styled talks on topics including: Using the Classroom for Active Learning, Flipping the Law School Classroom, Applying Learning Theory to Legal Education and the Craft of Law School Teaching. Hosted at American University Washington College of Law in 2014 and 2015. Planning next conference for 2018. Conference talks are available online.

Clayton Christensen Institute

Adjunct Fellow (Jan 2015–present)

Co-authored whitepaper, [Disrupting Law School: how disruptive innovation will revolutionize the legal world](#), applying Christensen' s theories of disruptive innovation to legal education and the practice of law

Uncommon Individual Foundation

Participant (2014-2018)

Granted support for Legaled and Igniting Law Teaching conferences
Granted support for Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates (VIISTA)

TEDxVillanovaU

Licensee, Curator and Co-Organizer (2012-present)

Granted three licenses by TED Talks to host TEDx and TEDxSalon events at VillanovaU. Built and lead team to organize and structure event, choose and prepare speakers, select attendees, conduct social and print media. Presented TEDxVillanovaU talk, [The Future of Higher Education](#), with more than 12,500 views (as of 3/1/17). Sponsored by TED to attend TEDxSummit in Doha, Qatar, April 2012.

Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers

Fellow

ETL is an initiative of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS). IAALS is based at the University of Denver.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher (1989-1997)

Telecommunications Associate, Washington, D.C. (1991-1997)

Senior Associate in general telecommunications regulatory practice. Responsibilities included: developing regulatory strategies on numerous communications matters for companies providing domestic and international satellite, wireless, cable, and common carrier services; drafting and reviewing contracts; advising clients on foreign ownership and transfer of control issues; drafting pleadings and filings before the Federal Communications Commission and the International Telecommunications Union; developing and implementing government relations strategies; meeting and corresponding with government officials; advising clients on regulatory implications of emerging communications technologies; and supervising and training junior associates. Other duties included membership on the Professional Personnel Committee, which was responsible for conducting attorney and summer associate recruitment and hiring, organizing the summer associate program, and responding to associate grievances.

Corporate Associate, New York (1989-1991)

General corporate and securities practice. Responsibilities included: drafting and reviewing contracts, partnership agreements, incorporation documents, and public offering memoranda; conducting due diligence reviews; and preparing and reviewing corporate governance documents.

Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights)

Acting Legal Director, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 1995-May 1996, July 1996-September 1996)

This position was a full-time pro bono opportunity while I worked at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, during which I replaced then Legal Director, Elisa Massimino, while she was on maternity leave. My first major task involved directing Congressional and regulatory advocacy on asylum and refugee issues. Specific responsibilities included: organizing and leading the Committee to Preserve Asylum, a nationwide coalition of human rights organizations and other non-governmental organizations to develop and implement government relations strategies and nationwide outreach to lawyers, law professors and bar associations concerning legislative initiatives; meeting and corresponding with members of Congress and their staffs, and Department of Justice and INS officials concerning immigration legislation; drafting proposed legislation; and developing organization' s position on proposed legislation and regulations. My work in this position is discussed at length in Philip G. Schrag, *A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR: THE CONGRESSIONAL BATTLE TO SAVE POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AMERICA* (Routledge, 2000).

My second major task was to oversee human rights projects and the asylum representation program. Specific responsibilities included: evaluating asylum cases; training and supervising volunteer lawyers; editing reports, briefs and affidavits prepared by volunteer lawyers; and advising lawyers about human rights, immigration law and litigation strategies.

Volunteer Lawyer (1991-1997) Represented indigent clients seeking asylum and withholding of removal. Supervised and trained junior and summer associates in same. Responsibilities included: drafting applications for asylum and client and witness affidavits; preparing asylum applicants for interviews with INS officials; representing clients in exclusion proceedings before immigration judges; drafting petitions for review, motions and appeals to Board of Immigration Appeals and federal district court; arguing motions in federal district court; and securing the release of detained clients.

Amnesty International, USA

Consultant (September 1996-September 1998)

Conducted legislative and administrative advocacy on immigration legislation, expedited removal, and refugee detention issues; drafted report and memoranda on INS implementation of expedited removal procedures and its impact on asylum seekers.

Committee to Elect Rachael-Scala Pistone as Town Commissioner of Highland Beach, Florida (January 2001 - 2007)

Campaign Manager & Consultant for three successful campaigns

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

LL.M. in Advocacy, 1999

St. John' s University School of Law

J.D. 1989, Cum Laude

Member, St. John' s Law Review

Class Rank: Top 7%

American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Contracts, Dean' s List

New York University, College of Business Administration

B.S. 1986, Cum Laude, Economics and International Business

Dean' s List, University Honors Scholar

Studies Abroad: Sanno Institute of Business Administration, Tokyo, Japan;
Luigi Bocconi University of Commerce, Milan, Italy; Universidad de Madrid,
Madrid, Spain

PUBLICATIONS

SSRN Top 10% of authors by all-time downloads in July 2017, August 2017, November 2017, December 2017, March 2018, September 2018, October 2018

SSRN Top 10% of authors in new downloads for 12 months ending May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, October 2017, December 2017, March 2018, April 2018

SSRN Top 10% of authors by download in months of February 2017, March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, May 2018

Books

[STEPPING OUT OF THE BRAIN DRAIN: APPLYING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN A NEW ERA OF MIGRATION \(Lexington Books 2007\) \(with John J. Hoeffner\)](#)

reviewed in: [11 Journal of Markets and Morality 303-19 \(Fall 2008\)](#) by Andrew Yuengert; [American Catholic Colleges and Universities, Research and Publications](#), Fall 2007 at 25-27 by Marisa Cianciarulo; [17 Journal for Peace and Justice Studies](#) 74-77, Nov. 2008 by John Berteaux. Also reviewed in Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights and Catholic Library World (no hyperlinks available)

Book Chapters

Asylum, Refuge and Statelessness, in CHRISTIANITY AND THE LAW OF MIGRATION (Silas Allard, Kristen Heyer, Raj Nadella, Editors) (in progress)

Asylum Refuge, Protection, in CHRISTIANITY AND THE LAW OF MIGRATION (Silas Allard, Kristen Heyer, Raj Nadella, Editors) (in progress)

Effective Teaching with Technology to Enhance Legal Education in BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES: REFLECTIONS ON TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION IN A CHANGING WORLD (2015) (with Warren Binford)

The Iraqi Refugee Crisis and the U.S. Response, in STILL WAITING FOR TOMORROW, THE LAW AND POLICIES OF UNRESOLVED REFUGEE CRISES, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2014)

But the Laborers are . . . Many? Catholic Social Teaching on Business, Labor and Economic Migration, in AND YOU WELCOMED ME: MIGRATION AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (Lexington Books 2009) (with John J. Hoeffner), reviewed in 71 [Theological Studies](#) 747 (2010) by Alejandro Crosthwaite, O.P.

An Overview of United States Immigration Law, in MARRIAGE OF UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS (Canon Law Society of America, ed. 2006)

New Restrictions Placed on Asylum Seekers Should be Removed, in ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (Helen Cothran, ed., Greenhaven Press 2001).

Asylum Changes and Expedited Removal, in UNDERSTANDING THE 1996 IMMIGRATION ACT (Federal Publications ed. 1997) (with Philip G. Schrag)

Select Articles

Competencies-Based Legal Education: A Solution to Improve Access to Justice for Immigrants (in progress). Delivered to faculty at Duquesne University School of Law in October 2018

Immigrant Access to Justice: Are Accredited Representatives the Answer?, JOURNAL ON MIGRATION AND HUMAN SECURITY (2018) (in progress)

Immigration and Pope Francis, JOURNAL OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT (2018) (in progress)

Legal Education in the Era of Inevitable Change: The Least Disruptive Workable Approach (in progress)

[*Disrupting Law School: How disruptive innovation will revolutionize the legal world*](#), Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation, March 2016

Law Schools and Technology: Where We Are and Where We Are Heading, JOURNAL ON LEGAL EDUCATION (2015)

[*No Path But One: Law School Survival in an Age of Disruptive Technology*](#), 59 WAYNE L. REV. 193 (2014) (with John J. Hoeffner), selected as the [Article of the Month](#) by the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning

[*Unsettling Developments: Terrorism and The New Case for Enhancing Protection and Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees and Displaced Persons, Including Victims of Natural Disasters*](#), 42 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 613 (2011) (with John J. Hoeffner)

Asylum Rights and Wrongs: What the Refugee Protection Act Will Do and What More Will Need to be Done, 38 Fordham Urb. L.J. 247 (2010)

A More Perfect Union, in the Immigration Issue of Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics, Baylor University, Issue No. 28 at 26-34 (2008) (with John J. Hoeffner)

"In All Things Love" : Immigration, Policy-Making, and the Development of Preferential Options for the Poor, 5 J. Catholic Social Thought 175 (2008) (with John J. Hoeffner)

Preaching to the Unconverted: America' s Need for Skilled Foreign Workers, 26 Imm. Law Today 12 (Nov.-Dec. 2007) (with John J. Hoeffner)

The Subject of Rights Immersed in a "Sea of Troubles," 11 Mediterranean J. of Hum. Rts. 9 (2007) (with Anna Gallagher and David Zammit)

Rethinking Immigration of the Highly-Skilled and Educated in the Post-9/11 World, 5 Geo. J. Law & Pub. Policy 495 (2007) (with John J. Hoeffner)

The Acceptance of Immigrants: Lessons from the Past and Questions for the Future, 10 Mediterranean J. of Hum. Rts. 7 (2006) (with John J. Hoeffner) (peer reviewed)

No Admissions: Bureaucratic Denial and the Expansion of Expedited Removal, 11 Bender' s Immigr. Bull. 771 (2006) (with John J. Hoeffner)

Perspectives on the Content of the Church' s Social Message: Should the Church Sound its Voice in the Tower of Babel? 5 Orbis 4 (summer 2006)

Religion And Public Affairs: Should the Church Sound its Voice in the Tower of Babel? 6 Orbis 4 (fall 2006)

[*Rules Are Made To Be Broken: How the Process of Expedited Removal Fails Asylum Seekers* \(with John J. Hoeffner\), 20 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 167 \(2006\)](#)

Making the Department of Homeland Security' s Senior Asylum Officer Position Count, 10 Bender' s Immigr. Bull. 1789 (Dec. 1, 2005) (with John J. Hoeffner)

[*The Devil in the Details: How Specific Should Catholic Social Teaching Be?*, 2 J. Catholic Social Thought 507 \(2004\)](#)

A Times Sensitive Response to Professor Aleinikoff' s Detaining Plenary Power, 16 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 391 (2002)

[*The New Asylum Rule: Improved but Still Unfair*, 16 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 1 \(2001\)
\(with Philip G. Schrag\)](#)

Teaching International Law -- The Visible College of International Law Clinicians: Making a Real Difference in Law School and in the World, in American Society of International Law Proceedings of the 95th Annual Meeting (2001)

[*Assessing the Proposed Refugee Protection Act: One Step in the Right Direction*, 14 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 815 \(2000\)](#)

[*Justice Delayed is Justice Denied: A Proposal for Ending the Unnecessary Detention of Asylum Seekers*, 12 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 197 \(1999\)](#)

[*New Asylum Laws: Undermining an American Ideal*, CATO Institute, Policy Analysis No. 299 \(1998\), reprinted in 3 Bender' s Immigration Bulletin 496 \(1998\)](#)

The New Asylum Rule: Not Yet a Model of Fair Procedure, 11 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 267 (1997), reprinted in 2 Bender' s Immigration Bulletin 385 (1997)

Asylum Filing Deadlines: Unfair and Unnecessary, 10 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 95 (1996)

The 1996 Immigration Act: Asylum and Expedited Removal Provisions--What the INS Should Do, 73 Interpreter Releases 1565 (1996) (with Philip G. Schrag)

Asylum and Exclusion Provisions in New and Pending Legislation: A Summary and Practical Guide, 73 Interpreter Releases 993 (1996)

[Revisiting APSO: Improving the System for Releasing Genuine Asylum Seekers from Detention, Refugee Reports, August 30, 1996, at 11 \(with Beth Lyon\)](#)

Somalia, in CRITIQUE OF 1994 STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 223 (Lawyers Committee for Human Rights ed., 1994)

Somalia, in CRITIQUE OF 1993 STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 326 (Lawyers Committee for Human Rights ed., 1993)

Developments in the Law -- The Effect of Court Imposed Jurisdiction on Arbitration, 62 St. John' s L. Rev. 377 (1988)

Training Videos

Directed and produced an [11-video series](#) for the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). The video series includes videos by leading scholars from the law schools at Catholic, Georgetown, Northwestern, Pepperdine, Tennessee, UCLA, University of Georgia, University of Montana, Villanova, and Willamette. Viewed collectively more than 3,000 times (as of March 2017)

[Formative Assessment Improves Student Learning](#)

[Persuasive Lawyering](#), viewed more than 1,000 times (as of August 2017)

[Pathos – Persuasive Lawyering](#), viewed more than 300 times (as of August 2017)

[Flipped or Blended Learning](#), viewed more than 300 times (as of August 2017)

[How to TEDx – Build a Speaker Line-up](#), developed storyboard, recruited talent, narrated, appeared in and assisted with direction of video for TED.

[Best Practices in Representing Asylum Seekers: A Video Resource for Pro Bono Attorneys](#), produced by American Law Institute-American Bar Association (2005), with Introduction by Justice Sandra Day O' Connor.

Editor and Author, duties included: conceptualizing the project; developing a client fact pattern; drafting a storyboard; creating the roles; drafting a script; drafting written training materials based on the fact pattern, such as a sample affidavit, brief, direct examination, and closing argument; overseeing production; and narrating the video.

CONFERENCES PLANNED AND ORGANIZED

SALT Teaching Conference, AALS Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, Penn State, Oct 5-7, 2018

[Who Are Refugees](#), September 20, 2016, Villanova University

[Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System](#), Center for Migration Studies, July 5-7, 2016, SUNY Global Center, New York, NY

TEDxVillanovaU, October 23, 2015, Villanova University (TEDx Licensee, Curator and Team Leader)

[Syrian and Iraqi Refugee Crisis](#), October 21, 2015, Driscoll Hall, Villanova University

AALS Clinical Conference 2015, Leading the New Normal: Clinical Education at the Forefront of Change, Rancho Mirage, CA (Planning Committee Member)

Unaccompanied Minors in the United States, April 9, 2015, in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (Planning Committee Member)

Igniting Law Teaching, a TEDx-Styled conference on Law Teaching, March 19-20, 2015, American University Washington College of Law (Lead Organizer)

The conference included 35 talks, each of which was 10 minutes or less and delivered in a TEDx style, without a podium or notes by law professors from around the country. Talks focused on innovations in law school teaching methodology. Videos of the talks are available online at LegalEDweb.com, <http://legaledweb.com/teaching-pedagogy/>

Igniting Law Teaching, a TEDx-Styled conference on Law Teaching, April 4, 2014, American University Washington College of Law (organized). Talks focused on innovations in law school teaching methodology. Videos of the talks are available online at LegalEDweb.com, <http://legaledweb.com/teaching-pedagogy/>

TEDxVillanovaU, November 22, 2013, Villanova University (TEDx Licensee, Curator and Team Leader)

TEDxVillanovaU, March 29, 2012, Villanova University (TEDx Licensee, Curator, and Team Leader)

Iraqi Refugee Crisis: Present-Day Challenges and Opportunities for Lasting Solutions, Overview of Crisis, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. March 2009 (organized one day conference), speakers included Ambassadors from Iraq, Jordan, and Syria.

The Iraqi Refugee Crisis: Law, Policy and Practice, Villanova University School of Law, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 4, 2008 in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services and Migration Policy Institute (chaired organizing committee and raised approximately \$20,000 for one-day conference which was telecast on C-Span). Speakers included Ambassadors from Jordan and Syria.

Human Trafficking in Philadelphia, Villanova University School of Law, February 22, 2007 in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (Organizer)

Representing Asylum Seekers in the Circuit Courts, October 2006, (with Third Circuit Judge, Hon. Edward Becker, organized two one-day continuing legal education conferences for appellate advocates).

Journal of Catholic Social Teaching First Annual Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and the Law, Villanova Law School, October 3-4, 2003

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Plenary Respondent, *Migration and Border Crossings*, Columbia Theological Seminary and Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Atlanta, GA, February 7-9, 2019

Christianity and the Law of Migration, book-writing workshop, Emory University's Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2019

Public Charge and Immigration, Villanova University School of Law, November 1, 2018

Moderator, *The Cost of Higher Education: Why So Expensive?*, a conversation with Richard Vedder, Villanova Law School, hosted by the Federalist Society, October 24, 2018

Invited Faculty Colloquium Luncheon Speaker, *CBE for Legal Education, A Solution to Address Access to Justice in Immigration*, Duquesne University School of Law, October 19, 2018

Presenter, Center for Migration Studies, [Annual Academic and Policy Symposium, Legal and Policy Developments Relating to Citizenship](#), Offices of Fried Frank, NY, NY, October 9, 2018

Presenter, *Who is My Neighbor in a Climate Threatened World? Climate Change Refugees*, St Thomas of Villanova, October 1, 2018

Presenter, Society of Law Teachers/AALS Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, [SALT Teaching Conference](#), #EdTech for Law Schools, Penn State Law, State College, PA, October 4-6, 2018

Roundtable Discussion: [Law's Future: New Institutions for Legal Education](#), Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, September 20-21, 2018

Workshop Facilitator, AALS Clinical Conference, 2-session workshop on Making Educational Videos, Chicago, Illinois, April 30-May 2, 2018

Keynote Speaker, [Francis, a Voice Crying Out in the World: Mercy, Justice, Love, & Care for the Earth](#), Villanova University, April 13, 2018, [video of presentation](#)

Speaker, [How YOU Can Help Immigrants](#), AshokaU Exchange, April 5, 2018

Moderator, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, San Diego, CA, January 4, 2018

Moderator, *The Refugee and Migrant Compacts: Content and Intersection*, at the Center for Migration Studies Annual Academic and Policy Symposium, [Whither Immigration? New Directions in Research and Policy in an Era of Nationalism](#), on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Fried Frank's office in New York City.

Keynote Speaker, *The Future of Legal Education*, #FutureLaw 2.0, Duquesne University School of Law, September 7-8, 2017, Pittsburg, PA

Leading Edge, a convening of leading thought leaders on the future of legal education, July 10-12, 2017, Chicago, IL

AALS Workshop for New Law Professors, Luncheon Speaker, Future of Legal Education, Washington, D.C., June 23, 2017

Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System, Center for Migration Studies, June 16, 2017, Washington, DC

AALS Clinical Conference, 3-session workshop on Making Educational Videos, Denver, Colorado, May 6-9, 2017

Be the Change! Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Law, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April 11, 2017

Protecting Refugees, Villanova Faculty Congress, Teach-In, March 31, 2017 (upcoming)

University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Center for Innovation Law and Policy, Artificial Technology and the Future of Law, How Will Technology Change Legal Education, <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/events/technology-and-future-law-lawyering-and-legal-education-conference>, March 25, 2017

Seton Hall School of Law, The Future of Legal Education, Faculty Workshop on Pedagogy, March 22, 2017

AshokaU Exchange, Embed Social Entrepreneurism in Higher Education, Legal Changemakers (invited and expenses paid by NYU Law's Grunin Center for Law and Social Entrepreneurship), March 2-4, 2017

Developing a New Educational Model for Legal Education, Competencies-based Legal Education, Stakeholder Meeting, Benjamin's Desk, Philadelphia, February 24-25, 2017

Disrupting Law School: Using Technology in Assessment and Course Design, Program of the Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), January 5, 2017, San Francisco, CA

Refugee Protection in a New Era, Villanova University's 4th Annual Vigil for Refugees and Migrants, December 7, 2016, hosted by the Partnership between Villanova University and Catholic Relief Services

Who are Refugees? TEDxVillanovaUSalon, September 20, 2016, Villanova University, IDEA Accelerator. Co-sponsored by the Villanova University Partnership with Catholic Relief Services

[Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System](#), Center for Migration Studies, July 5-7, 2016, SUNY Global Center, New York, NY

Disrupting Law School, at Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, on April 8, 2016

Global Refugee Protection Advisory Council Meeting on March 8, 2016 in New York, to plan for a 2-day MacArthur Foundation-funded conference on Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System, which will be hosted by the Center for Migration Studies at the SUNY Global Center in New York City on July 5-7, 2016.

Invited, with Villanova Law student, Luis Canales, to attend a 30-person United Nations listening session called by UN Special Advisor Karen AbuZayd, in anticipation for the September 19, 2016, UN High-Level Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, March 23, 2016

Expedited Removal and other Process-less Removals, January 26, 2016, Conference on Due Process and Access to Justice for Immigrants, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Recent Trends in Asylum Protection in the United States, October 28, 2015, Center for Migration Studies, Annual Academic Symposium, Fried Frank, New York, New York

In Context: Laws of Asylum and Refugee Protection, Syrian and Iraqi Refugee Crisis, October 21, 2015, Driscoll Hall, Villanova University

The Immigration Laws in Context, At Home Together: The Church and the Immigrant Family, A Discussion in Advance of the World Meeting on Families, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Sept 1, 2015

Making Educational Videos 2-session Workshop at AALS Clinical Conference, Rancho Mirage, CA, May 5-6, 2015

Technology and Legal Education, May 5, 2015, AALS Clinical Conference, Rancho Mirage, CA.

Catholic Social Thought and Immigration, The Path of the Unaccompanied Minor, Villanova University, April 9, 2015 (Moderator)

The Future of Legal Education, at Igniting Law Teaching conference, American University Washington College of Law, March 19, 2015

Expert roundtable meeting on "Refugee, Asylum and Other Humanitarian Policies: Challenges to Reform" on October 29, 2014, Georgetown University, Institute for the Study of International Migration, funded by a MacArthur Foundation grant.

Should Law Teachers Committed to Social Justice Champion the De-Structuring of the Legal Profession?: Fast-Track JD Programs, "Practice Ready" Education, Reduced Legal Scholarship, Legal Technician License Programs, Legal Self-Help Products, Non-Lawyer-Led Law Firm Models, and Other Proposed Pathways to Affordable and Accessible Legal Services, 2014 SALT Teaching Conference, October 10, 2014

Flipping the Immigration Law Classroom at the Immigration Law Professors Workshop Teaching Plenary, on May 23, 2014 at UC Irvine Law School

Legaled: Igniting Law Teaching, at the CALI Conference, Harvard Law School, June 2014. A video of the talk is available here,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha2rIYc9Ulw>

Why Law Schools Must Change, at Igniting Law Teaching, a TEDx-Styled conference on Law Teaching, April 4, 2014, at American University Washington College of Law. A video of her talk is available here,

<http://legaledweb.com/teaching-pedagogy/>

How Flipping the Classroom Addresses Potential Disruption of Legal Education, Faculty Workshop, Southern Illinois University School of Law (invited speaker), October 7, 2013.

No Path But One: Law School Survival in an Age of Disruptive Technology, LatCrit 2013, Chicago, Illinois, October 4, 2013.

Flipping the Law School Classroom, Webinar, September 27, 2013.

Best Practices for Legal Education: The Walls are Coming Down, Technology and the Future of Legal Education book chapter, Scholarship work-in-progress, AALS Clinical Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2013.

The Future of Legal Education: TED Talks, Khan Academy and LegalED, Faculty Workshop, Center for Excellence in Law Teaching, Albany Law School, Albany, NY, April 2013. [Live blog.](#)

An Online Digital Collaboration Platform and the Future of Legal Education, Mid-West Clinical Conference, St. Louis, MI, November, 2012.

Bringing Formative Assessment Methods into Our Teaching, Faculty Workshop, Villanova University School of Law, October 2012

Distance Learning in Legal Education, San Diego, CA, September 2012

Teaching and Evaluating Self Assessment: Takeaways from Different Clinical Models (Simulations, Externships/Field Placements, In-House), AALS Clinical Conference, May 2012, plenary speaker.

Collaborating to Create an Online Digital Library of Videos and Problem Sets for Legal Education, Affinity Group, AALS Clinical Conference 2012.

The Future of Higher Education, TEDxVillanovaU, March 26, 2012, [YouTube](#)

The Future of Legal Education, Faculty Workshop, University of St Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2012

Incorporating Assessment into Our Teaching, Clinical Faculty Workshop, American University, Washington College of Law, October 2011

Using Rubrics to Assess and Engage Law Students, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, New York Law School, June 2011

How Emerging Innovations Will Disrupt Legal Education, The Eighteenth Annual Update for Feminist Law Professors, Villanova Law School, February 5, 2011

How Do We Assess Professional Identity Formation? Applying “Backward Design” Beyond Knowledge and Skills, Mini-Plenary, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD, May 5, 2010

The Time is Now: Adding Clinicians’ Voices to the ABA Standard Review Committee’s Outcome Measures Conversation, Affinity Group Facilitator, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio, May 6, 2009

Thinking Outside the Trial Paradigm, Preparing Students to Master the “Informal Encounter,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio, May 5, 2009

Mirror Images: Challenges for Arab & Islamic Studies, Workshop on Iraqi Refugees, Villanova University, April 3, 2009

Realizing the American Dream? Contemporary Challenges Facing H-2B Workers and their Advocates, American University, Washington College of Law, March 2009

Immigration and the New Administration, Penn State Law School, January 2009

Immigration and Pennsylvania, State Stakeholders Conference, Penn State Law School, January 2009

Presentation on Business Immigration Law, Working Conference with co-authors of book on Catholic Social Thought on Immigration, St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C., August 2008

Works in Progress Panel Facilitator, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Tuscon, AZ, May 2008

Asylum Denied, Teaching Panel on Philip Schrag and David Kenney's book, Immigration Professors Workshop, Miami, FL, May 2008

The Iraqi Refugee Crisis, Faculty Workshop, Widener University School of Law, Delaware Campus, April 9, 2008

Iraqi Refugees: Can't We Do More?, Villanova University, April 8, 2008

Iraqi Refugees: What Does the Future Hold?, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), International Human Rights Law Section, Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2008

Asylum: A Home for the Oppressed, Pepperdine University, November 9, 2007, Malibu, CA

Immigration Reform: Where Culture, Politics & Principle Meet, St. Thomas of Villanova Academic Symposium, Villanova University, September 21, 2007, Villanova, PA

Can Migration Assist in Development?, Northeast People of Color Conference, Southern New England School of Law, September 14-15, 2007, Dartmouth, MA

Woodstock Theological Center: Reflection on Migration, Fairfield University, July 19, 2007

“Which Side of the Fence Are You On?” Immigration Reform in America, Debate at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, March 28, 2007

Bringing Clinical Legal Education to Europe: The Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Creating a Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Malta, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory and Practice Workshop, Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC, Nov. 10, 2006

Bringing Clinical Legal Education to Europe: The Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Creating a Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Malta, New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, Nov. 3, 2006

Options for Poor Migrants: Catholic Social Teaching on Migration, The Meaning of the Preferential Option for the Poor for Law and Policy Symposium, Villanova University, Oct. 26, 2006

Rethinking Catholic Social Thought on Skilled Migration, Immigration and the Plight of Immigrants: Politics, Policy, Morality Symposium, Duquesne University, Sept. 21, 2006

Migration to Malta, presentation to former Humphrey and Fulbright grantees, Residence of Molly Bordonaro, U.S. Ambassador to Malta, June 12, 2006

Integration of Immigrants in Europe, European Integration Conference, Università Kore di Enna, Italy, May 30, 2006 (lecture delivered in Italian)

International Collaborative Teaching: An Asylum Clinic in Malta, (with Marisa Cianciarulo), Global Alliance for Justice Education Regional Conference, May 4, 2006, Fordham University Law School, New York, New York

How Should the Church Sound Its Voice in the Tower of Babel? Perspectives on the Content of the Catholic Social Message, Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, March 23, 2006, Phoenician Hotel, Valletta, Malta

Rules are Made to Be Broken: Asylum Seekers and Expedited Removal, Faculty Colloquia and Distinguished Speakers Series, St. John' s University School of Law, October 24, 2005, Jamaica, New York

Human Trafficking: Victimization of Women and Children, Vincentian Chair for Social Justice Conference 2005, October 22, 2005, St. John' s University, Jamaica, New York

Can Skilled Emigration Help Countries Develop Economically? Strangers No Longer: Immigration Law & Policy in the Light of Religious Values Conference, February 2005, Fordham University School of Law, New York.

Stepping Out of the Brain Drain: A New Vision on Migration, Immigration Law Teachers' Workshop, June 5-6, 2004, Baltimore, Maryland.

Advanced Asylum Law Training, Mennonite Central Committee, Lancaster, PA, February 18, 2004

Globalization and the Migration of Skilled Workers, Catholic Social Thought and Globalization Symposium, Villanova University, November, 2003

Careers in Human Rights Law, Peace and Justice Center, Villanova University, November 2003.

Expedited Removal, Migration Policy Institute and U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Roundtable, October 10, 2003

The Lawyer's Role in Pursuing Social Justice, PLUS Program, Lincoln University, May 2003

Speech and Presentation of 2003 Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician Award to Beth Lyon, Association of American Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Education, 2003 Award Luncheon, Vancouver, Canada, May 2003

Catholic Social Teaching on War and Peace: 40 Years After Peace on Earth, Villanova University, March 20-21, 2003 (panel organizer and presenter)

Human Trafficking: A Modern Form of Slavery, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003 (Program Chair and presenter)

The Law of the Holocaust: A Lecture and Tour of the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003 (Program Chair)

Using Rights Presentations and Legal Volunteers to Handle High Volume Legal Services in Detention, Detention Watch Network, Washington, D.C., September 2002

Liberty v. Security Post-September 11th, at "A World at Odds: Conscience in a Time of Terror," Villanova University, September 11, 2002

Immigration Law after 9/11, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pro Bono Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA, May 1, 2002 (presenter and panel organizer)

Detention of Immigrants, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Annual Convening, Atlanta, GA, May 2002

Impact of the USA Patriot Act, Villanova University School of Law, March 2002

Asylum Seekers in Detention, at Thank You Pennsylvania for Welcoming and Protecting Refugees: An Educational and Cultural Forum, Harrisburg, PA, Feb. 2002 (panel organizer and presenter)

Working For Justice For All, Teach-in and Town Hall, Villanova University School of Law, Jan. 2002

The Supreme Court and Immigration Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Nov. 2001

Immigration and Criminal Law, Criminal Law Society, Villanova Law School, Nov. 2001

International Refugee Clinics, AALS Clinical Section, International Law Committee, May 2001

The Visible College of International Law Clinicians: Making a Real Difference in Law School and in the World, at the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., April 2001

Defining and Applying the 'Best Interest of the Child' in the case of Refugee Children, Detention Resource Project Training, Nov. 1999

On the Detention of Asylum Seekers, Immigration Law Teachers' Workshop, University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, May 1998

A Safe Haven No More? Fixing U.S. Asylum Law, The CATO Institute, March 1998

Reforming the Administrative Naturalization Process: Reducing Delays While Increasing Fairness, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal Symposium, March 1996

Panel on U.S. Asylum Law Reforms, International Law Symposium, The National Law Center, George Washington University and Georgetown University Law Center, 1996

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Law School:

- Strategic Planning Task Force
- Learning Outcomes Task Force
- Chair, Inclusiveness Committee
- Director, Clinical Program
- Chair, Mission Task Force
- International Programs Task Force
- Faculty Committee
- Appointments Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Public Interest Committee

University:

- Faculty Congress
- Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee
- Center for Global and Public Health Advisory Board
- Associate Vice Provost for Research, Faculty Scholar Advisory Team
- Villanova University Partnership with Catholic Relief Services Committee
- Villanova Women's Professional Network Advisory Board
- TEDxVillanovaU, Chair

Legal Academy:

- Founded, AALS Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education
- Served on American Bar Association teams for sabbatical accreditation visits at three law schools
- Conducted Tenure and Promotion Reviews for faculty members at:
 - University of Pennsylvania School of Law
 - University of Tennessee College of Law
 - Seattle University School of Law
 - University of Idaho School of Law
 - Villanova University School of Law
 - Rutgers Newark School of Law
 - Chapman University School of Law
 - Barry University School of Law
 - American University Washington College of Law
 - Southern Illinois University School of Law
- Dissertation Committees
 - University of Malta, Law Faculty

FUNDRAISING

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, \$50,000, grant term: Dec 2016-Dec 2017 (seed money to develop new inter-disciplinary educational program to train non-lawyers in immigration law)
- President of Villanova University, \$25,000, grant term: Dec 2016-June 2017 (to fund development of educational modules for new inter-disciplinary educational program to train non-lawyers in immigration law)
- Villanova Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, grant term: Spring 2017, \$5,500
- Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning, grant term: Fall 2016, \$5,500
- Migration Policy Institute, \$20,000 to fund conference on Iraqi Refugee Crisis
- Women in Need, hosted fundraising events to raise over \$40,000 for homeless women and children in New York City

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair and Founder, AALS Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education (2015-2017)

Chair, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, Technology Committee (2014-present)

Planning Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools, 2015 Clinical Conference (2014-15), May 3-7, 2015 in Rancho Mirage, CA (conference attended by about 700 attendees). Organize all aspects of conference; Facilitate 4-session workshop on Creating Educational Videos; Organize mini-plenaries on Technology and the Practice of Law and on Technology and Education; Produce video series on teaching methodologies.

Co-Chair, American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Committee on Clinical Skills Education (2006-2010), Committee Member (2001-2010), Chair, Bar Examinations Sub-committee (2001-2003).

- Drafted comments, with committee members, to Standard Review Committee on its proposal to change the accreditation standards on Student Learning Outcomes
- Testified on behalf of committee before Standards Review Committee
- Initiated planning for 40th Anniversary of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR)

Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Scholarship Committee (2008-2010)

Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Nominations Committee (2008-2010)

Mentor, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section, Mentorship Program (2010-present)

Member, Planning Committee for the Joint ABA, AALS and CLEA Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR)

Member, Planning Committee, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section, 2009 Annual Meeting Program (2008-2009)

2004-05 Co-Chair, Pro Bono Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Chapter

2004-05 Chair, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Law Section

2003-04 Chair-Elect, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Law Section

2003 Program Chair, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Section

American Immigration Law Association, Legislative Committee (2001-2002)

Chair and Organizational Committee, Pennsylvanians for Refugee Protection (May 2001)

Executive Committee, St. John' s Alumni Association, Washington, D.C. Chapter (1996-1999)

HONORS & AWARDS

St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Medal, "given to an outstanding Catholic laywoman who embodies the values and mission of Mother Seton," Vincentian Convocation at St. John' s University, September 2017

2016 Light of Liberty Award, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center

Granted award by former Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, on behalf Christian League of Pakistan in America in recognition for work on behalf of immigrants

Recipient of City of Philadelphia Proclamation recognizing my contribution to protection of refugees in Philadelphia region.

Selected to receive scholarship to attend week-long Curriculum Development Seminar entitled Catholic Social Teaching: Issues of Justice in the Marketplace, May 2002, Villanova University

Granted first ever Award from Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights) for “extraordinary contribution to the Committee” and “important work to preserve rights of refugees to seek and enjoy asylum in the United States” (1996)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

[Trump Migrant Caravan is Great Midterm Issue for Republicans](#), WJLA, Washington DC, October 18, 2018

[Asylum Seeker Advocates](#), BYU Radio, Top of Mind with Julia Rose, September 12, 2018

[A Caravan Awaits Processing at Border: Trump Blasts Asylum](#), Circa, April 30, 2018

[Asylum Seekers Face Increasing Obstacles Which Some See as Deliberate](#), National Catholic Reporter, April 26, 2018

[Journey to America](#), NBC10 News, February 14, 2017

[20 Years Ago asylum seekers were not automatically put in immigration detention](#), Public Radio International, December 15, 2016

[Major Kenney signs Letter to Trump to Protect DACA students](#), NBC10 News, December 7, 2016

[Spotlight on Sections](#), AALS Welcomes New Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education, Interview with Chair, Michele Pistone, Association of American Law Schools' 2016 AALS Newsletter, November 2016

[A Migrant from El Salvador Gets Her Chance in Immigration Court](#), Public Radio International, November 22, 2016 (story about my clients and students)

[Online Law Degrees Flourish Under Tight Supervision](#), Financial Times, November 16, 2016

[Immigration Raids are Targeting People with Valid Asylum Claims](#), Vice.com, June 16, 2016

[Are Non-Lawyers the Future of Law School?](#), WHYY Radio, June 15, 2016

[Legal Matters](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, June 13, 2016

[Allowing Non-Lawyers to Provide Legal Services Could Help Profession](#), Legal Executive Institute, June 7, 2016

[Is Law School on the Brink of 'Disruption'](#), Tipping the Scales, March 23, 2016

[Think Tank Offers New Path for Law Schools](#), Indiana Lawyer, March 15, 2016

[Many Factors Contribute to Backlog of Asylum Seekers](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, February 16, 2015

Flipping the Law Classroom, an Interview with Michele Pistone, [Scholastica Blog](#), Oct. 27, 2014

Interviewed on Mike Janocik Show, WLCR AM 1040, Louisville, KY, Jan. 20, 2011

Immigration Law Today feature article, On the Record with John Hoeffner and Michele Pistone, Authors, Scholars, Globe-Trotting Couple, Nov./Dec. 2008

It's Your Call with Lynn Doyle, interviewed with U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Patrick Meehan, during one-hour live television show on Human Trafficking, March 14, 2007 (show nominated for Emmy Award, Mid-Atlantic region)

Interviewed as an expert on immigration and refugee law on Visions (ABC News), CNN, KYW/CBS News, Fox News, BET, and WNYC Radio regarding human rights and immigration law. Interviewed by and quoted in print articles in, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, New York Newsday, Legal Intelligencer, Sun Sentinel, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Associated Press, and The Baltimore Sun.

BLOGGING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Contributor to [Best Practices in Legal Education](#) and [Legal Technology](#) blogs

Presentation, Social Media for Villanova Law, for Villanova Law School Faculty and Staff, fall 2014 and fall 2013

[Social Media and Law Schools](#), posted on Slideshare, more than 1,800 views as of March 2017

Chair, Social Media Campaign, for Villanova Clinical Program

Chair, Social Media Committee for new publication, BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES: REFLECTIONS ON TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION IN A CHANGING WORLD (2015)

Tweet @profpistone

LinkedIn: founded new group, Legal Education and Law Schools

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Iraqi Student Project

Board Member and Counsel (2007-2009)

Served on Board for not-for-profit organization that matches academically qualified students from Iraq and American colleges willing to offer them tuition waivers or full scholarships.

Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights

International Advisory Board Member (2007-2010)

Special Editor, Volume 11, number 2, Migration and Human Rights in the Mediterranean Region, published 2007

Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center, York, PA

Board Member (2000 - 2008)

Georgetown Institute for the Study of International Migration-Catholic Legal

Immigration Network (CLINIC), Human Rights Promoters Project

Advisory Board Member (2007 – 2008)

Provided advice on development of curriculum to teach immigration law practitioners about international human rights law and encourage implementation of international human rights law in domestic litigation of immigration cases.

New Yorkers Helping the Homeless

Founder and Chairperson (1989-1993)

Organized twenty-five member committee to host fund-raisers (raised \$20,000 - \$30,000/year) for not-for-profit organizations in New York. Participants included business executives, lawyers and law firm summer associates.

Developed and organized "Spirit of Giving" program, through which lawyers and corporate executives answered more than 300 letters written to Santa by homeless children. Solicited participants, distributed letters and collected gifts responding to the children's holiday wishes.

Women in Need

Member of Board of Directors (1990-1993)

Board member for not-for-profit organization (annual budget of more than \$5 million) that provides services and shelter to homeless women and their children.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of PA, DC, NY and CT bars; American Bar Association; American Immigration Lawyers Association; Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), Philadelphia Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; D.C. Bar Association