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EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, JAMES E. BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD), August 2012 – May 2016

Honors: J. William Fulbright Scholarship and Institute for Global Law and Policy's Fellowship (Harvard Law School)

Dissertation defended on February 8th, 2016 approved with honors

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Master of Laws, concentration in International Law, January - December 2008

Honors: Dean's Merit Scholarship

GPA: 3.75/4.0

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, Bogotá, Colombia

Tax Law Graduate Degree, January 2005 - December 2007

GPA: 4.4/5.0

RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE, Lund, Sweden and San José, Costa Rica

Diploma on Human Rights Law, May 2007 – June 2007 and November 2007

Honors: SIDA Scholarship, Top 1%

UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA, Bogotá, Colombia

MA in Gender Studies, Women and Development, January 2002 - September 2004

Honors: Scholarship for best academic performance (2002-2004)

GPA: 4.6/5.0

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, Bogotá, Colombia

Law Degree, July 1994 - December 1999

Honors: Meritorious thesis (1999)

GPA: 4.62/5.0, Top 1%

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, FACULTAD DE JURISPRUDENCIA, Bogotá, Colombia

Full-Time Professor of Law, August 2016 – Present

I am a member of the Private Law Research Group and professor of Obligations, Feminist Legal Theories, Torts, and Feminist Approaches to Private Law. I have participated in structuring the minor on Gender and the Law for the Law School and I participated in designing a research agenda on this topic. I am leading a research initiatives with undergraduate students on gender, violence and the role of the state. I am also part of a research initiative on rural and urban property and I am co-leading a research project on the gender

dimensions of the measures the Colombian state has approved to promote economic reactivation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, FACULTAD DE JURISPRUDENCIA, Bogotá, Colombia

Acting Dean, January 2019 – March 2019

I was in charge of leading Universidad del Rosario's Law School. In that position, I worked on furthering the strategic plan I designed with the former Dean to enroll the best students in our programs, strengthen the relationship with alumni, and increase our academic presence in the Colombian regions through programs, research partnership, and continuing education.

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, FACULTAD DE JURISPRUDENCIA, Bogotá, Colombia

Vice Dean, September 2015 – January 2019

I was responsible of the law school's academic affairs, research agenda, and faculty development. Also, in conjunction with the Dean, I was responsible for designing the law school's budget and annual planning. During my tenure as Vice Dean, I led the curriculum reform of several academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate level. I also designed and implemented a new academic and administrative area within the school to support faculty in their research initiatives, created the fellowships for doctoral students to identify and attract young and talented scholars of different national and foreign universities, and established and strengthened ties with international and national research networks.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, LAW SCHOOL, INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL LAW AND POLICY

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Fellow, July 2014 – September 2015

I was awarded the Institute for Global Law and Policy's doctoral fellowship to continue my doctoral research on the impact of the Colombian armed conflict on women. This award gave me the opportunity to join the academic work of the IGLP and to work closely with its director, Professor David Kennedy, other fellows, and administrative staff in organizing one of the most important legal conferences worldwide that takes place at Harvard, and a related workshop at Doha, Qatar. This fellowship was key in the completion of my dissertation, which explored the causes and process of emergence of a legal feminist narrative in Colombia that privileged a focus on sexual violence in the context of the internal armed conflict, and questioned the effectiveness of this focus on working to eradicate violence and discrimination against women, and in depicting accurately women's experiences in this setting. I placed particular stress on how this approach to women's experiences in the context of the Colombian conflict halted an in-depth examination of women's access, control, and recovery of real property.

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, FACULTAD DE JURISPRUDENCIA, Bogotá, Colombia

Temporal Professor, May 2011 – July 2012

I was hired as a professor of Legal Theory, Contracts (Obligaciones) and Sources of Contracts (Fuentes de las Obligaciones) and researcher in the Legal Theory Area. During my stay at Universidad del Rosario's Law School I developed research on gender, torts, international human rights law and international humanitarian law. I also reviewed and approved course curricula for all the courses under the supervision of the Legal Theory Area and worked closely with legal theory faculty to support and promote publications and seminars.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSIDAD DEL ROSARIO, Bogotá, Colombia

Professor of Contracts (Obligaciones), Faculty of Law (graduate and undergraduate), January 2005 – May 2011.

Professor of Legal Theory, Faculty of Law (undergraduate), January 2011 – July 2012

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES, Bogotá, Colombia

Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law (undergraduate), August 2009 – December 2010

Professor of Film and Human Rights, Faculty of Law (undergraduate), August 2010 – June 2011

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GENDER CONSULTANT, Bogotá, Colombia

July 2009 – Present

I have been consulting with national and international NGOs, cooperation agencies, and the Colombian government on issues related to gender equality, women's access to justice, the inclusion of the gender perspective to understand armed conflict, among others.

CONSULTORÍA PARA LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS Y EL DESPLAZAMIENTO (CODHES), Bogotá, Colombia

Lead Human Rights Lawyer for the Gender Unit – Gender Analyst, July 2009 – April 2011

I was in charge of advocacy and legal strategy before national and local governments, and international organizations, to promote the implementation of Auto 092/2008, the landmark Colombian Constitutional Court decision that recognized the incidence of sexual violence in the internal conflict, and the importance of implementing a gender perspective to redress properly women victims. I led an investigation on the occurrence of sexual violence in the Alto Naya and La Gabarra massacres, and another one mapping the correlation between sexual violence and massacres in the context of the Colombian armed conflict.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST UNITED NATIONS OFFICE, New York, United States of America

Fellow, LGBT Program, April 2009 – July 2009

The fellowship was devoted to advocating for decriminalization of homosexuality before the United Nations. In this position, I drafted memoranda for submission to the United Nations to urge their support for ending criminal sanctions based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression worldwide; updated and contributed to the Unitarian Universalist blog and website with news and commentary about developments in the decriminalization of homosexuality; and followed up on United Nations initiatives on the subject.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (ICTJ), Bogotá, Colombia

Gender consultant, October 2007 - December 2007

I was in charge of providing gender-based input to the ICTJ's work in Colombia. I drafted internal documents analyzing the gender dimension of transitional justice initiatives of the Colombian government. I also conducted legal research in gender and sexual orientation, and their relationship to laws and institutions in Colombia. I worked closely with United Nations, local and foreign NGOs, and government representatives on gender justice issues.

CORPORACIÓN SISMA MUJER, Bogotá, Colombia

Litigator and researcher - Internal Displacement and Litigation Area, January 2007 – September 2007

I participated in structuring and drafting the 2007 annual report on Women and Internal Displacement. I also worked on drafting memoranda to file before the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, doing research on sexual violence and internal displacement in the context, and leading litigation to protect internally displaced persons in Colombia.

ADELAIDA ÁNGEL ABOGADOS, Bogotá, Colombia
Associate, November 1999 –December 2006

I was in charge of drafting briefs and court documents for major administrative, tax, and financial lawsuits. I litigated before the Supreme Administrative Court and Administrative Tribunals in Colombia, and drafted legal opinions for foreign and local clients.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Para no Olvidar. Mujeres y Derecho Internacional Humanitario. In: Memorias del Seminario Itinerante sobre los Derechos de las Mujeres. Unión Europea, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, 2005.

Pedid y se os Dará. El Derecho de Petición como una Técnica Narrativa de los Derechos. In: Temas de Derecho Administrativo Contemporánea. Universidad Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Bogotá, 2006.

¿Los Solteros Eternos del Derecho? Reflexiones alrededor de la afiliación del compañero/a permanente homosexual a la seguridad social en salud. In: Hacia una Agenda de Sexualidad y Derechos Humanos en Colombia. Tercer Mundo, Centro Latinoamericano de Sexualidad y Derechos Humanos (CLAM), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, 2006.

Planear la Visibilización de las Mujeres. In: Retos del Plan Nacional de Desarrollo, 2006-2010. Consejo Nacional de Planeación, Bogotá, 2006 (coauthored).

Las Limitaciones de las Palabras de los Jueces. El intento fallido del Auto 092 de 2008 de caracterizar la violencia sexual en contra de las mujeres como un crimen de lesa humanidad en el conflicto armado colombiano. Revista de Derecho Público, Universidad de Los Andes, No. 24 (2010).

La violencia sexual en contra de las mujeres como estrategia de despojo de tierras en el conflicto armado colombiano. Revista Estudios Socio-Jurídicos, Universidad del Rosario, Vol. 12, No. 2 (2010), pp. 273-204.

¿Cómo mira el Estado? Constitución de 1991 y Compromisos de Genero del Estado Colombiano. Revista de Estudios Socio-Jurídicos. Universidad del Rosario. Vol. 13, No. 1 (2011), pp. 389-417 (coauthored).

El Día en que se Dañó la Tranquilidad. Violencia Sexual en las masacres de La Gabarra y El Alto Naya. Ediciones Ántropos Ltda., Bogotá, 2011.

Derechos Humanos y Responsabilidad de las Personas Jurídicas Privadas: una tarea pendiente. Revista Aportes DPLF, Fundación para el Debido Proceso, No. 12, Año 4, Septiembre de 2011, Washington D.C, pp.15-16.

Colombia's Ley de Víctimas and Liability of Corporations for Human Rights Violations. Revista de Estudios Socio-Jurídicos. Universidad del Rosario. Vol. 14, No. 1 (2012), pp. 177-213.

Sexual Violence and Land Seizure. The ITCPM International Commentary, Vol. VIII, No. 31. Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italia (2012), pp. 39-42.

Thematic Prosecution of International Sex Crimes (Review). Revista de Estudios Socio-Jurídicos. Universidad del Rosario. Vol. 14, No. 2 (2012), pp. 329-336.

La Responsabilidad Civil por Actividades Peligrosas: una forma de establecer el nexo entre personas jurídicas privadas y violaciones de derechos humanos en Colombia. Revista Universitas. Universidad Javeriana, No. 125 (2013), pp. 150-186 (coauthored).

Réquiem por un Buen Padre de Familia o la Crisis del Derecho Civil como Derecho Común. El Caso Colombiano. In: Estudios de Derecho Privado. Liber Amicorum en Homenaje a Hernando Tapias Rocha. Universidad del Rosario, 2013.

Metodologías en el Estudio de la Violencia Sexual en el Marco del Conflicto Armado Colombiano, Revista Colombia Internacional, Universidad de los Andes, vol. 80 (2014), pp. 19-56 (coauthored).

Conflicto Armado Colombiano y Feminismo Radical Criollo. Una Aproximación Preliminar a las Lecciones Aprendidas. In: Arista del Conflicto Colombiano. Universidad del Rosario, 2014.

La Posición del Individuo en el Derecho Internacional. Del Nacimiento de la Persona Natural a la Vida Jurídica Internacional. In: Derecho Internacional: Poder y Límites del Derecho en la Sociedad Global. Universidad de los Andes, 2014.

Far Beyond What Is Measured. Governance Feminism and Indicators in Colombia. Revista International Law, Universidad Javeriana, No. 25, 2014.

Who Owns the Land? Litigants, Justices, Colonos, and Titleholders' Struggle to Define the Origins of Property in Colombia. Global Jurist. Volume 16 (2015) (coauthored).

Gender Panic and the Failure of the Peace Agreement. 110 AJIL Unbound 183 (2016).

En los Confines de lo Posible: inclusión del enfoque de género en el Acuerdo de la Habana. In: Utopía u Oportunidad Fallida. Análisis Crítico del Acuerdo de Paz. Universidad del Rosario, 2017.

'Peace without women does not go!' Women's struggle for inclusion in Colombia's peace process with the FARC. Revista Colombia Internacional, Universidad de los Andes, vol. 94 (2018), pp. 83-109 (coauthored).

Género y Memoria Histórica: balance de la contribución del CNMH al esclarecimiento histórico. Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica, 2018.

Creole Radical Feminist Transitional Justice: An exploration of Colombian Feminism in the Context of Armed Conflict, In: Truth, Justice and Reconciliation in Colombia. Transitioning from Violence, Routledge, 2018.

A (Feminist) Farewell to Arms: The Impact of the Peace Process with the FARC-EP on Colombian Feminism. Cornell International Law Journal 52 (2019).

Problems and Inconsistencies in the Protection of Women in the Colombian Land Restitution Process.
In: Just Memories. Remembrance and Restoration in the Aftermath of Political Violence, Intersentia (2020).

Socias Invisibles, amas de casas por siempre: análisis feminista de la sociedad de hecho en el concubinato. In: Género en Transición. Estudios sobre el papel del derecho en la distribución de recursos para y en el posconflicto colombiano, Peter Lang, 2020 (coauthored).

El Feminismo de la Gobernanza en la CEDAW: la cuestión sobre el trabajo sexual y la prostitución.
Cadernos Pagu 59 (2020) (coauthored).

The Nature of Women, Peace and Security: A Colombian Perspective. International Affairs 97 (2021) (coauthored).

REFERENCES

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