

EMPLOYMENT

Human Rights Watch, Washington D.C.

Executive Director, Women's Rights Division, August 2021 – present

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

Full-time Faculty member, April 2010 – June 2021

Teaching Family Law, Comparative Family Law, Strategic Litigation in International Human Rights, The Rights of Vulnerable Groups (Summer class), The International Labor Organization and the Decent Work Agenda (Summer class, Geneva Summer Program)

Faculty Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sept 2015 – June 2021

Faculty Director, Impact Litigation Project, July 2012 – Sept. 2015

Litigating and supporting third party litigation of International Human Rights cases

Director of Summer Law Program in Chile, July 2004 – July 2011

International Programs Coordinator and Director of JD Dual Degree programs, Sep. 2003 – April 2010

University of Chile School of Law, Santiago, Chile

Tenure-track Faculty member, 1998–2002

Courses: Jurisprudence; Moral Philosophy

Coordinator - Commission for Law School Reform, March 2001–Dec. 2002

Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Washington D.C.

Legal Consultant, June–Dec. 2002

Consultant for a specific project on Chilean national patrimony statutes. Worked was conducted in Santiago, Chile)

Legal Consultant, Legal Department, March–Dec. 2000

Prepared loan contracts and technical agreements

Department of Finance, Chile, Santiago, Chile

Member of the Negotiation Team Canada–Chile FTA and NAFTA. Jan. 1995–Dec. 1996

Negotiated Chapters H (Cross-Border Trade in Services), I (Telecommunications) and K (Temporary Entry for Business Persons) and worked on preliminary negotiations between Chile, Mexico, Canada and the U.S. to include Chile in the North-American Free Trade Agreement

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, LL.M., 1998

Courses: Constitutional Law; Rule of Law; Political Theory; Justice; Sexual Orientation and the Law; Social Welfare Policy; Research Methods in International Law; Comparative Law

University of Chile School of Law, Lic. en Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales (J.D. equivalent) 1995

Thesis: Constitutional Protection of Intellectual Property in Chile

Teaching Assistant of Jurisprudence

Georgetown University Law Center, Visiting Researcher 1998 – 1999

Research focused on feminist legal theory, and law and revolution

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

Políticas de género en el ámbito de la ejecución penal: Una deuda pendiente in SISTEMAS PENITENCIARIOS Y EJECUCIÓN PENAL EN AMÉRICA LATINA: UNA MIRADA REGIONAL Y OPCIONES DE ABORDAJE (Marie-Christine Fuchs and Leonel Gonzalez Postigo, eds. Tirant Lo Blanch, 2021)

Commentary on DeShaney v. Winnebago County Department of Social Services in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: FAMILY LAW OPINIONS REWRITTEN (Rachel Rebouché, ed., Cambridge University Press (2020)

El matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo: Un enfoque transformador o conformista? [Same Sex Marriage: A transformative or conformist approach?] in RECONCEPTUALIZACIONES JURÍDICAS: EL MATRIMONIO Y LA VIOLENCIA DE GÉNERO (E. Vela Barba and A. Madrazo Lajus, eds. CIDE, 2018)

La Madre y las malas madres: Reflexiones sobre los estereotipos de género y el caso Atala Riffo y Niñas vs. Chile [The Mother and the bad mothers: Reflections about gender stereotypes and the Atala Riffo and daughters v. Chile case] in LA LUCHA POR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS HOY. LIBRO HOMENAJE A CECILIA MEDINA QUIROGA, (G. Pacheco Arias, R. Sijniensky, and O. Parra Vera, eds., Tirant Lo Blanch, 2017).

La Reglamentación del Aborto en Chile: El fracaso de la separación entre Iglesia y Estado [Regulation of abortion in Chile: A failure of the Separation between Church and State] in SEXO, DELITOS Y PECADOS: INTERSECCIONES ENTRE RELIGIÓN, GÉNERO, SEXUALIDAD Y DERECHO EN AMÉRICA LATINA (J.M. Morán Faúndes and M. Saez, eds., Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, Dec. 2016)

ARTICLES ON ACADEMIC JOURNALS

[*In the Right Direction, Family Diversity in the Inter-American System of Human Rights*](#), 54 NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, 317 (Fall 2019)

[*The Regulation of Abortion in Chile: The Failure of the Separation of Church and State*](#), 8 (1) RELIGION & GENDER, 68-83 (2018)

Macarena Saez, Whitney Strub, Ben Sifuentes, Anahi Russo-Garrido, Carlos Decena, Jorge Contesse, Lisa Davis, Zach Hudson, *The Global Struggle for LGBTQ Rights: Legal, Political and Social Dimensions [comments]*, 37 WOMEN'S RTS. L. REP. 229 (2015–2016)

Sexual Orientation and the Law, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (Angela Wong, Maithree Wickramasinghe and Renee C. Hooglan, eds. Wiley-Blackwell (April 2016)

[*Transforming Family Law Through Same-sex Marriage: Lessons From \(and To\) the Western World*](#), 25 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 125 (Fall 2015). Recipient of the William M. LeoGrande Award 2015

Igualdad y Orientación Sexual [Equality and Sexual Orientation], 20 DERECHO Y HUMANIDADES 259 (2013)

[*Same-sex marriage, same-sex cohabitation, and same-sex families around the world: Why “same” is so different?*](#), 19 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POLICY & L. 1 (2011) reprinted in Karen B. Brown and David V. Snyder, GENERAL REPORTS OF THE XVIIIITH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF COMPARATIVE LAW, 115 (2012), shorter version reprinted in 19 EUR. REV. PRIV. L. 5 (2011)

Simposio: Matrimonio entre Parejas de un Mismo Sexo [Symposium: same-sex marriage], ANUARIO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS 64 (2011)

Comentario sobre el proyecto ‘Transformación de la Condición Legal de la Mujer: Integrando temas de género en la doctrina y enseñanza del derecho’ [Commentary on the project “Transforming the Legal Status of Women: Integrating Gender into Jurisprudence and Legal Education], ACADEMIA 343 (2006)

Book Review: [*El Liberalismo Feminista de Martha Nussbaum*](#) [Martha Nussbaum’s Liberal Feminism], 6 IUS ET PRAXIS 573 (2001)

Conflictos de Interés: ¿Un Problema Público o Privado? [Conflicts of Interest: A public or private problem?], 5 BITÁCORA ECONÓMICA 2 (1996), with Pablo Ruiz-Tagle

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

CHRISTIANITY, SEXUALITY, GENDER AND THE LAW IN LATIN AMERICA, [8 \(1\) RELIGION & GENDER](#) (J.M. Morán Faúndes and M. Saez, Guest editors, Nov. 2018)

[SEXO, DELITOS Y PECADOS: INTERSECCIONES ENTRE RELIGIÓN, GÉNERO, SEXUALIDAD Y DERECHO EN AMÉRICA LATINA](#) (J.M. Morán Faúndes and M. Saez, eds., Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, Dec. 2016)

[SAME-SEX COUPLES: COMPARATIVE INSIGHTS ON MARRIAGE AND COHABITATION](#) (M. Saez, ed., Springer, May 2015)

[GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN LATIN AMERICA: CASES AND DECISIONS](#) (M. Saez and C. Motta, eds., Springer, May 2013)

[LA MIRADA DE LOS JUECES: GÉNERO Y SEXUALIDADES DIVERSAS EN LA JURISPRUDENCIA LATINOAMERICANA](#) [The Judges' Perspective: Gender and Sexuality in Latin American Case Law] (M. Saez and C. Motta, eds., Siglo el Hombre, 2008)

Commentary, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey in U.S. FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT (Linda Berger, Bridget Crawford and Kathy Stanchi, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2016)

Chapters I (Introduction) and 4 (Same-Sex Marriage in the United States) in SAME-SEX COUPLES: COMPARATIVE INSIGHTS ON MARRIAGE AND COHABITATION (M. Saez, ed., Springer, May 2015)

Breve análisis de las tendencias feministas contemporáneas y su relación con el derecho (A Brief Analysis of Contemporary Feminist Theories and their Relationship with Law) in DERECHOS HUMANOS, RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES Y GLOBALIZACIÓN, (Joaquin González ed., Editorial Ibáñez 2007, 2009), reprinted in DIREITO À REPRODUÇÃO E À SEXUALIDADE: UMA QUESTÃO DE ÉTICA E JUSTIÇA (Samantha Buglione and Miriam Ventura, eds., Lumen & Juris Editora, 2010)

Training Lawyers for Transnational Practice: Building Dual Degree Programs in Law in JOINT AND DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS: AN EMERGING MODEL FOR TRANSATLANTIC EXCHANGE (Daniel Obst and Matthias Kuder eds., Institute of International Education, 2009)

A Love-Hate Relationship: Law and Disadvantaged Groups in EL DERECHO COMO OBJETO E INSTRUMENTO DE CAMBIO (Editores del Puerto, 2003)

AUTHORED / CO-AUTHORED BRIEFS

Brief as *Technical Expert* in support of Plaintiffs in case regarding criminalization of abortion, Constitutional Court of Colombia, Nov. 11, 2020

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiffs in case regarding criminalization of homelessness, Constitutional Court of Colombia, Sep. 21, 2020

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of plaintiffs in case of birth registry of a child with two mothers before a constitutional court in Lima, Peru, co-authored with Maria Julia Dellasoppa, Aug 28, 2019

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* against institutional conscientious objection by private institutions in the context of provision of legal interruption of pregnancies in Chile, Co-authored with Professor Veronica Undurraga, Constitutional Court of Chile, Dec. 6, 2018

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of abortion bill passed by Chilean Congress, Constitutional Court of Chile, Aug. 10, 2017

Brief as Expert Witness requested by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the international framework for the right to family and private family life, hearing on August 25, 2015, written submission on Aug 31, 2015

Brief as Expert Witness requested by the Constitutional Court of Colombia on international human rights standards and marriage equality, written submission and hearing on July 30, 2015. Testimony available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRnzkAZJCVg>

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiffs in second parent adoption case, Constitutional Court of Colombia, Aug. 8, 2014

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiffs in marriage equality case, Constitutional Court of the Mexican State of Yucatan, Aug. 6, 2014

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiffs in marriage equality case, Constitutional Court of Colombia, April 24, 2014

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiff in reproductive rights case, Santiago Court of Appeals (Chile), March 21, 2014

Brief as *Amicus Curiae* in support of Plaintiffs in case *Artavia Murillo et. al. v. Costa Rica*, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Sep. 21, 2012

BLOGS, NEWSLETTERS, OP-EDS AND OTHER WRITINGS

Es que no hay mujeres [There are no women], September 3, 2020, Online blog <https://dplfblog.com/2020/09/03/es-que-no-hay-mujeres/>

Segregación por Género y COVID-19: ¿Ingenuidad o utilitarismo? [Gender segregation and covid-19: Naivety or utilitarianism?], *El Espectador*, (Colombian newspaper), May 19, 2020

Comentario, Políticas Públicas y Feminismo [Commentary, Public Policies and Feminism], Online Blog www.intersecciones.org, Sep. 1, 2019

Enseñando Derecho con Perspectiva de Género [Teaching Law with a Gender Perspective], *Revista del Abogado* (Journal of the Chilean Bar Association), Vol 73, Aug. 2018, 22

La Decisión de Paula [Paula's decision, referring to a prominent case of sexual abuse in Chile, in which the defendant hired a well-known feminist lawyer for his defense], *La Tercera*, (Chilean newspaper) Jul. 7, 2018

Monthly comment for *Latin Pulse*, Online streaming program by American University School of Communications, Jan. 2014–Aug. 2014

A feminist perspective on Agency for International Development v. Alliance for Open Society International, Inc.: Essentialism v. Pragmatism, Online Blog Feministlawprofessors.com, June 25, 2013

Gender Violence, Study guide for a class on Gender Violence, Master on Human Rights and Democracy, FLACSO-Mexico, May 15, 2013

¿Quién ganó en Colombia? [Who is the winner in Colombia?], Online Blog Orgulloblgbtcolombia.blogspot.com reprinted in several blogs in Latin America, Apr. 25, 2013

Foreword, *JUSTICIA, GÉNERO Y SEXUALIDAD*, (Several authors, Centro de Derechos Humanos, Universidad Católica del Perú 2012)

Foreword, *MÉTODOS FEMINISTAS EN EL DERECHO: APROXIMACIONES CRÍTICAS A LA JURISPRUDENCIA PERUANA* (Fernandez and Morales, 2011)

Karen Atala v. Chile in the Inter-American Human Rights System, Focal Point: Canada's Spotlight on the Americas (Mar. 2011)

Op-Ed, *Empleadas Domésticas en Chile* [Domestic Servants in Chile], *El Mercurio*, May 5, 1998, A2

AWARDS

Innovation in Pedagogy Award, Feb. 2018, Awarded by the AUWCL faculty by nominations from colleagues and students

William M. LeoGrande Award, Apr. 2016, Awarded by American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies and the School of Public Affairs for the best scholarly book or article on Latin American or Latino Studies published by a member of the American University community in 2014–2015

External Service Award, Dec. 2012, Awarded by the faculty of American University Washington College of Law for outstanding service outside of the law school

Libertades Públicas Award, Apr. 2012, Awarded by the members of Libertades Públicas for outstanding work on human rights during 2011

Presidente de la República Scholarship, June 1997, Awarded by the Chilean Government for the pursuance of graduate studies at Yale University Law School

Junior Faculty Exchange Program, Feb. 1995, Selected by the University of Chile and Yale Law Schools to visit Yale Law School as a Junior Faculty member, within a linkage program between both law schools

TEACHING INVITATIONS

Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Santiago, Chile, *Visiting Professor*, Mar. 22–30, 2021, Online intensive class on Introduction to International Human Rights for last year law students

Universidad Externado de Colombia, Online Lecture, Oct 10, 2020
Lecture on the evolution of family concepts in the Inter-American System of Human Rights

Université Catholique du Louvain, Louvain, Belgium, *Louvain Global College of Law Fellow*, Mar. 11–15, 2019, Lectures on US Family Law; Gender and Sexuality in Latin America. Short interview at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PezdmCTPQY>

University of Valparaiso Law School, Valparaiso, Chile, *Faculty Exchange Visitor*, Dec. 1–29, 2014, Conducted Research on legal regulations related to sexual orientation

University of Puerto Rico School of Law, San Juan, Puerto Rico, *Visiting Professor*, Nov. 2009 and July 1998, Intensive courses: Feminism and the Law; Problems of the Theory of Law: Feminist Analysis. Lecture on Gender and Human Rights available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYml9NmclNw>

Inter-American University Law School, San Juan, Puerto Rico, *Visiting Professor*, Mar. 2009; Oct. 2012; Jan. 15–18, 2014, Intensive courses: Feminist Perspectives on Legal Education; The Inter-American System of Human Rights; Gender, Sexuality and International Law

University Alfonso X, Madrid, Spain, *Lecturer*, Mar. 16–17, 2013, Intensive course: International Human Rights, Gender and Sexuality

University Sergio Arboleda, Bogota, Colombia, *Lecturer*, Apr. 29–30, 2011, Intensive course: Feminist Jurisprudence and Human Rights

Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica, *Lecturer*, Nov. 2005, Nov. 2006, Intensive courses: Women's rights and Human Rights

University of Chile School of Social Sciences, Santiago, Chile, *Lecturer*, Spring 2002, 3-credit class on Feminist Legal Theory

University Andrés Bello School of Law, Santiago, Chile, *Adjunct Professor*, 1995–1997, Jurisprudence

PRO BONO WORK, PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Synergia Board of Directors member, (July 20–present)

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) Board of Directors member (Sep. 2020–present)

DeJusticia Advisory Board of Directors member, (Jan. 20–present)

Network of Latin American litigators on LGBT rights, (Nov. 2019–present)

Supreme Court Nomination Expert, Selected by more than 10 civil society organizations in Latin America to be part of a three-member Panel of Experts monitoring the nomination process of Supreme Court Justices in Mexico (Nov. 2018–Mar. 2019)

Legal Expert for Aquelarre Trans, Colombia, for project “Legally Trans.” The project seeks to litigate three strategic cases on trans rights in Colombia. (Dec. 2018–Dec 2019)

Lead Counsel, Pro bono legal representation for plaintiffs in the case *Galetovic and others v Chile* before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (Dec. 2013–present)

Libertades Públicas A.G., Leading Co- Counsel for petitioners in the landmark case on sexual orientation *Atala Riffo and daughters v. Chile* before the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights (2004 – 2012); Leading Co-Counsel in the landmark case on freedom of expression before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights *The Last Temptation of Christ (Olmedo-Bustos et. a;) v. Chile*. Oral arguments on behalf of plaintiffs before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (1998)

Chilean Bar Association, Santiago, Chile, 1995–present

Network of Latin American Scholars on Gender, Sexuality and the Law (RED ALAS), *Co-Founder and member*, 2004 – present; *Coordinator*, Sep. 2007 – Mar. 2011; *Member of the Executive Committee*, Mar. 2011–Oct. 2015

International Legal Advisory Committee on Emergency Contraception, Oct. 2009–2017

AALS International Legal Exchange Section, *Chair of the Section*, 2006

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (FROM 2007)

Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Webinar from Washington, D.C., March 30, 2021. Panelist on Sexual Violence and Public Policies

University Carlos III Law School, Webinar from Madrid, Spain, March 8, 2021. Conversation organized by the Law School’s Legal Theory Seminar on Women’s Rights. Panelist on Covid 19 and its impact on sex work

Berg Institute, Webinar from Bogota, Colombia, Feb. 24, 2021. Panelist on conference on Human Rights Issues in 2021

University of Chile Law School, Webinar from Santiago, Chile, Dec. 16, 2020. Panelist on constitutionalism and family law

University Adolfo Ibanez Law School, Webinar from Santiago Chile, Nov. 25, 2020. Faculty workshop on women and human rights

Academia Judicial de Chile, Webinar from Santiago, Chile, Nov. 12, 2020. Expert convening on gender mainstreaming and education for judges.

Estudio para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer DEMUS, Webinar from Lima, Peru, Oct 22, 2020. Speaker on same sex families, Seminar on International Human Rights LGBTQ+

Doctrina Penal Feminista, Webinar from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct 14, 2020. Speaker on the Development of regulations to combat sexual violence and harassment in US universities at the Sessions on Criminal Justice, Gender and Legal Education

Seshadripuram Evening Degree College and Bengaluru City University, Webinar from India, Sep. 22, 2020. Guest Speaker at Seminar on International Human Rights: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Women in International Security, Webinar from Washington, D.C., Aug 11, 2020. Panelist on “Navigating your Career: Human Rights”

Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Webinar from Santiago, Chile, June 26, 2020. Panelist, Seminar on Human Rights Today from a Regional Perspective. Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLrUK_kwuMs

Libertades Públicas, Webinar from Santiago, Chile, May 19, 2020. Panelist, Seminar on Prisons, Justice System and Gender Violence. Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zejuSKs_U4Y&feature=youtu.be&t=856

Network of Latin American Scholars on Gender, Sexuality and the Law (ALAS), Webinar from Bogota, Colombia, Apr. 15, 2020. Panelist discussing the impact of online education under COVID-19 on female teachers

Federal Institute of Criminal Defense, Mexico City, Mexico, Jan. 23–24, 2020. Training on Gender Perspectives on Torture for 80 federal public defenders

University of Concepcion, Concepcion, Chile, Dec. 7, 2019. Gave a lecture on Family Law, Sexuality and Human Rights for a large audience of academics, students and professionals

Chilean Public Defenders’ Office, Santiago, Dec. 3–4, 2019. Training for 50 Chilean Public Defenders and judges on gender stereotypes in Criminal Law

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Aug. 3–4, 2019. Keynote speaker on Strategic Litigation and its Impact on Law Students; Roundtable participant on ethical and strategic issues in litigation involving vulnerable groups, First Regional Congress of Legal Clinics

Law and Society, May 30, 2019. Roundtable Chair, Bridging the Gap Between Academia and Activism: The Legal Struggle for Recognition of Gender and Sexuality Rights in Latin America; Roundtable Participant, Gender Issues in International and Comparative Law

DC Bar, Washington D.C., Apr. 12, 2019, Panelist on Who is a Parent, Who is a Child: Comparative and International law perspectives, Judicial and Bar Annual Conference

Université Catholique du Louvain, Louvain, Belgium, March 15, 2019, Panelist, Conference on Comparative Regulations on LGBT and human rights

Dalhousie University, Health Law Institute, and St. Mary’s University Faculty of Arts and Department of Criminology, Halifax, Canada, Feb. 25, 2019, Lecture “Autonomy and Health: The Missing Pieces on the Regulation of Sex Work”

University of Chile Law School, Santiago, Chile, Jan. 10, 2019, Panelist, Conference on Marriage Equality

Judiciary of Colombia (with other organizations), Santa Marta, Colombia, Oct. 1–5, 2018, Panelist on International Law and reproductive right cases, Conference on Gender Perspectives in Legal Decisions

Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, (with other organizations), Mexico City, Sep. 16–17, 2018, Organizer and Panelist, Conference Global Transformations on Gender Equality and Agenda 2030: A conversation about Innovative Approaches on How to End the cycle of Violence against Women

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts AFCC, Washington, D.C., June 7, 2018, Panelist on Comparative Family Law Perspectives on Constitutional Parental Rights, Annual Conference

Duke Law School, Durham, NC, March 18, 2018, Invited to speak about LGBTQ Developments in the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Lecture available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=812Tq5DgIXE&t=201s>

Berg Institute of Human Rights, Ozenhausen, Germany, Jan. 7–8, 2018, *Keynote speaker* on Feminist methodologies; *Lecturer* on gender and international human rights law, Program Human Rights in the Field

Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Washington, D.C., Dec. 4, 2017, Panelist, Gender, Health, Discrimination and Diversity: Risks and Vulnerabilities, Inter-American System of Human Rights Forum

World Bank, Washington, D.C., Nov. 6, 2017, Panelist, Violence Against Women Around the World – How Much Do You Actually Know?, Law Justice and Development Week

King’s College London, The Dickson Poon School of Law, London, UK, July 7, 2017, Panelist on LGBTI Human Rights in the Inter-American Commission and Court, Conference on LGBTI Human Rights 2017: The European and Inter-American Courts

World Summit of Local Governments, Bogota, Colombia, Oct. 13, 2016, Moderator, Panel on Sex Work, Invited by the Government of the City of Bogota

Council on Foreign Relations, Washington D.C., May 19, 2016, *Commentator*, Paper submitted by Professor Eric Voeten from Georgetown University, Workshop Global and Regional Governance: Competitors or Complements?

Academia Judicial, Santiago, Chile, Aug. 11–12, 2017, Training on Gender, Sexuality and the Law for over 100 Chilean judges

Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey, Oct. 27, 2016, Lecture on Vulnerability and Agency: Trans women in Sex Work

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Johns Hopkins University and the Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington D.C., May 20, 2016, *Moderator*, two panels with LGBT activists from South East Asia and the Americas, Conference The Geopolitics of LGBT Rights

Fordham Law School, Legal Writing Institute (LWI), the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), the Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS-LWRR), New York, Jan. 6, 2016, Selected to present a draft paper on the regulation of sex work, Joint Scholars & Scholarship Workshop on Feminist Jurisprudence

Supreme Court of Indonesia, UN Women and International Commission of Jurists, Jakarta, Indonesia, Oct. 5–6, 2015, Panelist, Regional Judicial Dialogue on Judging with a Gender Perspective

American University’s Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, Washington D.C., Oct. 19, 2015, organized workshop with LGBTI activists from Latin America on “Religion, the Law, and the Challenge of LGBTI Rights In Latin America”

Law and Society, Seattle, WA, May 28, 2015, Panelist, presented paper on Religion and Gender Violence in Latin America, Annual Meeting

Universidad Javeriana and Universidad Santiago de Cali, Cali, Colombia, May 12–13, 2015, Training on Strategic litigation in international human rights for law professors

National Institute of Corrections, Washington, D.C., April 15–16, 2015, Participant, closed meeting on best practices regarding the care and custody of LGBTQ juveniles and youth in detention settings

Rutgers University Law School, Newark, N.J., April 11, 2015, Panelist on marriage equality litigation, Symposium on LGBTQ rights

Chilean Public Defenders’ Office, Santiago, Dec. 5–6, 2014; Dec. 3 - 4, 2015, Training for 40 Chilean Public Defenders on LGBTI rights and the criminal justice system

Pro Bono International and Vance Center for Human Rights, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Oct. 1–3, 2014, Panelist on Strategic Litigation in International Human Rights, International Congress on Pro Bono, Access to Justice, Strategic Litigation and Public Interest Law Clinics

Supreme Court of Guatemala and FLACSO, Guatemala City, Guatemala, June 23, 2014, Panelist on violence against women in the access to health services, Conference Challenges on the fight against Domestic Violence in Latin America

Center for Reproductive Rights and Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, D.C., June 10, 2014, Panelist on abortion laws in Latin America, Symposium on Reproductive Rights in Latin America

Law and Society, Minneapolis, MN, May 29–June 1, 2014, Presenter, Panel on Caring for Kin: Issues in parentage, guardianship, and custodial care; Facilitator, Discussion on Law, Sex, and the Family, Annual Meeting

Chilean Public Defenders' Office, Santiago and Punta Arenas, Chile, April 21 – 25, 2014, Training for Public Defenders on Inter American Human Rights standards on gender violence; Panelist, Roundtable with public defenders, prosecutors and civil society on the Inter American system of Human Rights; Lecture for more than 200 public defenders from different cities of Chile on strategic litigation in international human rights

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and International Gay and Lesbians Human Rights Commission, New York, NY, March 10, 2014, Panelist on the intersection of religion and gender, and sexual violence, Side Event

Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA, Jan. 31, 2014, Selected to present draft paper “Changing Family Law through same-Sex Marriage: Lessons From and To the Western World,” Junior International Law Scholars Annual Meeting

Santiago de Cali and Javeriana Law Schools, Cali, Colombia, Dec. 9–11, 2013, Training for law professors on Teaching Human Rights

Supreme Court of Mexico, Merida, Mexico, Nov. 11, 2013, Training for judges and law clerks of the State of Merida on deciding cases with a gender perspective

Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Washington, D.C., Oct. 22, 2013, Training for human rights defenders on the Inter-American human rights system

United Nations, New York, NY, July 17, 2013, Panelist, Torture and Disabilities, Annual Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Side Event

American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C., June 27, 2013, Panelist, Analyzing Supreme Court DOMA and Prop 8 Decisions

University of the West Indies-Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica, June 7, 2013, Successful grant seeking operation and organization of a meeting of activists and scholars on LGBTIQI and Human Rights from the Caribbean

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington, D.C., May 29, 2013, Panelist on legal changes on gender and sexuality in Latin America, LASA's Annual Meeting Pre conference

Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Washington, D.C., March 30, 2013, Participant, closed meeting of experts on LGBT and human rights with the Executive Secretary, the Rapporteur on Women's Rights, the LGBTI unit, and experts from Latin America, the US, and the Caribbean

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 26, 2013, Invited by HLS Women's Law Association to speak on LGBTI litigation in Latin America

Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, Washington, D.C., Nov. 15, 2012, Opening remarks, Training for Latin American attorneys on Pro Bono Representation and the Inter-American Human Rights system

Department of State, Washington D.C., June 7, 2012, Participant, meeting of experts on LGBT issues in the Western Hemisphere

Cuban Association of Jurists, Havana, Cuba, May 8–10, 2012, Panelist on LGBT parenting in international law, IV International Conference on Gender, Woman, and the Law

University of Havana Law School, Havana, Cuba, May 11–12, 2012, Organized a two-day meeting on sexual orientation and the law in the Caribbean; Presented paper on the Transformation of Family Law through International Law

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., March 28, 2012, Invited by Outlaw and the International Law Society to speak about the landmark decision *Atala Riffo and daughters v. Chile*

Autonomous University of Yucatan, Merida, Mexico, March 20–21, 2012, Lecture for law professors on the intersection between international law and family law

University of Chile Law School, Santiago, Chile, June 24, 2011, Lecture on Activism and Academia in Women's Rights

U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., March 11, 2011, Panelist on LGBT and Human Rights, Conference on LGBT Rights in the Western Hemisphere: Challenges and Opportunities for US Policy

Autonomous University of Mexico UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico, March 8–9, 2011, Panelist on Gender Perspectives on International Law, Workshop for Law Professors on International Law and Gender

University of Miami Law School, Miami, FL, Feb. 24–25, 2011, Panelist, Closing Plenary, Conference Gender Justice in the Americas: A Transnational Dialogue on Sexuality, Violence, Reproduction and Human Rights

University of Havana Law School, Havana, Cuba, Jan. 31–Feb. 1, 2011, Panelist on the influence of feminist theories in international law, International Conference on Gender, Sexuality and the Law

Supreme Court of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 22–23, 2010, Training for law clerks and federal judges on Developments of Gender Issues in Comparative and International Case Law

International Academy of Comparative Law, Washington, D.C., July 25, 2010, General Reporter for the topic *Les mariages homosexuels /Same-sex marriages*, XVIII International Congress

Supreme Court of Mexico, Mexico City and Saltillo, Mexico, Apr. 15–16, 2010, Trainings for law clerks of the Supreme Court of Mexico on gender perspectives in legal adjudication

Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, Mar. 11, 2010, Presentation on comparative perspectives on the regulation of same sex unions, Faculty workshop

Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, Oct. 19, 2009, Presentation on the Application of International Human Rights Law in Domestic Courts in Latin America, International Workshop on Judicial Decisions and Statutory Interpretation

Lat Crit and American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., Oct. 2, 2009, Panelist, Gender, Cultural Differences, and Left Governance, Lat Crit Biennial Conference

Supreme Court of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, Mar. 24, 2009, Book Presentation of *La Mirada de los Jueces*. Special remarks on the value of precedent in the continental legal system

Electoral Council of Colombia, Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 20, 2008, Presentation on constitutionalism, electoral legitimacy and gender in Latin America, Conference on Constitution and Electoral Legitimacy

University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain, Mar. 14, 2008, Presented preliminary work on Using a Comparative Lens to Evaluate Early Legislative Approaches to Worker Dignitary Rights: What Can We Learn from the Chilean and U.S. Experiments of the Early Twentieth Century? (with Susan Carle), Conference on Immigration and Law

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, Aug. 6–7, 2007, Presented preliminary work on Marriage Law in Chile, Faculty Workshop

Harvard Law School and American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., April 12, 2007, Presented draft paper on The Role of Marriage in Latin America, Conference on Comparative Family Law

FACULTY SERVICE

Standing Hearing Committee, Fall 2019–Spring 2019; *PIPS Scholarships Committee*, Spring 2017–Spring 2021; *SJD Faculty Supervisor* (for one student), Fall 2016–Spring 2021; *Term-Faculty Committee for the AU Senate*, Fall 2017–Spring 2021; *Admissions Committee*, Fall 2014–Spring 2020; *Diversity and Inclusion*, Fall 2019–Spring 2020; *Advisory Board*, AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POLICY & L, 2011–2021; *SJD Admissions Committee*, Spring 2015–2018; *Co-convenor International Law Faculty Practice Group*, Fall 2014–2017; *SJD Dissertation Committee* (for three candidates), Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015; *Special Projects Committee*, Fall 2013–Spring 2014; *Curriculum Committee*, Fall 2012–Spring 2013; *Faculty Advisor*, Amnesty International Students Organization at WCL, Spring 2014–Fall 2016

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Washington Lawyer, Featured in article *Advancing the Human Rights Cause Across Borders*, May 2020

EfectoNaim, [#MeToo Latino: La lucha contra la violencia y el acoso sexual en América Latina](#), Apr. 13, 2020 (Interview about the use of social media to mobilize women against violence)

El Espectador, Colombia, Redacción Judicial, *Entrevista con la abogada Macarena Saez “Una alcaldesa lesbiana les dice a niñas y niños que se puede llegar lejos,”* Nov. 19, 2019

El Mercurio Legal, Chile, Cristóbal Valenzuela Mocarquer, *Las clases de Ética al Pizarrón* (Interview about teaching Legal Ethics in Chilean law schools), Aug. 23, 2019

Proceso, Mexico, Jorge Carrasco Araizaga, *AMLO soslayó recomendaciones internacionales para designar ministro de la Corte: expertos* (Interview about the nominations by President Lopez Obrador to fill two vacancies for the Supreme Court), Dec. 17, 2018

AmericaTeVe, Miami, Interview for TV news program *A Fondo* with Pedro Cevecec, on the accusations against Harvey Weinstein, Oct 8, 2017; on the #MeToo movement, Sep. 10, 2018; on the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court, Sep. 17, and Sep. 27, 2018

Radio Actualidad 1040, Miami, Interview on the problem of female genital mutilation, May 11, 2017

CNN Spanish edition, LGBT rights and the decision of the Inter American Court of Human Rights *Atala and daughters v. Chile*, Apr. 3, 2012

The Bay Area Reporter, Heather Cassell, *Monumental Win for Chilean Lesbian Mother*, Mar. 29, 2012

CNN International, Mirador Mundial, Camilo Egaña, *Surrogacy laws in Mexico and Latin America*, Dec. 5, 2010

El Tiempo, Colombia, Freedom of Expression and the case *Gomez Hurtado v. Colombia* before the Inter American Commission of Human Rights, May 9, 2014

Noticias RCN, Colombia, Freedom of Expression and the case *Gomez Hurtado v. Colombia* before the Inter American Commission of Human Rights, May 9, 2014

Latin America Advisor Newsletter, *Is Latin America Becoming More Socially Liberal?* May 31, 2012, SBS Australia, Comments on the decision *Atala and daughters v. Chile* by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, March 22, 2012

El Tiempo, Dominique Rodriguez Dalavard, *El Juicio más Duro de Karen Atala* [The Hardest Trial for Judge Atala], Aug. 28, 2011

La Tercera, Lorena Letelier, *CIDH iniciará en Agosto Audiencias por caso de Jueza Atala* [Inter-American Court of Human Rights will hear oral arguments on case of Judge Atala], June 12, 2011

La Tercera, Paulo Muñoz, Juan Peña, *Abogada que lidera defensa de jueza Atala: “Karen se atrevió a sacrificar su vida personal,”* [Lead Attorney of Judge Atala: “Karen was willing to sacrifice her personal life”], Oct. 1, 2010

The Washington Post, Monte Reel, *Custody fight tests traditions in Chile*, Dec. 3, 2006. Reprinted in **Boston Globe**

The New York Times, Larry Rother, *Lesbian Judge Fights Chilean Court for Taking Her Children*, July 20, 2006

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish (bilingual); French and Portuguese (reading skills)