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### EDUCATION

#### HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D., June 1994, *cum laude*  
HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL, Co-Editor-in-Chief  
Human Rights Fellowships, 1992 & 1993  
International Law Society, London Delegate  
Board of Student Advisers/Introduction to Lawyering Instructor

#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE

M.A. Mathematics Education, May 1990  
Peace Corps Fellowship

#### UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

B.S. Education and B.G.S. Mathematics, May 1985  
Graduated with Highest Distinction

### LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS

**Professor of Law** effective July 1, 2008  
**Associate Dean for Clinical Studies** effective July 1, 2008  
**Associate Professor of Law** July 2002 – June 2008  
**Interim Associate Dean for Clinical Studies** January 2008 – June 2008

Founded and teach in community service oriented Immigration Clinic. Teach Immigration and Nationality Law and Civil Procedure/Alternative Dispute Resolution. Co-taught service learning course in which students partnered with public defenders to create manual analyzing federal immigration consequences of criminal convictions under Nevada state law. With funds obtained through federal grants, created Nevada Immigrant Resource Project to expand immigrant education and advocacy in Nevada. Selected by Student Bar Association as Law Professor of the Year for 2002-2003 academic year. Twice elected by faculty to serve on Dean's Advisory Committee.

#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

**Acting Assistant Professor of Law** November 2001 – June 2002  
**Instructor of Law** June 1999 – November 2001

Developed and taught six-credit first-year seminar in Lawyering. Part of the core curriculum, this course emphasized critical thinking about legal practice through experiential exercises in interviewing and counseling clients, researching, analyzing, writing, mediating and negotiating. Participated in multi-disciplinary Lawyering Theory Colloquium.

#### HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Hempstead, NY

**Adjunct Professor of Law** January 2002 – May 2002  
Taught International Human Rights Law seminar.

#### SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Newark, NJ

**Adjunct Professor of Law** January 1999 – December 2001  
Taught Immigration and Naturalization course in Spring 1999, International Human Rights Law course in Fall 2000 and Public International Law course in Fall 2001.

## OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**GIBBONS, DEL DEO, DOLAN, GRIFFINGER & VECCHIONE**, Newark, NJ

**Gibbons Fellow in Public Interest and Constitutional Law**

**September 1997 – September 1999**

Represented individuals, classes of plaintiffs and *amici curiae* at all stages of public interest litigation. Illustrative cases included class action challenge to the New Jersey State Police's discriminatory hiring practices; appeal to Third Circuit contesting retroactive reinstatement of a deportation order and denial of judicial review; and habeas petition seeking protection from removal pursuant to the Convention Against Torture. Served as co-counsel to the Education Law Center in ongoing litigation regarding the constitutionality of school funding for poorer urban children in New Jersey. *Amici curiae* projects included a United States Supreme Court brief addressing the constitutionality of federal habeas statutory revisions and a Board of Immigration Appeals brief on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild and the American Immigration Law Foundation addressing the government's use of *ex parte, in camera* evidence in immigration proceedings. Significant non-litigation activities included constitutional analysis of local campaign finance reform initiatives for Common Cause of New Jersey and extensive advocacy and training regarding the rights of children in immigration matters.

**THE DOOR'S LEGAL SERVICES CENTER**, New York, NY

**Consultant**

**September 1999 – February 2000**

Acted as interim legal director/supervising attorney. Prepared grant reports and requests.

**Skadden Fellow / Staff Attorney**

**September 1995 – September 1997**

Provided direct legal services to young people on a wide range of civil legal issues including immigration, education, family law, public assistance, housing, and emancipation. Initiated program to assist New York City foster care youth needing legal representation in immigration matters. Designed and implemented legal education workshops for youth, youth service providers and attorneys representing young people. Supervised volunteer attorneys and law students.

**HON. A. WALLACE TASHIMA**, U.S. District Court for the Central District Of California, Los Angeles, CA

**Law Clerk**

**August 1994 – August 1995**

Researched legal issues and prepared memoranda analyzing cases before the district court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Drafted opinions and orders.

**INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Independent Researcher**

**Summer 1993**

Prepared comprehensive report analyzing the situation of Bhutanese refugees in Nepal through independent field work in refugee camps and surrounding communities. Represented the Institute at the U.N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva. Drafted and edited final report on human rights situation in Nepal that served as the joint statement of eight NGOs at the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights. Assisted with preparation of report on torture in police custody for the Kathmandu-based Centre for Victims of Torture.

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**, Cambridge, MA

**Research Assistant**

**1992 - 1994**

Researched and drafted portions of United Nations Secretary General report on internally displaced persons for professors Henry Steiner and Deborah Anker. Participated as one of four students selected for the Harvard Human Rights Program's research project on the United Nations related Human Rights Committee. Researched and edited revisions to Deborah Anker's REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW treatise. Edited annotated summary of available documentation for Haitian asylum claims.

**MINNESOTA ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**, Minneapolis, MN

**Asylum and Refugee Project**

**Summer 1992**

Conducted client intake interviews, performed background research and prepared asylum applications.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **THE RICHARD R. GREEN HIGH SCHOOL OF TEACHING, New York, NY**

#### **Assistant Principal**

**September 1990 – August 1991**

Supervised teachers and staff. Coordinated all administrative, scheduling and budget functions for newly founded public high school. Served on school-based management policy council.

#### **Teacher**

**September 1989 – August 1990**

Developed and taught mathematics component of an interdisciplinary curriculum for ninth and tenth graders. Selected by peers to represent faculty on school-based management policy council.

### **HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, New York, NY**

#### **Teacher**

**January 1989 – August 1989**

Taught mathematics at magnet school for intellectually gifted students. Assisted with coordination of school-wide service program.

### **SEWARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL, New York, NY**

#### **Teacher**

**September 1988 – January 1989**

Taught mathematics at culturally diverse public high school on Manhattan's lower east side. Worked with Adopt-a-Student dropout prevention program.

### **NEPAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION / SHREE JANATA SECONDARY SCHOOL, Taplejung, Nepal**

#### **Peace Corps Volunteer / Teacher**

**September 1985 – December 1987**

In local language, taught mathematics, science and health at village school. Designed and implemented teacher training program for elementary and lower secondary teachers. Coordinated community project to fund and build school hostel. Served as technical instructor for new volunteers.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, St. Paul, MN**

#### **Director of Operations**

**June 1984 – September 1985**

Coordinated administration of not-for-profit organization providing leadership training and promoting service learning programs for youth. Prepared and monitored annual budget. Assisted in preparation of grant proposals and reports. Directed national conferences and training events.

## PUBLICATIONS

David B. Thronson, *Exploiting Connections: Children of Unauthorized Immigrants and Immigration Enforcement Policy*, (work in progress).

David B. Thronson, *Creating Crisis: Immigration Raids and the Destabilization of Immigrant Families*, 43 Wake Forest L. Rev. \_\_ (forthcoming 2008).

David B. Thronson, *Custody and Contradictions: Exploring Immigration Law as Federal Family in the Context of Child Custody*, 59 Hastings L.J. \_\_ (forthcoming 2008).

David B. Thronson, *You Can't Get Here From Here: Toward A More Child-Centered Immigration Law*, 14 Va. J. Soc. Pol'y & L. 58 (2006).

David B. Thronson, *Choiceless Choices: Deportation and the Parent-Child Relationship*, 6 Nev. L.J. 1165 (2006) (reprinted at 12 Bender's Immigration Bulletin 167 (February 15, 2007)).

David B. Thronson and Veronica Tobar Thronson, *Immigrants and the Family Courts*, NEV. LAW., Jan. 2006, at 30.

David B. Thronson, *Of Borders and Best Interests: Examining the Experiences of Undocumented Immigrants in U.S. Family Courts*, 11 TEX. HISP. J.L. & POL'Y 45 (2005) (reprinted at 11 Bender's Immigration Bulletin 7 (Jan. 1, 2006); reprint forthcoming at 27 IMMIGR. & NAT'LITY L. REV. \_\_ (2007)).

David B. Thronson, *Kids Will Be Kids? Reconsidering Conceptions of Children's Rights Underlying Immigration Law*, 63 OHIO ST. L.J. 979 (2002) (reprinted at 23 IMMIGR. & NAT'LITY L. REV. 3 (2003)).

*Immigration Law and Young People*, chapter in NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW YORK: A GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS & HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS 108 (James M. Morrissey ed., 3d ed. 1997).

David Thronson, *The Many Voices of the Human Rights Movement*, HARV. L. BULL., Summer 1996, at 31 (reviewing HENRY J. STEINER & PHILIP ALSTON, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONTEXT: LAW, POLITICS, MORALS (1996)).

DAVID B. THRONSON, CULTURAL CLEANSING: A DISTINCT NATIONAL IDENTITY AND THE REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN BHUTAN (Kathmandu: International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development, August 1993).

Gary Orfield and David Thronson, *Dismantling Desegregation: Uncertain Gains, Unexpected Costs*, 42 EMORY L.J. 759 (1993).

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Immigration Law Teachers Workshop, *Teaching Panel: Integrating Doctrinal and Clinical Courses*, University of Miami, Miami, FL, May 3, 2008.

Children Without A State: A Human Rights Challenge, *Exploiting Connections: Children of Unauthorized Immigrants and Immigration Enforcement Policy*, Harvard University Committee on Human Rights Studies, Cambridge, MA, May 5, 2008.

On Their Own: Second Annual Conference on Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, panel presentation *Ethics and Confidentiality in Representing Immigrant Children*, Chicago, IL, April 3, 2008.

Migration Policy Institute/Nevada Immigrant Resource Project, Improving the Educational Outcomes of Immigrant Children in Nevada: A Roundtable Discussion, Conference Organizer (with Margie McHugh of MPI) and presenter, December 18, 2007.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars/UNLV Institute for Latin American Studies, Roundtable on Civic Engagement, Las Vegas, September 21, 2007.

On Their Own: Second Annual Conference on Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, panel presentation *Advanced Special Immigrant Juvenile Issues: Strategies for Immigration and Family Courts*, Miami, FL, May 18, 2007.

National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Social Work and the Law: Promoting Vision and Leadership in Forensic Social Work, panel presentation *Human Trafficking, Modern Day Slavery*, Las Vegas, NV, April 25, 2007.

Harvard Law School Child Advocacy Program/ABA Center on Children and the Law, Promoting Children's Interests: Preparation, Practice and Policy Reform, panel presentation *The Other Elians: Towards Redressing the Plight of Unaccompanied Refugee and Immigrant Children*, Cambridge, MA, April 13, 2007 (with Chris Nugent).

Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center/Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child, keynote presentation *Deciding Where Children Live*, Topeka, KS, March 16, 2007.

LatCrit XI, Working and Living in the Global Playground, panel presentation *Immigrants in Nevada's Family Courts*, Las Vegas, NV, October 7, 2006.

Immigration Law Teachers Conference, Conference Organizer and Works-In-Progress Commentator, Las Vegas, May 5-6, 2006.

Non-Citizen Children on Their Own: Binational Conference on Procedures, Protections and Due Process for Unaccompanied Children, panel presentation *Obtaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, El Paso, TX, April 22, 2006.

University of Virginia School of Law, Welcome to America: How Immigration Experiences and Policies Affect Children and Families, keynote presentation *You Can't Get Here From Here*, Charlottesville, VA, March 30, 2006.

Legal Momentum, *Family and Immigration Law Roundtable*, Washington, DC, March 28, 2006.

American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Law and Policy Affecting Immigrant & Refugee Children, panel presentation *Always in Custody*, Washington, DC, January 7, 2006.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, panel presentation *Rights and Realities: Exploring Children's Rights in the Context of Family Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2005.

American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, *Immigration and Child Welfare Services*, Las Vegas, NV, February 18, 2005 (with Dr. Vicky Albert).

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Meeting of Regional Attorneys, *S, T and U Visas for Low Wage Immigrant Workers*, Las Vegas, NV, March 9, 2004 (with Leticia Saucedo).

New York University School of Law, Addressing the Legal Rights of Minority Communities: The Case of South Asia, panel presentation *At the Margins: Legal Struggles of Migrant Communities within the Subcontinent*, New York, NY, April 9, 2002.

Seton Hall University School of Law, panel presentation *America's New War on Terrorism: The Changing Legal Landscape*, Newark, NJ, November 7, 2001.

New School University, Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy, The Center for New York City Affairs, Invisible Walls: Immigrants in New York City's Child Welfare System, presented *Obtaining Legal Immigration Status for Abused and Neglected Children*, New York, NY, March 28, 2001.

City University of New York School of Law, panel presentation *Working to Protect and Empower Children*, Flushing, NY, April 13, 2000.

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, American Families in Peril: The Impact of Our Immigration Laws on Immigrants and Families, panel presentation *Immigrant and Refugee Children*, Washington, DC, April 11, 2000.

Women's Commission for Refugee and Women and Children, Building a New Model for Serving Children: A Roundtable on Children in Immigration Proceedings, panel presentation *Legal Remedies for Children*, Daytona, FL, November 13, 1998.

## **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS**

State Bar of Nevada, *Family Law and Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, December 5, 2007 (with Veronica Thronson).

State Bar of Nevada, *Domestic Violence: Representing the Non-Citizen*, Las Vegas, NV, April 25, 2007 (with Veronica Thronson and Leticia Saucedo).

University of Texas School of Law, Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trusts, *Trustee Meets the DHS: What to Do When Parents or Children are Out of Status*, Austin, TX, February 16, 2007.

Clark County Public Defenders, *Immigration Consequences of Crime*, Las Vegas, NV, January 19, 2007 (with Raquel Aldana and Leticia Saucedo).

Clark County Bar Association, *Representing Non-Citizen Victims of Domestic Violence & Other Crimes*, Las Vegas, NV, April 6, 2006 (with Veronica Thronson and Leticia Saucedo).

State Bar of Nevada, 2004 Family Law Conference, *Family Law and Immigration*, Ely, NV, March 19, 2004 and Las Vegas, NV, November 17, 2004 (with Veronica Thronson).

American Bar Association Annual Meeting, *What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Immigration Law: When Does Family Law Intersect With Immigration Issues?*, New York, NY, July 7, 2000.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

American Bar Association  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York (1996 to 2002, International Law Committee, 1997 to 2000)  
Center for Health Disparities Research, UNLV (Executive Committee, 2005 to present)  
Clinical Legal Educators Association  
Immigrant Workers Citizenship Project (Board Member, 2005 to present)  
Las Vegas Human Trafficking Taskforce (ATLAS)  
National Youth Leadership Council (Board Member, 2002 to present)  
Nevada Immigrant Coalition (Steering Committee Member, 2005 to present)  
Nevada Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice (Member, 2008-present)  
Nevada Youth Alliance (Advisory Board Member, 2006 to present)  
State Bar of Nevada  
Society of American Law Teachers

## **SELECTED AWARDS**

Friend of Working Families Award, Nevada State AFL-CIO (2006)  
Law Professor of the Year, William S. Boyd School of Law Student Bar Association (for 2002-2003 academic year)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1995)  
State of New York (1995)  
State of New Jersey (1997)  
State of Nevada (2003)  
United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (1997),  
District of New Jersey (1997), and District of Nevada (2003)  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1998) and Ninth Circuit (2003)  
United States Supreme Court (2000)

## **LANGUAGES**

Excellent Nepali. Conversational and improving Spanish. Survival Limbu.