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EDUCATION

- Legal* J.D., May 1986, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Michigan Law Review*, Associate and Contributing Editor, 1984-1986
Jane L. Mixer Award (outstanding service), 1986
Outstanding Hispanic College Graduate 1986
- Graduate* M.A., Economics, May 1979, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas
- Undergraduate* B.A., Economics, December 1977, Magna cum Laude
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- January 2003
Present* **Justice Myron Leavitt Professor**
William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Courses taught include Constitutional Law I & II, Legislative Process, and Diversity Seminar.
- May 1999 to
December 2002* **Associate Professor** (with tenure)
University of Missouri School of Law
Courses taught include Business Organizations (unincorporated business associations and corporations), Constitutional Law, Legislation, and Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation (cross-listed with Women Studies graduate program).
- August 1993 to
May 1999* **Assistant Professor**
Florida State University College of Law
Courses taught include Business Organizations, Land Use Planning (cross-listed with Urban and Regional Planning graduate program), Commercial and Real Estate Transactions, Comparative Law, Comparative Caribbean Legal Systems, and Diversity and the Law.

July 1991 to 1993; **Partner**
June 1986 to **Associate**
July 1991 **McConnell Valdés, San Juan, Puerto Rico**
General commercial and corporate practice, specializing in real estate development, public and private finance, international business transactions and franchise-distribution.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

Cambio de Colores: Immigration of Latinos to Missouri (University of Missouri: 2002) (with Steve C. Jeanetta).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Critical-Race-Theory-in-Education: Theory, Praxis, and Recommendations, in INTERROGATING RACISM (Gerardo Lopez and Laurence Parker eds. 2003).

LAW REVIEW AND SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

The Cost of Partisan Politics on Diversity of the Federal Bench: Why Care Whether Judges Look “Like America” If, Because of Politics, a “Voice of Color” Has Become a “Whisper of Color”?, 82 IND. L.J. __ (forthcoming 2008).

The Immigrant Rights Marches (Las Marchas): Did the “Gigante” (Giant) Wake Up or Does it Still Sleep Tonight?, 10 NEV. L. J. 780- 825 (2007).

Emerging Latina/o Nation and Anti- Immigrant Backlash, 10 NEV. L.J. 685- 712 (2007).

Does a Diverse Judiciary Attain a Rule of Law That Is Inclusive? What Grutter V. Bollinger Has to Say About Diversity on the Bench, 10 MICH. J. R. & L. 101-151 (2005).

“Kulturkampf[s]” or “Fit[s] of Spite”?: Taking the Academic Culture Wars Seriously, 35 SETON HALL L. J. 1309-48 (2005).

Race and the California Recall Election: A Top Ten List of Ironies., 16 LA RAZA. L. J. 11-35 (2005) (with Keith Aoki & Steven Bender).

Aliens In Our Midst Post-9/11: Legislating Outsider-Ness Within the Borders, 38 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1683-1710 (2005) (with Raquel E. Aldana) (reviewing BILL ONG HING, DEFINING AMERICA THROUGH IMMIGRATION POLICY (MAPPING RACISMS) (2003), KEVIN R. JOHNSON, THE “HUDDLED MASSES” MYTH: IMMIGRATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS (2003), and

VICTOR C. ROMERO, *ALIENATED: IMMIGRANT RIGHTS, THE CONSTITUTION, AND EQUALITY IN AMERICA* (2004)).

The Latina/o and APIA Vote Post-2000: What Does It Mean to Move Beyond “Black and White” Politics?, 81 OR. L. REV. 783-848 (2003).

Missouri, the “War on Terrorism,” and Immigrants: Legal Challenges Post 9/11, 67 Mo L. Rev. 775-830 (2002).

“Latina/oization” of the Midwest: Cambio de Colores (Changes of Colors) as Agromaquilas Expand into the Heartland, 13 La Raza Law Journal 343-78 (2002).

History, Legal Scholarship, and LatCrit Theory: The Case of Racial Transformations Circa the Spanish American War, 1896-1900, 78 DENVER L. REV. 195-235 (2001).

Globalization or Global Subordination?: LatCrit Links the Global to the Local and the Local to Global, 33 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1429-50 (2000).

Critical Race Theory and Autobiography: Can A Popular Genre Make a Serious Academic Contribution? 18 J. LAW & INEQ. 419- 449 (2000) (reviewing BRYAN FAIR, *NOTES OF A RACIAL CASTE BABY, COLORBLINDNESS AND THE END OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION*; (2000) BILL ONG HING, *TO BE AN AMERICAN: CULTURAL PLURALISM AND THE RHETORIC OF ASSIMILATION* (1999), KEVIN R. JOHNSON, *“HOW DID YOU GET TO BE A MEXICAN? A WHITE/BROWN MAN’S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY* (1999)).

Judicial Review of Initiatives and Referendums in which Majorities Vote on Minorities’ Citizenship, 61 OHIO ST. L. J. 399-555 (1999).

Democracy and Inclusion: The Role of the Judge in a Pluralist Polity, 58 MD. L. REV. 150-270 (1999).

Deconstructing Homo[geneous] Americanus: The White Ethnic Immigrant Narrative and Its Exclusionary Effect, 72 TULANE L. REV. 1493-1595 (1998).

Florida's Property Rights Act: A Political Quick Fix Results in a Mixed Bag of Tricks 23 FL. ST. L. REV. 315-400 (1996).

SELECTED OP-EDS AND MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

Q&A with Sylvia Lazos: Impact of the Seattle case on Local School District, LAS VEGAS SUN (July 8, 2007).

In Defense of the High Court: Nevada Justices Just Doing Their Jobs, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL (Sep. 17, 2006).

Senate Forced to Become Moderate, LAS VEGAS SUN, May 27, 2005.

Miers Solid Choice of Bush, LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL, Oct. 3, 2005.

The Nevada Supreme Court: Are the Justices Goats or Heroes, LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL, July 14, 2003.

US v. Tyson: Immigration Law and Employers, NEVADA BAR JOURNAL, July 2002.

¿Las Relaciones Interraciales: Estamos Listos Para un Dialogo? MISSOURI COLUMBIAN (June 25, 2000).

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Through the Looking Glass: Teaching Evaluations and Unexamined Bias, Asian Pacific American Conference, Denver/Sturm College of Law (Apr. 24-26, 2008).

Building University or Law School Centers for Racial and Social Justice: Why Build It, How To Do It, and Most Importantly How to Survive, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, North Carolina Central University School of Law (Apr. 12, 2008).

Who Cares Whether Judges Look "Like America" If, Because of Politics, a "Voice of Color" Has Become a "Whisper of Color"? Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: Elections, Presidential Power and Democracy, University of Maryland (Jan. 25, 2008).

Latina/o Civic Involvement in Las Vegas, Civic Engagement Symposium, MacArthur Foundation Conference at University of Nevada Las Vegas (Sept. 22, 2007).

A Black Marble Ceiling for Minority Women Judges?: Judicial Diversity, Judicial Performance Evaluations & Unexamined Bias, National Association of Women Judges, University of San Diego (Aug. 22-24, 2007).

Backlash: State and Local Governments Gear Up to Combat "Illegals," Planning for Immigration Reform Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada (May 12, 2007).

Las Marchas: Does the Giant Sleep Tonight?, Cambio De Colores (Change of Colors) Conference, Kansas City, Missouri (Apr. 2-4 2007).

Immigration in Rural Areas and Urban Gateways: the Role of Law in Shaping the Context of Reception, The New Latino Immigration to Tennessee: Opportunities and Challenges Conference, University of Tennessee (March 2-4 2006).

The Demographics of Nevada's Immigrant Population (with Kerie Francis, Sociology Phd. Candidate), LatCrit XI Conference, William S. Boyd School of Law (Oct. 4, 2006).

Where is Constitutional Interpretation Going? Constitution Day Panel, University of Nevada Las Vegas (Sept. 12, 2006)

Our Living Constitution (Key Note Speaker), Nevada State College (Sept. 12 2006).

Ballot Initiatives, and the Political Culture of the New versus Old West, Mountain West Clinical Conference, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas (Nov. 2006).

What Does Legal Process Theory Have to Say About Diversity on the Bench? Brennan Center at NYU, Judicial Diversity Conference at North Carolina State University (Feb. 20, 2004).

Crouching Jaguar, Hidden Dragon: Emerging Latina/o and APIA Voting Rights Issues, Equal Justice in the West Symposium, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV (Feb. 21, 2004).

Crouching Jaguar, Hidden Dragon: The Future of Latina/os in the US (key note speaker), Cambio de Colores 2004, St. Louis, Missouri (March 10-13, 2004).

Post 9/11 Immigration Civil Rights Conference, The Latino-ization of The Midwest: Using LatCrit Praxis to Create a Community of Learning, University of California-Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Law (April 1, 2004).

Voting Rights Act: The Latino/a and APIA Electorate, Northeast People of Color Conference, University of Connecticut School of Law (April 3-4, 2004).

The Voting Rights Act and Challenges for the Latina/o and APIA Electorate, LatCrit IX, Philadelphia, PA, (April 29-May 1, 2004).

The Latina/o & APIA Vote: Challenges to Meaningful Political Participation, SALT Conference, (October 15-16, 2004.)

Elections Panel, National People of Color Conference, George Washington University Law School (Oct. 8-10, 2004).

Not Just Black and White Anymore: Community Challenges as Latinos/as Make Their homes in Missouri, Missouri Community Development Conference, Columbia, Missouri (Oct. 29, 2002).

Insights for Developing Civil Dispute Resolution Systems: An Interdisciplinary Look at Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Identity Based Conflicts, International Association of Conflict Management Conference, Park City, Utah (June 2002).

Minorities and Initiative Process, LatCrit VII Conference, Portland, Oregon (May 2-5, 2002).

Cambio de Colores in the Midwest, LatCrit VII Conference, Portland, Oregon (May 2-5, 2002).

Formation of Race, National Identity and the Origins of Tiered Racial Citizenship, 1896-1900, LatCrit VI Conference, Gainesville, Florida (Apr 28- May 2, 2001).

Pedagogical Innovations in U.S. Law Schools (with Jean R. Sternlight) University of the Western Cape, South Africa (March 26, 2001).

Democracy and Inclusion, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (March 26, 2001).

Direct Democracy and Majority-Minority Conflict, University of California-Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Law (February 5, 2001).

Puerto Rico and Native Hawaiians: What It Means To Be A National Minority, Pono Kaulike Me Ke Anuenue “Justice and the Rainbow,” Joint conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Teachers and the Western Regional Law Teachers of Color, O’ahu, Hawai’i (May 31- June 4, 2000).

Changing Colors of Rural Missouri, Researching the Americas and Its Peoples: The Hispanic Tapestry, Office of the Vice Provost for Minority Affairs and Hispanic Latin American Faculty and Staff Association, University of Missouri (Sept. 12, 2000).

Rice v. Cayetano from Three Analytical Perspectives: Constitutional Doctrine, Critical Race Theory and Liberal Multiculturalism, Identities in the Year 2000 & Beyond, Michigan Journal of Race & Law, March 18-19, 2000, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

AWARDS

US State Department, Fulbright awarded to Venezuela, January 2001 (declined).

University of Missouri, Hispanic and Latin American Faculty Staff Association Award, Outstanding Faculty Contribution, March 2003.

RESEARCH GRANTS

President's Institutional Development Grant to establish race, ethnicity and class center at University of Nevada Las Vegas, October 2007. (\$60,000)

Research Award, Investigating Dropout Rates in Clark County, Nevada, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Chancellor Jim Rogers, Latin Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas (\$15,000) (with Dr. Keith Schwer) (August 2005)

President's Research Award, Planning for Immigration Growth in Nevada, University of Nevada Las Vegas (\$25,000) (with Dr. Vicki Albert) (August 2004)

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIONS

University of Galway, Ireland, May to June 2001 & March 2002; inter-disciplinary collaboration developing systemic analysis of intergroup identity-based conflict and how alternative dispute resolution could be used within the legal system.

University of the Western Cape, School of Law, Capetown, South Africa, March 2001, consultant on pedagogical innovations and mentoring of junior faculty.

University of the West Indies, Law Faculty, Barbados, June 1998, collaborated in developing a course on Comparative Law of Caribbean Legal systems.

Professional Service

Co-Director, Working Group to establish Research Center for Social Justice at University of Nevada Las Vegas (appointed by University President David Ashley) (Oct. 2007 to Present).

Conference Co-Chair, LatCrit XI Conference, Working and Living in the Global Playground: Backstage and Frontstage, at William S. Boyd School of Law (Oct. 4-7, 2006).

Conference Co-Chair, Las Vegas, Global Gateway: New Challenges, New Perspectives (Oct. 7, 2006) (raised funds for and organized a conference of 60 participants).

Member, Minority Section Committee, American Association of Law Schools (Jan. to Dec. 2004).

Conference Co-Chair, Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors): Neighbors in Urban and Rural Communities (Mar. 11-13, 2003) (raised funds for and organized a conference of over 250 participants).

Conference Co- Chair, Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors) in Missouri: A Call To Action (raised funds for and chaired program committee) (March 12-14, 2002).

University and Community Service

Co-Chair of Chancellor of Nevada System of Higher Education Diversity Roundtable (June 2008 to Present) (forum for private, public and community organizations concerned with education).

Co-Chair of Task Force for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at University Nevada Las Vegas (group of 14 private and public community leaders appointed by University President Carol Harter to assess University efforts and make recommendations) (Feb.2006- June 2006).

Vice President, Association of Latina/o and Chicana/o Educators, University of Nevada Las Vegas (Oct. 2005- Present).

Member, Latin Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas, Education Committee (Oct. 2005 to Present).

Vice President, Hispanic and Faculty and Staff Association, University of Missouri Columbia, (Oct. 2001-2003).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member Hispanic National Bar Association

Member American Bar Association

Member Society of American Law Teachers

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish