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EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington, D.C.
Juris Doctorate
Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, Top 1 % (rank: 4/554)
American University Law Review

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, Boulder, Colorado
Bachelor of Science, Journalism (News/editing), *highest distinction*
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Language and Literature, *highest distinction*
Minor, Technology, Arts & Media, *highest distinction*
Phi Beta Kappa
Kappa Tau Alpha National Journalism Honor Society

TEACHING AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Portland, Maine
Professor, September 2016 – Present
Co-Director of Maine Law's Clinics, December 2022 – June 1, 2025
Associate Clinical Professor, May 2014 – September 2016
Libra Visiting Professor, July 2012 – May 2014
Courses: Refugee and Human Rights Clinic (founder and director); Lawyering Skills for Clinical Practice Seminar

Designed, launched and supervise a live, in-house clinic in which second- and third-year law students represent individual noncitizens in immigration matters and engage in community-based education, advocacy and impact work. Develop curricula for classroom teaching, supervisory meetings, and case rounds. Supervise students on a range of cases and projects including: asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, humanitarian parole, adjustment of status, naturalization, immigrant detention, community organizing, outreach and education, impact litigation, and advocacy reports and manuals. Focus on interviewing, counseling, fact development/investigation, negotiation, legal research, legal writing, oral argument, and problem-solving skills. Coordinate involvement with local, regional and national legal aid organizations, immigrants' right coalitions, and other nonprofit organizations on referrals and collaborative projects.

Teach and develop experiential curricula and teach the accompanying Lawyering Skills for Clinical Practice Seminar. Developed and taught the Immigration Law Seminar. Guest lecture on immigration consequences of criminal activity in First-Year Criminal Law course. Guest lecture on client interviewing and counseling in First-Year Legal Writing course.

Supervise several students on independent writing projects and independent studies/projects related to immigration law and practice. Advise students on pursuing careers in immigration and human rights law.

Member and chair/prior chair of several Maine Law faculty committees.

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Stanford, California
Cooley Godward Kronish Fellow, July 2010 – June 2012
Course: Immigrants' Rights Clinic

Co-taught live, in-house clinic in which second and third year law students represented individual immigrants and engaged in multiple forms of immigration advocacy. Supervised students on a range of cases and projects including, *e.g.*, deportation defense cases, Violence Against Women Act petitions; U visa applications; asylum applications; appellate litigation; advocacy reports; community organizing; and Know Your Rights materials.

Participated in curriculum development, classroom teaching and case rounds. Lectured on asylum law, domestic violence, client interviewing, working with interpreters, case theory and other select topics as part of weekly seminar.

Represented clinic clients in immigration courts, before administrative agencies, and in federal court litigation. Participated in local and national immigrants' rights coalitions.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Portland, Maine
Adjunct Professor, Immigration Law, Fall 2009

Designed curriculum for immigration law course and instructed approximately 20 second- and third-year law students on fundamentals of immigration law. Led discussion sessions and moot hearings on a range of immigration topics. Provided feedback on student work through one-on-one student meetings and final grading. Advised and counseled students within Maine Law's Clinics on asylum cases.

VERRILL, LLP, Portland, Maine
Chair of Immigration Department, September 2006 – May 2010
Labor & Employment Associate, March 2007 – May 2010

Represented clients in a variety of family and employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant matters, naturalization, adjustment of status, waivers of inadmissibility, and removal defense. Represented immigrants seeking asylum (both at the affirmative and defensive levels) and protection under the Violence Against Women Act. Supervised associates handling complicated asylum, refugee and VAWA cases. Represented clients in state and federal court litigation and before state administrative agencies on a wide range of labor and employment matters.

Conducted extensive pro bono immigration work and awarded *Attorney of the Year* in 2008 by the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

REFUGEPOINT (FORMERLY MAPENDO INTERNATIONAL), Nairobi, Kenya
Human Rights Attorney, Protection Unit, January – March 2010

Handled dozens of urban refugee cases. Prepared Resettlement Referral Forms (RRFs) for submission to the U.S. and Australian governments. Prepared waivers of inadmissibility and otherwise advocated on behalf of refugees before the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.S. and Australian governments.

Collaborated with the UNHCR in addressing mechanisms in place to protect orphaned children and young girls.

J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP, U.S. STATE DEPT., Lima, Peru
Fulbright Fellow, August 2005 – July 2006

Investigated the Peruvian government's ongoing efforts to privatize Peru's water system to determine whether those efforts effectively balanced efficiency goals with human rights needs. Monitored legislation, contracts, and various legal norms in place to regulate private and public water utilities.

Conducted interviews with, and gathered information from, local experts including regulatory professors at the University of the Pacific in Lima, officials at the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Sanitation, and the general manager and other key officials at SUNASS (Peru's federal water and sanitation regulatory agency).

Collaborated with Lima-based, non-profit organization DESCO to establish a public water management system in Chosica, one of Lima's "pueblos juvenes."

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Anna Welch & Sara Cressey, *Dropping the Veil: How an Investigation into One Asylum Office Reveals Systemic Failures within the U.S. Affirmative Asylum System*, 57 LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES LAW REVIEW 1 (Winter, 2024) (selected for reprinting in the hardcopy version of the Bender's Immigration Bulletin)

Due Process Denied: A Case Study on The Failures of U.S. Affirmative Asylum, HARV. INT'L L.J. (SPECIAL ONLINE ISSUE) (June 1, 2023) available at https://harvardilj.org/2023/06/due-process-denied-a-case-study-on-the-failures-of-u-s-affirmative-asylum/#_ftn2 (with Sara Cressey)

Anna Welch & SangYeob Kim, *Non-State Actors "Under Color of Law": Closing a Gap in Protection Under the Convention Against Torture*, 35 HARV. H.R. JOURNAL (May 2022)

Anna Welch & Emily Gorrvan, *Ethno-Nationalism and Asylum Law*, 74 ME. L. REV. 187 (2022)

Anna Welch & Jennifer Koh, *Integrating Skills and Collaborating Across Law Schools: An Example from Immigration Law*, 16 NEV. L. J. 147 (2015)

Comment, *Obligations of State and Non-State Actors Regarding the Human Right to Water under the South African Constitution*, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAW & POLICY, Winter 2005

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

Lives in Limbo: How the Boston Asylum Office Fails Asylum Seekers, Maine Law's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, ACLU of Maine, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project and Dr. Basileus Zeno (March 2022), available at <https://mainelaw.maine.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1/Lives-in-Limbo-How-the-Boston-Asylum-Office-Fails-Asylum-Seekers-FINAL-1.pdf>.

Self Help Asylum Guide: Seeking Protection in the United States, Maine Law's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, Penn State Law in University Park Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project and Thrive International Programs (January 2020), available at <https://mainelaw.maine.edu/news/rhrc-and-ilap-publish-self-help-guide-for-asylum-seekers/>

Anna Welch, Faculty Research, Blog Post "Student attorneys in Refugee & Human Rights Clinic win asylum case," November 2016, University of Maine School of Law, available at <http://mainelaw.maine.edu/faculty/student-attorneys-win-asylum/>

Asylum Seekers Come to Escape Persecution, Not Commit Fraud, BANGOR DAILY NEWS, Op-Ed, Aug. 29, 2015, available at <https://bangordailynews.com/2015/08/29/opinion/contributors/asylum-seekers-come-to-escape-persecution-not-commit-fraud/?ref=OpinionBox>.

LePage's Immigration Lawsuit has no Legal Basis. Instead, He Should Urge Congress to Act, BANGOR DAILY NEWS, Op-Ed, Dec. 29, 2014, available at <http://bangordailynews.com/2014/12/29/opinion/lepages-immigration-lawsuit-has-no-legal-basis-instead-he-should-urge-congress-to-act/>

Cutting Aid to Immigrants Comes with Too High a Cost, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, Letter to the Editor, July 1, 2014, available at <http://www.pressherald.com/2014/06/28/letter-to-the-editor-cutting-aid-for-illegals-comes-with-too-high-a-cost/>

Anna Welch, Faculty Research, Blog Post, University of Maine School of Law, available at <http://mainelaw.maine.edu/faculty-highlights/tag/anna-welch/>.

A Guide to Applying for Asylum in the United States, Pro Se Asylum Manual, Refugee and Human Rights Clinic and the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, December 2013, available at http://mainelaw.maine.edu/academics/pdf/how_to_apply_for_asylum.pdf

Maine Voices: Comprehensive immigration reform remains essential for Maine's future, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, Op-Ed, Anna Welch and Sue Roche (December 16, 2013), available at

http://www.pressherald.com/opinion/Maine_Voices_Comprehensive_immigration_reform_remains_essential_for_Maine_s_future_.html

Deciphering the Alphabet Soup: U.S. Visa Categories for Foreign Athletes, MOVES MAGAZINE, January 2009

Hiring Outside the H-1B Program, EMPLOYMENT LAW 360, July 18, 2008

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Co-Chair, Immigration Working Group, AALS Clinical Conference, Portland, Oregon, May 2-4, 2026

Poster Presentation, Immigration Detention and Triage Lawyering, AALS Clinical Conference, Portland, Oregon, May 2, 2026 with Jaclyn Kelley-Widmer, Cornell Law School, Ezra Brown, Cornell Law School and Erica Schommer, St. Mary's School of Law

Presenter/Organizer, Webinar for Bernstein Shur Immigration Project, Two-Part Series on Asylum Law and Procedures, February 2026

Panelist, On the Ground in Maine, American Immigration Lawyers Association of New England, January 29, 2026

Panelist, Immigration Law and Enforcement, South Portland School District, January 28, 2026

Co-Presenter, New England AALS Clinical Conference, *Maine Law's Immigration Detention Project: Innovating to Meet the Challenges of Unprecedented Immigration Enforcement and Detention*, November 2025 (with Sara Cressey and Bri Zhuang)

Panelist, *Immigration Law Nuts and Bolts*, Maine Judicial College, Bethel, Maine (October 24, 2025)

Panelist, *Red de Clínicas Jurídicas Regionales: Colaboración Clínica México-EEUU para Protección de Personas Refugiadas presenta una serie de talleres sobre Migración y Protección de Personas Refugiadas en EEUU*, online webinar with professors from Loyola Marymount University Law School, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and St. Mary's University School of Law (May 2025)

Panelist/Speaker, *Immigration Law*, Maine state court judges Lunch and Learn (May 29, 2025)

Panelist, *Immigration Law Panel*, Maine Democratic Party Caucus (April and May 2025)

Panelist/Co-Moderator, *Immigration Law Q&A*, Immigrant Justice Society, Maine Law (March 2025)

Panelist, *Experiencias de trabajo binacional (Binational Work Experiences)*, Second Meeting of Human Rights and Asylum Clinics hosted by UNHCR and La Universidad Iberoamericana, along with Erin Barbato, Wisconsin University; Daniel Cortes, Villanova University and David Baluarte, CUNY, Guadalajara, Mexico (October 2024)

Panelist, *Client-Centered Advocacy: Leveraging Cultural Humility for Effective Legal Representation*, Maine Law, Continued Legal Education course (September 27, 2024)

Panelist, *Lawyering Beyond Borders: Preparing Students for the Future of Immigrant Rights Advocacy in a Transnational Clinical Setting*, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Annual Conference (September 20, 2024)

Panelist, *Client-Centered Advocacy: Leveraging Cultural Humility for Effective Legal Representation*, Continued Legal Education Session hosted at Maine Law (September 27, 2024)

Panelist, *Following the Border: Law School Clinical Programs in the Era of Externalized and Internalized Migration Policies*, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference (May 2024)

Panelist, *Red de Clínicas Jurídicas Regionales: Colaboración Clínica México-EEUU para Protección de Personas Refugiadas presenta una serie de talleres sobre Migración y Protección de Personas Refugiadas en EEUU*, online webinar with professors from Loyola Marymount University Law School, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and St. Mary's University School of Law (February, March, April, May 2024)

Panelist, *Encuentro de Clinicas Juridicas* (Meeting of Law School Clinics), UNHCR 2023, La Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City (October 2023)

Panel Chair, *Gender, Immigration and Human Rights*, at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2023).

Panelist, *Teaching Resilience: Tools for Sustainable Practice Within Oppressive Systems*, AALS New England Clinicians' Conference (March 2023)

Panelist, *Clinical Collaboration: Transferring Legal Writing Skills Into Practice*, Legal Writing Institute Conference on Teaching Social Justice and Legal Change in Legal Writing, virtual conference hosted by Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (December 1, 2022)

Panelist, *Law Students and Faculty Rising to the Challenge: Lawyering in Response to Humanitarian Immigration Crisis*, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference (May 2022)

Panelist, *Hot Topics: Law Students and Faculty Rising to the Challenge: Responding to the Afghan Crisis*, Association of American Law Schools 2022 Annual Meeting (Jan. 6, 2022)

Panelist, *Confronting Emotional Depletion: Making the Case for Rational Compassion*, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference (April 2021)

Panelist, *Reimagining the Clinic Seminar through the Lens of Justice Lawyering*, Plenary Session, New England Clinicians' Conference (March 2021)

Co-Moderator, *Challenging Immigration Policies: An Inside View from an ACLU Lawyer at the Center of the Fight*, 28th Annual Judge Frank M. Coffin Lecture, Lee Gelernt (October 2020)

Presenter, *Understanding the COVID-19 Pandemic: Resilience and Recovery Speaking Series, Global Disparities in Impacts and Outcomes: Immigration Law*, the University of Maine's Graduate and Professional Center, Muskie School and Maine Law (June and October 2020)

Speaker, *Biden's First 100 Days: Immigration*, Maine Law (January 2021)

Presenter, *Climate Change Refugees and the Impending Crisis*, Maine Conservation Voters (Fall 2020)

Presenter, Maine's Inn of Court (March 2020)

Presenter, *Immigration Law in These Challenging Times*, The MDI Racial Equity Working Group (February 12, 2020) (featured in this article: <https://www.mdislander.com/living/racial-equity-group-speaking-series>).

Guest Lecturer, *Working with Immigrants in Maine*, Dartmouth College (January 2020)

Panelist, *Elevating Empathy in Legal Education*, AALS New England Clinicians' Conference (November 1, 2019)

Speaker, *Seeking Asylum in 2019*, Greater Good Podcast (October 2019)

Panelist, *Law as a Tool of Oppression*, Maine Law (April 2019)

Presenter, *A Conversation on Immigration*, College of the Atlantic (May 2018)

Panelist, *Faculty Rounds: Bring us your most challenging supervisory moments*, Immigration Professors' Conference (May 2018)

Presenter and Organizer, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Maine State Bar Association, Continuing Education Program on Immigration (December 12, 2017)

Panelist, *Immigration and Refugee Law and Policy*, 2017 Global Awareness and Responsibility Conference, University of Southern Maine (December 2, 2017)

Panelist, *Teaching Empathy to Millennials for These Tumultuous Times*, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 7, 2017)

Presenter, *Refugees and Global Migration: Humanity's Crisis*, 2017 Camden Conference Course, University of Maine, Orono (March 25, 2017)

Panelist, *The Power of Executive Orders*, University of Maine School of Law (February 23, 2017)

Panelist, *The Path Forward – America After the Elections*, University of Southern Maine (November 15, 2016)

Panelist, *Election 2016: Implications and Impact*, University of Maine School of Law (November 15, 2016)

Presenter, *Clinical Collaborations and Building Communities to Address the Holistic Needs of Immigrant Youth*, AALS New England Clinicians Conference (October 21-22, 2016)

Panelist, *Choose Civility Series: Immigration*, Portland Public Library (October 11, 2016)

Presenter, *Representing Asylum Seekers in Removal Proceedings*, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project Pro Bono Panel Training (CLE) (September 2016)

Presenter, Maine State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Series, Family Law Division, the intersection of immigration law with family law, Augusta, Maine (September 2015)

Presenter, *Representing Asylum Seekers in Removal Proceedings*, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project Pro Bono Panel Training (CLE) (May 2015)

Presenter, *Hot Topics in Immigration Law for 2014*, Maine State Bar Association, Legal Year in Review, Augusta, Maine (November 2014)

Presenter, Plenary Panel, *Bridging Practice and Doctrine in the Survey Immigration Law Course Through Cross-Country Collaboration and the Infusion of Skills in the Classroom*, Immigration Professor Conference, UC Irvine (May 2014)

Presenter, *Representing Asylum Seekers in Removal Proceedings*, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project Pro Bono Panel Training (CLE) (May 2014)

Presenter, Maine State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Series, Family Law Division, the intersection of immigration law with family law, Augusta, Maine (May 2014)

Panelist, *The Law School Clinician as Part of and a Partner with the Community*, Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2014)

Testified before Maine's Department of Health and Human Services related to Proposed Rule 17P, which aims to cut General Assistance to certain immigrant groups (January 2014)

Presenter, Pro Se Asylum Manual, Welcoming Immigrants Network, Portland, Maine (December 2013)

Presenter, *Representing Asylum Seekers in Removal Proceedings*, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project Pro Bono Panel Training (CLE) (May 2013)

Presenter, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity*, Maine Violence Intervention Board, (December 2012)

Presenter, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity*, Maine Judicial Conference (October 2012)

Presenter, *Works-in-Progress Session, Key Components to Newly Established Legal Clinics in the 21st Century*, Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Conference in Seattle, Washington (June 2011)

Speaker, *The Urban Refugee Dilemma*, University of Maine School of Law (April 19, 2010)

Speaker, *Hot Topics in Immigration*, Maine State Bar Association Annual Meeting (January 2009)

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

BBC News Africa, African fans face tough US visa rules, June 10, 2026

Portland Press Herald, ICE stopped lodging detainees in Cumberland County. Lawyers say that's made their jobs even harder, June 8, 2026, <https://www.pressherald.com/2026/06/08/ice-stopped-lodging-detainees-in-cumberland-county-lawyers-say-thats-made-their-jobs-even-harder/>

Boston.com, Bush league policing: Local criticism grows in Maine as hundreds arrested in ICE surge, January 28, 2026, <https://www.boston.com/news/localnews/2026/01/28/bush-league-policing-local-criticism-grows-in-maine-amid-huge-icesurge/>

Maine Morning Star, After fleeing danger, asylum seekers are getting caught in Trump's dragnet, January 30, 2026, <https://mainemorningstar.com/2026/01/30/after-fleeingdanger-asylum-seekers-are-getting-caught-in-trumps-dragnet/>

Maine Calling, Maine Public Radio, Immigration Law, January 28, 2026, <https://www.mainepublic.org/show/maine-calling/2026-01-28/immigration-law>

Maine Morning Star, Feds pull immigrants held in Cumberland County Jail after sheriff rebukes ICE, January 23, 2026, <https://mainemorningstar.com/2026/01/23/feds-pullimmigrants-held-in-cumberland-county-jail-as-they-send-recent-detainees-out-of-state/>

Channel 8 News, ICE detainees were removed just hours after a corrections recruit was arrested by federal agents in Portland, January 24, 2026

Maine Public Radio, Some Maine law enforcement, elected officials, and lawyers dispute ICE's claim it's targeting criminals, January 22, 2026, https://www.mainepublic.org/immigration/2026-01-22/some-maine-law-enforcement-elected-officials-and-lawyers-dispute-ices-claim-targeting-criminals?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_sf_post_ref=658101607&utm_term=nprnews&utm_sf_cserv_ref=10643211755&fbclid=IwY2xjawPqCfRleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETfzZHA1dEpWakR3UDVwbkhi3J0YwZhchBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHjEatSZrEyJGInx9vGESY4S1d1YYB1lsGqtGjXsYszdKRzjKKReXVPGaC_RS_aem_Q-OR31duAulhuZwSUsvgzA

Portland Press Herald, A closer look at the Maine names on Homeland Security's 'worst of the worst' list, January 31, 2026, <https://www.pressherald.com/2026/01/31/a-closerlook-at-the-maine-names-on-homeland-securitys-worst-of-the-worst-list/>

Maine Public Radio, Trump Administration pauses asylum decisions after guard shooting, impact on Maine communities is unclear, December 1, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/immigration/2025-12-01/trump-admin-pausesasylum-decisions-after-guard-shooting-impact-on-maine-communities-is-unclear>

Portland Press Herald, Maine immigrant advocacy groups launch ICE activity hotline, October 27, 2025, <https://www.pressherald.com/2025/10/27/maine-immigrantadvocacy-groups-launch-ice-activity-hotline-as-they-struggle-to-get-answers-on-arrests/>

Maine Public Radio, Fear of ICE is making some Maine immigrants less likely to report crimes, October 27, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/immigration/2025-10-27/fear-of-ice-is-making-some-maine-immigrants-less-likely-to-report-crimes>

Portland Press Herald, ICE, Maine police department trade blame over reserve officer's work status, July 30, 2025, <https://www.pressherald.com/2025/07/30/ice-old-orchard-beach-at-odds-over-reserve-officers-work-authorization/>

Maine Public Radio, Maine lawyers say federal budget will dramatically reshape U.S. immigration system, July 17, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/politics/2025-07-18/maine-lawyers-say-federal-budget-will-dramatically-reshape-u-s-immigration-system>

Maine Morning Star, Immigration detention increase reveals expanded federal operations in Maine, April 8, 2025, <https://mainemorningstar.com/2025/04/08/immigration-detention-increase-reveals-expanded-federal-operations-in-maine/>

Portland Press Herald, Maine immigrants, undocumented or not, 'walking on glass' as enforcement ramps up, April 3, 2025, available at <https://www.pressherald.com/2025/04/03/maine-immigrants-undocumented-or-not-walking-on-glass-as-enforcement-ramps-up/>

Maine Public Radio, Wells Police Department joins ICE program to enforce certain aspects of federal immigration law, April 1, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/courts-and-crime/2025-04-01/wells-police-department-applies-to-ice-program-to-enforce-certain-aspects-of-federal-immigration-law>

Maine Public Radio, ICE plans to use NH prison for immigration detention according to leaked document, February 24, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/maine/2025-02-24/ice-plans-to-use-nh-prison-for-immigration-detention-according-to-leaked-document>

Panelist, Maine Calling, “Refugees and Asylum Seekers,” February 4, 2025, *available at* <https://www.mainepublic.org/show/maine-calling/2025-02-04/refugees-asylum-seekers>

Maine Public Radio, No spike in immigration arrests in Maine yet, but Trump’s national crackdown sparks widespread fear, January 30, 2025, <https://www.mainepublic.org/politics/2025-01-30/no-spike-in-immigration-arrests-in-maine-yet-but-trumps-national-crackdown-sparks-widespread-fear>

Channel 6 New, Maine School and Churches Prepared for Possible ICE raids, January 24, 2025, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUDyJmUZKbE>

Portland Press Herald, What can Maine do? State leaders and residents are far from unified on how much Maine can afford to spend to support asylum seekers – and on how much responsibility it has to do so, May 26, 2023, <https://www.pressherald.com/2023/05/26/asylum-seekers-immigration-what-can-maine-do/>

Media appearances related to the report entitled *Lives in Limbo, How the Boston Asylum Office Fails Asylum Seekers* (March 2022): [Washington Post](#), [US New and World Report](#), [Human Rights First](#), [Portland Press Herald](#), [WGBH, Boston](#), [WHTW, Channel 8](#), [Maine Public Radio](#), among a number of other media outlets

WMTW New 8, Portland Struggles as Asylum Seekers Continue to Arrive, January 24, 2022, <https://www.wmtw.com/article/portland-struggles-as-asylum-seekers-continue-to-arrive/38873166#>

Media appearances related to FOIA litigation against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (March 2021): [Portland Press Herald](#); [Bangor Daily News](#) (among a number of other news outlets including the [Associated Press](#))

Jaw American Civil Liberties Union of Maine Foundation v. US Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2:20-cv-00422, November 12, 2020 (in collaboration with ACLU-ME, the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project and the RHRC in seeking to compel production related to FOIA request we filed in 2019). Related press: [US News and World Report](#), [Associated Press](#), [Law360](#), [Maine Public Radio](#), [Portland Press Herald](#)

RHRC students in the news (Laredo Project): [National Jurist](#), [Portland Press Herald](#), [Maine Biz](#)

Mount Desert Islander, Racial Equity Group speaking series, February 3, 2020,
<https://www.mdislander.com/living/racial-equity-group-speaking-series>)

Maine Public Radio, Trump Administration Proposes Changes to the U.S. Asylum System,
November 14, 2019, <https://www.mainepublic.org/post/trump-administration-proposes-changes-us-asylum-system>

Bangor Daily News, Making asylum seekers wait longer to work is misguided policy, November
15, 2019, <https://bangordailynews.com/2019/11/15/opinion/editorials/making-asylum-seekers-wait-longer-to-work-is-misguided-policy/>)

Greater Good Podcast Series, Seeking Asylum in 2019,
<https://umainecenter.org/podcasts/seeking-asylum-in-2019-008/>)

Portland Press Herald, Asylum Seekers to Travel to Portland in Droves, Overwhelming City
Services, December 23, 2018, <https://www.pressherald.com/2018/12/23/asylum-seekers-travel-to-portland-in-droves-overwhelming-city-services/>

Portland Press Herald, Federal presence leaves some Mainers wary, July 1, 2018,
<https://www.pressherald.com/2018/07/01/federal-presence-leaves-some-mainers-wary/>

Portland Press Herald, Judge will decide by Friday whether Deering student can compete in
poetry contest, April 18, 2018, <https://www.pressherald.com/2018/04/18/judge-will-decide-friday-whether-deering-high-student-may-go-to-poetry-contest/>

The National Jurist, Maine Law Students Provide Legal Aid at Federal Immigration Detention
Center in Texas, January 8, 2018, <http://www.nationaljurist.com/national-jurist-magazine/maine-law-students-provide-legal-aid-federal-immigration-detention-center>

Portland Press Herald, The asylee: He fled the Congo after being tortured and threatened with
death, October 8, 2017, <https://www.pressherald.com/2017/10/08/the-asylum-seeker-marcel-kabongo-mafuku-fled-the-congo-after-being-tortured-and-threatened-with-death/>

Boston Globe, Maine refugees fear permanent separation from families under Trump, January
26, 2017, <https://www.boston.com/news/local-news/2017/01/26/maine-refugees-fear-permanent-separation-from-families-under-trump>

Portland Press Herald, Trump's plan to suspend resettlements raises fears for refugees in Maine,
January 26, 2017, <http://www.pressherald.com/2017/01/26/trump-plan-to-suspend-resettlements-upsets-refugees-in-maine/>

Portland Press Herald, Maine's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic receives \$500,000 grant,
March 24, 2017, <http://www.pressherald.com/2017/03/24/maines-refugee-and-human-rights-clinic-receives-500000-grant/>

Fox News, *Good Morning Maine*, Interview regarding work with Mapendo International (now RefugePoint) in Nairobi, Kenya, April 8, 2010

Portland Press Herald, Lawyers Emphasize Big Need for Donated Aid, March 4, 2010

AWARDS

- ACLU of Maine, 2025 Justice Louis Sconick Award (<https://www.aclumaine.org/2025scolnikaward/>)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, New England Chapter Pro Bono Champions Award. Maine Law's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic selected as one of four New England organizations for the New England Detention Warriors Award (2025)
- Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project's 2024 Community Partner Award
- Clinical Legal Education Association 2022 National Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project
- Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project's 2021 Community Partner Award
- Thomas P. Downing, Jr. Award, 2020 recipient
- Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project's 2008 Volunteer Attorney of the Year Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, SERVICES AND LANGUAGES

- Bar admission: Maine; authorized to practice in immigration court; United States District Court, District of Maine; the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (and New England Chapter)
- New England Clinical Conference, Planning Committee (2019 – present)
- Limited English Proficiency Maine State Advisory Committee
- American Bar Association
- Maine State Bar Association
- Clinical Legal Education Association
- Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition
- Asylum Working Group of Maine
- Immigrant Youth Working Group (co-founder with Professor Chris Northrop)
- Board Member, Elizabeth Frankel Fund
- Fluent in Spanish