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EDUCATION:

May 1988 J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law
University of California, Berkeley

June 1985 M.A., Chinese Studies
University of California, San Diego, California
Graduate student and teaching assistant in Chinese, African
and Latin American history and literature. Duties included
writing clinic and discussion group sessions.

July 1981- June 1982 Research on a Chinese political movement and Chinese
literature and language study
Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan,
People's Republic of China

June 1982 B.A. Sociology and Chinese Studies, *cum laude*
University of California, San Diego, California
Phi Beta Kappa

**LAW SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES**

Ecology Law Quarterly - Associate Editor
Amnesty International Legal Support Network
Berkeley Law Foundation - Member
Human Rights Advocates - Member
International Law Society - Member
American Bar Association:
International Human Rights Section
Natural Resources Law Section

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

January 2005- Present Senior Attorney: Seattle Office, Northwest Justice Project
Supervise staff of King County Northwest Justice Project
office and participate in regional coordination of legal
services.

September 1994-Present

Director: Refugee & Immigrant Advocacy Project,
Lecturer: University of Washington Law School,
Seattle, Washington

Teach law school clinic and supervise law students in work on advocacy projects and representation of limited English-speaking clients in public assistance and immigration cases (citizenship and trafficking). Provide community education, training, presentations at conferences and advocacy regarding eligibility for public benefits, language access and naturalization. Engage in advocacy and training in state and national forums on issues of assistance for limited English proficient immigrant and refugees. Work in coordinating statewide Washington State Coalition for Language Access.

July 1988
September 1994

Staff Attorney: Evergreen Legal Services
Yakima, Washington
Responsible for caseload in public entitlements, child support, housing, and education. Supervise Jesuit volunteers and law clerks. Coordinate statewide Limited English Proficient Task Force. Provide advocacy in: bilingual access at state and federal agencies; immigrant eligibility for public benefits; and medical services including prenatal care for undocumented women.

May 1987
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Law Clerk: Environmental Protection Agency,
San Francisco, California
Research and writing on toxics and superfund issues.

January 1987
May 1987

Intern: Environmental Defense Fund
Berkeley, California
Research and writing on issues of water rights, toxics, pesticides and Native American resource use

June 1986
August 1986

Intern: Amnesty International, National Refugee Office
Received Berkeley Law Foundation grant to improve refugee services. Created manual for volunteers and coordinated A.I. Legal Support Network on amicus briefs

AWARDS

2005 Northwest Immigrant Rights Project Golden Door Award
1999 Charles A. Goldmark Award for Distinguished Service

PUBLICATIONS

The Washington State Coalition for Language Access: How coalitions can help legal services attorneys improve access for their Limited English Proficient (LEP) clients. (Upcoming in Clearinghouse Review, April, 2009)

Working with Refugees Diagnosed with PTSD and Other Mental Illness: Developing a Client Centered, Culturally Competent Approach. Presented at NYU Clinical Law Writer's Workshop on October 18, 2008 (Draft being edited for publication)

A Brief History of the Washington State Coalition for Language Access. Washington State Minority and Justice Commission Equal Justice Commission Newsletter, Vol. 12 No. June 2008.

Working Effectively with Limited English Proficient Clients: How Good Interpreter and Translation Services Can Improve Our Advocacy for Clients **ABA Commission on Domestic Violence E-newsletter Spring 2008, Vol. 10.**
<http://www.abanet.org/domviol/enevletter/vol10/chair.html>

The Effect of Welfare Reform on Immigrant Children, Clearinghouse Review, Vol.2, pp. 503-517. (Jan-Feb 1999.)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| November 2008 | Presenter in panel entitled "Government Agency Best Practices." Nation Language Access Advocates Network (NLAAN) at NLADA conference, Washington D.C. |
| October 2008 | Presented draft of article "Working with Refugees Diagnosed with PTSD and Other Mental Illness: Developing a Client Centered, Culturally Competent Approach." NYU Clinical Law Writer's Workshop. New York, NY |
| May 2007 | Presented on two panels "How to Effectively Establish Language Access at Your Organization" and "Effective Advocacy Strategies to Ensure Integration of Interpreters/Language Access in Your Community." Faculty for the ABA sponsored "National Institute on the Use and Integration of Interpreters in Civil Representation |

of Victims of Deomestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking.” Seattle, Washington.

- November 2006 Presented in two panels. “Language Access Advocacy 101: Ensuring Hope through Civil Rights Advocacy for English Language Learners” and “Language Access: Serving LEP Clients 101”, at National Language Access Advocates Network pre-conference to NLADA meeting. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- June 2006 Presented on panel “Improving Access to the Courts for LEP” Access to Justice Conference. Yakima, Washington.
- June 2005 Presented on panel “Many Cultures: Many Tongues— Immigrants in the US Legal System: Some Tips for Outreach and Legal Representation,” Access to Justice Conference. Bellevue, Washington.
- March 2005 “More Than Just a Legal Problem: Ethical and Practical Considerations of Working with Diverse Clients.” KCBA CLE. Seattle, Washington.
- November 2003 Presentation on panel “Best Practices Primer: Working with Interpreters for Limited English Speaking and Hearing Impaired Clients and Operating a Successful Interpreter Services Program” at National Legal Aid and Defender Association. Washington, DC.
- January 2003 Participated in panels at two day conference “Current issues in Immigrant Health Care” sponsored by the National Council of La Raza and the Georgetown Health Policy Institute. Washington D.C.
- April 2001 CLE entitled “Immigrants in Courts” sponsored by the King County Bar Association, Seattle Washington.
- November 2000 “Life After August 22, 1996. . . Benefits for Immigrant Clients” at Washington Health Foundation state-wide training on immigrant access to health care and public assistance. Seattle, Washington.
- September 2000 Presentation at Kellogg Foundation National Welfare Devolution Networking Meeting. Everett, Washington.

- August 2000 “Public Benefits for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence” at the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women’s Conference. Seattle, Washington.
- June 2000 Training “Linguistic and Cultural Barriers in Serving Immigrant Clients—How to Tear Them Down (Or At Least Step Over Them)” Statewide Legal Services Conference, Leavenworth, Washington.
- February 2000 Presenter on two panels—“Addressing INS Verification and Reporting Policies, Protecting Immigrant Confidentiality” and “Framing Language Policy: Access, Language Rights and ESL”—at National Immigration Law Center conference, *Building Immigrant Opportunities-Public Benefit & Employment Strategies in the New Economy*. Washington D.C.
- January 2000 Panel presentation on “Public Charge and the Immigration Practitioner.” for day long “Public Charge Convening Meeting” sponsored by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation,. Washington D.C.
- June 1999 “Representing Newcomers, Immigrants and Refugees in Non Immigration Civil Legal Cases.” CLE King County Bar Association. Seattle, Washington.
- June 1999 Recipient of Vice President Al Gore’s “Hammer Award”, given to group of advocates and SSA employees for work on behalf of Non-English Speaking clients, Baltimore, Maryland.
- December 1998 “Rehabilitating the INS: Immigration Service Compliance with Section 504”, presentation at national conference of The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, (TASH). Seattle, WA.
- September 1998 “Medication, Immigration and Alien Issues”, presentation at the National State and Federal Medicaid Eligibility Workshop sponsored by the Health Care Financing Administration. Seattle, WA.
- May 1998 Presentation at “4th Annual Meeting of National Council on Interpretation in Health Care”, Seattle, WA.

- January 1998 Presentation “Disability Exception for Naturalization” at Northwest Primary Care Providers Regional Conference. Seattle, WA.
- September 1997 Presentation on “Legal Requirements of Access to Interpreters”, Society of Medical Interpreters Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.
- September 1997 “Welfare Reform: The Asian Community Speaks Out”, presentation at conference sponsored by National Association of Pacific Alliance Legal Consortium. Seattle, WA.
- June 1997 “Naturalization Advocacy Skills”, presented and organized CLE to recruit pro bono attorneys for naturalization cases, Seattle, WA.
- May 1997 Presentation on “Immigrant Access to Public Assistance” at National Rural Health Association Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- February 1997 “The Impact of The Illegal immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act & Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 on Immigrant Eligibility for Public Assistance”, CLE Presentation at 1997 Northwest Regional Immigration Seminar, sponsored by American Immigration Lawyer’s Association, Seattle, WA.
- December 1996 Presentation at Technical Advisory Group advising National Health Law Program on manual “Ensuring Linguistic Access in Health Care Settings: Legal Rights and Responsibilities.” Los Angeles, CA.
- November 1996 “Managed Care and Social Justice: Legal Immigrant’s Health and the Role of Community Agencies”, panel participant at conference on Managed Care. Seattle, WA.
- July 1996 “Tuberculosis Among the Foreign Born”, presentation at National Council of State Legislatures Regional Multi-cultural Health Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- May 1996 “Cutting Off Our Nose to Spite Our Face: The Effect of Proposed Reform Restricting Immigrant Access to Benefits on Attempts to Control the Tuberculosis Epidemic”,

Washington Law Review Symposium on Tuberculosis.
Seattle, WA.

October 1995 “Why and How to Teach Law Students to Interview Clients
with Language and Cultural Differences” panel participant,
Midwest Clinical Conference, William Mitchell College of
Law. Saint Paul, MN.

October 1995 “Public Assistance v. Public Charge”, presentation to
NAFSA Association of International Educators Regional
Conference. Tacoma, WA.

May 1994 “Issues for Immigrants”, presentation at Washington State
Coalition for the Homeless Conference. Ellensburg, WA.

May 1993 Training: “Alien Eligibility for Public Entitlements”,
Washington State Coalition for the Homeless Conference,
Ellensburg, WA.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Washington State Bar Association World Peace Through Law Section
Washington State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
American Bar Association
Clinical Legal Education Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish, French, German, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian (intermediate)

REFERENCES

Available upon request