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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Berkeley, CA

J.D., May 2001

Honors: *Phoenix Fellowship for Public Interest, The Nation Institute Robert Masur Civil Liberties Fellowship, Asian American Bar Association Public Interest Fellowship; Research Assistant to Angela P. Harris*

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Berkeley-Harvard Exchange Program (2000-2001 academic year)

Clinics: *Criminal Justice Clinic*

Community Based Advocacy Clinic

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Columbia University, New York, NY

B.A., Middle Eastern & South Asian Languages & Cultures, May 1996

Honors: *Fulbright Fellowship to India*

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, WA

2007–Present

Visiting Clinical Professor and Director of Immigration Clinic, 2020–2021

Visiting Clinical Professor and Founding Director of Gender Violence Immigration Clinic, 2019–2020

Visiting Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, 2016-2020

Associate Director, India Center for Law and Justice, 2021-Present

Associate Director, Externship Program, 2016-2020

Associate Director, Access to Justice Institute, 2009-12

Adjunct Professor, 2007-08, 2014-15

Affiliate Faculty, 2021-Present

Courses Taught: Immigration Clinic; Gender Violence Immigration Clinic; Immigration Law; Law and Social Movements; DACA Seminar; Civil Nonprofit Externship Seminar; Judicial Externship Seminar

Honors: Twice nominated for *Outstanding Faculty Award* by graduating classes (2019, 2020) and awarded honor of Graduation Hooder and Marshall.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle, WA

Immigration Clinic and Gender Violence Immigration Clinic

2019–Present

Visiting Clinical Professor and Affiliate Faculty

Teach and supervise students in all facets of their representation of immigrants in applications for immigration legal protection including asylum, U-Visas, T-Visas, VAWA self-petitions, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Teach fundamental lawyering skills including client interviewing, fact investigation, case theory development, legal research and analysis, problem solving and written advocacy. Expose students to community lawyering approach to immigration law practice. Engage students in supporting social change efforts of intersectional immigrant rights organizations. Work closely with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) and organize immigration court observation opportunities at the Northwest Detention Center.

Civil Nonprofit Externship Seminar and Judicial Externship Seminar

2016–2020

Visiting Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills and Associate Director

Taught weekly lawyering skills seminar component for students externing at nonprofit organizations and with federal, state, and local judges. Advised and mentored students, interfaced with externship placement supervisors, conducted externship placement site visits, and collaborated with the law school's experiential learning community. Designed innovative community lawyering curriculum for externs which was documented in article in the *NYU Review of Law and Social Change* entitled *Rebellious Reflection: Supporting Community Lawyering Practice*.

DACA Seminar

2014-2015

Adjunct Professor

Taught Intersession immigration seminar highlighting the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act) and President Obama's executive order establishing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Seminar included an overview and analysis of the DREAM Act and DACA, an exploration of the "DREAMer" youth-led movement, an investigation into the U.S. response to Central American migration and its connection to the U.S. Sanctuary Movement of the 1980's. Assigned students daily reflection exercises that were used to inspire classroom discussions.

Immigration Clinic

2007-2008

Adjunct Clinic Professor

Taught Immigration Law Clinic focused on gender-based violence immigration cases. Supervised law students in filing applications for immigration relief including asylum applications, VAWA self-petitions, T-visa applications, and U-visa applications. Trained student teams in planning and conducting client meetings and in client interview skills. Accompanied student teams in meetings with government officials including representatives from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Collaborated with SU Law Legal Writing Program for support with legal research.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Toward a Race-Conscious Critique of Mental Health-Related Exclusionary Immigration Laws*, 26 MICH. J. RACE & L. (Special Michigan Issue on Critical Race Theory, 2021).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Heartless Immigration Law: Rubbing Salt into the Wounds of Survivors of Domestic Violence*, 95 TULANE L.R.,1 (December 2020).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *U.S. Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and the Racially Disparate Impacts of COVID-19*, 11 CALIF. L. REV. ONLINE 517 (Nov. 2020).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Toward a Race-Conscious Critique of Mental Health-Related Exclusionary Immigration Laws*, MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM (Special Michigan Issue on Critical Race Theory), (forthcoming February 2021).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Rebellious Reflection: Supporting Community Lawyering Practice*, 43 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE, 403 (July 2019).

Monika Batra Kashyap, *Unsettling Immigration Laws: Settler Colonialism and the U.S. Immigration Legal System*, 46 FORDHAM URB. L. J., 548 (June 2019).

Book Chapter

Monika Batra, *Organizing in the South Asian Domestic Worker Community: Pushing the Boundaries of the Law and Organizing Project*, in *THE NEW URBAN IMMIGRANT WORKFORCE: INNOVATIVE MODELS FOR LABOR ORGANIZING* (Sarumathi Jayaraman & Immanuel Ness eds., August 2005).

Blogs, Short Pieces, Manuals

Monika Batra Kashyap, “Illegal” vs. “Undocumented”: A Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) Board Member’s Perspective, *nwirp.org* (blog) November 2014, <https://www.nwirp.org/illegal-vs-undocumented-a-nwirp-board-members-perspective/>

Monika Batra *et al.*, *RIGHTS BEGIN AT HOME: Handbook for Domestic Workers in New York City*, Publication of the National Employment Law Project, 2000.

Monika Batra and Shahbano Aliani, *Fight Against Sweatshops at Home*, *THE SOUTH ASIAN*, Issue 31 (March 24, 2003).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and the Racially Disparate Impacts of COVID-19*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) January 5-9, 2021.

Presenter, *Heartless Immigration Law: Rubbing Salt into the Wounds of Survivors of Domestic Violence*, *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* Symposium: *Justice and Equity in the Aftermath of COVID-19*, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (San Francisco, CA) January 29, 2021.

Presenter, *An Unsettling Pedagogy in the Law School Classroom*, Northwest Clinical Law Conference (Seattle, WA) November 9, 2019.

Presenter, *Anti-Bias Teaching and Supervision: Practices that Foster Respect and Belonging for Students in Clinics*, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education (San Francisco, CA), May 6, 2019.

Presenter, *Addressing Privilege, Race, Power and Identity in Externship Teaching and Programming*, Externship Conference IX (Athens, GA), March 9, 2018.

Presenter, *Addressing Privilege, Race, Power and Identity in Clinical Teaching and Programming*, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Denver, CO), May 6, 2017.

Presenter, *Rebellious Reflection: Supporting Community Lawyering Practice*, New York University Clinical Law Review, Clinical Writers’ Workshop (New York, NY), Sept. 23, 2017.

Presenter, *Cultivating a Community Lawyering Approach to Clinical Pedagogy*, Northwest Clinical Law Conference (Seattle, WA) October 8, 2016.

FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE

FAMILY VIOLENCE APPELLATE PROJECT, Seattle, WA 2020-2021
Philanthropy Officer. Led implementation of multi-year fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$3.5 million over three years. Cultivated individual donors and solicited major gifts. Created campaign collateral materials and managed donor database. Identified, cultivated, and applied for foundation grants. Trained board members on fundraising and strategic communication.

NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT (NWIRP), Seattle, WA 2011-2020
Board Member; Former Board President. Served three terms on the board of one of the largest immigrant rights legal organizations in the U.S. that assists low-income immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education. Engage in extensive strategic planning, mission building, board recruitment, and fundraising.

API-CHAYA, Seattle, WA 2005-2007
Board Member. Provided guidance to gender-justice organization that seeks to end violence in Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant communities by building power among survivors. Engaged in strategic planning, board recruitment, donor cultivation and fundraising efforts.

SAKHI FOR SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN, New York, NY 1994-1997
Board Member. Provided oversight and guidance on strategic planning, fundraising, financial management, and program management of gender-justice organization committed to serving immigrant survivors through direct services, advocacy, organizing, and community outreach.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

GIBBS, HOUSTON & PAUW, Seattle, WA 2005-2007
Removal Defense Immigration Attorney. Represented detained and non-detained individuals in removal proceedings in Seattle Immigration Court and at the Northwest Detention Center. Gained substantive expertise in areas of immigration law including asylum, adjustment, waivers, cancellation of removal, VAWA-related immigration protections, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). Filed appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

THE DOOR LEGAL SERVICES CENTER, New York, NY 2001-2003
Staff Attorney/Equal Justice Works Fellow. Directed Fellowship project focused on representing immigrant youth in applications for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and improving systemic problems associated with SIJS practice through community mobilization, policy advocacy and strategic litigation. Filed several mandamus actions in federal court on behalf of aging-out SIJS applicants. Mobilized local and national efforts to challenge “age out” policy.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT (NELP), New York, NY 2000
South Asian Workers’ Rights Project Intern. Assisted attorneys in community lawyering approach that involved bringing legal cases to support organizing by South Asian immigrant workers’ rights organizations. Conducted legal research, attended protests, and co-wrote legal rights handbook for immigrant domestic workers.

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS (CCR), New York, NY 1999
Ella Baker Fellow/Law Intern. Assisted attorneys on cases addressing police brutality and racial profiling by the New York Police Department. Conducted extensive legal research, writing, and analysis on a range of complex constitutional law matters. Participated in trainings on movement lawyering and the history of social movements.

PROFESSOR ANGELA P. HARRIS, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA

1999 - 2000

Research Assistant. Conducted extensive research on the history of race law, gender law, and on theories of criminal punishment. Edited Professor Harris' seminal casebook, RACE AND RACES: CASES AND RESOURCES FOR A DIVERSE AMERICA (Juan F. Perea et al. eds., 2000).

COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY CLINIC, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Spring 2001

Law Student/Community Organizer. Participated in clinic designed to explore the relationship between community organizing and the law. Documented organizing experiences in final paper on legal support of organizing by South Asian workers' rights groups published in an immigrant/labor studies textbook.

MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

New York State Bar (2002)

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York (2003)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2006)

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Hindi, Urdu, and Punjabi; proficient in Spanish and Japanese.