

## ERIN B. CORCORAN

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### ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

#### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, KEOUGH SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS, Notre Dame, IN

*Associate Teaching Professor, Keough School of Global Affairs, July 2020 – present*

*Concurrent Faculty, Keough School of Global Affairs, July 2018 – June 2020*

- Courses: Introduction to Peace Studies, Forced Migration and Refugees: Laws, Policies, and Practice

*Executive Director, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, January 2018-present*

- Responsible for the operational and administration of the Kroc Institute
- Oversee human resources, finance, operational planning and strategic initiatives of the Kroc Institute

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL OF LAW, Concord, NH

*Professor of Law, August 2009 – May 2017*

*Affiliate Faculty, Carsey School of Public Policy, September 2016 – May 2017*

- Courses: Administrative Process, International Human Rights Law, Immigration Law, and Fundamentals of Lawyering

*Executive Director, Warren B. Rudman Center*

*for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy, April 2013 – April 2014*

- Hired, supervised, and evaluated program assistants
- Formulated and executed an annual budget
- Identified and cultivated prospective foundations, developed grant proposals to foundations and bar associations
- Convened key stakeholders across academia, government, advocacy, and other communities to address pressing challenges in access to justice and representation of vulnerable populations using a range of lenses

*Director, Social Justice Institute, August 2009 – April 2013*

- Formulated and executed an annual budget
- Supervised work study students
- Devised communications and media relations strategy

**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, Concord, NH**

*Master Teacher, Advanced Study Program, Summers 2017 & 2016*

- Course: Law and Governance

**GEORGE WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington DC**

*Adjunct Professor, Spring 2007; Spring 2006; Spring 2005*

- Course: Refugee and Asylum Law

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington DC**

*Adjunct Professor, Summer 2006*

- Course: Externship Seminar

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

*Asylum Courts, Transnational Petitioning, and Digital Dispersal in Africa, History in Africa* (with Benjamin N. Lawrance & Louise Hooper) vol. 47 (2020):243-267.

*The Construction of the Ultimate Other: Manifestations of Misogyny and Patriarchy in U.S. Immigration Law and Policy*, 20 *GEO. J. GENDER & L.* 541 (Sept. 2019).

*Deconstructing and Reconstructing Rights for Immigrant Children*, 18 *HARV. LATINO L. REV.* 53 (2015).

*#Love Wins\*: But Only if You Marry One of Us*, 2015 *UTAH LAW REV. ONLAW* 77 (2015).

*Seek Justice, Not Just Deportation: How to Improve Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Law*, 48 *LOY. L.A. L. REV.* 119 (2015).

"Thwarting Justice: How Current U.S. Policy Fails to Hold Human Rights Abusers Accountable," in book entitled *Montesinos' Legacy: Defining and Defending Human Rights for 500 Years* (Lexington Books) (2015).

*Getting Kids Out of Harm's Way: The United States' Obligation to Operationalize the Best Interest of the Child Principle for Unaccompanied Minors*, 47 *CONN. L. REV. ONLINE* 1 (2014).

*Bypassing Civil Gideon: A Legislative Proposal to Address the Rising Costs and Unmet Legal Needs of Unrepresented Immigrants*, 115 *W. VA. L. REV.* 643 (2012).

*Obama's Failed Attempt to Close Gitmo: Why Executive Orders Can't Bring About Systemic Change*, 9 U.N.H. L. REV. 207 (2011).

*The Politics of Forced Displacement: A Review of The Price of Indifference: Refugees and Humanitarian Action in the New Century* by Arthur C. Helton, SAIS REVIEW (2003) (with Nadia Yakoob) (book review).

*Asking for a Note from Your Torturer: Corroboration & Authentication Requirements in Asylum, Withholding, and Torture Claims*, IMMIGR. AND NATIONALITY L. HANDBOOK, Vol. 1 (2001-02) (with Virgil Weibe, Serena Parker & Anna Gallagher).

*Abortion*, Annual Review of Gender and Sexuality Law, GEO. J. GENDER & L. ANNUAL REV. VOL. 1 (2000) (with Jonathan. J. Boyles).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

University of South Carolina School of Law, South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business, 2020 Symposium: International Law in the Times of Crisis, Virtual, November 6, 2020, *Refugee Crisis and Response*, Invited Panelist.

Annual Meeting of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Virtual, October 27, 2020, *Training Immigrant Advocates: Let's Partner to Expand Access to Justice*, Invited Panelist.

Georgetown Law, Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law, 2018 Symposium, November 9, 2018, Washington DC, *Shaping American Nationalism*, Invited Keynote Speaker.

University of Notre Dame, September 5, 2018, Notre Dame, IN, *Immigration and Just Peace: A Discussion on United States Family and Child Detention Policies*, Panelist.

Immigrant Rights Training, May 4, 2017, University of New Hampshire School of Law, Concord, NH, Invited Speaker.

University of New Hampshire Teach In, Durham, NH, February 16, 2017, *Immigration, Refugees & President Trump's Executive Order*, Invited Panelist.

Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., January 17, 2017, St. Paul's School, Concord, NH, *Immigration: The Civil Rights Issue of Our Time*, Invited Speaker.

Annual Meeting American Association of Law Schools, San Francisco, CA, January 2017, *The Central American Refugee Crisis: A Discussion of the Current Response and Evaluation of U.S. Legal Obligations under Domestic and International Law*, Invited Panelist.

Center for Migration Studies Conference: Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System, July 5, 2016, New York, NY, *Revisiting States' Responses to Mass Influxes: Incorporating non-refoulement obligations into Temporary Protection Measures*, Invited Panelist.

University of New Hampshire Fall Justice Colloquium, October 16, 2015, Durham, NH, *New Challenges in Providing Refugee Protection*, Invited Speaker.

Harvard Law School, Art of Social Change, October 15, 2015, Cambridge, MA, *Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth: Individual Advocacy, Intervention, and Systemic Reform*, Invited Speaker.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2015, Boca Raton, FL, *Immigration Reform without Congress*, Panelist.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2015, Boca Raton, FL, *Doctrinal-Clinical Collaborations: Making Learning More Relevant by Bringing Local Cases into the Classroom*, Invited Panelist.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Law's Promise and Law's Pathos in the Global North and Global South, Seattle, WA, May 2015, *Realizing the Promise of the United Nation's Rights of the Child Convention: Rooting the Responsibility to Protect Unaccompanied Migrant Children in U.S. Immigration Law*, Panelist.

Annual Meeting American Association of Law Schools, Washington, DC, January 2015, *The Tipping Point: The Failure of Form over Substance in Addressing the Needs of Unaccompanied Children*, Panelist.

Edward M. Kennedy Institute Summer Fellows Retreat, Boston, MA, July 2014, *Immigration Reform, Refugees and Human Rights*, Invited Panelist.

Combating Human Trafficking Roundtable with Congresswoman Annie Kuster, Concord, NH, May 15, 2014, Invited Panelist.

University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law Review Symposium, March 2013, *Expanding the Civil Right to Counsel: 50 Years After Gideon*, Co-Presenter.  
Society of American Law Teachers Conference on Expanding Access to Justice: The Role of Legal Education & the Legal Profession, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD, October 2012, *Incorporating Writing for Non-Profits in First Year Legal Writing*, Moderator.

Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 2012, *Refugee Policy and Status Determination, Past and Present*, Invited Discussant.

Universal Human Rights Conference: 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Antonio de Montesinos, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, December 2011, *Thwarting Justice: How Current U.S. Policy Provides Sanctuary to Human Rights Abusers*, Opening Dinner Presenter.

Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence: Innovations in Practice and Research, University of New Hampshire School of Law, Portsmouth, NH, November 2011, *The New Sheriff in Town: Retraining Local Law Enforcement to Protect Immigrant Women*, Panelist.

Inadmissibility and Domestic Violence, American University, Washington College of Law, April 1, 2005, *The Potential of T and U Visas: Will They Help Fill in the Gaps?*, Invited Presenter

Briefing for Senate Staff, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, February 23, 2005, *The Impact of the REAL ID Act on Refugees and Other Vulnerable Populations*, Invited Panelist.

Domestic Violence and Immigration Training for County Social Workers and Mental Health Providers, Montgomery County, MD, January 14 and January 20, 2005, Instructor.

*Haiti: U.S. Foreign Policy, Human Rights, and International Law*, Georgetown University Law Center, September 29, 2004, Invited Panelist.

## Popular Press

Op-ed, *Using Coronavirus to Keep Out Immigrants Will Hurt the Economy*, The Hill, April 24, 2020.

Op-ed, *America Needs Independent Judges*, The Hill, July 21, 2018 (with Steph Tai).

Op-Ed, *Refugee Resettlement Promotes Security*, Concord Monitor, January 31, 2017, at A9.

Op-Ed., *Halting Refugee Admissions is Morally Reprehensible*, Concord Monitor, November 19, 2015 at B2.

Op-Ed., *Children Need Some Time*, Nashua Telegraph, July 16, 2014, at A5.

Op-Ed., *U.S. Constitution Calls for Equality*, Concord Monitor, May 4, 2013 at B4.

## Advocacy Guide

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND), REPRESENTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: TRAINING MANUAL FOR KIND PRO BONO ATTORNEYS (Cory Smith & Erin Corcoran eds. 2012).

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### VERA INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE, New York, NY

*Consultant*, July 2017 – January 2018

- Developed a comprehensive, yet concise, practice guide for attorneys representing unaccompanied children in immigration matters
- Compiled best practices, recommendations and practice pointers into a written Practice Guide intended primarily for immigration judges, and the legal and mental health teams (the Qualified Representatives) representing immigration court respondents with indicia of mental incompetence

### KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE, Washington, DC

*Interim Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney*, April 2017 – January 2018

- Provided technical and legal support and training to *pro bono* attorneys representing unaccompanied minors in state court custody and guardianship petitions and federal immigration court

*Interim Deputy Director for Legal Services*, November 2016 – January 2017

- Responsible for monthly grant reporting for federal grants for legal representation unaccompanied children
- Provided technical assistance and legal support to *pro bono* attorneys and direct representation attorneys representing unaccompanied minors in state court custody and guardianship petitions and federal immigration court

**THE YOUNG CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, CHICAGO, IL**

*Consultant, January 2016 – June 2016*

- Ensured continuation of child advocate programs for unaccompanied children
- Safeguarded current protections and advocated for improved protections for unaccompanied immigrant children

**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, Washington DC**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE AND SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES**

*Professional Staff, January 2007-August 2009*

- Responsible for Department of Justice legal accounts and related agency accounts including U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Legal Services Corporation
- Staffed Subcommittee Chairwoman on Department of Justice issues on Senate floor, committee mark-ups and hearings
- Formulated and implemented legislative strategies for the Chairman and other Subcommittee Members
- Coordinated legislative strategies with Senate Leadership and authorizing committees, planned and conducted oversight hearings to examine executive branch fiscal and program management issues
- Principal advisor to Subcommittee Chairwoman on immigration legislation and legislative strategy and federal judicial nominations

**U.S. SENATE, THE HONORABLE BARBARA A. MIKULSKI, Washington DC**

*Counsel, October 2005 – January 2007*

- Secured major victory on Senator's top legislative priority
  - Authored the Warner-Mikulski amendment to extend H2B returning worker exemption in 2006 DoD Authorization bill
- Principal advisor to the Senator on all immigration and homeland security related legislation and oversaw legislative strategy for issues including border security, visa waiver, and immigration reform
- Managed all Dept. of Homeland appropriations issues and requests in the DHS appropriations bill

- Principal advisor to the Senator on all legal issues including civil rights, judicial nominations, employment discrimination, mass tort litigation, reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act, criminal justice, and voting rights
- Supervised and mentored Legislative Correspondents and approved all mail on legal and homeland security issues

**HUMAN RIGHTS FIRST (FORMERLY THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS), Washington DC**

*Staff Attorney, Asylum Legal Representation Program, September 2002 – October 2005*

- Coordinated pro bono efforts, including developing relationships with pro bono coordinators, at large law firms to implement trainings and provide technical and legal support and training to *pro bono* attorneys and other advocates
- Supervised the asylum program, which included reviewing law clerks' legal and policy work
- Authored portions of reports about U.S. security and immigration policy in post 9-11 environment including *Assessing the New Normal: Liberty and Security for the Post September 11 United States*
- Identified and cultivated prospective foundations, developed grant proposals to foundations and bar associations for the asylum program

**HEBREW IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY, New York, NY**

*Staff Attorney, January 2001 – August 2002*

- Represented detained and non-detained immigrants before immigration courts in New York, New Jersey and before the Board of Immigration Appeals
- Specialized in improving conditions for unaccompanied minors seeking asylum

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR), Lusaka, Zambia**

*Resettlement Consultant, February 2001 – April 2001*

- Created and implemented a regional resettlement protocol for Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi
- Trained UNHCR and non-profit staff to identify vulnerable refugees for resettlement
- Interviewed and processed over 100 refugees for resettlement

**SQUIRE, SANDERS AND DEMPSEY, L.L.P., Washington, DC**

*Litigation Associate, October 2000 – December 2000*

*Summer Associate, June 1999 – August 1999*



**FRIENDS OF WOMEN FOUNDATION, Bangkok, Thailand**

*Academic Affairs Consultant, Summer 1999*

- Wrote Country Report for UN Rapporteur for Thailand's Social and Legal Policy regarding violence against women

**SERVICE:**

*University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs*

Admissions Committee for Masters of Global Affairs, Peace Studies Concentration (2018 – present); Master of Global Affairs Curriculum Committee (2020- present); Keough School Post Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee (2018 – present); Keough School Policy Working Group (2019 – present); and Kroc Institute's Doctoral Advisory Committee (2018 – present).

*University of New Hampshire School of Law*

Admissions Committee (2014-2017); Budget Advisor (2015-2017); Bruce Friedman Pro Bono Coordinator (2014-2017); UNH Carsey Center for Public Policy Director Search (2013-2014); Curriculum Committee (2013-2014); Lecture Committee, Chair (2010-2013); Student Scholarship and LRAP Committee, Chair (2009-2014); Student Fellowship Committee, Chair (2015-2017); Rudman Center Advisory Committee, Chair (2013-2014); Rudman Center Faculty Fellow (2014-2017); Teaching Effectiveness Committee (2014-2017); UNH Academic Integration Committee (2010-2011).

*Other Professional Activities:*

AALS House of Delegates Representative (2014-2015); American Immigration Law Association, Member, (2009-2017; 2001-2005); Friends Program, Board Member (2014-2017); NH Access to Justice Commission, Member (appointed by NH Supreme Court) (2011-2017); NH Bar Foundation Commission, Member (2016-2017); SALT Access to Justice Committee, Member (2012-2013); SALT Human Rights Delegation to Guatemala (2010); Teen Court Advisory Board, Member (2009 -2012).

## EDUCATION

J.D., GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington DC, May 2000

*Honors:* Dean's Award for Community Service  
Dean's List 1998-1999

*Journals:* *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, Articles Editor, 1999-2000  
*Georgetown Journal of Law and Policy in International Business*,  
Member, 1998-2000

B.A., MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, *CUM LAUDE*, Bozeman, MT, August 1997

Philosophy/Religious Studies and Women's Studies minor

*Honors:* Top Graduating Senior in Philosophy  
Women of Achievement Award  
Campus-Wide Essay Contest Winner: *Literacy and the University:  
Decline or Evolution*

## BAR ADMISSIONS:

New York State Bar

Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York