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EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Champaign- Urbana, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology, Expected May 2019

- Subfield: Socio- cultural anthropology
- Interests: West Africa, China, Legal and Political Anthropology, Identity, Transnationalism

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Indianapolis, IN

Juris Doctor, May 2012

- J.D. Writing Requirement (“Thesis”), “Nigeria: A Diplomatic Challenge; A Prevention of Terrorism and Unrest” and “The Nymwar: Social Media Networks and the Law”
- Contributing Author, “United States Juvenile Sentencing Practices”, United Nations Shadow Report, June 2010

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts, May 2009

- Major: International Studies; Subfield: Cultures in a Globalizing Era
- Concentration (“Minor”): European Studies
- Certificate (“Minor”): African Studies
- Selected, featured author, “Nigeria: Corruption and its Peoples”, Wisconsin Undergraduate Journal of Politics, June, 2009
- Video Creator, “Stereotyping: Midwest Asian American Experience”, Wisconsin Midwest Folklore Archives, May 2009

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS,

- Recipient, The John Paul Berlon *Pro Bono* Award, June 2013
- Recipient, The Norman Lefstein Award of Excellence, June 2013
- Recipient, Non- Resident Merit Scholarship (\$35,000), 2009- 2010
- Recipient, Clara Lee Kittle Merit Scholarship (\$300), 2010- 2011
- Recipient, Roisman Public Interest Scholarship (\$2,000), 2010- 2011
- Recipient, LGBT Faculty Committee Research Grant (\$500), 2010- 2011
- Recipient, WI Global Forum Award (\$125), May 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Illinois, Dept. of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Radhika Govindrajan, Anthro 103, “Anthropology in a Globalizing World” (Spring Semester, 2014)
- University of Illinois, Dept. of Anthropology, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jessica Greenberg, Anthro 103, “Anthropology in a Globalizing World” (Fall Semester, 2013)
- IUPUI, Dept. of Communications, Adjunct Professor, Comm. G-300, “Parliamentary Debate” (Fall Semester, 2010)
- IUPUI, Dept. of Communications, Adjunct Professor, Comm. G-300, “Argumentation and Debate Theory” (Spring Semester 2011)
- IUPUI, Dept. of Communications, Guest Lecturer, Comm. R-227, Argumentation and Debate (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**Start-Up Consultant****Sûrtab**, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

June 2013- Aug. 2013

- Interpret between Mandarin, English, and French
- Serve as interim quality control engineer
- Produce, implement, oversee training materials, processes and production work flow
- Provide general support for company

E-Discovery and Litigation Support**Clutch Group**, Chicago, IL

Jan. 2013- April 2013

- Aid in e-discovery document review including first level and QC review, redactions and privilege logging
- Review confidential medical records and corporate documents

Pro Bono Attorney**AIDS Legal Council of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Jan. 2013- April 2013

- Aid staff attorneys in legal issues including: public benefits, confidentiality, immigration and health law
- Update informational publications for clients regarding Medicare, Social Security and confidentiality laws

Solo-Practitioner**Self-Employed**, Chicago, IL

Nov. 2012- Present

- Provide legal counsel on housing, landlord tenant, and contract law
- Aid small claims litigation in an eviction hearing and wrongful termination case
- Draft, review, and negotiate contracts including: leases and LLC partnership Agreements

Howard Brown Health Center Legal Aide, Pro Bono**Howard Brown Health Center**, Chicago, IL

Oct. 2012- April 2013

- Aid General Counsel researching and analyzing legal issues, including employment and contracts law issues
- Draft and review contracts including service agreements, trademark use agreements, and grant funding agreement
- Draft litigation papers, including answers to complaints and responses, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charges and questionnaires
- Research, establish, and develop a Medical- Legal Partnership

Medical-Legal Partnership Legal Aide**Wishard Hospital**, Indianapolis, IN

June 2011- Aug. 2011

- Analyzed, researched and prepared memoranda and briefs relating to a diverse range of legal issues including: health, family, tenant- landlord, and debtor-creditor law matters
- Drafted legal memoranda on issues related to client health for the Medical-Legal Partnership
- Interviewed and counseled numerous clients, including crime victims

Legal Summer Associate June 2010- Aug. 2010; June 2011- Aug. 2011
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Indianapolis, IN

- Analyzed, researched and prepared memoranda and briefs relating to immigration, family, and health law matters
- Prepared legal documents for UVisa (I-918) applications to U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, drafted answers for litigation, motions to compel, interrogatories and affidavits
- Performed client intake, met and counseled clients, including crime victims

Legal Research Assistant Aug. 2010- Dec. 2010
IUPUI Professor Dannenmaier, Indianapolis, IN

- Researched, drafted, and compiled a bi-partisan memorandum analyzing “green” initiatives and policies in the United States and proposed policies and regulations for the Indiana State Congress

Innocence Project, Pro Bono Oct. 2009-May 2012
Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, IN

- Screened and aided in-take procedures of potential clients reviewing more than 100 applications
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda, briefs, and client letters, for the Innocence Project

Adjunct Professor Aug. 2010- May 2012
IUPUI Dept. of Communications, Indianapolis, IN

- Communications G-300, Parliamentary Debate (Fall Semester, 2010)
- Communications G-300, Argumentation and Debate Theory (Spring Semester 2011)
- Former Faculty Advisor for the IUPUI Debate Team

Assistant Director of Forensics Aug. 2009- May 2012
IUPUI Dept. of Communications, Indianapolis, IN

- Coach parliamentary debate, guide weekend debate workshops, advise current debate team faculty
- Created, developed, guided, and maintained a nationally competitive Debate Team
- Counseled, fostered, coached, and encouraged student leadership

Academic Program Coordinator Aug. 2008-Aug. 2009
University Housing, Madison, WI

- Oversaw University Housing computer labs; supervised 18 computer lab staff members and 22 tutors
- Performed work evaluations for all employees
- Advised 28 Residence Life staff members on initiating and promoting academic events
- Participated in reviewing and hiring University Housing staff
- Created and implemented academic programs for housing residents

Peer Advisor June 2007-May 2009
Cross College Advising Services, Madison, WI

- Advised more than 1,500 incoming first year students in course selection during summer orientations
- Advised undecided students, living in 9 residence halls, in course selection and career decisions
- Aided in creating student staff training manual

LGBT Campus Center Student Staff Director
Office of the Dean of Students, Madison, WI

July 2007-July 2008

- Hired, and oversaw 9 student staff members
- Prepared and proposed Center's operating budget
- Prepared regular budget reports to Student Government
- Managed and allocated \$70,000 funding
- Produced agendas for, and presided over, weekly staff meetings

Media and Communications Intern

April 2006 -June 2006

United States Congress, Senator Ted Kennedy, Boston, MA

- Wrote media advisors and press releases
- Created a database of articles pertaining to the Senator

Chinese Youth Initiative Summer Intern

May 2004- Aug. 2004

Chinese Progressive Association, Boston, MA

- Engaged with Boston's Chinatown community in documenting local history
- Studied local and state zoning laws to work on proposals to reclaim land for the local community
- Created a community display revealing Chinatown's history and local importance

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- *President*, Uni. of Illinois, Graduate Anthropology Student Association Sept. 2013- Present
- *Member*, American Anthropological Association Sept. 2013- Present
- *Member*, State Bar of Illinois Nov. 2012- Present
- *Member*, Chicago Bar Association May 2012- Present
- *President*, McKinney School of Law, Lambda Law Society Sept. 2011- May 2012
- *Vice President*, McKinney School of Law, Equal Justice Works Sept. 2011- May 2012
- *Public Interest Chair*, McKinney School of Law, Asian Law Society Sept. 2010- May 2011
- *Treasurer*, McKinney School of Law, Amnesty International Sept. 2009- May 2010

ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Social Theory and Ethnography I; Dr. Ellen Moodie, Fall 2013
- French Theorists; Dr. Virginia Dominguez Fall 2013
- Racism, Law, and the Social Sciences; Dr. Christopher Fennell Fall 2013
- Social Theory and Ethnography II; Dr. Andrew Orta Spring 2014
- Cultural Heritage; Dr. Amita Sinha Spring 2014
- Cultures of Africa; Dr. Mahir Saul Spring 2014
- Cities and Citizenship in a Transnational Era; Dr. Faranak Miraftab Spring 2014
- Cultures of Law in Global Contexts (Audit); Dr. Mohamed, Shao, Somerville Spring 2014

LANGUAGES

- English (Native), Mandarin (Native, Illiterate), French (Fluent), Spanish (Elementary)