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|  |  | Education **THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**  Washington, D.C.  Juris Doctor, Distinguished Accomplishment Award in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties May 2013  *Activities:* Research Assistant for Professor Cynthia Lee, Lambda Law    **SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY** San Francisco, CA  M.A. in International Relations, *summa cum laude* August 2007  *Activities:* Senior Editor of International Relations Journal, Graduate Teaching Assistant for the International  Relations and Political Science Department  **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY** Hayward, CA  B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude* June 2005 |
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|  |  | Relevant Experience **BENACH RAGLAND LLP** Washington D.C.  Law Clerk May 2012 – July 2013   * Researched and prepared legal briefs and motions for complex cases involving asylum, cancellation of removal, bond hearings, and other forms of relief for Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals. * Assisted partners with researching, writing and filing briefs for cutting-edge immigration litigation in federal circuit courts –*Bazuaye v. Holder* (Cert. to the Supreme Court; PFR in Second Circuit); Amici in *de Osorio v. Mayorkas* (Ninth Circuit); Amici in *Sylvain v. Holder* (Third Circuit). * Gathered client statements, prepared affidavits and helped prep clients for hearings before the Immigration Court, CIS and ERO. * Created and launched informative website to garner new clients with respect to the federal DACA program and supervised legal assistants with over 40 DACA cases, presenting complicated issues.   **NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY** Washington D.C.  Legal Intern March 2012 – May 2012   * Researched and wrote memos to governmental agencies such as USCIS, HUD, EEOC to issue transgender-friendly guidance regarding immigrant rights, housing, social security, and employment. * Researched and updated “Know Your Rights” manuals for the NCTE.   **TROW & RAHAL P.C.** Washington D.C.  Law Clerk August 2011 – November 2011   * Researched and prepared support letters, filing letters and exhibits for a range of employment-based visas for HR departments, Corps/LLCs startups, business owners, investors, and individuals in tech, medicine, science, arts and sports. * Researched and wrote inter-office memos on complex legal problems for immigrant and non-immigrant clients.   **NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD** San Francisco, CA  Thomas Steele Legal Fellow Summer 2011   * Researched, wrote and updated Transgender Know Your Rights manuals on Criminal, Housing, Employment and Immigration issues localized for the San Francisco Bay Area. * Created a comprehensive LGBTQ immigration guide for practitioners, clients and community members. * Collaborated with various lawyers to create an Emerging Issues in LGBT Immigration 2-hour MCLE and spoke at the CLE on how lawyers can win relief for their client post a final order of deportation. * Condensed asylum declarations from clients while working with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, researched and wrote comprehensive country conditions for asylum cases.   **CHANGE.ORG**  San Francisco, CA  Blogger for Race in American and Immigrant Rights October 2009 – May 2011   * Provided frequent wide-reaching commentary on immigration issues and initiated local and online media campaigns. * Condensed complex legal issues into short blog posts for media and public consumption. * Initiated successful new media campaigns such as winning stays of removal in more than a dozen cases.   **DREAMACTIVIST** Nationwide  Co-Founder and Online Organizer November 2007 – May 2010   * Created the online infrastructure and new media strategy to organize the immigrant youth movement. * Successfully mobilized undocumented immigrant youth to push for the federal DREAM Act in 2010. * SYOC and END Project: Drafted requests for prosecutorial discretion and stays of removal, which stopped dozens of deportations and laid the groundwork for the federal DACA program. * Serve as a national media spokesperson with complex responsibility of structuring, balancing and connecting various networks in the United States and abroad. * Coordinated with fiscal sponsors, secured grants, raised and maintained funds to engineer growth. * Established local, online, national media and public contacts for disseminating information. * Proved ability to maintain and broker critical relationships across a widely diverse geographical archipelago. * Created and led workshops on the complex intersection of immigration, sexuality, race and class issues.   **EDUCATORS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION** San Francisco, CA  Graduate Ambassador August 2009 – June 2010   * Helped establish the first nationwide free legal consultation service for immigrant youth. * Trained and mentored young students in advocacy related to education equity and immigrant rights. |
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|  |  | Awards Gold Mountain Scholarship, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation, 2012.  Edna Women in Social Justice Finalist, Berger Marks Foundation, 2012.  DREAM Act Student Scholarship, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), 2011.  Recognition for Outstanding Service for Immigrant Rights, La Raza Centro Legal, 2011.  Changemaker of the Year, South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), 2011.  Recognition for Contribution to the Fiji-Indian Community, Fiji Aid International, 2010.  Finalist for Most Valuable Online Organizer, New Organizing Institute, 2009.  Best Blogger in Ethnic Media for Promigrant.org, New America Media, 2009. |
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|  |  | Language Skills and Interests **Hindi** (fluent); **Fiji-Hindi** (fluent); **Urdu** (proficient); **Spanish** (basic)  Board Director: Immigration Equality  Memberships: American Immigration Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, National Lawyers Guild, DreamActivist D.C.  Interests: Cycling, Soccer, Blogging, Painting |