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EDUCATION

University of Arizona

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, School of Information

Master of Arts in Library & Information Science

- iSchool Director's List of Distinguished Graduate Scholars

University of Arizona

College of Law

Juris Doctor

- Judicial Clerk for Hon. Lawrence Numkena, Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts-General Studies

- Minors in Communication, Sociology, and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reference Librarian

Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC

August 2021 - present

- ♦ Provide reference assistance to library patrons – law faculty & students, university faculty & students, attorneys & judicial staff, and public.
- ♦ Teach legal research in integrated 1L Legal Research, Analysis & Writing course.
- ♦ Assist faculty with legal research queries and access to resources.
- ♦ Conduct outreach to public libraries to support legal research queries from public patrons.
- ♦ Conduct outreach and liaise with legal communities, including the South Carolina Bar, Palmetto Paralegals Association, SC Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, and SC Legal Services on outreach and supporting unrepresented litigants.
- ♦ Create and maintain LibGuides; including major update of the *Circuit Riders: Basic Legal Research* guide; updated and expanded *American Indian & Indigenous Law Resources* guide; updated, and expanded the *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Resource Guide*; created *What is the Law School Reading?* a listing of books that our colleagues are reading.
- ♦ Participate in collection development, suggesting titles for inclusion in the collection, both print and electronic.
- ♦ Contribute content for social media, Blog posts, book displays, & student outreach, suggest updates for online content.
- ♦ Member of the Law School Inclusive Excellence Committee. Tasks include drafting a Land and Labor Acknowledgement and presented it to Law School Administration;

expanding building accessibility by advocating for additions of door openers in various places in the building; and, drafting a Professionalism Code for inclusion in the Student Handbook.

Justice Pro Tem

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Court of Appeals, Tucson, AZ

January 2018 - present

- ♦ Render decisions and issue opinions on matters submitted to the court for review.

Library Fellow

Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, James E Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ

January 2020 to July 2021

- ♦ Reference desk duties - provided reference help in-person, by email, and video conference.
- ♦ Circulation desk duties – evening and weekend shifts, assisting patrons with locating resources.
- ♦ Conducted student outreach - in person, remotely, and via social media; created flyers, posters, and online graphics content.
- ♦ Conducted legal research and analysis for faculty.
- ♦ Updated and created LibGuides, including creating *BA in Law - Certificate in Tribal Courts and Justice Administration* guide, updating the *IPLP Resource Guide: American Indian Law* and adding a section on international Indigenous law.
- ♦ Teaching Assistant in the *Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication* classes.
- ♦ Teaching Assistant and Instructor for *Law Practice Management & Technology* class.
- ♦ Guest lecturer on Researching Tribal Law for two courses.

Owner/Attorney

Plevel Law, PLLC, Flagstaff & Tucson, AZ

August 2015 – July 2022

- ♦ Solo practitioner, practicing in the areas of employment and labor law, dependency and juvenile law, Tribal Law, and criminal defense. Practiced in Justice, Municipal, State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies.
- ♦ Managed business operations and part-time staff of one (1).

Judge Pro Tem

Flagstaff Municipal Court, Flagstaff, AZ

January – November 2019

- ♦ As needed, presided over Initial hearings, warrant hearings, and juvenile detention hearings, Orders of Protection and Injunctions against Harassment petitions and hearings, misdemeanor criminal and traffic trials.
- ♦ Weekend and evenings on-call duties rotated among ~6 judges.

Judge Pro Tem

Flagstaff Justice Court, Flagstaff, AZ

January 2017 – November 2019

- ♦ As needed, presided over initial hearings, warrant hearings, orders to show cause matters, landlord-tenant hearings, Orders of Protection and Injunctions against Harassment petitions and hearings, civil trials, misdemeanor criminal and traffic trials, and felony preliminary and change of plea hearings.

Tribal Prosecutor

Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, AZ

April 2014 – May 2015

- ♦ Directed office with a staff of approximately thirty (30) and oversaw departmental budget
- ♦ Supervised criminal prosecutions, traffic cases, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court.
- ♦ Worked in conjunction with partner departments, including Crime Victim Services, Police Department, jail, Tribal Social Services, and health department, as well as with other tribal, state, and federal agencies.

Owner/Attorney

The Law Offices of Rebecca M. Plevel, P.C., Flagstaff, AZ

September 2010 -March 2014

- ♦ Solo practitioner, practicing in the areas of employment and labor law, workers compensation, and Indian Law.
- ♦ Practiced in State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies.
- ♦ Managed business operations and staff of 1-2 people.

Contract Attorney

The Glazer Law Office, Flagstaff, AZ

Summers 2009 & 2010

- ♦ Provided criminal defense services including reviewing discovery and conducting research, writing pretrial motions, and prepare cases for trial, including PowerPoint presentations.

Deputy General Counsel

Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, AZ

July 2009 –June 2010

- ♦ Provided full-service general legal counsel & representation on a broad range of issues and ensured compliance by the Tribe with the Tribal Constitution, tribal law, and applicable federal and state laws.
- ♦ Detailed to the Tribal Prosecutor's office for ~5 months pending hiring of full-time prosecutor; supervised office staff, managed the ongoing caseload, and participated in hiring process of full-time prosecutors.

Deputy County Attorney

Cocoonino County Attorney's Office, Flagstaff, AZ

November 2000 – May 2009

- ♦ Prosecuted juvenile delinquency, misdemeanor, and felony matters, charging through trial and sentencing .
- ♦ Presented to Grand Jury, reviewed law enforcement reports to issue charges.
- ♦ Assigned prosecutor for Probation Violation Court.
- ♦ As a felony prosecutor, averaged 4-5 jury trials per year.
- ♦ Conducted law enforcement training and CLE programs.
- ♦ Participated in state-wide law enforcement phlebotomy program development.

Deputy County Attorney

Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix and Mesa, AZ

May 1997 – October 2000

- ♦ Prosecuted juvenile delinquency, misdemeanor, and felony matters, charging through trial and sentencing.
- ♦ Presented to Grand Jury, reviewed law enforcement reports to issue charges.

Chief Prosecutor

Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

March 1996 – May 1997

- ♦ Directed office with staff of 1-2 people, and managed departmental budget.
- ♦ Supervised and prosecuted criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court.
- ♦ Worked in conjunction with partner departments, including police department, jail, Tribal Social Services, and health department, as well as with other tribal, state, and federal agencies.

Chief Prosecutor

Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson, AZ

October 1992 – March 1996

- ♦ Directed office with staff of 2-4 people, and managed departmental budget.
- ♦ Supervised and prosecuted criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court.
- ♦ Worked in conjunction with partner departments, including police department, jail, Tribal Social Services, and health department, as well as with other tribal, state, and federal agencies.
- ♦ Appointed as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) to prosecute certain misdemeanor matters in federal court.

Assistant General Counsel

White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, AZ

July 1991 – September 1992

- ♦ Provided full-service general legal counsel & representation on a broad range of issues and ensured compliance by the Tribe with the Tribal Constitution, tribal law, and applicable federal and state laws.

- ♦ Participated in tribal-state working group to draft and implement Rules of Procedure for Enforcement of Tribal Court Involuntary Commitment Orders.

TEACHING & PRESENTATIONS

TEACHING

Instructor, Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law. August 2021 - present

- ♦ Teach legal research in 1L *Legal Research, Analysis & Writing course, LAWS533 and LAWS534* Fall & Spring respectively.
- ♦ Contribute to curriculum development annually, including updating our research text (an online resource on the LibGuide platform) as well as exercises and quizzes.

Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina Rice School of Law. Fall 2022, and Fall 2023

- ♦ For Professor Aparna Polavarapu's *Comparative Law* course, unit titled "The Other American Law."

Guest Lecturer, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. March 16, 2022

- ♦ For Professor Clifford Zimmerman, *American Indian Law* class [via zoom].

Teaching Assistant, Instructor, & Guest Lecturer. University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

Spring 2020

- ♦ Teaching Assistant for Professors S. Gotschall's, *1L Legal Research, Analysis, & Communication*, TA duties included reviewing exercises, assisting students with research, and grading quizzes.

Fall 2020 – Guest Lectures

- ♦ Professor Rebecca Tsoie, *Federal Indian Law* class. Created and presented training module for Researching Tribal Law for the Federal Indian Law class, Substantial Paper students, and IPLP students.
- ♦ Professor Heather Whiteman Runs Him, *Tribal Law & Justice Clinic*. Created and presented training module for Researching Tribal Law.

Spring 2021

- ♦ Teaching Assistant and Instructor for Professor Cynthia Condit, *Law Practice Management & Technology* (LAW 690), co-produced module on Practice and Case Management, including the MyCase and Clio practice management platforms. Participated in panel discussion of practice and tech experience. Participated in sessions on e-discovery, and Courtroom Technology & Virtual Law Practice.
- ♦ Teaching Assistant for Professor C. Condit. *1L Legal Research, Analysis, & Communication*, TA duties included reviewing exercises, assisting students with research, and grading quizzes.

Adjunct Faculty, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

- ♦ Fall Semester 2010 - Speech Communication 318, Oral Argumentation in the Law.

Instructor, Coconino County Sheriff’s Department Detention Academy, Flagstaff, Arizona 2007 – 2009

- ♦ Taught ‘Overview of the Criminal Justice System’ unit in multiple academies.

Attorney Coach, Northland Preparatory Academy, Flagstaff, AZ
High School Mock Trial Program, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education
November to March 2007 – 2018 (Did not coach the 2015 season)

- ♦ Coached high school students for regional and state-wide mock trial competitions. Taught rules of evidence, direct and cross examination techniques, and presenting opening and closing arguments.

Instructor, Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program, Flagstaff, Arizona. 2006 – 2008

AzPOST Continuing Education

- ♦ Coconino Community College, taught unit on ‘The law and legal issues.’

PRESENTATIONS

(Co-presenter) Forthcoming *Indigenous Copyright: How Librarians Can Promote Data Sovereignty*, American Association of Law Librarians, 2024 Annual Meeting. July 22, 2024, with Rebecca Chapman & Caroline Osborne.

(Co-Moderator) *AALL’s Virtual Coffee Chat: Envisioning Inclusive Best Practices in Professional Organizations*. April 25, 2024. Presented by the AALL Inclusive Community Outreach Special Committee.

(Panel Member) *Federal Indian and Tribal Law: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Practicing federal Indian and Indigenous Law is not so niche!* University of South Carolina College of Law, Native American Heritage Month event sponsored by Native American Law Students Association, Women in the Law, Office of Inclusive Excellence and Federal Bar Association. November 2, 2023.

(Co- Presenter) *Recognizing the Third Sovereign: Promoting Awareness of, Respect for, and Access to Native American Tribal Law* (Deep Dive 2.5-hour program). American Association of Law Librarians, 2023 Annual Meeting. July 17, 2023, with Amber Madole, Bonnie Shucha, Rachel Nelson & David Greisen.

How are these legal authorities related to one another? An Art Project. Carolinas Colloquium 2023, May 19, 2023.

Women+ Gender, Dress Codes, and Professional Attire. South Carolina Law School, Lunch-time series commemorating 50th Anniversary of Title IX. November 6, 2022.

(Panel Member) *Integrating Content on American Indian Law and Indigenous Identities* [Virtual event]. Roger Williams School of Law, Integrating Doctrine & Diversity Speaker Series II. October 19, 2022. Moderated by Nicole Dyszlewski.

Helping you Help your Patrons: Helping library patrons with their legal research. South Carolina Library Association 2022 Annual Conference. October 6, 2022.

(Panel Member) *Truth Telling: What the Law Library Community Can Do to Support and Learn from a Transitional Justice Initiative.* American Association of Law Librarians, 2022 Annual Meeting. July 19, 2022. Moderated by Nicole Dyszlewski.

AzCourtHelp – LegalTalks Series, Coconino County Law Library, Flagstaff, AZ

- ♦ *Employment Law for Employees*, September 2017
- ♦ *Arizona’s New Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Law*, March 2017

Arizona’s New Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Law. Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, July 2017

National Business Institute, CLE, August 2017 in Flagstaff, Arizona

- ♦ *Avoiding Wage and Hour Violations*
- ♦ *Monitoring Employees – Privacy Issues and Employer Risks*

Coconino County Bar Association, CLE, Flagstaff, Arizona

- ♦ *Indian Jurisdiction*, October 2015
- ♦ *DUI and Aggravated DUI Law Update*, September 2008

Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Training Annual Conference, Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Phoenix, Arizona [CLE & AzPOST continuing education]

- ♦ *Phlebotomy and Search Warrants*, July 2008
- ♦ *Stopping Traffic: Keeping Your Case in Court and Off the Streets*, July 2007

Phlebotomy and Search Warrants. Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council Annual Conference, CLE, Tucson, Arizona. August 2008

SCHOLARSHIP

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

(Co-author) *Integrating Tribal Law into the Legal Research and Writing Curriculum: Benefits, Challenges, and Strategies.* Forthcoming 2024 in PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING, with Amber Madole and Bonnie Shucha. (peer reviewed)

(Co-author) *Indigenous Copyright Concepts for Comparison: How Librarians Can Help Support Indigenous Data Sovereignty.* Forthcoming 2024 in LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL, with Rebecca Chapman. (peer reviewed)

(Co-author) *Indigenous Peoples and research: Self-determination in research governance in* FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH METRICS AND ANALYTICS. 8:1272318. November 15, 2023.

<https://doi.org/10.3389/frma.2023.1272318> (peer reviewed), with Ibrahim Garba, Rogena Sterling, William Carson, Felina M. Cordova-Marks, Jewel Cummins, Caleigh Curley,

Dominique David-Chavez, Adam Fernandez, Danielle Hiraldo, Vanessa Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson, Mary Beth Jager, Lydia L. Jennings, Andrew Martinez, Joseph Yracheta, Nanibaa' A. Garrison, & Stephanie Russo Carroll.

(Co-author) *Extending the CARE Principles from Tribal Research Policies to Benefit Sharing in Genomic Research* in FRONT. GENET. 13:1052620, November 11, 2022.

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2022.1052620> (peer reviewed), with Stephanie Carroll, Lydia Jennings, Ibrahim Garba, Rogena Sterling, Felina Cordova-Marks, Vanessa Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson, & Nanibaa' A. Garrison.

Research Tips and Resources from a UofSC Law Librarian in SC LAWYER. July 2022, at 32. Available at <https://bit.ly/3czUdQE>

(Co-author) *Using Indigenous Standards to implement the CARE Principles: Setting Expectations through Tribal Research Codes*, in FRONT. GENET, 13:823309, March 2022.

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2022.823309> (peer reviewed), with Stephanie Russo Carroll, Ibrahim Garba, Desi Small-Rodriquez, Vanessa Y Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson, & Nanibaa' A. Garrison.

BLOG POSTS

Honoring Caribbean Heritage in June. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 1 June 2024. <https://library.law.sc.edu/2024/06/honoring-caribbean-heritage/>

Banishing our Silos. RIPS LAW LIBRARIAN BLOG [Guest post] with Cornelius Pereira. 4 April 2024 <https://ripslawlibrarian.wordpress.com/2024/04/04/guest-post-banishing-our-silos/>

Suicide: Why We Need to Talk About It. NOTES BETWEEN US BLOG. 3 June 2023. <https://notesbetweenus.com/2023/06/01/suicide-why-we-need-to-talk-about-it/>

Celebrating Caribbean Heritage. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 1 June 2023. <https://library.law.sc.edu/2023/06/celebrating-caribbean-heritage/>

Just A Librarian Doing Indian Law. NOTES BETWEEN US BLOG. 3 March 2023. <https://notesbetweenus.com/2023/03/06/just-a-librarian-doing-indian-law/>

Helping local librarians help their patrons. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 17 October 2022. <https://library.law.sc.edu/2022/10/helping-librarians-help-patrons/>

June is Caribbean Heritage Month. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 27 June 2022. <https://library.law.sc.edu/2022/06/caribbean-heritage-month/>

Judge J. Michelle Childs—One of South Carolina's Own. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 16 March 2022 <https://library.law.sc.edu/2022/03/womens-history-month-childs/>

November is Native American Heritage Month. [Guest Author] UOFSC SCHOOL OF LAW, LAW LIBRARY BLOG. 1 November 2021. <https://library.law.sc.edu/2021/11/native-american-heritage-month/>

OTHER

(Co-author) *A Report from the Credentials & Compensation Committee of the AALL Educating & Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus: Tips for Navigating the Hiring Seas of Academic Law Librarianship*, with Laura Ax-Fultz, Olivia Smith Schlinck, Kincaid Brown, Lisa Heidenreich, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Sabrina Sondhi, Carissa Vogel, & Carla Wale. July 13, 2023. Produced by the AALL Educating & Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus and submitted to the AALL Executive Board. Available at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XuDNWYSPy4GiSyV7kMmy_2FRhVnImnTDQ2tCJu0nUQ8/edit?usp=sharing

(Co-author) *Reciprocity in innovation: the case of Indigenous research governance in the US*, with Ibrahim Garba, Rogena Sterling, Vanessa Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson, Nanibaa' Garrison, & Stephanie Russo Carroll. Presented by Ibrahim Garba at CONFERENCE ON GOVERNANCE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND SCIENCE. May 18, 2023.

(Co-author) *The place of culture in Indigenous research governance: Insights from the US Experience*, with Ibrahim Garba, Stephanie R. Carroll, & Nanibaa' Garrison. Pre-recorded presentation by Ibrahim Garba at INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2022 ONLINE. November 17, 2022.

Researching Tribal Law (ppt slides) AALL TEACH-IN KIT June 2022. Available at https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/05/2022_Researching-Tribal-Law.pdf

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

American Association of Law Librarians (AALL), Inclusive Community Outreach Special Committee

- ♦ Member. December 2023 - present

LLMC Digital

- ♦ Member, Advisory Council, July 2023 - present

American Association of Law Librarians, Pipeline to the Profession Special Committee

- ♦ Member, September 2022 – July 2023
- ♦ Member Survey/Research/Data Collection subcommittee. November 2022 – July 2022

American Association of Law Librarians, Educating & Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus (GenNext Caucus)

- ♦ Caucus Secretary. July 2023 - present

- ♦ Credentials & Compensation Committee, member. September 2022 – present
- ♦ Bylaws Committee, Co-chair. March 2022 – present

University of South Carolina Law School, Inclusive Excellence Committee (formerly DEI Committee)

- ♦ Member, August 2021 – present

University of South Carolina Law Library, Access Services Librarian Search

- ♦ Committee Member, February – April 2022

Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Annual Conference & Meeting

- ♦ Programming Committee, member. March – April 2021 [virtual conference]

Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program

- ♦ Member of working group developing state guidelines, policies, and training standards, 2005 – 2008

COMMUNITY

Friends of the Kids (501c3) <https://www.azfotk.org/>

- ♦ Board member, 2017-present

Victim Witness Services for Coconino County

- ♦ Board Member, 2001-2009; Board President, 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Memberships

- ♦ Arizona State Bar, *Admitted October 1991 -- Inactive January 2022*
- ♦ Federal District Court, District of Arizona, *Admitted November 1991 -- Inactive January 2022*
- ♦ Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *Admitted October 2012 -- Inactive January 2022*
- ♦ Hopi Tribal Court, *Admitted August 2009; reactivated December 2016 - present.*
- ♦ Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Court, *inactive*
- ♦ Gila River Indian Community, *Inactive*
- ♦ Ak-Chin Tribal Court, *Inactive*
- ♦ Colorado River Indian Tribal Court, *Inactive*
- ♦ Pascua Yaqui Tribal Bar, *Inactive*
- ♦ White Mountain Apache Tribal Bar. *Inactive*

Professional & Community Organizations

- ♦ American Association of Law Librarians, *2020-present*
 - Research Instruction & Patron Services – SIS
 - Academic Law Librarians - SIS
 - Government Law Libraries – SIS (2020-21)
 - Native Peoples Law Caucus

- Educating & Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus (GenNext)
- ♦ South Carolina Library Association, 2021 - present
- ♦ Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, 2021 - present
- ♦ Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 2020 - present
- ♦ American Indian Library Association, 2020-present
- ♦ Arizona Women Lawyers Association, 2015-2021
 - Northern Arizona Chapter Board Treasurer, 2017-2019
- ♦ Arizona Employment Lawyers Association, 2012-2014 & 2016-2021
- ♦ Coconino County Bar Association, 2000-2019
- ♦ Flagstaff Independent Business Alliance, 2018-2019

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- ♦ ALL-SIS Grant recipient for AALL Leadership Academy, April 2024
- ♦ Recognized for research assistance by Professor Kristine Huskey, Clinical Professor of Law University of Arizona, in her article *The Case for Tribal Veterans Healing to Wellness Courts* (April 1, 2022). UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY LAW REVIEW, VOL. 90, No. 3, 2022. Arizona Legal Studies Discussion Paper No. 22-11, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4097879>
- ♦ November 2021 AALL Diversity & Inclusion Member of the Month
- ♦ 2020 AALL George A. Strait Scholarship Recipient

- ♦ National Public Service Recognition Award from Coconino County Board of Supervisors, 2008
Court Administration Probation Revocation Team
- ♦ National Public Service Recognition Award from Coconino County Board of Supervisors, 2005
County Attorney Charging & Intake Team