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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Associate Professor (Tenured) of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law,
Affiliated Faculty Member, University of Denver Department of History, Denver, CO, 2010-present**

Professor (Tenured) of Law, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN, 2009-2010

Associate Professor of Law, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN, 2007-2009

Assistant Professor of Law, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN, 2004-2007

Western Legal Studies Fellow, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 2000-2003
Joint Affiliation with Center of the American West, School of Law & Department of History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Director, Interdisciplinary Research Institute for the Study of (in)Equality, .5 FTE
University of Denver, Denver, CO, 2013-2020, 2022-present

Associate Provost, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Research and Curricular Initiatives, .25 FTE
University of Denver, Denver, CO, 2021-2022

Interim Vice Chancellor, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, 1.0 FTE
University of Denver, 2020-2021

Associate Provost, Inclusive Excellence Research and Curricular Initiatives, 1.0 FTE
University of Denver, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Denver, CO, 2019-2020

Assistant Provost, Inclusive Excellence Research and Curricular Initiatives, .5 FTE
University of Denver, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Denver, CO, 2013-2019

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2004
Department of History

JD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2000
Law School, Cum Laude

MA, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1999
Department of History

BA, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 1995
Department of History and Program in Public Affairs, Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Essays

The Color(blind) Conundrum in Colorado Property Law, forthcoming UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW REVIEW (2022-23)

A Brown Buffalo's Observations on Color(Blindness), Legal History, and Racial Justice in the Rocky Mountain West, 2022 UTAH LAW REVIEW 751 (2022)

The Color of Local Government: Observations of a Brown Buffalo on Racial Impact Statements in the Movement for Water Justice forthcoming, 25 CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK LAW REVIEW 242 (2022)

The Beginning of the End of the American Experiment, Hindsight 20/20 Project, COLORADO MAGAZINE (January 25, 2021)

Bridging the Confluence of Immigration and Water Law, 48 TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW 779 (2016)

The Keyes to Reclaiming the Racial History of the Roberts Court, 20 MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF RACE & LAW 415 (2015)

Observations on History, Law, and the Rise of the New Jim Crow in State-Level Immigration Law and Policy for Latinos, 66 AMERICAN QUARTERLY 143 (March 2014)

How I Rode the Bus to Become a Law Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law: Reflections on Keyes Legacy for the Metropolitan, Post-racial, and Multiracial 21st Century, 90 DENVER LAW REVIEW 1023 (2013)

The Color of Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo on Water Law and Policy in Ten Stanzas, 15 DENVER WATER LAW REVIEW 329 (2012), republished in 1 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI RACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW REVIEW 107 (2011)

"Of Greater Value than the Gold of Our Mountains": The Right to Education in Colorado's Nineteenth Century Constitution, 83 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW REVIEW 781 (2012)

The Social Reconstruction of Race & Ethnicity of the Nation's Laws Students: New Changes in Reporting Requirements, 2011 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 1133 (2012)(with Kevin Brown)

100 Years Strong: Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services and the On-Going Pursuit for Equal Rights and Equal Justice, 31 HAMLINE JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW AND POLICY 1 (2009) (with Bruce Beneke)

Kelo-Parents Involved and the Spatialization of Color (blindness) in the Berman-Brown Metropolitan Heterotopia, 2008 UTAH LAW REVIEW 947 (Winter 2009)

No Brown Towns: Anti-Immigrant Ordinances and Equality of Educational Opportunity for Latina/os, 12 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE 13 (University of Iowa) (2008)

MALDEF and the Legal Investment in a Multi-Colored America, 18 BERKELEY LA RAZA LAW JOURNAL 135 (2007)

Bound Between and Beyond the Borderlands: Region, Race, Scale and a Subnational Legal History, 9 OREGON REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 301 (2007)

¿La Raza Latina?: Multiracial Ambivalence, Color Denial, and the Emergence of a Tri-Ethnic Jurisprudence at the End of the 20th Century, 37 NEW MEXICO LAW REVIEW 245 (2007)

War of a Much Different Kind: Poverty and the Possessive Investment in Color in the 1960s United States, 26 U.C.L.A. CHICANO-LATINO LAW REVIEW 69 (2006)

Colorado's Centennial Constitution and the Ambivalent Promise of Human Rights and Social Equality, 69 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 101 (2006)

Land, Culture, and Legal Exchange in Colorado's Mountains, Plains, and Deserts
PROCEEDINGS OF EXCHANGE, PRACTICES AND REPRESENTATIONS/L'ÉCHANGE: MODALITÉS ET REPRÉSENTATIONS, 125-170 (Université Presses de Sorbonne, 2005)

"Our Selma is Here:" The Political and Legal Struggle for Educational Equality in Denver, Colorado and Multiracial Dilemmas in American Jurisprudence" 3 SEATTLE JOURNAL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 73 (Fall/Winter 2004)

The Tri-Ethnic Dilemma: The 14th Amendment Goes West, 13 TEMPLE POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 817 (Spring 2004)

Wearing the Red, White, and Blue Trunks of Aztlán: Rodolfo 'Corky' Gonzales and the Convergence of American and Chicano Nationalism 29 AZTLÁN: A JOURNAL OF CHICANO STUDIES 83 (Spring 2004)

Uncertain Waters and Contested Lands: Excavating the Layers of Colorado's Legal Past, 73 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW REVIEW 521 (Spring 2002)

Books

IMAGINE A GREAT CITY: LAW AND THE MAKING OF MULTI-COLOR METROPOLITAN AMERICA (Book Manuscript)

Book Chapters

Ditches and Desirability: Regulating the Flow and Quality of Immigration Through the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation in the 19th and early 20th Century American West, in Katrina Jagodinsky and Pablo Mitchell, eds. BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE LAW: CRITICAL LEGAL HISTORIES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN WEST (University of Kansas Press, 2018)

A War to Keep Alien Labor Out of Colorado: The "Mexican Menace" and Colorado's Depression-Era Militarization of Immigration Law and Policy, in Carissa Hessick and G. Jack Chin, eds. STRANGE NEIGHBORS: THE ROLE OF STATES IN IMMIGRATION POLICY (New York University Press, 2014)

Several Contributions, Frank Gibbord, ed., STEAMS, STEEL, AND STATUTES: TRUE TALES FROM COLORADO LEGAL HISTORY (2010)

No Brown Towns: Anti-Immigrant Ordinances and Equality of Educational Opportunity for Latina/os, in Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic, eds., THE LATINO CONDITION: A CRITICAL READER, 2nd edition (New York University Press, 2010)

Co-Author with Nicki Gonzales, *Latinos in Colorado*, in *LATINO AMERICA: STATE BY STATE* (Greenwood Publishing, 2008)

Wearing the Red, White, and Blue Trunks of Aztlán: Rodolfo ‘Corky’ Gonzales and the Convergence of American and Chicano Nationalism, in Jorge Iber and Samuel O. Regalado, eds., *MEXICAN AMERICANS AND SPORTS: A READER ON ATHLETICS AND BARRIO LIFE* (Texas A&M University Press, 2007)

Book Reviews, Review Essays, and Blogs

Always in Crisis: COVID-19 and the Role of Higher Education in Supporting Research, Scholarship, and Curriculum to Challenge Racial Inequity in American Culture and Life, IRISE BLOG (April 28, 2020)

Review of Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr., *LIVING THE FOUR CORNERS: COLORADO CENTENNIAL STATE AT THE HEADWATERS*, 39 *COLORADO LAWYER* 59 (December 2010)

Review of George Mariscal’s, *BROWN-EYED CHILDREN OF THE SUN: LESSONS FROM THE CHICANO MOVEMENT, 1965-1975*, 64 *THE AMERICAS* 108-109 (July 2007)

Review of Carlos R. Soltero’s, *LATINOS AND AMERICAN LAW: LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES*, 83 *NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL REVIEW* 264 (Spring 2008)

Bar Journals

Rocky Mountain Riches: Law and the Extraction of Colorado’s Mineral Wealth, Historical Perspectives, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 60, November 2003

Turbulence a Mile High: Equal Employment Opportunity in the Colorado Sky, Historical Perspectives, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 71, September 2003

Race, Murder, and Criminal Prosecution in Wartime Denver, Historical Perspective, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 56, July 2003

Law and Equity in Colorado’s Nineteenth Century Suffrage Movement, Historical Perspectives, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 43, May 2003

Modern Day Minutemen: The Colorado Bar and Legal Reform in Cold War Colorado, Historical Perspectives, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 49, March 2003

“Last Night Was the End of the World:” Prohibition in Colorado, Historical Perspectives, 32 *COLORADO LAWYER* 41, January 2003

Bah Humbug! Colorado Law and the Winter Holiday Season, Historical Perspectives, 31 *COLORADO LAWYER* 139, December 2002

Forming the Environmental Citizen: Colorado’s Early Legal Efforts at Protecting Outdoor Recreation, Historical Perspectives, 31 *COLORADO LAWYER* 120, November 2002

Law, Order, and Municipal Authority in Colorado’s Early Mining Towns, Historical Perspectives, 31 *COLORADO LAWYER* 134, October 2002

The Original “Sod Squad:” Dry Lawns, Dirty Cars, and the Legality of the Denver Water Board’s Water Restrictions in the 1950s, Historical Perspectives, 31 *COLORADO LAWYER* 110, September 2002

Raging Waters at Cub Creek: A Homesteader Confronts Prior Appropriation,
Historical Perspectives, 31 COLORADO LAWYER 82, July 2002

Encyclopedia Contributions

Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales entry
AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY (2016)

Aztlán entry
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RACE, ETHNICITY AND SOCIETY (SAGE, 2007)

Three Entries on Chicano Political History
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MINORITIES IN AMERICAN POLITICS (Oryx Press, 2000)

Morton Horwitz entry
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HISTORIANS AND HISTORICAL REVIEW (Fitz Dearborn and Publishers, 2000)

Editorial Works

Power and Privilege Section Editor. Colorado On-Line Encyclopedia (2014-16)

Editorial Advisory Board. Journal of Legal Education (2014-18)

Consultant/Contributing Editor.
Hernando de Soto, WHY CAPITAL SUCCEEDS IN THE WEST AND FAILS EVERYWHERE ELSE (2002)

Associate/Contributing Editor. MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF RACE AND LAW (1998-2000)

GRANTS

Principal Investigator, The Color of Water in Colorado, University of Denver Interdisciplinary Research Institute for the Study of (in)Equality, 2018-present

Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, Colorado Access for Minority Program @ University of Denver, 2014-present

Hughes-Rudd Research Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2012-2013

Provost Sabbatical Enhancement Award, University of Denver, 2012-2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Property
Water Law
Legal History
Race and Water Law
Seminar on Metropolitan Development

Hamline University School of Law

Property
Land Use Planning
Legal History
Property II (Modern Real Estate and Land Use)
Seminar on Water Law & Policy
Seminar on Law and Region
Seminar on Latinos and the Development of American Law

Department of History, University of Denver

History of the United States, 20th Century America
“America at Mid-century”

Department of History, University of Colorado at Boulder

“History of Chicano/as in the United States”

Center of the American West and Department of History, University of Colorado at Boulder

Undergraduate Research Program
Legal History Project Advisor, Winter 2000-Winter 2002

Program in American Culture, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

“‘Reel Justice:’ Law and Order in American Cinema”

Department of History, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Graduate Student Instructor

“History of Latino/as in the United States”
“The United States: 1865-Present”
“History of the American West”

Program in American Culture, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Co-Instructor

“Chicanos, Stereotypes, Resistance, and Identity in American Films”

Graduate Student Instructor

“American Film Genres”
“An Introduction to American Values”
“Race and Ethnicity in American Cinema”

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Property and Land Use Planning
- Legal History, including Latino Legal History and the Legal History of the American West
- Constitutional Law
- Water Law
- Local Government
- Educational Law
- Civil Rights Law
- Human Rights
- Critical Race Theory and Latino/a Critical Theory
- Law and Society

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

Invited Presenter: *The Legacy of Slavery in Colorado Property Law, Colorado and the Colorblind Conundrum*

University of Colorado School of Law
Annual Rothgerber Conference on Constitutional Law
Boulder, CO April 8, 2022

Invited Panelist: *Colorado Water Issues, Local Action*

One World One Water Center
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Denver, CO (via zoom) September 30, 2021

Invited Panelist: *Equity in Water Planning & Governance*

Annual Symposium, Denver Water Law Review
University of Denver Sturm College of Law.
Denver, CO (via zoom). April 15, 2021

Invited Panelist: *Environmental Justice 2020: Before and After the Pandemic*

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association
Denver, CO. May 28, 2020

Invited Panelist: "Speaking Truth to Power in the Academy: Implementing Inclusive Excellence"

National Multicultural Conference and Summit
Denver, CO. January 18, 2019

Invited Panelist: *New Developments in the Human Right to Water*

51st Leonard B. Sutton Colloquium in International Law
The Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law
University of Denver Sturm
Denver, CO: Nov. 10, 2018

Ditches and Racial Desirability: At the Intersection of Water and Immigration Law in American History

Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association
Atlanta, GA: November 8, 2018

Invited Presenter: *Water, Water Everywhere...and No Where: Immigration and the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation*

Center of the American West & NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory Drought Conference
University of Colorado at Boulder
Boulder, CO: June 20, 2018

Invited Presenter: *The Color of the Human Right to Water*

University of the Pacific Law Review Symposium: The Human Right to Water Turning Principles to Action
McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, CA. Nov. 3, 2017

Lightning Round: Laying Down the Law: Critical Legal Histories of the North American West

Annual Meeting of the Western History Association
San Diego, CA Nov. 2, 2017

Roundtable: Legal Borderlands of Race & Gender in North America
Annual Meeting of American Society for Legal History
Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 28, 2017

The Long History of Juan Crow
The Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association
Mexico City, Mexico. June 2017

Roundtable: Rewriting Busing: New Histories of School Desegregation
Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association
Denver, CO. January 3, 2017.

The Color of Water: A Historical Account of Water Infrastructure, Property Development, and Social Inequality in Denver and American West
The Spirit of 1848 Caucus at the 144th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
Denver, CO. October 31, 2016

Legal Borderlands in Latino History: Water Rights and Restriction
2016 Carroll R. Pauley Symposium at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NB. October 7, 2016

How a Collective on Race, Place, & Law Can Improve a Law School Environment & Support Scholarship and Activism
Annual Meeting of the Critical Race Studies in Education Association
Denver, CO. June 3, 2016

Invited Presenter: A Legal and Social History of Latino Criminalization
Symposium on Race and the Criminal Justice System: Santa Clara Law Review
Santa Clara, CA. April 1, 2016.

Invited Presenter: Bridging the Confluence of Water and Immigration Law
Symposium on Water Law: Texas Tech Law Review
Lubbock, TX. February 26, 2016

Chair: The Edges of Liberal Citizenship: Civil Liberties and Immigration Policy in the Modern U.S.
Annual Meeting American Society of Legal History
Washington D.C. October 30, 2015

Roundtable: Synergies, Sustainability, & Institutional Change: How a Collective on Race, Place, & Law Can Improve a Law School Environment & Support Scholarship and Activism
LatCrit 2015
Anaheim, CA. April 2, 2015

Water Law and the History of the Developing West
Annual Symposium Denver Water Law Review
Denver, CO. April 10, 2015

Law and Latino/a Non-Profits in Denver
Annual Meeting Southwest Social Science Association
Denver, CO. April 10, 2015.

When to Say No, When to Say Yes: Confessions of a "Yes" Man
Annual Meeting of the Puerto Rican Studies Association
Denver, CO., October 23, 2014

Teaching Whiteness as (the) Property (Curriculum)
Whiteness as Property: A Twenty-Year Appraisal: Seventh Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium
University of California Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA. October 3, 2014

The Keyes to Pursuing a Litigation Strategy in a Colorblind Multiracial United States
Twenty Second Annual Ira C. Rothberger Jr. Conference
University of Colorado, Bryon R. White Center
Boulder, CO. October 2, 2014

The Shadows of the Roberts' Court Selective Racial Memory: Reclaiming History for a Multiracial Metropolitan America
The Highest Tribute: The Michigan Journal of Race & Law at 20
University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, MI. September 19, 2014

Imagine A Great City
eCRT Workshop
University of Denver
Denver, CO. June 2014

Mile High Empire: Private and Public Lands in the Post-Colonial Metropolitan U.S.
2013 Biennial Latcrit Conference
Chicago, IL. October 5, 2013

The Many Legalities for Dreamers: Law and Access to Education for Undocumented Students
Think Tank for Equity: College Access & Success for Students of Color in Colorado
University of Denver
Denver, CO. May 2013

The "Mexican Menace," Local and State Anti-Immigration Initiatives, and the Historical Origins of the New Jim Crow in Immigration Law and Policy as Seen in the Legal History of the American West
ALANA Workshop
Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians
San Francisco, CA. April 2013

Bringing Multi-Racial Frameworks Into Legal and Urban History
Panelist in State of the Field Session: New Directions in the History of Race and Ethnic Studies
Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians
San Francisco, CA. April 2013

Housing, Land Use and the Legal and Social Geography of Metropolitan Denver
Forty Years Since *Keyes v. School District No. 1*: Equality of Educational Opportunity and the Legal Construction of Modern Metropolitan America
Denver University Law Review 2013 Annual Symposium
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. February 2013.

Local and State Anti-Immigration Initiatives, and the Historical Origins and Contemporary Consequence of the New Jim Crow in Immigration Law and Policy

Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association
San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 2012

The Right to Water as the Right to the City

First Annual Local Government Law Works-in-Progress Conference
Marquette University Law School
Milwaukee, WI. September 2012

Water, Water, Everywhere and No-Where: Immigration and the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation

Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association
Honolulu, HI. June 2011

Panelist: *Latinos/as, Home Ownership and Belonging: Author-Meets-Reader Discussion on Stephen W. Bender, Tierra y Libertad, Land, Liberty, and Latino Housing (NYU 2010)*

Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association
San Francisco, CA. June 2011

The Blue Line as the Color Line: A Historical Account of Post-Urban Water Infrastructure, Development, and Social Equity

Water: Beyond Dams and Diversions
Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Annual Conference
Denver, CO. March 2011

Moderator: *Popular Constitutionalism and Civil Rights*

Ira C. Rothgerber Conference
Denver, CO. January 2011

Are Multiracial Students Beyond Love? Constitutional Shibboleths, Local Meritocracy and the Enduring Myth of Equality of Educational Opportunity in the 21st Century

2009 Annual Latcrit Conference
Washington, D.C. October 2009

Moderator: *Movies and Multiracial Imaginaries: Identity and Sovereignty Between Legal Borders*

2009 Annual Latcrit Conference
Washington, D.C. October 2009

Getting Buy-In From Your Colleagues: The Challenges and Triumphs of Assessment Planning (with Professors Marilynne Roberts and Sharon Sandeen)

Legal Education at the Crossroads v. 3.0: A Conference on Assessment at the University of Denver
Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. September 2009

Celluloid (non) Citizenship and Sovereignty: Multiracial Imaginaries Between and Beyond the Legal Border

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association
Denver, CO. May 2009

Water Rights, Metropolitan Development and the Color of Law and Local Government

Critical Race Theory at 20 at the University of Iowa College of Law
Iowa City, IA. April 4, 2009

Law and Cultural Studies: Understanding Anti-Immigration Ordinances and Latinos as Racial Subjects Across Spatialities

Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association
Albuquerque, NM. October 2008

"Confessions of a Brown Buffalo: Water Rights, Special Use Districts, and Color Representation in the Metropolitan West"

2008 Annual LatCrit Conference
Seattle, WA. October 2008

"No Brown Towns: Anti-Immigrant Ordinances and Equality of Educational Opportunity for Latina/os."

University of Iowa Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice 12th Annual Symposium, "No School Left Behind: Providing Equal Educational Opportunities" and Work-in-Progress at Annual Midwestern People of Color Conference.

Iowa City, IA. April 2008

St. Paul, MN. May 2008

"Multiracial Dissonance, Cold War Containment and the Law of Municipal Boundaries in the Metropolitan West"

Presentation at Annual Meetings of the American Studies Association & American Society for Legal History

Philadelphia, PA. October 2007

Phoenix, AZ. October 2007

"Eminent Domain and the Multicolor Spatialization of (post) Modern American Cities"

12th Annual LatCrit Symposium

Miami, FL. October 2007

"Multiracial Dissonance, Cold War Containment and the Law of Municipal Boundaries in the United States"

Fourth Annual Gloucester Summer Legal Conference: Law and Justice in the Age of Globalization
Gloucester, Great Britain. July 2007

"Bound Between and Beyond the Borderlands: The North American West and Its Contribution to a Subnational Legal History"

Complexities of Scale: The Role of the Subnational in International Law

Oregon Review of International Law Symposium, University of Oregon School of Law
Eugene, OR. March 2007

Panelist: *Comparative Perspectives on Mexican American Citizenship from Law, History, and Cultural Studies*

Western History Association Annual Conference
St. Louis, MO. October 2006

"The Significance of the New West in LatCrit: Regional Studies and the Critical Legal Project"

2006 Annual LatCrit Conference

Las Vegas, NV. October 2006

"War of a Much Different Kind: Poverty, Democracy, and Multiracial Entitlement in the 1960s United States"

2005 Annual LatCrit Conference

San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 2005

Panel Chair and Commentator of "Between White and Brown: The Construction of 'Mexican American' Identities in the 20th Century American West"

Western History Association Annual Conference
Las Vegas, NV. October 13-16, 2004

"'Our Selma is Here': The Political Struggle for Educational Equality and the Multiracial Fracturing of Metropolitan Denver"

The Second Biennial Urban History Conference
Milwaukee, WI. October 7-9, 2004

"Re-imagining the American Dilemma: Keyes and Multiracial Meanings in American Constitutional Law"

From Brown to Grutter: Racial Integration and the Law in the Northwest
Seattle University School of Law
Seattle, WA. April 2, 2004

"The Tri-Ethnic Dilemma: Race, Equality, and the 14th Amendment in the American West"
Vision and Revision: Exploring the History, Evolution, and Future of the 14th Amendment

Temple University, Beasley School of Law
Philadelphia, PA. November 9, 2003

"A Question of Discrimination: Memory, Meaning and Judicial Performance in Cold War Colorado"

Western Humanities Alliance Annual Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT. October 16-18, 2003

"Inter Arma Silent Leges?: Race, Law, and Citizenship in a Wartime American Metropolis"

International American Studies Association First Annual Congress
Leiden, Netherlands. May 22-24, 2003

"'Do People Still Do That Out There?' The Impact of Western History in the Teaching and Practice of Law"

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Denver, CO. March 27-29, 2003

Moderator and Commentator of *"Strategies of Resistance and Rebellion to European Influences"*

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference
Boulder, CO. September 20-21, 2002

Panel Commentator of *"Strategies of Resistance and Redefinition in Latin American Contexts"*

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference
Boulder, CO. January 25-26, 2002

Land, Culture, and Legal Exchange in Colorado's Mountains, Plains, and Deserts

Symposium: Exchange: Practices and Representations, Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne
Paris, France. December 6-8, 2001

Diversity or Discrimination? Secret Societies, Multiculturalism, and the University of Michigan

Western History Association Annual Conference
San Antonio, TX. October 12-15, 2000

"Some of Them Become Tomorrow's Criminals:" Law and Order in Denver, Colorado's Mexican American and Japanese American Communities, 1940-1965

Asian American Studies Association Annual Conference
Scottsdale, AZ. May 25-28, 2000

Policing the Pocho: Assessing Edward Escobar's Race, Police, and the Making of a Political Identity and the future of Chicano/a Legal Historiography
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
Portland, OR. March 23-26, 2000

Sporting the Red, White, and Blue Trunks of Aztlán: Rodolfo 'Corky' Gonzales, Boxing, and Chicano Political Representation
American Historical Association Annual Meetings
Seattle, WA. January 8-11, 1998

Representing La Crusada: The Crusade for Justice and the Mainstream Press, 1967-1975
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
Sacramento, CA. April 16-19, 1997

From a 'Redblooded American' to a 'Fiery' Mexican: Rodolfo 'Corky' Gonzales, the Rocky Mountain News, and the Denver Post, 1947-1966
New Work in U.S. History - A Graduate Research Conference
Ann Arbor, MI. April 25-26, 1996

"Solo No Palabras, Pero Acciones:" Rodolfo 'Corky' Gonzales and the Politics of Discontent
Southwestern Social Science Association 76th Annual Meeting
Houston, TX. March 20-23, 1996

Rethinking Chicano Nationalism: The Crusade for Justice as a Model for Community Organization
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Midwest Conference
Ann Arbor, MI. October 17-19, 1995

INVITED LECTURES & HIGHER EDUCATION

Turning Hindsight into Foresight: Observations of a Brown Buffalo
University of Colorado's Center of the American West's Applied History (Mellon Funded) Project
July 13, 2022

Making Colorblind and Colorful Colorado in Denver
Colorado History's Building Denver Series
September 9, 2021

A Brown Buffalo's Observations on Equity and Water
Arizona State University, Future H2O
August 6, 2021

The Human Right to Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo on PFAS, History, Community & Empowerment in the Movement for Water Justice
Keynote
Campus Compact 21 Midwest West Continuums of Service Conference
Resilience & Responsibility for Racial & Environmental Justice
March 17, 2021

Racism, State Violence, and the Current Crisis: A Panel on Black Lives Matter
Regis University
Denver, CO. September 29, 2020

Making Colorful and Colorblind Denver, Colorado
Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Round Up
Denver, CO. June 30, 2020

Racial Impact Statements in the Movement for Water Justice
Natural Resources Defense Council Water Affordability Convening
Detroit, MI. June 19, 2019

When Our Institutions Do Violence: Lessons Shared From Across the Region
Colorado Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education
Pueblo, CO. April 19, 2019

Making Colorful and Colorblind Denver, Colorado
Littleton History Museum
Littleton, CO. April 3, 2019

Making Colorful and Colorblind Colorado
El Pueblo History Museum
Pueblo, CO. February 27, 2019

Ditches and Desirability, Regulating Race through the Flow & Quality of Immigration and the
Application of Western Water Law in the 19th and early 20th Century.
CLE to Denver Law Latino/a Alumni Association
Denver, CO. February 28, 2018

Invited Plenary Lecture: So You Want to Teach Diversity? Inclusivity, Equity and Social Justice in the
Law School Classroom
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
University of Minnesota Law School
Minneapolis, MN. July 20, 2017

Inclusive Pedagogy and the Law School Classroom: A Workshop for Facilitators
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
University of Minnesota Law School
Minneapolis, MN. July 19, 2017

Writing for Inclusive Excellence. Summer Research Kick-Off
University of Denver
Denver, CO. June 12, 2017

Finding Common Ground: A Conversation about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Difficult Times
Regis University
Denver, CO. May 10, 2017

Invited Panelist: Water Law Update as part of "Professor Corner"
American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Annual Meeting
Denver, CO, April 26, 2017

Invited Presentation: Diversity, Inclusion and Equity at DU: A New Model
Colorado Coalition for the Educational Advancement of Latinos (COCEAL)
Denver, CO. October 20, 2016

Invited Panelist: The Color of Flint's Water
Cesar Chavez Social Justice Week
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. March 30, 2016

Making Inclusive Excellence a Reality Here and Now
University of Denver Morgridge College of Education
Denver, CO. November 11, 2015

Invited Panelist: *Cultural Sensitivity in the Classroom*
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. October 19, 2015

Invited Author: *Water, Water Everywhere ... And No Where: Bridging the Confluence of Water and Immigration Law*
Michigan Law School Legal History Workshop
Ann Arbor, MI. October 13, 2015

Invited Lecture: *Pathways for Pipelines for Indigenous and Minority Communities.*
Higher Education Technical Assistance Project: Office of Minority Health Resource Center
Denver, CO. August, 27, 2015

Invited Plenary Lecture: *Race-Making in the Colorful and Colorblind Legal History of the American West*
Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference
Denver, CO. October 24, 2014

All Campus Sesquicentennial Lecture: *Imagine a Great city: DU and the Making of Multiracial Denver*
University of Denver
Denver, CO. September 2, 2014

Public Lecture: *Race-Making in Colorful and Colorblind Colorado*
Telluride Historical Museum
Telluride, CO. July 24, 2014

Invited Speaker and Participant: *The Shadows of Law's Selective Racial Memory: Reclaiming History for a Multiracial Metropolitan America*
AERA Research Conference: Race: A Condition of Process?
University of Illinois-Champaign
Champaign-Urbana, IL. November 21, 2013

Invited Debater: *The Colorado River Compact: Effective or Obsolete?*
3rd Annual Carver Colloquium
Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. November 12, 2013

Moderator: *Deans Panel: The Future of Legal Education*

Annual Meeting of Hispanic National Bar Association
Denver, CO. September 8, 2013

Panelist: *Publish or Perish?*
HNBA Law Student Symposium
Annual Meeting of the Hispanic National Bar Association
Denver, CO. September 8, 2013

Panelist: *Improving Participation and Success of Undocumented Students*
Think Tank for Equity: College Access and Success for Students of Color in Colorado Sponsored by
Colorado State University, the University of Colorado, and the University of Denver
University of Denver
Denver, CO. May 9, 2013

Keynote: *Realizing the Dream: Equality for All in Colorado's Legal History*
Larimer County Bar Association Young Lawyers Law Day 2013
Larimer County Courthouse Offices Building
Fort Collins, CO May 3, 2013

Keynote: *How I Rode the Bus to Become a Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law: Reflections on Keyes's Legacy for the Post-Racial, Multiracial, and Metropolitan Twenty-First Century*
Forty Years Since *Keyes v. School District No. 1*: Equality of Educational Opportunity and the Legal Construction of Modern Metropolitan America
Denver University Law Review 2013 Annual Symposium
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. February 2013

Panelist: *The Continuing Significance of Race: Education in a "Post-Racial" Obama Era*
Sponsored by Presidential Debates Series
University of Denver. June 25, 2012

Panelist: *Voting Power--How Hot Issues and Diverse Constituents Will Influence the 2012 Presidential Election*
Sponsored by Presidential Debates Series
University of Denver Sturm College of Law. April, 18, 2012.

Keynote: *The Color of Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo on Water Law and Policy in Ten Stanzas*
Dying of Thirst: The Right to Water in a Globalized World
Center on Rights Development Thirteenth Annual Symposium
Denver, CO. March 29, 2012

Lecture: *"A War to Keep Alien Labor Out of Colorado," 1935-1936*
Winter Quarter Provost's Luncheon and Lecture
University of Denver
Denver, CO. February 29, 2012

Plenary Address: *The Color of Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo*
15th Annual LatCrit Symposium
Denver, CO. October 2010

Panelist: *What Can Brown Do For You?: Hernandez v. Texas, Brown v. Board of Education and the Concept of La Raza Latina in American Law*
Annual Meeting of the Hispanic National Bar Association
Minneapolis, MN. September 2010

Panelist: *A Critical Appraisal of the Color Line: The Promise and Problems of Interdisciplinary Research on Whiteness and Non-Whiteness in a Colorblind Era*
Workshop on Post Racial Civil Rights Law, Politics and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama
Association of American Law Schools
New York, N.Y. June 9, 2010

Presidential Address: *Interdisciplinary Research on Race in a Colorblind Era: A Critical Appraisal and Notes on a Transformative Paradigm*
American Educational Research Association
Denver, CO. May 2, 2010

Colloquium: *Water Rights and Social Equality in the Urban American West.*
Faculty Speaker Series: The University of Missouri School of Law
Columbia, MO. March 19, 2010

Colloquium: *The Release of the Brown Buffalo: Water Rights, Metropolitan Development and the Color of Law and Local Government*
UCLA Critical Race Theory Workshop
Los Angeles, CA. March 11, 2009

Moderator/Panelist: *Innovative Practices and Opportunities: Justice Barriers to Equal Educational Opportunity*
Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy/SMRLS Spring 2009 Symposium and CLE.
St. Paul, MN. March 13, 2009

Panelist: *Unequal Educational Outcomes: Is Achievement Tracking a Source or Perpetrator of Racial Discrimination Within Schools?*
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services Continuing Legal Education and University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN. February 6, 2009

Lecture: *The Social Function of Property: On Denver and the Making of a Multiracial Metropolitan Heterotopia 1940-1975*
Study Space, a joint project of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth, Georgia State University College of Law and LatCrit, Inc.
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
Denver, CO. December 2008

Colloquium: *Creating and Containing the Multiracial Heterotopia: Kelo, Parents and the Spatialization of Color(blindness) in the Berman-Brown Postmetropolis"*
Legal History Workshop
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN. April 8, 2008

Keynote: *Becoming Latino: Law and Social Change in the United States*
Rotary Club of St. Paul
St. Paul, MN. July 22, 2008

Keynote: *Japanese Americans and Law in World War II Denver & Colorado*
Joint Annual Meeting of Western Legal Teachers of Color & Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors.
University of Denver Sturm College of Law.
Denver, CO. April 24, 2008

Panelist: *Voices United Series: Law and Civil Rights*
Latino Communications Network and Spokesman & Recorder Publishing Co.
Minneapolis, MN. January 18, 2008

Keynote: *Latinos, Law, and Minnesota*
Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association
William Mitchell School of Law
St. Paul, MN. October 16, 2007

Keynote: *Salud para todos ("Health for all"): Latinos and Health Law in the 21st Century*
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota
Eagan, MN. September 26, 2007

Panelist: *Hot Litigation Topics: Anti-Immigration Ordinances*
National Hispanic Bar Association – Midyear Meetings
Minneapolis, MN. March 23, 2007.

Moderator: *Latino/as and Legal Education in Minnesota*
Hamline University School of Law
St. Paul, MN. February 9, 2007

Panelist: *Race and Pedagogy in the Academy*
University of Minnesota, The Institute for Advanced Study
Minneapolis, MN. December 1, 2006

Moderator: *Immigration: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*
University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management
Minneapolis, MN. November 1, 2006

Panelist: *Racial Bias in Jury Selection*
Hamline University School of Law
St. Paul, MN. April 22, 2006

Panelist: *Cultural and Language Differences and Their Impact on Employment Litigation*
Minnesota Continuing Legal Education
Minneapolis, MN. November 16, 2005

Keynote: *Adios Columbus: Latinos and the Reclamation and Reimagination of Property in the 20th Century*
William Mitchell School of Law/Minnesota Humanities Center
St. Paul, MN. October 10 & 11, 2005

Panelist: *“Our Selma is Here:” The Legal History of School Desegregation in Denver, Colorado*
Building Constructive Frameworks for Improving Ethnic Relations: Best Practices Here and Abroad 50
Years After *Brown*

University of Denver

Denver, CO. August 19, 2004

Lecture: *Diversity, Discrimination, and the Elusive Search for Equality: A Personal and Historical
Account of Affirmative Action in the American West*

Reed College

Portland, OR. March 24, 2003

Lecture: *Mexicans? Spanish Americans? Hispanos? ¡Somos Chicanos!: Race, Citizenship and
Community in Mexican American Denver, 1945-2000*

University of Denver, Department of History

Denver, CO. February 19, 2003

Colloquium: *Uncertain Waters and Contested Lands: Colorado and the Legal History of the American
West*

University of Colorado at Boulder Center of the American West and School of Law

Boulder, CO. April 6, 2002

Lecture: *Excavating the Contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to Colorado’s Legal
Past*

Colorado Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Denver, CO. January 24, 2002

Keynote: *Western Values, Western Lawyers: The Impact of Place on the Practice of Law*

First Annual Rocky Mountain Conference of Clinical Law Professors

Estes Park, CO. October 5, 2001

Lecture: *Putting Law in Historical Context Using Feature Films*

Educating for Citizenship: Law-Related Education Conference

Denver, CO. December 1, 2000

COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Racial Equity Council – Mayor Office (City and County of Denver) of Social Equity and Innovation,
2022-present

Board of Directors, Colorado Water Trust, 2021-present

Advisory Board, One World One Water Center at Metropolitan State University of Denver, 2020-present

Advisory Board, Lost Highways, Colorado History Podcast, Colorado History, 2018-Present

Western History and Genealogy Community Acquisitions Committee, Denver Public Library, 2018-2020

Advisory Board, Race/Social Justice Initiative, City and County of Denver Office of Human Relations
and Community Partnerships, 2018-2019

Oral Defense Chair, Corey Martz, M.A. Candidate in the Department of Geography and the Environment,
University of Denver, 2018

Judge, 2017 Colorado Book Awards, Colorado Humanities, 2017.

Advisory Committee, Colorado in 100 Objects, Colorado History, 2016-2017

Local Arrangements Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, 2016

Provost's Academic Diversity Council, University of Denver, 2015-present
Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities in the Public Square, 2015
Advisory Committee, Denver Public Library, Hispanic Collection Acquisitions, 2015-2018
Board of Directors, Colorado Judicial Institute, 2015-2017
Faculty Advisor, University of Denver Education and Policy Outreach Group, Sturm College of Law, 2015-present
Editorial Board Member, The Journal of Legal Education, 2014-2017
Board Member, Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, & Research Organization, 2013-2014
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee for 2014 Annual Meeting, American Society for Legal History, 2012-2014
Early Career Workshop Planning Committee, Law and Society Association, 2012
Advisory Council, Center of Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver, 2012-2013
Faculty Advisor, University of Denver Water Law Review, Sturm College of Law, 2011-present
Symposium Advisor, University of Denver Law Review 2013 Symposium, 2012-2013
Advisory Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2012-2013
Renew DU, Incubator on Inclusive Excellence, University of Denver, 2012-2013
Higher Education Committee, Water 2012, Colorado Foundation for Water Education, 2011-2012
Critical Race Theory Reading Group Coordinator, University of Denver, 2010-present
Promotions and Tenure Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012
Long-Term Contract Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012
Faculty Co-Advisor, University of Denver Water Law Review, Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012
Retained as Expert Counsel, *Moreno v. Gessler*, 2011
Retained as Expert Pro-Bono Counsel, *Lobato v. Colorado Department of Education*, 2011
Lateral Appointments Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010-2011
Advisory Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010-2011
Steering Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2009-2010
Co-Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2009-2010
Selection Committee, Law and Social Science Dissertation Mentoring Fellowship sponsored by the Law and Society Association, American Bar Foundation, and National Science Foundation, 2009-2012
Chair, CLE Dispute Resolution Committee, Hispanic National Bar Association CLE Planning Committee for 2010 Annual Meeting, 2009-2010
Board Member, Affordable Housing Connections, Inc. January 2009-2010
Planning Team, Study Space of Georgia State University and LatCrit, Inc., October 2008-2010
Diversity Integration Steering Committee, Hamline University, September 2008 to 2010
St. Paul, Minnesota Firefighter Written Test Advisory Committee, August 2008 to 2010
Hispanic National Bar Association CLE Planning Committee for 2010 Annual Meeting, 2008 to 2010
Appointments Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2008-2009
Academic Director, Certificate Program in Global Arbitration Law and Practice, London, England, June-July 2008
Law and Legal Classification Workshop, Law School First Year Student Orientation, Hamline University School of Law, 2007 to 2009
Note-Taking Skills Workshop, Academic Success Program, Hamline University School of Law, 2006 to present
Planning Team, Midwestern People of Color Conference, Hamline University School of Law, May 29-June 1, 2008
Co-Chair, Vice President of Diversity Integration Search Committee, Hamline University, 2008-2009
Honors Thesis Committee, "A Piece of Land: Black Women and Land in South Africa and the United States of America," Macalester College, April 2007
Honors Thesis Committee, "A Comparative Analysis of Hamline University's Support of Domestic Student's of Color, Hamline University, February 2007
Member, Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, 2006-2010

Chair, “Strength in Diversity” Framework, Hamline University Strategic Planning, 2006-2007
Board Member, Centro Legal, Inc. St. Paul, MN., 2005 to 2009
Chair, Board of Directors, Centro Legal, Inc., St. Paul, MN, May 2006-June 2008
Chair of Advisory Board, El Fondo de Nuestra Comunidad, St. Paul, MN, February 2008 to 2010
Advisory Board, El Fondo de Nuestra Comunidad, St. Paul, MN, 2004 to 2010
Faculty Advisor, Hamline Journal of Law & Public Policy, 2004-2009
Faculty Advisor, Latino Law Student Association, Hamline University, 2004-present
Coach, Latino Law Student Association Moot Court, Hamline University, 2005-present
Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition Committee, Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, 2006-2007
Diversity Committee, Hamline University, 2005-2006
Academic and Library Affairs Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2006-2007
Special Programs Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2005-2006
Faculty Development and Scholarship Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2004-2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of American Law Schools
American Bar Association
American Historical Association
American Society for Legal History
American Studies Association
Association of Asian American Studies
Hispanic National Bar Association
International American Studies Association
Latina-Latino Critical Theory, Inc. Association
Law and Society Association
National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
Rocky Mountain Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education
Society of American Law Teachers
Urban History Association
Western History Association