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Joined the faculty in 1991.

Additional Biographical Information

- Professor of Law and Director of L.L.M. & Immigration Development (2012-present)
- Associate Dean (2003-2012)
- Associate Professor, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (1991-2008)
- Visiting Profesor Escuela de Derecho Universidad de Puerto Rico (2005-present)
- Visiting Associate Professor, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (1999-2000)
- Clinical Director, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (1992-1995)
- Director/Clinical Instructor, Harvard Law School Immigration Clinic, Cambridge, MA (1987-1991)
- Assistant Attorney, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago, IL (1986-1987)
- Staff Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Chicago, IL (1983-1986)
- Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN (1981-1983)
- Law Clerk/Trial Assistant, Hennepin County Public Defenders Office, Minneapolis, MN (1979-1980)

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- Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom : Frenkel, D.A. (ed.). (2013). *The Legal Profession: Education and Ethics in Practice*. Athens: The Athens Institute for Publication and Research (ATINER). ISBN: 978-960-9549-37-0
 - Racial Profiling as a means of Thwarting the Alleged Latino Security Threat, 37 T. Marshall Law Rev. 5 (2011): Published with Professor Lupe Salinas
 - Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom: An Empirical Study, Conference Paper, INTED2011 Proceedings ISBN 978-614-7423-3 (Valencia/Spain, 2011)
 - Latinos, Terrorism and U.S. Immigration Policy, 1 HNBA J. L. & Pol'y 39 (2008),
 - Familia e Inmigración: What Happened to Family Unity?, 19 Fla.J.Int law 491(2007)
 - Thinking Like A Lawyer: Expert Novice Differences in Simulated Client Interviews;
 - The Journal of the Legal Profession: The University of Alabama School of Law, Vol. 21, 1996-97.
 - Political Asylum and Judicial Review: The Rise and of Imputed Political Opinion
 - Thurgood Marshall Law Review, Vol. 20, Fall 1994, No 1.\
 - *Political Asylum and Judicial Review: The Rise and Fall of Imputed Political Opinion*, 20 T. MARSHALL L. REV. 1 (1994).
 - *Thinking Like a Lawyer, Expert Novice Differences in Simulated Client Interviews*, 21 J. LEGAL PROF. 107 (1997).
 - *Lead Counsel in Matter of Edwards* 20 I. & N. Dec 191, cited in Immigration Law and Procedure Desk Edition (1999), by Gordon & Gordon, and in all major Immigration Law Textbooks.

Selected Presentations

- Continuing Legal Education Presentations in Immigration Law
- Panel member at Fordham University: Minorities in the Law Teaching Profession: "Consider Teaching Law" (1993)
- Panel member South Texas College of Law: President's Initiative on Race; Campus Week Dialogue. (1998)
- Panel Member Texas Wesleyan University: Relationship Violence 101 (1999)
- Panel Presentation: The American Society of International Law; "The Visible College of International Law Clinicians: Making a Real Difference in Law School and in the World." (2001)
- The Citizens' Summit on Criminal Justice in Houston: Panel on "Immigrants and Law Enforcement" (4/21/2001)
- Panel Presentation: "To the Border and Beyond: Emerging Legal Issues in the Hispanic Community." Hispanic National Bar Association- Law Student Division Region XII Conference-"Todos Unidos"- February 23-23, 2002
- Participant: Mexican Communities Abroad Program- The 9th Informative Seminar on Mexico, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico City (October 28th, 2002).
- Presentation: Immigration and Legal Issues-Hispanic Heritage Month Series sponsored by Medical University South Carolina College of Nursing Hispanic Health Initiative October 2005
- Moderator: "Immigration and Language"-LATCRIT XI (Latina and Latino Critical Theory)-William Boyd School of Law University of Nevada, Las Vegas (October 2006)
- Panel Presentation: "American Immigration Policy; The unfortunate Targeting of the Latino Population in Times of Terror." Fourth Annual Gloucester Summer Legal Conference -Gloucester, England -July 2007
- Moderator/Panelist: "Immigration Reform"-Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis Minnesota (September 2010)
- Panelist: "Changing Times: Use of clickers for assessment in the legal classroom." Turning Technologies Users Conference, Harvard University (October 2010)
- Chair Session: "New Challenges For the Higher Education Area (II) ": International Association of Technology, Education and Development (March 2011-Valencia, Spain)
- Panelist: "Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom: An Empirical Study: International Association of Technology, Education and Development (March 2011-Valencia, Spain)
- Panelist: Summer conference of the Institute for Law and Teaching, New York Law School (2011): "Formative Assessment Protocols: An Empirical Report from a Property Course."
- Panelist: Conference on Law and Education. Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens Greece (2012): Use of Technology in the Legal Classroom: An empirical Study
- Panelist: Conference on Law and Education. Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens Greece (May 2013): Technology and Assessment in the Legal Classroom: An empirical Study
- Distinguished Visiting Lecturer: MINISTERIO DA EDUCACAO, Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brazil. Lectured to faculty on Students on Diversity. Special Topics on Immigration Law as a comparison between U.S. and Brazil, Issues on Immigration Law in the U.S.A. (August 2013)
- Panelist Southwet Association of Law Schools 2014 Annual Conference:LL.M Programs in the Modern Law School (Amelia Island, FL August 2014)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/AWARDS

- Recipient Professor of the Year Award by the 2013 Class
- Recipient, Professor of the Year and Outstanding Advisor, 2001-2002 by the Hispanic Law Student Association Thurgood Marshall School of Law.
- Named Outstanding Visiting Professor, 1999-2000 by the Student Bar Association Wesleyan University School of Law
- Named 1L Outstanding Evening Professor, 1999-2000 by the Student Bar Association Wesleyan University School of Law
- Recipient, Professor of the Year, 1997-98, Chicano Law Association
- Recipient, Professor of the Year, 1996-97, Chicano Law Association
- Recipient, Achievement Award, 1995-96 Chicano Law Student Association
- Recipient, Professor of the Year, 1994-95, Chicano Law Association.

- Recipient, Lex Justa Award, 1991-92, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, an award
 - presented by the Asian Pacific Student Association to the Professor that the organization believed best exemplified the ideal of justice during the year;
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Court Admissions

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- Minnesota State and Federal Court, 1982
 - Illinois State and Federal Court, 1983
 - Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Massachusetts, 1988
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Affiliations

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- Co-Founder of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Institute for International and Immigration Law
- American Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association