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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley**, Ph.D. Candidate, Jurisprudence & Social Policy, May 2023  
Committee: Christopher Kutz and Sarah Song (co-chairs), Gideon Yaffe

**Yale Law School**, J.D., May 2022

Honors: Honors in Critical Race Theory, Tax Policy, Access to Law School  
(Seminar and Fieldwork); Symposium Editor of YALE JOURNAL OF LAW  
AND THE HUMANITIES

Activities: Academic Development Chair of Yale Black Law Students Association; Board  
Member for Yale Law & Philosophy Society; Board Member for Yale Law &  
Political Economy; Student Mentor, Access to Law School Clinic

**CUNY City College**, B.A., Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, June 2016

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Shemmassian Academic Consulting**, Academic Specialist, February-July 2022

**Winston and Strawn LLP**, Summer Associate, May-July 2021

**Cornell Law School First Amendment Clinic**, Summer Intern, May-July 2020

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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*Primary:* Criminal Law and Procedure, Immigration Law, Philosophy of Law

*Secondary:* Race and the Law, Privacy Law, Evidence

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*The Borderless Wall: Basic Rights and Privacy in the Context of Immigration Enforcement* (in progress)

This paper explores the dilemma illegalized people face when deciding between seeking protection of their basic rights and avoiding deportation, as well as political theorist Joseph Carens's attempt to resolve this dilemma by arguing for "firewalls." Firewalls are policies that protect unauthorized immigrants from immigration enforcement when seeking protection of their basic rights. I argue that Carens's account of firewalls does not account for how immigration enforcement collects information through data brokers, state agencies, and public service providers to name a few. In developing my own account, I argue that privacy defined as contextual integrity should provide the basis for firewalls. According to contextual integrity, privacy is preserved when information flows generated by an action or practice conform to legitimate contextual norms and is violated when those norms are breached. I demonstrate how an account of firewalls, informed by considerations of contextual integrity, allows us to examine contemporary information-sharing practices and their effect on the autonomy of those who must interact with them. This project is one part of a larger project developing a systematized philosophical account of *illegalization*, defined as *state practices of criminalization that use immigration enforcement as a tool of social degradation*.

*On Trumpism and Illegality*, in TRUMPISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS, 115 (Osagie Obasogie, ed. 2020)

This chapter explores, through an analysis of Trumpism more generally, the link between illegality as a political phenomenon and illegality as a dimension of personhood. I argue that Trumpist conception of illegality relies on a constant state of emergency that criminalized those without status. I develop this argument by charting how Trump began his campaign and maintained his presidency through fomenting of xenophobia and operationalizing it through immigration enforcement. Given the relatively scant attention the issue of unauthorized immigration receives in theoretical treatments, it is not surprising that the literature does not account for the element of emergency that I argue is central to illegality.

*Other Borders: The Illegal as Normative Metaphor*, in WE ARE NOT DREAMERS: UNDOCUMENTED SCHOLARS THEORIZE ABOUT LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES, 23 (Leisy Ábrego and Genevieve Negrón-González, eds. 2020).

This chapter investigates metaphor as it relates to the jurisprudence and politics of immigration, with a focus on the deliberative space in which policymakers and immigrant rights groups negotiate immigration reform. I argue that illegalized persons are at a disadvantage when perceptions of procedural fairness are applied to deliberations on immigration policy. In addition to imbalances related to the availability of resources and lack of legal status, illegalized immigrant groups suffer from a more pernicious disadvantage: the metaphors that carry weight in policy discussions have the ability to warp the very narratives necessary for substantive policy. In other words, the issue is not just the presence of metaphor and narrative but rather, the perspective of the people creating them; this constitutes much of the deliberative disadvantage illegalized immigrants and other marginalized groups must contend with. The way we marshal those competing interests, both as a political and, more centrally for the purposes of this paper, as a *linguistic* maneuver, reveals how *prima facie* procedurally just immigration policy makes exclusion invisible to the bodies it excludes.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**DePauw University**, “Other Borders: The Illegal as Normative Metaphor, May 28, 2022.

**Friday Forum Series, UC Berkeley Jurisprudence and Social Policy**, “Without Rights, What are Firewalls?” September 10, 2021.

**UC Berkeley Center for Race & Gender’s Radical Kinship Series**, “Citizenship, Illegalization, and Insularity” March 12, 2022.

**Yale Law & Philosophy Society’s Works in Progress Series**, “Without Rights, What are Firewalls?” February 7, 2022.

**Immigration Initiative at Harvard Speaker Series**, “Other Borders: The Illegal as Normative Metaphor, February 10, 2021.

**Yale Law & Philosophy Society’s Works in Progress Series**, “On Criminalizing Unauthorized Entry” November 5, 2020.

**Berkeley Gender Law Journal Symposium**, “Dead to Rights: On Illegalization as a Critical Framework for Understanding Alienage” April 17, 2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Fellow, Perspectives on Human Nature, Yale College, Spring 2022  
Teaching Fellow, Philosophy of Education, Yale College, Spring 2021  
Teaching Fellow, Life, Yale College, Fall 2020  
Graduate Student Instructor, Immigration Law, UC Berkeley, Fall 2019  
Graduate Student Instructor, Theories of Law, UC Berkeley, Fall 2018  
Graduate Student Instructor, Philosophy of Law, UC Berkeley, Spring 2018  
Graduate Student Instructor, Theories of Justice, UC Berkeley, Fall 2017

## REFERENCES

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