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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA
Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy Expected June 2025

Dissertation: *Resisting the End of Asylum: A Longitudinal Study of the Development and Continuity of Oppositional Consciousness Among Pro Bono Direct Legal Service Providers*

Committee: Catherine Albiston (Chair), Calvin Morrill, Irene Bloemraad, Leti Volpp

Preliminary Exams: Sociology of Law (*distinction*); Mobilization, Law and Migration

University of California, Berkeley Law School Berkeley, CA
J.D. International Law Certificate, Pro Bono Certificate 2015

Activities: *California Law Review*, Supervising Editor and Member, Diversity Committee
International Human Rights Workshop, Co-Director and Member
Berkeley Journal of International Law
Berkeley Immigration Group
Boalt Anti-Trafficking Project, T Visa Program

University of California, Irvine Irvine, CA
Ph.D. Student, Department of Criminology, Law and Society 2011-2012
(Transfer to University of California, Berkeley)

Activities: Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE)
Committee, Member

University of Chicago Chicago, IL
M.A., Social Science, Concentration in International History and Human Rights 2004
Thesis: *Trafficking in Women from the former Soviet Union to the European Union: Overcoming Ambiguities and Improving Policies*

Wellesley College Wellesley, MA
B.A., *cum laude*, International Relations, Italian Culture 2001

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of California, Berkeley, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award 2019

Jurisprudence Award, International Human Rights Law Clinic Seminar 2014

Voices on the Horizon: Emerging Leader in the Women's Funding Movement 2009

Housing Advocacy Council, Recognition for Outstanding Service 2003

Wellesley College First Year Distinction 1998

SELECT COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Law and Social Sciences Division (\$26,610)	2019
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Continuing Student Fellowship (\$10,000)	2019
Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Graduate Fellowship (\$1,000)	2019
University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Research Grant (\$3,500)	2018
University of California Berkeley, Selznick Doctoral Fellowship (\$20,000)	2014
UC Berkeley School of Law, Alexander Marsden “Captain” Kidd Scholarship (\$4,500)	2013
University of Chicago Merit Fellowship (\$10,000)	2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law Spring 2025 (accepted)
Adjunct Professor, Undergraduate Law Program
Law 312: Immigration Law

University of California, Berkeley, Legal Studies
Graduate Student Instructor
Legal Studies 100: Foundations of Legal Studies Fall 2018
Legal Studies 132AC: Immigration and Citizenship Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
Legal Studies 140: Property and Liberty Fall 2017
Legal Studies 184: Sociology of Law Fall 2016, Fall 2015

University of California, Irvine, Criminology, Law and Society
Teaching Assistant
CRM/LAW 120: Law and Inequality Winter 2012

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE MENTORING AND SUPERVISION

University of California, Berkeley
Supervisor, Legal Studies Independent Study 2019
Trained undergraduate students on qualitative research methods, including open coding and developing a codebook
Student Co-Director, International Human Rights Workshop 2013-2014
Managed 1L students’ research on the role of victims in International Criminal Court trials in Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley
Graduate Student Researcher
Irene Bloemraad and Kim Voss, Professors of Sociology 2019-2020; 2021-2022
Catherine Albiston, Jackson H. Ralston Professor of Law and Sociology and 2016-2017
Professor Victoria Plaut, Professor of Law and Social Science
Kathryn Abrams, Herma Hill Kay Distinguished Professor of Law 2015-2017

Karen Tani, Assistant Professor of Law 2013
University of California, Irvine
Research Assistant
 Prof. Susan Coutin, Professor of Criminology, Law and Society and Anthropology 2012
Graduate Assistant
 Immigration Research-Advocacy Exchange 2012
University of Chicago
Research Assistant
 Michael Conzen, Professor of Geography 2003-2004

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ALDEA – The People’s Justice Center Reading, PA
Remote Legal Volunteer September 2017-August 2018

- Served as legal advocate during phone-based Credible Fear Interviews with the Asylum Office for families held in Berks County Family Residential Center, an immigration detention center

Pueblo Sin Fronteras Puebla, Mexico
Legal Volunteer April 2018

- Conducted legal intakes for asylum seekers in the April 2018 Viacrusis Migrante (refugee caravan)

ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project San Francisco, CA
Legal Intern May 2014-July 2014

- Conducted legal research and provided written legal analyses for civil litigation matters relating to immigrants’ rights
- Drafted motion to compel production of documents withheld during discovery
- Prepared questions for deposition and participated in fact discovery

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach San Francisco, CA
Law Clerk May 2013-August 2013

- Drafted motion to reopen and reconsider denial of a domestic violence survivor’s I-751 waiver of the joint filing requirement for a petition to remove the conditions of residence
- Prepared T visa, U visa, and adjustment of status applications on behalf of human trafficking and domestic violence survivor clients, including writing declarations and translating exhibits

University of California, Berkeley Law School
 International Human Rights Workshop (Student-Initiated Legal Project) Berkeley, CA
Student Volunteer, Sexual Violence Project August 2012-May 2013

- Researched sexual offense laws and drafted legislative memorandum that was provided to Liberian officials working to reform Liberian sexual-based violence laws
- Coded sexual offenses acts using qualitative coding software for comparative law project

PUBLICATIONS

White Meeusen, Pauline. “Review of Benjamin Gonzalez O’Brien’s *Handcuffs and Chain Link: Criminalizing the Undocumented in America*.” *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*. September 2019.

Seron, Carroll, Susan Coutin, Pauline White Meeusen. "Is There a Canon in Law and Society?" *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*. Vol 9, Dec 2013.

White, Pauline. "Acting with Impunity: A Three-Part Series on Peacekeepers' Involvement in Trafficking in Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina." *National Association of State Judicial Educators News Quarterly*. Vol. 21, No. 1, 2 and 3 Winter 2006, Spring 2006 and Summer 2006.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

White Meeusen, Pauline. "Bearing Witness to Asylum Seekers in an Era of Misinformation: The Transformation of Pro Bono Direct Legal Services into Social Change Activism" (under review)

White Meeusen, Pauline. "Becoming an Ally: The Role of Profession Identity, Expertise, and Moral Shocks in Motivating Social Movement Activism"

White Meeusen, Pauline. "Never Again: A Longitudinal Examination of the Oppositional Consciousness of Legal Allies to Asylum Seekers"

White Meeusen, Pauline and Victoria Plaut. "Criminal Migrants or Sex Slaves: Testing How Stereotypes Impact Identification of Potential International Human Trafficking Victims"

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTER/PANELIST:

- 2024 "Becoming an Ally: The Role of Organizational Form, Expertise, and Moral Shocks in Motivating and Sustaining Social Movement Activism Among Legal Actors." Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.
- 2024 "*Immigrants' Legal Consciousness, Lawyers' Strategies, Law School's Limitations, and the Bar's Ethical Rules Reimagined.*" Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado (Chair)
- 2023 "Bearing Witness in an Era of Misinformation: How Legal Actors Make Meaning of Pro Bono Direct Legal Services Work with Asylum Seekers. Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2023 "Never Again: A Longitudinal Examination of the Oppositional Consciousness of Legal Allies to Asylum Seekers." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 *Matrix on Point: Border Crossing*, UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9N9wJNHmj1c>)
- 2022 "Compelled to Bear Witness: The Development and Continuity of Oppositional Consciousness Among Legal Actors Serving Asylum Seekers to the United States." Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2018 "Lawyers in U.S. Immigration Courts." Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada.
- 2017 "Criminal Migrants or Sex Slaves: Testing How Stereotypes Impact Identification of Potential International Human Trafficking Victims." Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Mexico City, Mexico.

- 2016 “Criminal Migrants or Sex Slaves: Testing How Stereotypes Impact Identification of Potential International Human Trafficking Victims.” Stanford-Berkeley Immigration Conference. Stanford, CA.
- 2015 “Creating Spaces of Legality in the Shadow of the Law: How Volunteer Immigration Attorneys Ensure Fairness in Expedited and Non-Expedited Proceedings.” Berkeley Interdisciplinary Immigration Workshop. University of California, Berkeley.
- “The Problems with Looking for the Ideal: Testing Bias in Human Trafficking Victim Identification.” Law & Society Association: Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.

SERVICE

Student Representative, Legal Studies Curriculum Committee, UC Berkeley 2019-2020
 Student Representative, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Equity and Inclusion Committee 2017-2018
 Professional Development Coordinator, Jurisprudence and Social Policy 2015-2016
 Co-Chair, Social Events Committee, Jurisprudence and Social Policy 2014-2015

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Law and Society Association (LSA) 2012-Current
 Student Affiliate, Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative 2014-Current
 Graduate Student in Residence, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues 2018-2020
 Member, Culture, Diversity, & Intergroup Relations Lab 2014-2020

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods, Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative	2018, 2024
Law and Society Association Junior Scholars Workshop	2019

REFERENCES

Catherine Albiston

Jackson H. Ralston Professor of Law
 Professor of Sociology
 Faculty Director, Center for the Study of Law and Society
 University of California, Berkeley Law School
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 Professor of Sociology
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President’s Excellence Chair in Global Migration
 Professor of Political Science and Sociology
 Co-Director, Centre of Migration Studies
 University of British Columbia
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P. Deep Gulasekaram (Teaching Reference)

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 University of Colorado Law School
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