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EDUCATION

University of Arizona

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, School of Information

Master of Arts in Library & Information Science, December 2021

- iSchool Director's List of Distinguished Graduate Scholars

University of Arizona

College of Law

Juris Doctorate, May 1991

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts-General Studies, May 1986

(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
- ♦ Teach legal research in 1L Legal Research, Analysis & Writing
- ♦ Assist faculty with legal research queries
- ♦ Support access to justice and social justice projects, including providing research training, support law school social justice and access to justice projects
- ♦ Conduct outreach for public patrons and collaborating with legal communities
- ♦ Create and maintain several LibGuides
- ♦ Participate in collection development
- ♦ Contribute to social media, Blog posts, book displays, student outreach
- ♦ Member of the Law School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- ♦ Provide student advising to a small group of law students

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

- ♦ Teaching Assistant for Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication classes
- ♦ Teaching Assistant and Instructor for Law Practice Management & Technology class
- ♦ Presentations on Researching Tribal Law
- ♦ Conduct student outreach - in person, remotely, and via social media
- ♦ Reference desk duties - provide reference assistance in-person, by email and video conference
- ♦ Conduct legal research and analysis for faculty
- ♦ Update and create LibGuides

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
- ♦ Practice in Justice, Municipal, State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies
- ♦ Managed business operations and part-time staff of 1

Judge Pro Tem

Flagstaff Municipal Court, Flagstaff, AZ

January – November 2019

- ♦ Preside over initial hearings, warrant hearings, and juvenile detention hearings

Judge Pro Tem

Flagstaff Justice Court, Flagstaff, AZ

January 2018 – November 2019

- ♦ Preside 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, criminal misdemeanor, and traffic trials

Tribal Prosecutor

Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, AZ

April 2014 – May 2015

- ♦ Directed office with a staff of approximately 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 stakeholder 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
- ♦ Practice in State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies
- ♦ Managed business operations and part-time 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 law

Deputy County Attorney

Coconino County Attorney's Office, Flagstaff, AZ

November 2000 – May 2009

- ♦ Prosecuted misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile delinquency matters
- ♦ Presented to Grand Jury, reviewed law enforcement reports to issue charges
- ♦ Assigned prosecutor for Probation Violation Court

Deputy County Attorney

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

May 1997 – October 2000

- ♦ Prosecuted misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile delinquency matters
- ♦ 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 2, and departmental budget
- ♦ Supervised criminal prosecutions, traffic cases, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court

Chief Prosecutor

Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson, AZ

October 1992 – March 1996

- ♦ Directed office with staff of 2-4, and departmental budget
- ♦ Supervised criminal prosecutions, traffic cases, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal 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 law

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

Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina Law School. October 31, 2022

- ♦ Professor Aparna Polavarapu, *Comparative Law* course, unit titled “The Other American Law”

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

- ♦ 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 and Spring 2021

- ♦ Professors S. Gotschall and C. Condit. *1L Legal Research, Analysis, & Communication*. TA duties, reviewing exercises, assisting students with research, and grading quizzes

Spring 2021

- ♦ Professor Cynthia Condit. *Law Practice Management & Technology* (LAW 690). Co-create and co-teach module regarding Practice and Case Management, including the MyCase and Clio practice management platforms. Participate in panel discussion concerning practice and tech experience. Participate in sessions regarding e-discovery, and Courtroom Technology & Virtual Law Practice

Fall 2021 – Guest Lectures

- ♦ Professor Rebecca Tsosie, *Federal Indian Law class*. Create and present 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*. Create and present training module for Researching Tribal Law

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

- ♦ '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; unit on the law and legal issues

PRESENTATIONS

Roger Williams School of Law, Integrating Doctrine & Diversity Speaker Series II. October 19, 2022

- ♦ Panel Member, *Integrating Content on American Indian Law and Indigenous Identities* [Virtual event]

South Carolina Library Association 2022 Annual Conference. October 6, 2022

- ♦ Presenter, *Helping you Help your Patrons: Helping library patrons with their legal research*

American Association of Law Librarians, 2022 Annual Meeting. July 19, 2022

- ♦ Panel Member, *Truth Telling: What the Law Library Community Can Do to Support and Learn from a Transitional Justice Initiative*

Coconino County Law Library, Flagstaff, AZ

Presenter, AzCourtHelp – LegalTalks Series

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

Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, July 2017

- ♦ Presenter- Arizona's New Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Law

National Business Institute, August 2017

Presenter- Continuing Education seminar in Flagstaff, Arizona

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

Coconino County Bar Association, Flagstaff, Arizona

Presenter, Continuing Legal Education

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

Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Phoenix, Arizona

Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Training Annual Conference

Presenter, Continuing Legal Education & AzPOST Continuing Education

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

Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council Annual Conference,
Tucson, Arizona.

Presenter, Continuing Legal Education

- ♦ August 2008 - Phlebotomy and Search Warrants

SCHOLARSHIP

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Stephanie Carroll, **Rebecca Plevel**, Lydia Jennings, Ibrahim Garba, Rogena Sterling, Felina Cordova-Marks, Vanessa Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson and Nanibaa' A. Garrison. *Extending the CARE Principles from Tribal Research Policies to Benefit Sharing in Genomic Research*.

FRONT. GENET. 13:1052620, 11 November 2022. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2022.1052620>
(peer reviewed)

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

Stephanie Russo Carroll, Ibrahim Garba, **Rebecca Plevel**, Desi Small-Rodriquez, Vanessa Y Hiratsuka, Maui Hudson, Nanibaa' A. Garrison. *Using Indigenous Standards to implement the CARE Principles: Setting Expectations through Tribal Research Codes*, FRONT. GENET, 13:823309, March 2022 <https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2022.823309> (peer reviewed)

BLOG POSTS

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

Ibrahim Garba, Stephanie R. Carroll, **Rebecca Plevel**, Nanibaa’ Garrison. *The place of culture in Indigenous research governance: Insights from the US Experience.* Pre-recorded presentation, International Indigenous Research Conference 2022 Online. November 17, 2022.

AALL Teach-In Kit “Researching Tribal Law” (ppt slides) June 2022
https://www.aallnet.org/ripssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2022/05/2022_Researching-Tribal-Law.pdf

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

AALL Pipeline to the Profession Special Committee

Member, September 2022 – present

Survey/Research/Data Collection subcommittee. November 2022 - present

AALL Educating & Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus (GenNext)

Bylaws Committee, Co-chair. March – July 2022

Credentials & Compensation Committee, member. September 2022 – present

USC Law School, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Member, August 2021 – present

USC Law Library, Access Services Librarian Search

Committee Member, February – April 2022

SWALL Annual Conference & Meeting

Programming Committee, member. March – April 2021

Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program
Member of working group developing state guidelines and policies, 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 10/1991 -- Inactive 1/2022*

- ♦ Federal District Court, District of Arizona, *Admitted 11/1991*
- ♦ Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *Admitted 10/2012*

- ♦ Hopi Tribal Court, *Admitted 8/2009; reactivated 12/2016 - 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*
- ♦ American Indian Library Association, *2020-present*
- ♦ Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, *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

- ♦ 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