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**EDUCATION: Yale Law School, New Haven, CT**

**Juris Doctor February 2000**

*Recipient of Mary McCarthy Fellowship (1996). Schell Center Fellowship (2000)*

**John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

**Master in Public Policy 1998.**

*Recipient of Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching (1998), Harry S. Truman National Fellowship (1994) and the Kennedy School Annual Service Award (1997).*

**University of California, at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**

**B.A. International Development Studies, 1995, B.A. Political Science, 1995**

*G.P.A.: 3.92, Summa Cum Laude, Most Outstanding Senior, USA Today All-USA Academic First Team, Recognized by Pres. Clinton as 1 of 3 top students, Chancellor's Service Award (all 1995)*

**Admitted to the Bars of the State of California and the State of New York**

**Notary in the State of New York**

**EXPERIENCE:**

Jan. 2008-?

**Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-U)**

*Co-Director – Founded and run a national restaurant workers' organization that is initiating restaurant worker organizations in different locations across the country and engaging in national policy work for improved restaurant working conditions.*

Sept. 2007-?

**Brooklyn College Political Science Department**

Assistant Professor of Public Law

2002-2007

**Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York (ROC-NY)**

*Co-Director – Founded and ran an immigrant workers' organizing center for restaurant workers in New York City. Initially created to address the needs of displaced workers and the families of the victims from Windows on the World, the restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center, now the Center organizes all restaurant workers in New York City. The Center engages in organizing, research and policy work, and cooperative restaurant development.*

Spring 2001-?

**New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Study**

**Cornell University Industrial Labor Relations Program**

**City University of New York (CUNY), Queens College Worker Extension Center**

**City University of New York (CUNY), Brooklyn College, Political Science Department**

Professor, Adjunct Faculty: Political Science; Sociology; Labor History, Law & Economics

2000-2002

**The Workplace Project, (Centro de Derechos Laborales) Hempstead, NY**

*Attorney/Organizer – Created and developed "The Alliance For Justice," a new Law and Organizing Program at the Workplace Project, a Latino immigrant workers' rights center, which trains and organizes workers to be their own advocates with regard to labor abuse cases. (1999-2000 – Fundraising Consultant/Legal Extern)*

1992-2000

**Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (W.Y.S.E.), Los Angeles, CA**

Co-Founder, Chair of the Board - *Started national non-profit organization designed to provide young women with the critical-thinking skills and resources necessary to make responsible decisions and create community change. Praised by President Clinton as "America at its best."*

1999

**Yale College/ Yale Law School**

- ◆ Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics – *taught own section*
- ◆ Research Assistant for Visiting Prof. Jennifer Gordon (founder of the Workplace Project in New York) on the intersection between Law and Community Organizing.
- ◆ Student Director for the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization - directed 6 students to legally represent 750 public housing residents in negotiations with the City of New Haven.

1997-99

**John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University**

Course Assistant, Applied Microeconomics/ Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics  
*Taught over 200 students, honored by Dean as best teaching assistant at the Kennedy School*

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

September 2005 *The New Urban Immigrant Workforce*

Co-Editor of ME Sharpe book on immigrant worker conditions and organizing models in New York

Author of three chapters

February 2002 *Power and Participation Among Latina/o Immigrant Workers*

New York University Law School Review of Law and Social Change

Sept.2000-

Association of the Bar of the State of New York, New York University Law School, Columbia University Law School, Fordham University School of Law, CUNY Law School, Touro Law School, Hofstra University Law School, International Forum on Cooperatives, Genoa, Italy  
Speaker, Panelist

1997

*Closer to Truth* Television Series and Book

Panelist and Contributor – *Starred on a television show aired on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) which brought "the greatest thinkers" together to discuss ethics, integrity and politics; contributor to book which accompanied the show.*

**AWARDS**

2008

Named one of Crain's Business Weekly's "40 Under 40"

2007

Honored by New York Committee on Occupational Safety & Health, WIBO

2006

Fellowship to Bellagio Study Center by Rockefeller Foundation

2006

Immigrant Leadership Award for New York City

Honored by Mayor Bloomberg as one of New York's top four immigrant leaders

2003

Union Square Award

Winner of prestigious \$50,000 award for outstanding grassroots community work.

2002

Harvard University's "Road to Success"

Honored by the Harvard Foundation as one of three successful women in America.