

CLARISA REYES-BECERRA, ESQ.

EXPERIENCE

Programs Director, Monterey County

June 2023 – Present

Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño, Salinas, CA

- Support team of 20+ community workers and coordinators in Salinas and Greenfield offices to implement community organizing and social services programs, including First 5 Care Coordination, Maternal Mental Health, Farmworker Resources Center, COVID-19 Workplace Outreach Project, and Economic Justice.
- Collaborate with management to oversee \$3 million budget; assist in grant writing and prepare grant reports.
- Provide administrative, organizational development, and strategic planning support to the Executive Director.

Immigrant Health Equity Project Director

October 2021 – June 2023

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Sacramento, CA

Worked remotely from Salinas, CA 2022-2023

- Founded project providing free legal services at the intersection of immigration, public benefits, and health law.
- Supervised attorneys and case managers providing legal consultations and representation in immigration cases.
- Assisted in securing more than \$6 million in grants from private, non-profit, and governmental funders to support CRLAF's work; manage and implement programmatic grant deliverables; prepare grant reports.
- Counsel health and social services providers on intersectional health, immigration, and public benefits policies.
- Create community education materials; organized and conducted more than 90 trainings for community members and service providers (i.e., county public benefits offices, schools, hospital and health clinic staff).

Immigration Attorney

September 2019 – October 2021

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Sacramento, CA

Equal Justice Works Fellowship, sponsored by Amgen Inc. and Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP (awarded 2020)

Herbert and Nell Singer Social Justice Fellowship (awarded 2019)

- Provided free legal consultations and representation on immigration and health matters (i.e., family petitions, humanitarian immigration relief cases, Medi-Cal and CalFresh disputes and appeals).
- Created and presented bilingual community education materials on COVID-19 pandemic relief programs, public charge policies, Medi-Cal expansion, and other health-immigration legal topics.
- Engaged in policy advocacy advancing immigrant and farmworker rights (i.e., Health4All, Food4All).
- Previously a law clerk May 2018 – August 2018 assisting with affirmative and deportation defense cases.

EDUCATION

Central Valley Health Policy Institute, Fresno State, Fresno, CA

Certificate, received May 2022

Health Policy Leadership Program, Health Equity & Renewal Cohort 2021-2022

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

J.D., received May 2019

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Fellow, 2019

Latin American Law Students Association Community Service Award, 2019

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2018–19; James Kent Scholar, 2017–18

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

B.A., received May 2015

BA in Human Biology (honors), Concentration in American Health Care Policy and Reforms

Arturo Islas, Jr. Prize, 2015; Award of Excellence Class of 2015

George Fredrickson Award for Excellence in Honors Research, 2015

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member, Board of Directors

January 2023 – June 2023

Legal Aid Association of California, Oakland, CA

- Member of Financial and Advocacy committees, approving organizational budgets and financial decisions, and reviewing policy positions supporting legal aid organizations statewide.

Research Assistant for Professor Kristen Underhill

January 2019 – June 2019

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

- Researched state work requirements for Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.
- Provided research and editorial assistance for revision of article manuscripts.

Editor-in-Chief

April 2018 – June 2019

Columbia Human Rights Law Review (HRLR), Columbia Law School, New York, NY

- Managed 85 staff editors to publish Volume 50 of *HRLR*, the *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual*, and *HRLR Online*.
- Approved final manuscripts for publication, managed budgets, coordinated with law school administration.

Legal Intern and Teaching Assistant

January 2018 – June 2019

Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Columbia Law School, New York, NY

- Represented detained and non-detained immigrants in asylum and cancellation of removal proceedings.
- Supervised two asylum cases as a Teaching Assistant.

Legal Intern

August 2017 – December 2017

LegalHealth, New York Legal Assistance Group, New York, NY

- Supported and translated for supervising attorney at the Metropolitan Hospital medical-legal partnership clinic.
- Prepared legal documents (memorandum, affidavits) in immigration, housing, family, and public benefits cases.

Legal Intern

May 2017 – August 2017

Health Care Bureau, New York Attorney General's Office, New York, NY

- Drafted legal briefs and expert affidavits for suit opposing congressional repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
- Conducted legal research on equal protection, gender discrimination, and state administrative procedure.

PUBLICATIONS

Park JK, **Reyes-Becerra C**, Makhoul MD. State Flexibility in Emergency Medicaid to Care for Uninsured Noncitizens. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2023;4(7):e231997. doi:10.1001/jamahealthforum.2023.1997

Park JK, **Reyes-Becerra C**, Makhoul MD. Highlighting State Innovation to Close Coverage Gaps in Perinatal Care for Noncitizens. *JAMA*. 2023;330(3):215–216. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.8340.

Aguilar-Gaxiola S, Medina Mora ME, **Reyes-Becerra C**, and Loera G. El impacto de COVID-19 en la salud mental de migrantes y solicitantes de asilo, MigrationLink, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (2020).

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Member of the State Bar of California (Member No. 327723) and the American Immigration Law Association.
- Fluent in English and Spanish, capable of conversing easily and accurately in legal settings.

MEDIA AND LECTURES

“Medi-Cal benefits for California undocumented immigrants to greatly expand starting May,” KCRA 3, Sacramento, CA, April 28, 2022.

Guest Lecturer, “Health Policy and Immigrant Communities in California,” Human Biology Core 3B: Environmental and Health Policy Analysis, Stanford University, February 21, 2023; February 15, 2022; February 24, 2021.

“Personas que soliciten la residencia permanente deberán estar vacunados contra covid-19,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, September 29, 2021.

“Cambios al examen de ciudadanía,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, September 28, 2021.

“Anuncios de DACA,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, July 21, 2021.

“Los derechos de trabajadores inmigrantes en California,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, May 3, 2021.

“Estímulos federales y estatales,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, April 7, 2021.

“¿Qué implicaciones tendrá revisar la regla de carga pública?,” *A Primera Hora*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, February 03, 2021.

“Derechos laborales de inmigrantes durante la crisis de coronavirus,” *Últimas noticias*, Univision 19, Sacramento, CA, April 14, 2020.

Public Charge Roundtable with Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Sacramento, CA, February 18, 2020.

Public Charge Roundtable with California State Senator Dr. Richard Pan, Sacramento, CA, October 4, 2019.