

CURRICULUM VITAE

BRIANNA ASHLEY GOMEZ

EDUCATION

- 2023 **Certificate in Child Protection: Children's Rights in Theory and Practice**
HarvardX
- 2018-2019 **MSc in Human Rights**
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
Awards: Merit
Graduation December 2019
- 2012-2016 **BA in Latin American Studies**
BA in International Relations
Boston University, Massachusetts, USA
GPA: 3.73/4.0
Awards: Deans List 2012-2016 | Magna Cum Laude
Graduation May 2016
- 2008-2012 **High Tech High Chula Vista**
Chula Vista, California, USA
GPA: 4.2/4.0
Awards: Honors
Graduation June 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- January 2020 **Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration**
Regionalisation vs. Securitisation: The Pending Fate of the Refugee Protection Regime in Central America

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 02/2024- 03/2025 **Resettlement Expert, Level II (ICMC deployment)**
UNHCR, Tegucigalpa, Honduras (remote)
-Served as the legal lead responsible for ensuring full adherence to refugee resettlement legal standards, including training new team members and leading capacity-building initiatives.
-Reviewed, verified, and approved all Resettlement Registration Forms (representing 2,000 refugees) to ensure legal accuracy and compliance prior to submission to participating resettlement countries (USA, Canada).
-Contributed to program coordination and supervisory functions as part of the Senior Management Team, providing legal guidance to support operational decision-making.
- Acted as the legal focal point for tracking and analyzing denied cases, assessing eligibility for Requests for Reconsideration (RFRs) or for resubmission to alternative resettlement countries.
- 12/2023-01/2024 **Associate RSD Officer (P2)**
UNHCR, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (remote)
-Conducted interviews and drafted RSD Assessments including for complex/sensitive cases per relevant standards and regulations
-Conducted COI research and contribute to the development of the operation's COI repository and provide expert opinion on framing complex gang-related RSD cases in accordance with Resettlement processes
- 03/2023 - 08/2023 **Assistant Resettlement & Complementary Pathways Officer (NOA)**
UNHCR, Washington D.C, USA (hybrid)
-Oversaw resettlement activities of UNHCR country operations based under Washington D.C (18 Caribbean States), to support goal of 15,000+ refugees submitted from America's region
-Liaised with multiple stakeholders, including resettlement country representatives, to lobby for resettlement initiatives and efficient case processing
-Reviewed and approved all Resettlement Registration Forms for submission to participating resettlement countries, and supported in training and capacity building for resettlement staff
- 12/2021 - 12/2022 **Associate Resettlement & Complementary Pathways Officer (P2)**
UNHCR, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
-Recruited as first head of unit to formalize a resettlement program and ensure continuity into 2023, and successfully advocated for and expanded quotas for specific nationalities
-Supervised all activities within the resettlement unit, in coordination with UNHCR Multi Country Office Washington and UNHCR Regional Bureau in Panama
-Improved case identification and conducted capacity building implementing partners
-Conducted resettlement interviews, and completed Resettlement Registration Forms

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02/2020 - 11/2021

**Associate Resettlement & Complementary Pathways Officer (UNV)
UNHCR, Guatemala City, Guatemala**

- Conducted resettlement and PTA interviews, & completed Resettlement Registration Forms
- Participated in field missions to complete casework and provide capacity building with UNHCR implementing partners
- Performed data management activities using PRIMES, specifically progress v4 and BIMS, to verify and update registration of individuals

10/2017 - 04/2018

**Protection & Resettlement Legal Advisor (Volunteer)
St. Andrews Refugee Services, Cairo, Egypt**

- Interviewed refugees to assess eligibility for a referral to UNHCR Resettlement Unit, and prepared written briefs addressing accounts of persecution and claims for resettlement
- Conducted protection screenings for population of concern and connected them with service providers, including UNHCR Protection Unit, MSF, Red Cross, Care, Caritas
- Co-led select community outreach meetings to respond to questions and concerns surrounding legal developments and impact on respective refugee communities

05/2016 - 06/2016

**Immigration Paralegal
Law Office of Macias & Greenstein, LLC, Boston, USA**

- Managed over 150 cases, primarily refugee adjustment of status applications and special immigrant juvenile petitions.
- Transcribed over 150 affidavits for individuals seeking the following forms of relief: asylum (I-589), violence against women act self petitions (I-360), waivers of inadmissibility (I-601A and I-601), special immigrant juvenile petitions (I-360).
- Undertook country of origin research for individual asylum cases

01/2016 - 05/2016

**Legal Assistant—Legal Orientation Program for Custodians (LOPC)
Catholic Charities- Refugee & Immigration Services, Boston, USA**

- Instructed group and individual LOPC sessions in Spanish to custodians of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) on topics such as court proceedings, legal remedies against deportation, and pro-bono or low cost legal representation.
- Facilitated the Executive Office for Immigration Review's efforts to review and assess program performance by collecting data and preparing monthly reports.

VOLUNTEER/INTERN EXPERIENCE

07/2019- 02/2020

**Advocacy & Support Volunteer
Detention Action, London, U.K.**

- Counseled detained migrants and asylum seekers (over phone and in person) on their rights and how to access legal support so that they may be released from detention
- Visited UK immigration detention centers to conduct informational workshops

12/2018-01/2019

**Refugee Rights & U.S. Asylum Process Legal Volunteer
Al Otro Lado, Tijuana B.C., Mexico**

- Counseled asylum seekers on the evolving immigration policies at the Mexico/U.S. border, and on the U.S. immigration court system
- Supported with human rights monitoring activities and assisted with distribution of aid

09/2015 – 05/2016

**Refugee Services Intern
International Institute of New England, Boston, USA**

- Administered bilingual intakes and interviews for persons of concern
- Assisted with instruction and implementation of the Cultural Orientation Program for newly resettled refugees and asylum seekers

06/2015 – 01/2020

**Recruitment Team & Summer Teacher
Bilingual Education for Central America (BECA), Cofradia, Honduras**

- Conducted hiring interviews for program volunteers and participated in training sessions, outreach initiatives with universities, and fundraisers
- Developed and instructed a themed curriculum in the summer of 2015 and 2017 for 1st-3rd grade students at a bilingual school that serves an "at risk" community

LANGUAGES

English – Native Speaker, C2. **Spanish** –Native Speaker, C2 **French** –Beginner, B1

IT SKILLS

Microsoft Office Programs, UNHCR PRIMES System, Salesforce, Apricot Nonprofit Software,

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