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- ◆ Public International Law
- ◆ Comparative Migration Law & Policy
- ◆ Socio-Legal Studies
- ◆ Transboundary Governance
- ◆ Research Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Sep 2021 – PRESENT **Western Washington University**
Assistant Professor
Center for Law, Diversity & Justice
Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
- June 2022 – PRESENT **University of New South Wales**
Adjunct Lecturer
Faculty of Law & Justice
Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
- June 2016 – Aug 2017 **University of Minnesota**
Clinical Teaching Fellow / Visiting Assistant Professor
School of Law

VISITING APPOINTMENTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 – PRESENT **Salish Sea Institute/Border Policy Research Institute Fellowship**, ‘Transboundary Flood Emergency Management Networks in the Salish Sea’
- 2018 – 2019 **Visiting Scholar**, UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration

EDUCATION

- 2017 – 2022 **University of New South Wales**
PhD, Global Governance, Law, & Policy (Scientia Scholar)
‘Reconceptualising Compliance: Street-Level Bureaucrats and the Implementation of International Law’ – Supervised by Prof Andrew Byrnes, Prof Guy Goodwin-Gill, and Dr Claire Higgins
- 2008 – 2010 **University of Oxford**
Master of Studies (MSt), International Human Rights Law
‘Safe Harbour: Advancing Legal Protections for Transgender Asylum Seekers in the United States Through International Human Rights Frameworks’ – Supervised by Prof Carolyn Patty Blum
- 2003 – 2005 **Arizona State University**
Juris Doctorate (JD)
‘The Equitable Application of International Law: Revised Principles for a Solution to the Maasai Land Dispute’ – Supervised by Prof Rebecca Tsosie

1999 – 2002

The George Washington University
Bachelor of Arts (BA) (*cum laude*), International Affairs

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Sep 2021 – PRESENT **Law Office of Green Evans-Schroeder
Of Counsel**

Mar 2017 – Dec 2017 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Consultant**

Apr 2012 – Sep 2021 **Law Office of Regina Jefferies, PLC
Principal**

June 2007 – Apr 2012 **Thomas & Jefferies, PLLC
Partner**

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Jefferies, R, *Rethinking Compliance: Street-Level Bureaucrats and International Refugee Law* (in progress)

Jefferies, R and Chan, L, *Jefferies and Chan's Immigration Simulations: Bridge to Practice* (West Academic, 2018)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Jefferies, R, 'Transnational Legal Process and the Cognitive Turn', invited book chapter, **van Aacken, A and Hirsch, M (eds)**, *International Legal Theory and the Cognitive Turn* (in progress)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Jefferies, R, 'Street-Level Bureaucrats, Interpretation, and Implementation: A Dynamic Approach to Compliance with International Law', invited special issue submission, **Fikfak, V and Peat, D (eds)** (in progress)

McAdam, J and Jefferies, R, 'Locked Down and Locked Out: Australia's COVID-19 Restrictions on Internal Movement' (under review)

Jefferies, R, Barrett, T, Huang, C and Bashford, A, 'Regulating Movement in Pandemic Times', invited submission (forthcoming in *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*)

Jefferies, R and McAdam, J, 'Locked In: Australia's COVID-19 Border Closures and the Right to Leave' (forthcoming in *Australian Yearbook of International Law*)

Jefferies, R, McAdam, J and Pillai, S, “Can We Still Call Australia Home?: The Right to Return and the Legality of Australia’s COVID-19 Travel Restrictions” 27 (2) *Australian Journal of Human Rights* (<https://doi.org/10.1080/1323238X.2021.1996529>)

Golder, B, Hush, A, Jefferies, R, Johns, F, and Nolan, J, ‘Foreword’ (2021) 27 *Australian Journal of Human Rights* 399 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/1323238X.2022.2039056>)

Jefferies, R, ‘Bringing Externalisation Home: The International Civil Aviation Organization and “Entry Screening” in Australia’ (2021) *Globalizations* (<https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2021.1989152>)

Jefferies, R, ‘Transnational Legal Process: An Evolving Theory and Methodology’ (2021) 46(2) *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* ([open access](#))

Jefferies, R, Ghezelbash, D and Hirsch, A, ‘Assessing Refugee Protection Claims at Australian Airports: The Gap Between Law, Policy, and Practice’ (2020) 44(1) *Melbourne University Law Review* 162 ([open access](#))

Jefferies, R, ‘Data Quality and the Law of Refugee Protection in Australia’ (2019) 13 *Court of Conscience* 63

Jefferies, R, ‘Research Access and Adaptation in the Securitised Field of Australian Refugee and Asylum Law’ (2019) 2019(1) *Journal of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies* 49

Jefferies, R, ‘One of These Things is Not Like the Other: An Analysis of Marriage Under the Immigration and Nationality Act’ (2012) 3 *Law Journal for Social Justice* 47

Daniel C. Barr, et al., ‘The Supreme Court of Arizona: Its 2004-2005 Decisions’ (2006) 38 *Arizona State Law Journal* 189

Jefferies, R, ‘The Equitable Application of International Law: Revised Principles for a Solution to the Maasai Land Dispute’ (2005) 37 *Arizona State Law Journal* 973

REPORTS

Jefferies, R and Hager, K, ‘Learning from the Past: Governing Transboundary Nooksack River Flooding’ (Border Policy Brief, Vol 18, Border Policy Research Institute) (co-authored with undergraduate Research Assistant)

Jefferies, R, ‘Comparative perspectives on airport asylum procedures before and during the COVID-19 pandemic’ (Policy Brief No 12, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law)

Jefferies, R, Ghezelbash, D and Hirsch, A, ‘Assessing Protection Claims at Airports: Developing procedures to meet international and domestic obligations’ (Policy Brief No 9, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law)

MEDIA COMMENTARIES

Jefferies, R, ‘Border closures should not be Australia’s default response’, *The Interpreter* (online, 30 November 2021) <<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/border-closures-should-not-be-australia-s-default-response>>

Jefferies, R and Ghezelbash, D, ‘Doubling Down on Deterrence: The Biden administration’s anti-asylum rhetoric harms refugees and won’t win votes’, Just Security (online, 22 July 2021) <<https://www.justsecurity.org/77529/doubling-down-on-deterrence/>>

Jefferies, R and McAdam, J, ‘Bring them home: why we can’t leave Australians stranded in India’, The Sydney Morning Herald (online, 28 April 2021) <<https://www.smh.com.au/national/bring-them-home-both-the-law-and-moral-duty-demand-we-don-t-leave-australians-stranded-in-india-20210428-p57n5e.html>>

Ghezelbash, D, Hirsch, A and Jefferies, R, ‘With our borders shut, this is the ideal time to overhaul our asylum seeker policies’, The Conversation (online, 15 September 2020) <https://theconversation.com/with-our-borders-shut-this-is-the-ideal-time-to-overhaul-our-asylum-seeker-policies-146016?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=bylinetwitterbutton>

Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law with Jefferies, R, ‘Australia’s airport asylum process explained’, YouTube (15 September 2020) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FG62PR6prYs>>

Jefferies, R and Ghezelbash, D, ‘There’s no airport border “crisis”, only management failure of the Home Affairs department’, The Conversation (online, 13 October 2019) <<https://theconversation.com/theres-no-airport-border-crisis-only-management-failure-of-the-home-affairs-department-125068>>

Jefferies, R, ‘“Offshore Processing” in Guatemala: A Deeper Look at the U.S. Asylum Deal’, Just Security (online, 23 August 2019) <<https://www.justsecurity.org/65967/offshore-processing-in-guatemala-a-deeper-look-at-the-u-s-asylum-deal/>>

Hirsch, A, Ghezelbash, D and Jefferies, R, ‘We don’t know how many asylum seekers are turned away at Australian airports’, The Conversation (online, 11 February 2019) <<https://theconversation.com/we-dont-know-how-many-asylum-seekers-are-turned-away-at-australian-airports-111344>>

Jefferies, R, ‘Tragedy of Errors: The Solicitor General, the Supreme Court and the Truth’, Just Security (online, 23 May 2018) <<https://www.justsecurity.org/56718/tragedy-errors-solicitor-general-supreme-court-truth/>>

Jefferies, R, ‘US Supreme court has a duty to stop Trump’s travel ban’, The Interpreter (online, 8 December 2017) <<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/us-supreme-court-has-duty-stop-trump-travel-ban>>

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Invited Participant, ‘International Legal Theory and the Cognitive Turn’, Workshop, Universität Hamburg, 16-17 March 2023

Invited Participant, ‘New Approaches to Compliance’, Workshop, Universitaet Leiden and University of Copenhagen, 18 March 2022

Invited Participant, ‘A Social Network Analysis of Transnational Legal Process in United States Asylum Law’, Research Forum, 2021 American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting, 11-13 November 2021

Invited Participant, ‘The Social Network of Non-Refoulement: Transnational Legal Process in the United States’, New Directions in Law and Society: A Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop, University of Massachusetts, 8-9 October 2021

Invited Participant, ‘Contested Legalities: Translocal Encounters with Transnational Law’, Melbourne University Law School, 8-9 July 2021

Invited Paper Presentation, ‘Street-Level Bureaucrats in a Transnational Legal Process: Using Social Network Analysis to Visualize “Hidden” Decisions in United States Asylum Law’, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, 27 May 2021

Invited Participant, The Forced Displacement Workshop for Junior Scholars, The Refugee Hub and the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa (2021)

Invited Participant, ‘Street-level Bureaucrats in a Transnational Legal Process: Using Social Network Analysis to Visualise “Hidden” Decisions in Australian Asylum Law’, Osgoode GLSA Graduate Student Conference 2020-2021, 19 February 2021

Invited Panelist, ‘Disembarking to Danger: How Australia’s Airport Asylum Policies Risk Returning Refugees to Harm’, Webinar, Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, 4 November 2020 (with Senator Kristina Keneally and Sophie McNeill) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rtu18AldNaM>>

Invited Panelist, ‘Immigration, Asylum, and National Security: A Comparative Perspective’, 2020 Ambassador William C. Battle Symposium, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 26 October 2020 <<https://millercenter.org/news-events/events/immigration-asylum-and-national-security-comparative-perspective>>

Invited Participant, 2020 Harvard Law School Institute for Global Law and Policy Scholars Workshop, August 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Invited Paper Presentation, ‘Habitus and Transnational Legal Process in Australian Asylum Law’, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, 28 May 2020

Invited Presenter, ‘Street-level Bureaucrats, Discretion and Data: Pre-Screening Protection Claims at the Border’, Kaldor Centre Annual Conference 2019, 26 November 2019

Co-Organiser and Presenter, Research Methods Workshop, Forced Migration Research Network / Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, 28 November 2019

Invited Participant, ‘Street-Level Bureaucrats, Discretion and the Transnational Legal Substance of Non-Refoulement’, Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law Postgraduate Research Students Workshop, 3 July 2019

Invited Presenter, ‘Street-Level Bureaucrats and Implementation of the Principle of Non-Refoulement in the United States’, UCLA Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, 16 February 2019

Invited Panelist, ‘One of These Things is Not Like the Other: An Analysis of Marriage Under the Immigration and Nationality Act’, Legally Gay: The Symposium, Arizona State University Law Journal for Social Justice, 9 March 2012

Invited Keynote Speaker, ‘Transgender Migrants, Asylum and Immigration Law’, Arizona State University Justice and Social Inquiry Colloquium, 10 November 2010

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

CERTIFICATES

Foundations of University Learning and Teaching (FULT) (2019)

UNIVERSITY COURSES

SPRING 2023 (WWU)

Disasters, Climate Change & Migration – FAIR 412E, Undergraduate Core, 11 students (5 credits)

WINTER 2023 (WWU)

Advanced Legal Writing and Analysis – FAIR 422K, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

FALL 2022 (WWU)

Advanced Topics: International Refugee Law & Asylum in the US – FAIR 412B, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

Social Relationships & Responsibilities: Socio-Legal Studies – FAIR 203A, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

SPRING 2022 (WWU)

The United States Legal System – FAIR 311B, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

WINTER 2022 (WWU)

Rights, Liberties and Justice – FAIR 393B, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

Advanced Topics: Immigration Law – FAIR 412B, Undergraduate Core (5 credits)

TERM 2 2019 (UNSW)

Law in the Global Context – LAWS 2270, JD and Undergraduate Core (6 credits)

SESSION 1 2019 (Macquarie University)

Human Rights, Policy and the Law – LAWS 260, Undergraduate Elective (3 credits); with Prof Carolyn Adams

SEMESTER 2 2018 (UNSW)

Law in the Global Context, Stage III Legal Research & Writing – LAWS2270/JURD7270, JD and Undergraduate Core (part of 6 credit main course)

Equity and Trusts, Stage II Legal Research & Writing – LAWS2385/JURD7285, JD and Undergraduate Core, Two sections (part of 6 credit main course)

SEMESTER 1 2018 (UNSW)

Law in the Global Context, Stage III Legal Research & Writing – LAWS2270/JURD7270, JD and Undergraduate Core (part of 6 credit main course)

SEMESTER 2 2017 (UNSW)

Law in the Global Context, Stage III Legal Research & Writing – LAWS2270/JURD7270, JD and Undergraduate Core, Three sections (part of 6 credit main course)

SPRING 2017 (UMN)

Detainee Rights Clinic – 7844, JD, 4 credits; with Linus Chan

FALL 2016 (UMN)

Detainee Rights Clinic – 7844, JD, 4 credits; with Linus Chan

GUEST LECTURES

Guest Lecture to Guy Goodwin-Gill, International Refugee Law (LAWS8190) – Semester 2 2018, University of New South Wales

Guest Lecture to Carissa Hessick, Federal Crimes (LAW691) – Spring 2011, Arizona State University

SELECTED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Travel Ban Rapid-Response Training (2 February 2017), University of Minnesota, <<https://www.law.umn.edu/news/2017-02-06-cna-students-faculty-and-partners-respond-trump-immigration-travel-ban-and-help-minnesota-win-nationwide-injunction>>

Human Rights Defender Project Bond Training (31 March 2017), University of Minnesota, available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owCMR_RHi1k>

Pro Bono: The Ethics of Doing Good (22 April 2017), University of Minnesota

USCIS District Office Practice (June 2015), American Immigration Lawyers Association

Dialogues on Detention: Applying Lessons from Criminal Justice Reform to the Immigration Detention System (12 October 2012), Human Rights First 2012/2013 Public Dialogues Series

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2014 – PRESENT	Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent® Rating
2017 – 2022	Scientia PhD Scholarship , University of New South Wales; Full tuition waiver, \$40,000AUD/year, \$10,000AUD/year professional development
2021	John S. Lancy Distinguished Alumni Award , Arizona State Law Journal
2018 – 2019	PLuS Alliance International Interdisciplinary Researcher , PLuS Alliance
2018	National Advocate of the Year , Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
2018	Law Faculty Fieldwork Grant , UNSW \$5,000AUD
2018	International Students Grant , Medibank \$2,000AUD
2017	Special Recognition Award , Advocates for Human Rights
2013 – 2016	Rising Stars , Super Lawyers
2013 – 2016	Top Valley Lawyers , Phoenix Magazine
2015 – 2016	Professional Mountain Bike Racer , Ninja Mountain Bike Performance
2002 – 2003	Professional Soccer Player , Tennis-Borussia Berlin Fußball Club

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2023 – PRESENT	Member , Climate Impact Advisory Committee, Whatcom County
2022 – PRESENT	Peer Reviewer , <i>The International Journal of Human Rights</i>
2022 – PRESENT	Peer Reviewer , <i>Law in Context</i>
2021 – PRESENT	Member , American Society of International Law
2020 – PRESENT	Peer Reviewer , <i>University of New South Wales Law Journal</i>
2017 – PRESENT	Member , Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law
2019 – PRESENT	Case Law Editorial Team Member , Canada/United States, <i>International Journal of Refugee Law</i>
2017 – PRESENT	Affiliate , Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
2017 – PRESENT	Member , Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law
2016 – PRESENT	Member , Law & Society Association
2019 – 2021	Steering Committee , UNSW Forced Migration Research Network
2021 – 2022	Special Issue Editor , <i>Australian Journal of Human Rights</i>
2017	Team Co-Leader , Travel Ban Rapid Response Team
2017 – 2018	National Asylum Committee Member , American Immigration Lawyers Association
2013 – 2017	National USCIS Field Operations Committee and Past Vice Chair , American Immigration Lawyers Association
2012 – 2013	Arizona Chapter Chair , American Immigration Lawyers Association
2012 – 2013	Board of Governors , American Immigration Lawyers Association
2012 – 2015	Co-Founder , No Dream Deferred Coalition

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Moderator, Q&A with Director Sonita Gale, *Hostile* (10 October 2022) <<https://westerntoday.wvu.edu/news/fairhavens-regina-jefferies-to-moderate-qa-after-screening-of-hostile-oct-10-at-the-pickford>>

‘Canada-U.S. border agents try to stem flow of migrants in face of unforgiving weather, vast distances’, James McCarten (CBC News, 26 January 2022) <<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/u-s-canada-manitoba-border-crossing-deaths-1.6328156>>

“‘Do not come, do not come’”: Why the Biden administration’s blunt message to migrants sounds familiar to Australia’, Rashida Yosufzai (SBS News, 12 June 2021) <<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/do-not-come-do-not-come-why-the-biden-administration-s-blunt-message-to-migrants-sounds-familiar-to-australia>>

‘Refugee Policy in the U.S. and Australia’, Breakfast (Radio Adelaide, 29 January 2021) <<https://radioadelaide.org.au/2021/01/29/refugee-policy-in-the-u-s-and-australia/>>

‘Why take phones from refugees?’, The Signal (ABC News, 24 September 2020) <<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/the-signal/mobile-ban-bill/12694936>>

Damien Carrick, ‘Bill to ban mobile phones in immigration detention’, Law Report (ABC News, 15 September 2020) <<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lawreport/asylum-seekers-and-mobile-phones-nt-remote-housing/12635656>>

Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, ‘Australia’s airport asylum process explained’, YouTube (online, 14 September 2020) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FG62PR6prYs>>

Helen Davidson, 'Home affairs department failed to keep track of those claiming asylum at airports', The Guardian (online, 31 July 2019) <<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/jul/31/home-affairs-department-failed-to-keep-track-of-those-claiming-asylum-at-airports>>

'FBI Radio interview with Regina Jefferies', Backchat (FBI Radio, 23 June 2018) <<https://soundcloud.com/kaldorcentre/fbi-radio-interview-with-regina-jefferies>>

Raju Chaduvula and Ryan Faircloth, "'I thought I had lost everything": Minnesota's Somali community faces uncertainty with travel ban', Minnesota Daily (online, 13 February 2017) <<https://www.mndaily.com/article/2017/02/for-minnesotas-somali-community-travel-ban-poses-uncertainty>>

Mila Koumpilova and Faiza Mahamud, 'Minnesota residents caught in confusion around Trump's immigration order', Minneapolis Star Tribune (online, 31 January 2017) <<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-residents-caught-in-confusion-around-trump-s-immigration-order/412232243/>>

'Attorneys poised to help international travelers at Twin Cities airport', MPR NEWS (Cathy Wurzer, 30 January 2017) <<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/01/30/immigration-lawyers-helping-at-twin-cities-international>>

'Sheriff Arpaio Admits to Contempt of Court', KAET Horizonte (PBS, 26 March 2015) <<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2015/03/sheriff-arpaio-admits-to-contempt-of-court/>>

'Undocumented Immigrants Dropped Off in Arizona', KAET Horizonte (PBS, 12 June 2014) <<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2014/06/undocumented-immigrants-dropped-off-in-arizona/>>

'Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals', KAET Horizonte (PBS, 22 August 2013) <<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2013/08/deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals/>>

'Achieve Act', KAET Horizonte (PBS, 6 December 2012) <<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2012/12/achieve-act/>>

Daniel Gonzalez, 'Arizona: No "dreamer" driver's licenses', Arizona Republic (online, 21 September 2012)

'No Dream Deferred' Univision (Univision, 27 August 2012) (Spanish)

'Deferred Action Program and Governor Brewer's Executive Order', KAET Horizonte (PBS, 23 August 2012) <<https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2012/08/deferred-action-program-and-governor-brewers-executive-order/>>

'Deferred Action Status', KAET Arizona Horizon (PBS, 20 August 2012) <<https://azpbs.org/horizon/2012/08/deferred-action-status/>>

'Legal Debate Prompted by Arizona Ban on Deferred Action Licenses', NPR News (Jude Joffe-Block, Fronteras Desk, 17 August 2012) <<http://kjzz.org/content/7476/legal-debate-prompted-arizona-ban-deferred-action-licenses>>

'What Brewer's order really means' NBC Arizona Nightly News (NBC, 16 August 2012)

'U.S. Supreme Court Ruling: SB 1070 – Legal' KAET Arizona Horizon (PBS, 25 June 2012) <<https://azpbs.org/horizon/2012/06/u-s-supreme-court-ruling-sb-1070-legal/>>

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Member, State Bar of Arizona

Inactive Member, State Bar of New Mexico

Admitted, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Admitted, Federal District Court of Arizona

SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

English (native)

Spanish (high proficiency – read, write, speak, understand)

German (basic proficiency - “Gut” on the Goethe Institut Zertifikat Deutsch exam)

SOFTWARE COMPETENCIES

NVivo / Moodle / Canvas / Gephi / SmartSparrow / R / UCINet / NetDraw / Adobe Captivate