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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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My clinical teaching, research, and legal work is focused on affordable housing, closing the racial wealth gap by opening paths to economic opportunity, and fostering equitable and inclusive communities. Much of my work in this realm is centered around developing innovative and equitable legal and policy reforms through close collaborations with policymakers, housing officials, community leaders, and grassroots advocates.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**, Austin, TX

Clinical Professor (2014-present)

Lecturer (2006-2014)

Founder and Co-Director, Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic (2006-present)

- Elected by the law faculty to the Dean Search Consultative Committee. 2021-2022
- Teaching Committee. 2022-Present
- Co-founder of the Opportunity Forum Initiative at The University of Texas to promote community conversations and inter-disciplinary collaborations to tackle economic equity issues in Texas. Organized dozens of events for state and local policymakers, the UT campus, and Austin community. 2011-2020
- Recent teaching evaluations:
  - Spring 2022: instructor: 4.7/5.0; course: 4.8/5.0
  - Fall 2021: instructor: 5.0/5.0; course: 5.0/5.0

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY INNOVATOR**, Austin, TX

For 25-plus years, in a number of different capacities, I have led and participated in many projects to develop innovative policies in the affordable housing and community development fields. These projects have included the following:

1. Fostering equitable and inclusive development, including land use law reforms

My work in this area has focused on policies that advance equitable and inclusive development, with an emphasis on reforms to land use laws as well as equitable property tax policies.

- Led a research team and issued a [report](#) identifying reforms needed to make more equitable the 100% property tax break for apartments developed through public-private partnerships in Texas. 2018-2020.
- Developed a guide for community leaders on opportunities for creating more equitable

tax increment financing districts. 2019.

- Collaborated with federal and state housing leaders to develop a set of federal, state, and local policy recommendations to advance an equitable recovery from Hurricane Harvey. 2017.
- Developed a guide for Austin stakeholders on best practices for incorporating equity in transit-oriented developments (“e-TODS”). 2014.
- Assisted with the development of tools for including affordable housing in downtown development. 2006-2011.
- Organized the Austin Transit Communities Coalition and led advocacy efforts to secure the inclusion of affordable housing and other community amenities into the city’s new transit-oriented development districts. This work contributed to the inclusion of an affordable housing density bonus in the City of Austin’s transit-oriented development ordinances. 2004-2006.
- Co-led an initiative in Austin to create a more inclusive, family-friendly city through reforms in city planning, land use ordinances, cross-entity collaborations, and other new policies. 2007-2013.

2. Increasing housing stability and preserving affordable housing and community assets in regions experiencing rapid growth

Related to the above work, my work in this area has focused on policy interventions to prevent the displacement of low-income renters and homeowners in neighborhoods with rising housing costs, preserve existing affordable housing, and preserve community assets with historical significance to Black residents.

- Developed the [Uprooted Project](#), an online resource, including the [Texas Anti-Displacement Toolkit](#), providing information on who is vulnerable to displacement and tools for preventing displacement in gentrifying neighborhoods in Texas. 2017-2021.
- Developed a toolkit on protecting and preserving [African American historic places](#) (2021), along with an additional toolkit on protecting and preserving [African American cemeteries](#) in Texas (2020).
- Assisted a Texas senator’s office with drafting [legislation](#) adopted in 2021 that significantly lowers the property taxes of low-income residents whose homes are in community land trusts.
- Co-led a [study](#) on the preservation of mobile home parks in San Antonio and mentored local legal aid attorneys on preservation strategies. 2019-2020.
- Co-led a [study](#) on the preservation of apartments financed with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Our work contributed to new regulations in Texas providing for a longer affordability term in LIHTC properties. 2018-2019.
- Co-led a statewide committee addressing economic displacement in Texas and developed the homestead preservation district [legislation](#) that was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2005.

3. Tackling problem properties and improving low-income residents' living conditions

My work in this area has focused on developing equitable policies to improve the housing conditions of low-income renters and homeowners and combat vacant and abandoned properties.

- Led a [study](#) that identified flaws with San Antonio's policies for addressing substandard housing conditions and the displacement of vulnerable households in neighborhoods with high concentrations of residents in Black and Latinx neighborhoods. 2020-21.
- Led [studies](#) that identified [issues](#) with the City of Austin's policies for addressing dangerous properties and served as a resource for city councilmembers on developing policies to remediate these issues. This work contributed to the City's repeat offender ordinance for multifamily properties with multiple code violations. 2012-2016.
- Helped organize an initiative in the City of Dallas and wrote a [report](#) on strategies to improve abandoned and blighted properties in Dallas' distressed neighborhoods. Arising out of this work, assisted with the drafting of state legislation adopted in 2009 to create a community receivership tool. 2006-2009.
- Served on a statewide legislative committee addressing land title and abandoned property issues in low-income communities in Texas and assisted with drafting the state's land banking legislation. 2002-2003.

4. Supporting homeowners with informal housing

My work in this area has focused on policy interventions and legal support to help increase the housing stability and intergenerational transfer of wealth among Black and Latino families and other households with "informal housing," meaning they have inherited their homes, have purchased mobile homes, or otherwise have acquired their homes outside the traditional third-party mortgage market. Much of this work has been informed by my many years of clinical legal experience working with residents in informal housing. This work has included:

- Developed [legal reforms](#) adopted by the Texas Legislature in 2019 that provided heirs' property homeowners with full access to the state's numerous homestead exemption programs. Currently leading a research project funded by HUD to assess the prevalence of these legal barriers in other states.
- Assisted state leaders with multiple convenings of stakeholders in Texas to develop legislation supporting the intergenerational transfer of wealth by homeowners with heirs' property. Legislation that was adopted arising out of these convenings include the state's [transfer on death deed legislation](#) in 2015.
- Helped craft [legal reforms](#) adopted by the Texas Legislature in 2011 that provide mobile homeowners with improved access to a homestead exemption.
- Wrote a [policy paper](#) on federal and state reforms needed to help homeowners with heirs' property access rebuilding assistance.

5. Improving protections for low-income renters and their access to fair and affordable housing

My work in this area has included a broad range of legal advocacy, collaborations, and policy work to increase tenant rights and their access to safe and fair housing, including, most

recently:

- Currently developing a legal toolkit and model legal documents to expand the capacity of tenant advocacy organizations to negotiate for protections in multifamily redevelopment projects.
- During the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, I created a website for Texas policymakers and advocates on local, state, and federal policies supporting tenants and homeowners facing displacement from their homes. I also served as ongoing resource for the media on these policies. From April 2020 through December 2021, the site received over 155,000 unique page views.
- Helped develop policies to expand tenant voucher holders' access to rental housing in high opportunity neighborhoods through government entitlement and incentive programs. 2010-2021.
- Developed a [legal guide](#) and model ordinance on community organizing protections for tenants. 2020. The Austin City Council cited to this work in its 2022 [resolution](#) directing the City Manager to prepare a right to organize ordinance.
- Served as a resource for Austin city councilmembers to identify policies for protecting tenants who are displaced from their homes due to dangerous conditions and empower low-income tenants to improve the conditions in their homes and communities. Multiple convenings and related research contributed to a new tenant relocation ordinance along with substantial city funding to launch a tenant organizing project. 2012-2016.

**TEXAS COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH ATTORNEY RESOURCES (TEXAS C-BAR),** Austin, TX

Founder and Director, 2000-2004. Founded and directed a statewide project that connected volunteer attorneys with nonprofit organizations and community groups.

- In less than four years, C-BAR recruited 55 law firms and corporate legal departments and leveraged \$1.5 million in free transactional legal services for low-income communities.
- Authored numerous legal guides and articles for nonprofits and attorneys; developed a website with an on-line resource center and legal resources for nonprofits.

**TEXAS RURAL LEGAL AID/LEGAL AID OF CENTRAL TEXAS,** Austin, TX

Skadden Fellow, 1997-1999; Staff Attorney, 1999-2000

- Provided direct legal services to nonprofit community development corporations and low-income clients facing eviction.
- Co-lead attorney in lawsuit against the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation resulting in nationwide changes to policies and procedures affecting the rights of low-income tenants and governing the demolition of affordable housing. *Patterson v. FDIC*.
- Member of national task force to reform the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program including increased access by tenants with vouchers.

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM WAYNE JUSTICE,** U.S. District Judge, EDTX, Tyler, TX

Judicial law clerk. 1996-1997.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**, Washington, D.C.  
Summer Honors Program Intern in Criminal Section. Summer 1995. Assisted in prosecuting cases involving violations of criminal civil rights statutes.  
Summer Law Intern in Voting Rights Section. Summer 1994. Investigated voting rights violations; assisted in the enforcement of Sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

## EDUCATION

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**, J.D., May 1996  
Honors: Grand Chancellor (ranked first in class after second year); High Honors (GPA: 4.08); NAWL Outstanding Law Student Award; Order of the Coif  
Activities: Texas Law Review, Associate Editor; Public Interest Law Association–founder and executive board member

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**, Bachelor of Journalism, May 1992  
Bachelor of Arts in Government (Honors Program), May 1992  
Honors: Highest Honors (GPA: 3.9/4.0); Phi Beta Kappa; Cabot Award for female journalism major with highest GPA.

## AWARDS

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- Faculty Excellence in Public Interest Award, Texas Law Fellowships (2014)
- Austin Affordable Housing Hero Award by Interfaith Action of Central Texas (2012)
- Community Champion Award, Texas Association of Community Development Corporations (2010)
- Texas Houser Award, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service (2006)
- Liveable City Vision Award (2005)
- Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas: Texas Young Lawyers Association (2002)
- Outstanding Young Lawyer of Austin: Austin Young Lawyers Association (2002)
- Texas Lawyer: “40 Under 40” Award (2001)

## BAR LICENSES

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- Texas State Bar (admitted 1996)
- United States Supreme Court (admitted 2000)

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Uniform Law Commission, Tenancy in Common Ownership Default Rules Committee, Observer for the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law (2021-Present)
- American Bar Association
  - Forum on Housing and Community Development Law: Co-Chair of the Community Development Practitioners and Legal Educators Practice Group (2020-present); Chair of Legal Educators Committee (2010-11)

- Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Equal Access to Justice Committee: Vice Chair (2000-02)
- Co-organizer, 2019 Transactional Clinical Conference, University of California at Berkeley.
- Texas Access to Justice Commission (2002-04)
- Texas Young Lawyers Association Board (2002-04)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

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- HousingWorks Austin: Co-Founder; Policy Committee (2012-2019)
- Kealing Middle School PTA: President (2016-17)
- Candidate for Texas House District 49, March 2016 Democratic Party Primary. Placed second in field of seven candidates
- City of Austin Downtown Commission: Commissioner and Vice Chair (2011-14)
- Schools and Families Workgroup for Joint Committee of City of Austin/Travis County/Austin Independent School District: Member (2013)
- City of Austin Bond Election Advisory Task Force: City Council Appointee (2011-12)
- City of Austin Urban Parks Workgroup: City Manager Appointee (2010-11)
- Austin City Council Families with Children Task Force: City Council Appointee (2007-08). Co-author of Task Force Report
- Friends of Zilker Neighborhood Park: Chair and Co-Founder (2007-09)
- Foundation Communities: Board of Directors (2000-2006), Chair (2005-06), and Secretary (2002-03)

## MAJOR GRANTS AND FUNDED RESEARCH

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**HBCU Center of Excellence Grant. US Department of Housing and Urban Development (sub-contract with Texas Southern University). Co-PI.**

As part of a larger research collaborative, I am leading a research project examining how laws prevent homeowners with heirs' property from access property tax relief programs. 2022-2023. Funding Amount (UT subcontract): \$153,000.

**Community Redevelopment Grant. Texas Access to Justice Commission. Co-Director.**

Co-led a new capacity building program for legal aid organizations in Texas to increase their community development and environmental justice work. Provided on-going mentoring of new community development attorneys at legal aid offices, co-counseled on cases, ran and facilitated training programs, developed online portals for collaboration and information sharing, and facilitated statewide convenings. Led several teams on a series of projects related to increasing access to opportunity and combatting displacement in vulnerable communities, including projects related to anti-displacement strategies in gentrifying neighborhoods, heirs' property, and affordable housing preservation. 2016- 2021. Funding Amount: \$1.75 million.

**Gentrification and Displacement Mapping and Policy Assessment. City of Austin. Co-PI.**

Co-leader of a research team that developed an interactive map of neighborhoods undergoing displacement, a typology to track stages of gentrification, and policy options matched to typology stage to mitigate displacement pressures. 2017-18. Funding Amount: \$69,000.

**Contracts for Deed Prevalence Project. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Co-PI.**

Co-leader of an interdisciplinary research team for the State of Texas—the Contract for Deed Prevalence Project—that included a survey of close to 1,300 low-income homeowners residing in informal subdivisions in South and Central Texas and an examination of their land title records to evaluate the effectiveness of the state’s contract for deed regulations. Funding Amount: \$200,000. 2011-2012.

**SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE (2020-present)**

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Washington Post: “Modern ‘redlining’ is pushing some Texans out of their homes.” June 19, 2022.

Texas Observer: “How Code Enforcement Fuels Displacement in San Antonio.” Dec. 20, 2021.

San Antonio Express News: “Report: San Antonio’s volume of orders to vacate, demolish homes is ‘unprecedented’ among big Texas cities.” Dec. 2, 2021.

New York Times: “How Austin Became One of the Least Affordable Cities in America.” Nov. 27, 2021.

Texas Public Radio, The Source: Guest on radio program discussing a report I co-authored on the displacement of residents through code enforcement in the City of San Antonio. Nov. 18, 2021.

Houston Chronicle: “For the first time in more than a decade, Houston City Council could take aim at apartment squalor.” Oct. 12, 2021.

Houston Public Media: “In Houston, Evictions Continued Despite City ‘Grace Period,’” Apr. 27, 2021.

San Antonio Hearon: “Tax breaks for developers under scrutiny in San Antonio, Texas capitol.” April 3, 2021.

American Bar Journal: “How Jim Crow-era laws still tear families from their homes.” Feb 1, 2021.

Wall Street Journal: “‘Startup City’: Accelerated Growth Strains Austin,” Dec. 27, 2020.

Washington Post: Interviewed for news article, “Fostering development without displacement,” July 30, 2020.

Marketplace: “Will more renters be evicted now that bans are lifting,” May 2020.

Texas Tribune: “How a big Texas tax break created not-so-affordable housing,” Sept. 14, 2020.

Texas Public Radio: “The CDC Has Banned Most Evictions. Here’s What Central Texas Renters Need to Know,” Sept. 7, 2020.

Texas Public Radio, The Source: Guest on radio program discussing a report I co-authored on San Antonio’s vanishing mobile home parks, developed with our Texas Law Fellow. Feb. 24, 2020.

Texas Observer: “Building Trust,” April 7, 2020.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### *Books and Book Chapters*

Way, Heather. 2022. “Heir Property, Property Tax Relief, and the Further Undermining of Black and Latino Homeowners’ Housing Stability” in *Heirs’ Property and the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act: Challenges, Solutions, and Historic Reform* (Thomas W Mitchell & Erica Levine Powers eds., American Bar Association).

Way, Heather; Wood, Lucy; and Marsh, Tanya. 2018. *Real Property for the Real World: Building Skills through Case Study* (Foundation Press).

Way, Heather and Sloan, Maddie. 2013. “The 2008 Texas Hurricanes: Working for Equitable and Transparent Redevelopment,” in *Building Community Resilience Post-Disaster* (Dorcas R. Gilmore & Diane M. Standaert, eds, American Bar Association).

### *Journal Articles*

Way, Heather and Goldstein, Ruthie. 2022. “[Heir Property Owners and Disaster Aid Programs: Opportunities for a more Equitable Recover when Disaster Strikes](#),” 30(3) *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law* 467.

Mueller, Elizabeth; Way, Heather; and Wegmann, Jake. 2020. “[Freefall: Why our housing safety net is failing the lowest-income renters during COVID](#),” 29(2) *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law* 257.

Way, Heather; Mueller, Elizabeth; and Martin, Ben. 2019. “[Uprooted: Local Efforts to Mitigate Displacement in Gentrifying Neighborhoods](#),” 28(1) *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law* 28.

Way, Heather and Loney, Lauren. 2019. “[Strategies and Tools for Preserving Low Income Housing Tax Credit Properties](#),” 28(2) *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development* 255.

Ward, Peter; Way, Heather; and Wood, Lucy. 2016. “Protecting Homebuyers in Low-Income Communities: Evaluating the Success of Texas Legislative Reforms in the Informal Homeownership Market,” 41 *Law & Social Inquiry* 152.



Way, Heather and Wood, Lucy. 2014. "[Contracts for Deed: Charting Risks and New Paths for Advocacy](#)," 23(1) *Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development* 37.

Way, Heather. 2010. "Reflections: The Honorable William Wayne Justice", 89 *Texas Law Review* 11.

Way, Heather. 2009. "[Informal Homeownership in the United States and the Law](#)," 29 *Saint Louis University Public Law Review* 113.

### **Research Reports, Toolkits, and Legal Guides**

Way, Heather, et al. 2021. [Ousted: The City of San Antonio's Displacement of Residents through Code Enforcement](#).

Way, Heather, et al. 2021. [Protecting African American Historic Places in Texas: A Community Legal Toolkit](#).

Way, Heather and ECDC students. 2020. [Protecting and Preserving African-American Cemeteries in Texas](#).

Way, Heather, et al. 2020. [Public Facility Corporations and the Section 303.042\(f\) Tax Break for Apartment Developments](#).

Way, Heather and Davila, Lizbeth Parra. 2020. [Endangered: San Antonio's Vanishing Mobile Home Parks and a Path for Preservation](#).

Way, Heather. 2019. [Texas Anti-Displacement Toolkit](#).

Guthridge, Bria and Way, Heather. 2019. [Texas Increment Financing in Texas: An Advocate's Toolbox](#).

Loney, Lauren and Way, Heather. 2018. [The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program: Opportunities for State and Local Preservation Strategies](#).

Way, Heather; Mueller, Elizabeth; Wegmann, Jake. 2018. [Uprooted: Residential displacement in Austin's gentrifying neighborhoods and what can be done about it](#). Report produced for the Austin City Council.

Way, Heather and Fraser, Carol. 2018. [Out of Order: Houston's Dangerous Apartment Epidemic](#).

Way, Heather, et al. 2015. [An Analysis of Austin's 2-5-2 Repeat Offender Program and Efforts to Address Dangerous Rental Properties](#).

Way, Heather with ECDC Students. 2014. [Adding an "e" to TOD: Best Practices for Incorporating Equity in Transit-Oriented Development, A Guide to Creating eTOD for Austin's Project Connect](#).

Way, Heather with ECDC Students. 2014. [The New Starts Grant and Affordable Housing: A Roadmap for Austin's Project Connect](#).

Way, Heather with ECDC Students. 2013. [Addressing Problem Properties: Legal and Policy Tools](#)

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Boney, Allyson; Powers, Molly; and Way, Heather. 2012. [Tenant Displacement in Austin: A Policy Report Analyzing the City of Austin's Tenant Relocation Policy at Shoreline Apartments with Recommendations for a City-Wide Policy Approach.](#)

Ward, Peter; Way, Heather; and Wood, Lucy. 2012. [The Contract for Deed Prevalence Project: A Final Report to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.](#)

Way, Heather, et al. 2011. [Fair Housing Legal Toolkit for Permanent Supportive Housing Providers: Addressing Local Opposition to PSH Developments.](#)

Rosenburg, Katy; Lowenfield, Luke; and Way, Heather. 2010. [Furthering Fair Housing Choices for Voucher Tenants: A Report for Housingworks Austin.](#)

Way, Heather. 2010. [Texas Problem Properties Toolkit: A Resource to Help Texas Communities Address Problems Created by Abandoned and Vacant Properties.](#)

### **Op Eds, Magazine Articles, Invited Papers**

Way, Heather. 2022. "[Property Tax Relief Programs Don't Reach Many Homeowners of Color,](#)" *Shelterforce*, Mar. 27, 2022.

Way, Heather. 2020. Op ed: "[Opinion: Rent is due. Texas must do more to protect tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic,](#)" *Houston Chronicle*, May 1, 2020.

Mueller, Elizabeth; Wegmann, Jake; and Way, Heather. 2019. "[Place Matters: The Role of Public Housing Authorities in Expanding Inclusion in the US,](#)" invited paper for the International Forum on Housing and Community Development.

Way, Heather; Mueller, Elizabeth; and Wegmann, Jake, Commentary: "City must halt displacement on the East Riverside Corridor," *Austin Statesman*, Oct. 22, 2019.

Way, Heather; Mueller, Elizabeth; and Armstrong, Nicholas, "[The Guadalupe Neighborhood in Austin: 40 Years of Pushing Back Against Displacement,](#)" *Shelterforce*, May 31, 2019.

Way, Heather. Op ed: "[America Made a Promise in 1968. It's time to keep it,](#)" *CNN.com*, Apr. 12, 2018.

Way, Heather and Wood, Lucille. "[Homeownership Without a Net,](#)" *Shelterforce Magazine*, Spring 2013.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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Frequent speaker at conferences and other events on issues related to community development, affordable housing, and other areas. Recent examples include:

Panelist: "Affordable Housing in Austin," Urban Land Institute Austin. 2022.

Panel Organizer and Moderator for Webinar: “Only the Rich Can Play’: A discussion of David Wessel’s book about Opportunity Zones,” hosted by the Community Development Practitioners and Legal Educators Committee, American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development Forum. 2022

Panelist for Webinar: “Code Enforcement and Demolitions in San Antonio,” hosted by St. Mary’s University School of Law, Center for Legal and Social Justice. 2022.

Panel Organizer and Moderator: “Addressing Evictions: How Affordable Housing Providers Can Change Their Ways to Tackle the Country’s Eviction Crisis,” Annual Conference, American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development Forum. 2022.

Panelist: “Heirs’ Property and the Racial Wealth Gap,” Annual Conference, Texas Association of Community Development Corporations. 2022.

Presenter at “Punishing the Poor: A Community Response to San Antonio Code Enforcement in Community of Color,” webinar hosted by the People’s Academy, partnership between Esperanza Peace and Justice Center and UTSA, in collaboration with the Historic Westside Residents Association and the Westside Preservation Alliance. 2021.

Presenter: “Writing, Implementing and Expanding on the UHPA,” National Institute on Heirs’ Property, ABA Section on State and Local Government Law. 2021.

Presenter: Webinar on “Inherited Homesteads and Increased Access to the Homestead Exemption under Senate Bill 1943.” 2021.

Presenter: Webinar for the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts on Senate Bill 1943 and the expansion of Texas property tax relief for homeowners who have inherited their homes. 2020.

Panel Moderator: “Homes for All? The Future of Public Housing.” New Housing Solutions Live conference, NewCities. 2020.

Panel Moderator: Webinar on “COVID-19 Rental Assistance Programs,” hosted by the Texas Association of Community Development Corporations. 2020.

Presenter and Panelist: “Legally Stolen Lands: Impacts and Remedies for Historically Disadvantaged People,” Mid-Year Meeting, American Bar Association. 2020

Panelist: “Residential Preference Policies and the Fair Housing Act,” Annual Conference, American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development Forum. 2019

Panelist: “Local Strategies to Address Displacement in Gentrifying Neighborhoods,” 2019 Annual Conference, Texas Association of Community Development Corporations.

Presenter: “From Cities to Colonias: Strategies to Stop the Regeneration of Heirs’ Property,” Conference on Heirs Property in the South: Fostering Stable Ownership to Prevent Land Loss and Abandonment, hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. 2019.

Presenter: "Gentrification and Displacement Mitigation Tools," City of Dallas Housing Policy Taskforce, Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee. 2019.

Presenter: "Community Land Trusts," The Real Estate Council, Dallas, Texas. 2019.

Presenter: "Strategies to Combat Substandard Rental Housing," State Bar of Texas Poverty Law Conference. 2017.

Panelist: "Affordable Housing Priorities for Harris County and Houston," Houston and Harris County Housing Conversation Summit. 2017.