

## **TOM I. ROMERO, II**

**ASSISTANT PROVOST OF IE RESEARCH AND CURRICULAR INITIATIVES  
IN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**Associate Professor (Tenured) of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law,  
Affiliated Faculty Member, University of Denver Department of History,  
Denver, CO, 2010-present**

**Professor (Tenured) of Law, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN, 2009-2010**

**Associate**







Consultant/Contributing Editor.

Hernando de Soto, WHY CAPITAL SUCCEEDS IN THE WEST AND FAILS EVERYWHERE ELSE (2002)

Associate/Contributing Editor. MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF RACE AND LAW (1998-2000)

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## GRANTS

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Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation, Colorado Access for Minority Program @ University of Denver, 2012-present.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Property

Water Law

Legal History

Seminar on Metropolitan Development

Hamline University School of Law

Property

Land Use Planning

Legal History

Property II (Modern Real Estate and Land Use)

Seminar on Water Law & Policy

Seminar on Law and Region

Seminar on Latinos and the Development of American Law

Department of History, University of Denver

History of the United States, 20<sup>th</sup> Century America

“America at Mid-century”

Department of History, University of Colorado at Boulder

“History of Chicano/as in the United States”

Center of the American West and Department of History, University of Colorado

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Program in American Culture, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Co-Instructor

“Chicanos, Stereotypes, Resistance, and Identity in American Films”

Graduate Student Instructor

“American Film Genres”

“An Introduction to American Values”

“Race and Ethnicity in American Cinema”

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## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Property and Land Use Planning

Legal History, including Latino Legal History and the Legal History of the American West

Constitutional Law

Water Law

Local Government

Educational Law

Civil Rights Law

Human Rights

Critical Race Theory and La Raza







*The Many Legalities for Dreamers: Law and Access to Education for Undocumented Students*  
Think Tank for Equity: College Access & Success for Students of Color in Colorado  
University of Denver  
Denver, CO. May 2013

*The "Mexican Menace," Local and State Anti-Immigration Initiatives, and the Historical Origins of the New Jim Crow in Immigration Law and Policy as Seen in the Legal History of the American West*  
ALANA Workshop  
Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians  
San Francisco, CA. April 2013

*Bringing Multi-Racial Frameworks Into Legal and Urban History*  
Panelist in State of the Field Session: New Directions in the History of Race and Ethnic Studies  
Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians  
San Francisco, CA. April 2013

*Housing, Land Use and the Legal and Social Geography of Metropolitan Denver*  
Forty Years Since *Keyes v. School District No. 1*: Equality of Educational Opportunity and the Legal Construction of Modern Metropolitan America  
Denver University Law Review 2013 Annual Symposium  
University of Denver Sturm College of Law  
Denver, CO. February 2013.

*Local and State Anti-Immigration Initiatives, and the Historical Origins and Contemporary Consequence of the New Jim Crow in Immigration Law and Policy*  
Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association  
San Juan, Puerto Rico. October 2012

*The Right to Water as the Right to the City*  
First Annual Local Government Law Works-in-Progress Conference  
Marquette University Law School  
Milwaukee, WI. September 2012





*“Inter Arma Silent Leges?: Race, Law, and Citizenship in a Wartime American Metropolis”*

International American Studies Association First Annual Congress

Leiden, Netherlands. May 22-24, 2003

*“‘Do People Still Do That Out There?’ The Impact of Western History in the Teaching and Practice of Law”*

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Denver, CO. March 27-29, 2003

Moderator and Commentator of *“Strategies of Resistance and Rebellion to European Influences”*

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference

Boulder, CO. September 20-21, 2002

Panel Commentator of *“Strategies of Resistance and Redefinition in Latin American Contexts”*

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference

Boulder, CO. January 25-26, 2002

*Land, Culture, and Legal Exchange in Colorado’s Mountains, Plains, and Deserts*

Symposium: Exchange: Practices and Representations, Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne

Paris, France. December 6-8, 2001

*Diversity or Discrimination? Secret Societies, Multiculturalism, and the University of Michigan*

Western History Association Annual Conference

San Antonio, TX. October 12-15, 2000

*“Some of Them Become Tomorrow’s Criminals:” Law and Order in Denver, Colorado’s Mexican American and Japanese American Communities, 1940-1965*

Asian American Studies Association Annual Conference

Scottsdale, AZ. May 25-28, 2000

*Policing the Pocho: Assessing Edward Escobar’s Race, Police, and the Making of a Political Identity and the future of Chicano/a Legal Historiography*

National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies

Portland, OR. March 23-26, 2000

*Rethinking Chicano Nationalism: The Crusade for Justice as a Model for Community Organization*  
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Midwest Conference  
Ann Arbor, MI. October 17-19, 1995

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## **INVITED LECTURES & HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Invited Plenary Lecture: So You Want to Teach Diversity? Inclusivity, Equity and Social Justice in the Law School Classroom  
Association of Legal

Invited Lecture: *Pathways for Pipelines for Indigenous and Minority Communities.*  
Higher Education Technical Assistance

Keynote: *How I Rode the Bus to Become a Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law: Reflections on Keyes's Legacy for the Post-Racial, Multiracial, and Metropolitan Twenty-First Century*  
Forty Years Since *Keyes v. School District No. 1: Equality of Educational Opportunity and the Legal Construction of Modern Metropolitan America*  
Denver University Law Review 2013 Annual Symposium  
University of Denver Sturm College of Law  
Denver, CO. February 2013

Panelist: *The Continuing Significance of Race: Education in a "Post-Racial" Obama Era*  
Sponsored by Presidential Debates Series  
University of Denver. June 25, 2012

Panelist: *Voting Power--How Hot Issues and Diverse Constituents Will Influence the 2012 Presidential Election*  
Sponsored by Presidential Debates Series  
University of Denver Sturm College of Law. April, 18, 2012.

Keynote: *The Color of Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo on Water Law and Policy in Ten Stanzas*  
Dying of Thirst: The Right to Water in a Globalized World  
Center on Rights Development Thirteenth Annual Symposium  
Denver, CO. March 29, 2012

Lecture: "A War to Keep Alien Labor Out of Colorado," 1935-1936  
Winter Quarter Provost's Luncheon and Lecture  
University of Denver  
Denver, CO. February 29, 2012

Plenary Address: *The Color of Water: Observations of a Brown Buffalo*  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual LatCrit Symposium  
Denver, CO. October 2010

Panelist: *What Can Brown Do For You?: Hernandez v. Texas, Brown v. Board of Education and the Concept of La Raza Latina in American Law*  
Annual Meeting of the Hispanic National Bar Association  
Minneapolis, MN. September 2010

Panelist: *A Critical Appraisal of the Color Line: The Promise and Problems of Interdisciplinary Research on Whiteness and Non-Whiteness in a Colorblind Era*  
Workshop on Post Racial Civil Rights Law, Politics and Legal Education: New and Old Color Lines in the Age of Obama  
Association of American Law Schools,  
New York, N.Y. June 9, 2010

Presidential Address: *Interdisciplinary Research on Race in a Colorblind Era: A Critical Appraisal and Notes on a Transformative Paradigm*  
American Educational Research Association  
Denver, CO. May 2, 2010

Colloquium: *Water Rights and Social Equality in the Urban American West*





Panelist: *Hot Litigation Topics: Anti-Immigration Ordinances*  
National Hispanic Bar Association – Midyear Meetings  
Minneapolis, MN. March 23, 2007.

Moderator: *Latino/as and Legal Education in Minnesota*  
Hamline University School of Law  
St. Paul, MN. February 9, 2007

Panelist: *Race and Pedagogy in the Academy*  
University of Minnesota, The Institute for Advanced Study  
Minneapolis, MN. December 1, 2006

Moderator: *Immigration: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*  
University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management  
Minneapolis, MN. November 1, 2006

Panelist: *Racial Bias in Jury Selection*  
Hamline University School of Law  
St. Paul, MN. April 22, 2006

Panelist: *Cultural and Language Differences and Their Impact on Employment Litigation*

Lecture: *Excavating the Contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to Colorado's Legal Past*

Colorado Asian Pacific American Bar Association  
Denver, CO. January 24, 2002

Keynote: *Western Values, Western Lawyers: The Impact of Place on the Practice of Law*

First Annual Rocky Mountain Conference of Clinical Law Professors  
Estes Park, CO. October 5, 2001

Lecture: *Putting Law in Historical Context Using Feature Films*

Educating for Citizenship: Law-Related Education Conference  
Denver, CO. December 1, 2000

Promotions and Tenure Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012  
Long-Term Contract Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012  
Faculty Co-Advisor, University of Denver Water Law Review, Sturm College of Law, 2011-2012  
Retained as Expert Counsel, *Moreno v. Gessler*, 2011  
Retained as Expert Pro-Bono Counsel, *Lobato v. Colorado Department of Education*, 2011  
Lateral Appointments Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010-2011  
Advisory Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010-2011  
Steering Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2009-2010  
Co-Chair, Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Hamline University School of Law, 2009

Association of American Law Schools  
American Bar Association  
American Historical Association  
American Society for Legal History  
American Studies Association  
Association of Asian American Studies