

MARIA CORINA MUSKUS TORO

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Education

- PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University** September 2023-
Toronto, Canada
Thesis: *Beyond the Law on Violence Against Women in Venezuela: exploring women's perspectives on the carceral state*
Mary Jane Mossman Graduate and Peter Hogg Scholarship, 2022
- Master of Laws, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University** September 2022
Toronto, Canada
Thesis: *Hartazgo: Understanding how #YoTeCreo emerged in Venezuela*
(Critical theory and political analysis with qualitative interviews of leaders of the movement in Venezuela)
Harley D. Hallett Scholarship, 2021
- Master of Laws in International Legal Studies, American University Washington College of Law** December 2016
Washington D.C.
U.S.A.
Specialization in Human Rights and Gender & the Law
Merit-Based scholarship, Grossman Scholarship
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) cum laude, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello Law School** July 2012
Caracas, Venezuela
18/20
Academic recognition in years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Awards

- 2022 Recognized by the **Mayor's Office of Baruta-Caracas and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands** in Venezuela as one of **100 Venezuelan women** that are creating a positive impact.
2021 **Femilist 100**, a curated list of 100 women from the Global South by the Gender Security Project
2020 **Richard C. Holbrooke Award**, Refugees International

Professional Experience (*Selected*)

- Researcher for the WAGE project** "Creating Space: Precarious Status Women Leading Local Pandemic Responses" September 2023-current
York University
- Conducting data analysis on AtlasAI. Drafting and developing policy recommendations in areas of labour; gender-based violence; workplace health and safety; human rights; and migration. Organizing a collaborative workshop.
- Teaching Assistant Legal Process 1** September 2023-current
Osgoode Hall Law School, **York University**
- Leading tutorial discussions and engaging in course materials with students. I grade exams and other coursework. Experience with mooting, factum, memos, Canadian legal research, among others.
- Research Assistant to Professor Heidi Matthews** January-April 2022
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- Assisted in developing the coursework and the participatory art-based research workshop for a seminar entitled Law in the #MeToo Era

Founder and Director Venezolanas Globales

April 2018-Current

- Created the first online platform that gathers, connects, and empowers Venezuelan migrant women.
- Coordinate the network and lead a team of more than 23 Ambassadors and 9 volunteers, organizing forums and workshops.

Consultant and Advisor in International Human Rights Law with Nestlé Venezuela, Implementation of Women Empowerment Principles

Dec 2021-August 2022

- Reviewed internal policies; interviewed with the C-level; write a report with recommendations for improvements; and, delivered a workshop tailored to their needs.

Lead, Project implementing a framework for Diaspora engagement of Venezuelan Organizations with OIM-Healing Venezuela and Venezolanas Globales

Feb - September 2022

- Mapping of NGOs that support migrants, developed a questionnaire, analyzed data of the survey, assisted in preparing the report, organized workshops tailored to client needs.

Researcher, Annual Report on Venezuelan migration and refugees titled "Their Voices" by CEPAZ

December 2021

- Interview-based project for migrant women

Author and coordinator of the Report on Women in Detention Facilities in Venezuela for Observatorio Venezolano de Prisiones

August 2020-June 2021

- Conducted qualitative research, including creation of questionnaires for different populations: women in detention, family members, and lawyers; interviews; and wrote a report on the results.

Research and representation before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for denial of justice, and family rights against an OEA Member State

October 2020-June 2021

Co-author, Annual Report on Venezuelan migration and refugees "Voces que deben ser escuchadas: Testimonios y análisis de personas venezolanas migrantes y refugiadas ante la situación de movilidad humana durante la pandemia" CEPAZ

December 2020

- Interview-based qualitative project and analysis.

Developing and delivering workshops about women and gender issues, including Gender Stereotypes (for Mexican Commission for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights), Women in the Workplace (for Allianz Partners Mexico), Policies to prevent sexual harassment and abuse in organizations (La Pieza), and Migrant Women (for NIMD Venezuela and CEPAZ)

2019- current

Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat

Nov 2019- April 2020

Expert Panel & Report on Sexual Harassment in International Human Rights Organizations

- Researched and drafted a model of protocol and code of conduct on how to address sexual harassment and violence in the workplace, by reviewing protocols, legislation, international standards, conducting interviews, and reviewing good practices regarding how to address workplace sexual misconduct, harassment, and violence.

Romulo Gallegos Fellow Interamerican Commission on Human Rights- Organization of American States

April-December 2017
Washington DC

- Prestigious fellowship granted to a select group of young lawyers
- Conducted the initial review of petitions by analyzing and drafting memorandum, in particular cases related to due process, nationality, displacement, migrants, and summary execution

Lawyer Center for Justice and International Law

January-March 2017
Washington DC

- Researched and drafted arguments and evidence on a case of violence against women in Venezuela.
- Drafted observations to State reports, cases from Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela.
- Wrote documents about the compliance of judgments issued by the Interamerican Court of Human Rights.

Research Assistant

September 2015-December 2016

American University Washington College of Law,

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

- Conducted research surrounding issues of sex workers in Colombia; traveled to Cartagena for a fact-finding investigation to collect and analyze information about sex workers; drafted amicus brief for the IACHR; dialogued with students about sex workers in Colombia.
- Assisted the Impact Litigation Project, and researched cases of torture in Venezuela.

To Professor Juan E. Mendez

- Wrote the follow-up report of the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment on his visit to Mexico

- Analyzed and researched issues concerning torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in different countries for the AntiTorture Initiative
- Drafted urgent appeals, follow-up reports, and observation reports.
- Organized on- campus events.

Intern Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)

June-August 2015
Washington DC, United States

Junior Lawyer Ayala, Dillon, Fernández, Linares, Chavero, Law Firm

August 2014-May 2015
Caracas, Venezuela

Professor, Human Rights Law Clinic Universidad Catolica Andres Bello

January-August 2015
Caracas, Venezuela

Selected Publications

- Co-Authored, *Gender Policies in the criminal justice system: an outstanding debt*, Ago 2021, Konrad Adenauer
- Author of *concepts of sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy* in the Glossary of International Criminal Justice, May 2021, Centro de Justicia y Paz (Cepaz)
- Author, *Maternity leave as gender stereotypes*, August 2020, Editorial Universidad de Costa Rica, TBP
- Author, *Report on Violence against women suffered by women from the Venezuelan Diaspora*, CEPAZ, 2020
- Author, *Implementation of Alternatives Measures for Women in Venezuelan Prisons Based on the Bangkok Rules*, Human Rights Brief, American University Washington College of Law, Mar 2017
- Author, *Prosecution of sexual and gender-based violence in the context of conflict and mass repression in the Americas*, (original in Spanish) Independent study, American University Washington College of Law, Dec 2016

Selected Op-eds in Spanish about feminism, women's issues, and migration

- *How did #YoTeCreo emerge in Venezuela?*, March 2023, *Accion No Violenta*
- *A Feminist Democracy for Venezuela*, co-authored, January 2023, *The Global Americans*
- *What is sexual consent?*, June 2022, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *Criminal law is no friend of women*, February 2022, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *Women, the protagonist of the defence of human rights*, March 2021, *Animal Político*
- *Women and girls, rightsholders*, March 2021, *Multijuridica*
- *We (women) are the main leaders when discussing feminist issues*, May 2020, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *The right to family planning is pivotal for women* August 2020, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *Women: the most affected and the less involved*, Oct 2019, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *Let us be infamous women* Sep 2019, *Animal Politico*
- *The differential impact of women in the migration crisis* Nov 2018, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *The #MeToo Movement is here to stay*, Jan 2018, *Animal Politico*
- *Let her walk in peace* (on street harassment) Sep 2017, *Efecto Cocuyo*
- *Why do women stay silent? Ashley Judd did not*, Nov 2017, *Efecto Cocuyo*

Conferences & Lectures (selected)

- **Hartazgo: How did #YoTeCreo emerge in Venezuela**, Panel on Feminist Activism, Latin America Studies Association, LASA Conference, May 2023

- **Online:**
 - Speaker, **Online Workshop: Latin American Digital Activism**, CALACS, March 2023
 - Organizer and Speaker, **Digital Feminist Activism and the Politics of Human Rights**, The Institute for Feminist Legal Studies- Osgoode, November 2022
 - Speaker, **International Standards on Sexual and Reproductive Rights**, Defiende Venezuela, Feb 2021
 - Speaker, **The CEDAW Convention**, Amnesty International Venezuela, Nov 2020
 - Speaker, **The social and economic inclusion of Venezuelan migrants**, International Organization for Migration forum “Re-imagining the role of migrants and human mobility for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, Oct 2020
 - Speaker, **Women in Detention Facilities**, Observatorio Venezolano de Prisiones, Aug 2020
 - Latin America and Caribbean Youth Representative to Civil Society, **Global Forum for Migration and Development**, Quito, Jan 2020
 - Guest Lecture, **International women’s rights, and the CEDAW Convention**, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, 2018, 2019
 - Panelist, **Venezuela Human Rights Crisis**, *Conflict & Crisis in Venezuela: Human Rights & International Responses* American University Washington College of Law, Oct 2017

Volunteer Experience

Board Member

Venezuela Women Empowerment Advisory Group, Atlantic Council
Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice

2021-2022
2020-2022

Human Rights Commission, Coalicion por Venezuela

2021-2022

Gender Advisor to the Major Group for Children and Youth

2020-2021

Volunteer at the Women's Human Rights Education Institute

2019

Coach, Inter-American Moot Court Competition on Human Rights.

2012, 2013

Participant, Harvard Model United Nations.

2012

Law School Student Governance, Elected Board Member.

2009-2011

Participant and Best Delegate Award, Latin American Model United Nations

2009

Member

Red Naranja, a Venezuelan network of women and NGOs to prevent VAW

RELEG, Latin American Network for Gender-Based Strategic Litigation

Languages Skills

Spanish (native)

English (proficient)