

Protecting the Rights of US Citizens and Immigrants



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CURRENT RESEARCH

Promoting the rule of law for those who need it most

According to recent data released by the government, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is holding US citizens by the hundreds since 2011 but the government continues to deny that it even happens. Professor Jacqueline Stevens, of Northwestern University, highlights specific U.S. deportation policies conducive to unlawful actions against immigrants and US citizens. For example, in September of 2014, a man was arrested by ICE in Chicago. Agents documented that he was arrested at his private residence and that ICE lacked evidence he had ever pursued obtaining paperwork on his US citizenship. Stevens' research however, discovered that the address listed by ICE agents as the individual's home was actually the federal building housing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and that agents had apprehended him during his appointment to obtain his Certificate of Citizenship. In short, the documentation provided by ICE agents had been fraudulently reported. Professor Stevens' Deportation Research Clinic, modeled on a public health clinic, has used individual cases, like the case in Chicago, to study and remedy state violence, and systemic malpractice among government officials and the deportation system they oversee.

In this spirit, she authored a prize-winning series of investigative articles on how Immigration and Customs Enforcement was illegally deporting and detaining US citizens through a network of secret, unmarked field offices where people were not allowed to contact attorneys; and holding hearings in secret immigration hearings, in violation of the law. The culmination of Stevens' research helps inform the scholarly community and the general public about the effects of deportation practices in...

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RESEARCH AREAS

Humanities, Law / Ethics, Global Policy

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contributions will support the research of Professor Jacqueline Stevens as she focuses on specific government policies in the US that are conducive to unlawful actions against immigrants and US citizens. Your donations will support the necessary \$127K required for personnel travel funds, and other office expenses. In choosing to fund Stevens, you will play an important role in protecting the lawful rights of US citizens and immigrants, holding government officials accountable and supporting people.