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ELISABETH S. "LISA" BRODYAGA AWARD

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2021 AILA Virtual Annual Conference on Immigration Law

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM INCLUDES

Sirine Shebaya, *Executive Director*

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Voices from the Irwin County Detention Center

Arun Mukherjee, *retired staff member and Math teacher at Rutgers University*

Jocelyn Cazares, *Senior Attorney at the CAIR Coalition and
incoming Clinical Teaching Fellow at Georgetown Law*

Award Presentation

About the National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)

For 50 years, the **NIPNLG** has fought for justice for those who bear the brunt of racist and immoral immigration laws in the United States. From defending asylum seekers at the border, to challenging the double punishment of criminalization and immigration enforcement, NIPNLG is seizing the moment to fight for transformative change. NIPNLG offers much-needed support to immigration attorneys, advocates, and directly impacted individuals on the front lines. Guided by values of compassion, justice, and inclusivity, we are committed to creating bolder, better, and more intersectional ways to do this work. In our 50th anniversary year, we hope that you will consider supporting our efforts to protect the rights of all people, including those most marginalized by our immigration and criminal laws. Thank you for joining tonight's celebration of resistance. Together, we can transform our institutions and build a better world.

About 2021 Member Honoree

Elora Mukherjee

Inaugural Recipient of the Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award

Elora Mukherjee is a globally recognized advocate, practitioner, and voice for immigrant rights. As founding director of Columbia Law School's Immigrants' Rights Clinic and Jerome L. Greene Clinical Professor of Law, Elora's eyewitness accounts of the inhumane treatment of children along the Mexico-U.S. border in 2019 sparked national and international outrage. She was invited to testify before Congress, where she detailed the harm children were suffering under federal policies she described as unconstitutional, unlawful, ineffective, and un-American. Since November 2020, Elora has been working tirelessly to support and advocate for women who were subjected to non-consensual medical procedures and abuse while detained by ICE at the Irwin County Detention Center in Georgia. And on May 20, 2021, the Irwin County Detention Center was announced to be closing for good. A highly dedicated teacher and mentor to her students, Elora has been bringing a fierce, zealous advocacy to immigrants and to our movement for human rights and dignity for more than 15 years.

About Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga

Lisa Brodyaga is a beloved longtime NIPNLG member whose career representing asylum seekers, other immigrants, and U.S. citizens spans more than 40 years. In 1985, Lisa co-founded Refugio Del Rio Grande, a non-profit refugee camp and law office on a 45-acre wilderness near Harlingen, Texas, where she still serves as a volunteer attorney. Lisa's career is punctuated with critical victories and pro-immigrant court decisions in tough cases and jurisdictions. She is known for her legal acumen, tenacious fighting spirit, humility, and generosity in sharing her wisdom and legal knowledge with the immigration legal community. In recognition of Lisa's incredible legacy, we inaugurate our annual member honor as the Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA
BRODYAGA FOR HAVING THIS AWARD
NAMED AFTER YOU! THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE
TO DO IN THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE!
YOU ROCK!!**

**AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
ELORA MUKHERJEE ON BEING THE WELL
DESERVED FIRST RECIPIENT OF THIS
GREAT AWARD!**

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Congratulations Elora Mukherjee
for embodying Lisa Brodyaga's example and
fierce fighting spirit for immigrant rights.

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Congratulations to Elora Mukherjee
on her achievements
in defense of immigrants' rights &
receipt of the inaugural
Lisa Brodyaga Award
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Congratulations Elora for this well-deserved honor!

**From your friends and colleagues at the
ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project**

Nathalie Amazan, Spencer Amdur, Anand Balakrishnan, Darlene Boggs, David Chen,
Ming Cheung, Jenny Drummond, Katrina Eiland, Dan Galindo, Lee Gelernt,
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FOR A BETTER
TOMORROW

Congratulations, Elora!

We thank you for your fearless pursuit of justice.
And for embodying the excellence, tenacity, and
generosity of spirit of Lisa Brodyaga.

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To NIPNLG ~

Congrats on your 50th! Thank you for honoring the legacy
of Lisa Brodyaga.

To Elora Mukherjee ~

Congratulations on being the inaugural recipient of the
Lisa Brodyaga Award. Keep up the great work!

And To Lisa Brodyaga ~

You have changed the world.

Thank you for your unending willingness to help and give your
precious time to all who need it.

For the strength of your shoulders supporting countless numbers of us.
And for the many thousands of people who have benefited
from your work, and yet have never heard your name.

We love you.

Robert Crane, Jaime Diez, Hector Barrera

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Congratulations, Elora!

Your passion and commitment to immigrants' rights is inspiring, and you have a unique ability to recognize and bring out the best in everyone around you.

We are so proud to be your colleagues!

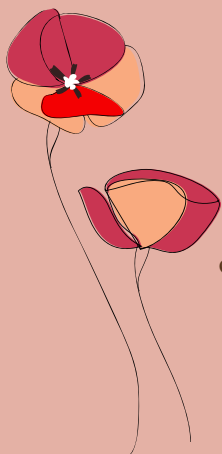
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ELORA

Thank you for answering our call.

Sarah O.

Thank you for integrating community organizing in your practice, classroom, and your activism. Your work makes me hopeful for the future of law practice in the United States.

Viri F.

You offer so much hope for all who strive for abolition in this work. Thank you forever

always, Elora!

Andrew F.

Congratulations
Elora Mukherjee

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SF, Santa Monica & Shanghai

Dear Elora,
Congratulations!

Your outstanding work on immigration is extraordinary. You have made a difference in the lives of many. **"Service is the rent we pay to live on earth."**

You are a true servant leader.

Your family is very proud.

Love,
Mom/Dr. Brenda Greene

Congratulations Elora Mukherjee on this well-deserved recognition!



Thank you for your fierce, tireless, and
zealous advocacy on behalf of so many
individuals, families and communities!

We are deeply grateful to you for helping hold our leaders
accountable to human rights and human dignity!

So happy you are the first recipient of the Lisa Brodyaga Award

Linus Chan (2020)
Lisa Brodyaga and Al Otro Lado (2019)
Raha Jorjani (2018)
Shoba Sivaprasad Wadia (2017)
Debbie Smith (2016)
Kathy Moccio (2015)
Zachary Nightingale (2014)
Atessa Chehrizi (2013)
Norton Tooby (2010)
Jeanne Butterfield (2009)
Hiroshi Motomura (2008)
in Memoriam: Elliott Ozment (2012)



Thank you Elora Mukherjee and the National Immigration Project.

The National Center for Law and Economic Justice honors your groundbreaking and tireless work fighting for justice for immigrant communities and your extraordinary work defending the human rights of youth.

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Congrats, Elora!

Such impressive work and accomplishments

Mariann Wang & Michael Gaouette



**Congratulations
Elora Mukherjee!**

...and thank you for carrying
on the legacy of Lisa Brodyaga.

Cathy Potter



**CONGRATULATIONS
ON A WELL-DESERVED HONOR**

We are still trying to close Hutto!

Barbara Hines Elissa Steglich Denise Gilman
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would like to congratulate
our friend and beloved colleague,

Elora Mukherjee

for being the inaugural recipient
of the Lisa Brodyaga Award



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Congrats Elora!



You are a brilliant,
kind and tireless hero
and we are honored
to call you our friend.

We love you!

Arthi and Roshan



Congratulations Elora!

Thank you for your devotion to
immigrants' rights. We're so proud of
you and so glad to celebrate this
recognition of your work.

All the best,

John, Katie, Jack, Cecilia, & Owen Cooper

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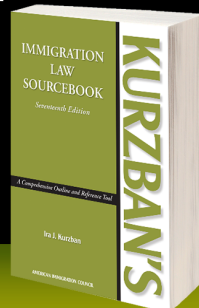
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Dear Elora,

Congratulations to you on this high and well deserved honor!

We commend your deeply felt efforts on behalf of immigrant children and families.

You have worked tirelessly to secure the hope of a brighter future for the voiceless and forgotten.

Love,
Dad and Linda

Congratulations!!!

So well deserved!!!

-Gloria & Mo Goldman



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Elora

We celebrate your commitment to
human rights and to teaching
future generations of immigration
lawyers. Congratulations on

The Lisa Brodyaga Award



In Solidarity and with Gratitude,
Vera Weisz
Weisz Immigration Law Group

Congratulations

from the
CLS Immigrants' Rights
Clinic Grads of 2019!

We are lucky to have a
teacher and mentor
as inspiring and dedicated as you!

CONGRATULATIONS, ELORA!

NO ONE IS MORE DESERVING OF
THIS ACCOLADE.

As your former students, we know how
much your hard work and dedication
has improved the lives of countless immigrants
and other people in need.

Your dedication to social justice also had a profound
impact in our development as young lawyers,
teaching us how to be empathetic, tireless, and
impactful advocates for our clients.

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We applaud your tenacious fight for the rights of detained children and for all that you have done in the quest for truth and justice. We are proud and humbled to call you our friend. Elora, the day you were born the world became a better place!

Ewen Wong, Clara Long, Hope Frye, Warren Binford, Michael Bochenek and Holly Cooper

SAVE THE DATE!

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Virtual NLG Convention

October 11-17, 2021

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NIPNLG Annual Membership Meeting - Wed. Oct. 13th

NIPNLG Fall CLE - Thurs. Oct. 14th

NIPNLG thanks the following
individuals for their generous

support of tonight's

Happy Hour & Reception

in honor of

Elora Mukherjee

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Elora, if every government system was
set up to have someone at the top with
your passion, determination to correct
a broken system and your kindness.....
the world truly be a better place. Thank
you for being a mentor and an example to
keeping your cool!!!! You Rock!!!!!!

-Michelle Ellis

Dear Elora,

Congratulations!! It is truly an honor
to celebrate you. You are amazing and
an inspiration to many. Your caring,
dedication and relentless advocacy
is remarkable. Thanks for all you do to
make this world a better place!

Love,
Brenda Eberhart

**Congratulations, Elora, on this
well-deserved honor!**

You continually inspire us.

With admiration for your work,
as well as that of Supervising Staff
Attorney Amelia (Mimi) Wilson,
and the students of the
Immigrants' Rights Clinic

Your friends in the
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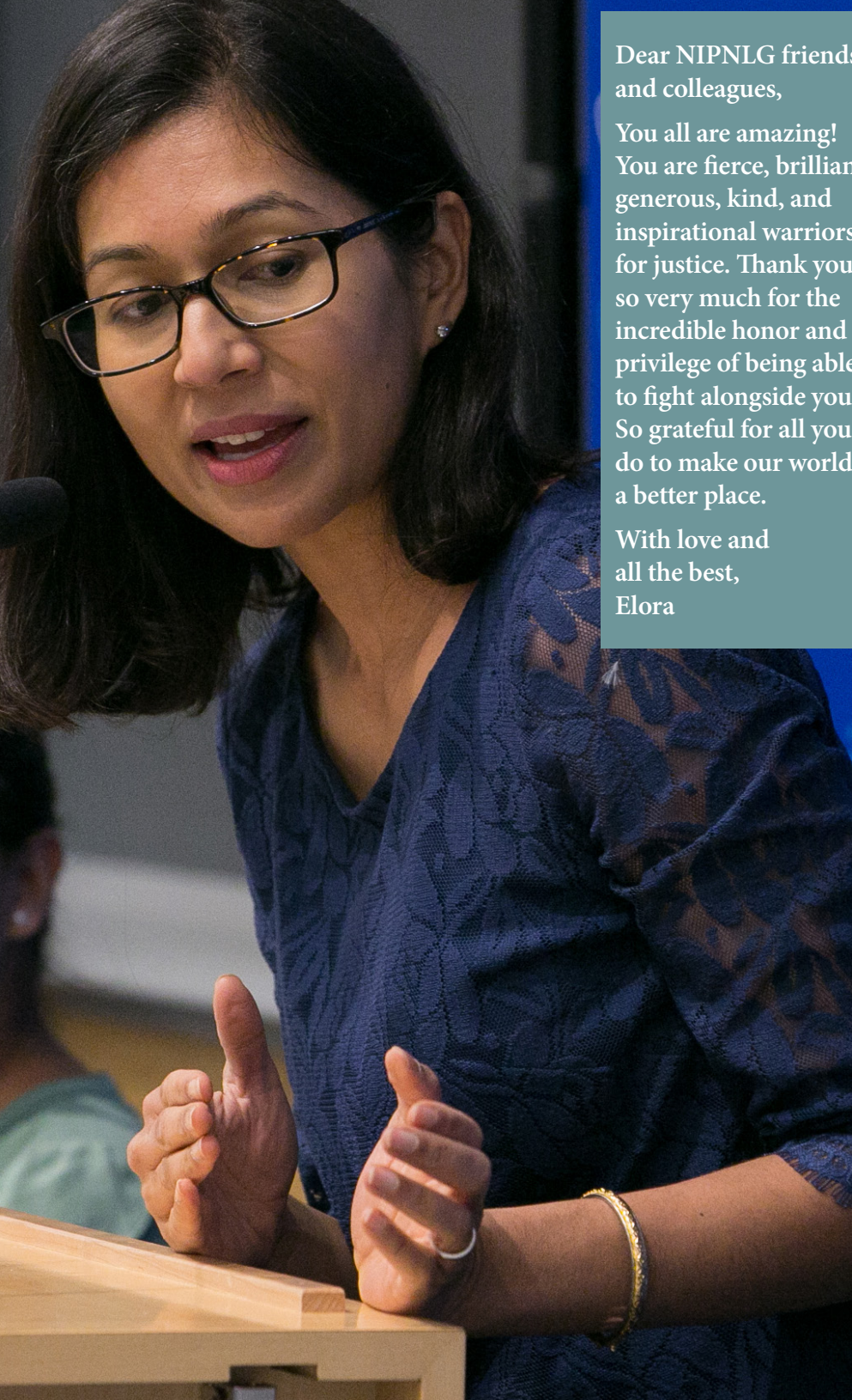
Mary Zulack





Congratulations, Elora.

The Columbia Law School community congratulates our colleague **Elora Mukherjee, Jerome L. Greene Professor of Law and director of the Immigrants' Rights Clinic**—a true champion of justice. She has tirelessly represented families and children seeking asylum while training a new generation of advocates. Professor Mukherjee is an influential voice for immigration reform and offered powerful and persuasive testimony before Congress in 2019 about the humanitarian crisis at federal detention centers that housed children at the southern border.



Dear NIPNLG friends
and colleagues,

You all are amazing!
You are fierce, brilliant,
generous, kind, and
inspirational warriors
for justice. Thank you
so very much for the
incredible honor and
privilege of being able
to fight alongside you.
So grateful for all you
do to make our world
a better place.

With love and
all the best,
Elora