



2018 Eminent Scholar Award Recipient

Huyen Pham, Professor of Law
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Professor Huyen Pham has served as a Professor of Law for ten years, the past five of which have been at Texas A&M University. From 2013 to 2016, she also served as Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development at the Law School.



Professor Huyen Pham's scholarship focuses on immigration law. As one of the first legal scholars to recognize the significance of the subfederal immigration regulation (immigration regulation by states, cities, and counties) that grew after the 9/11 attacks, Professor Pham has written extensively about the doctrinal and policy implications of this regulation.

Her research has been published by some of the nation's most prestigious legal academic journals, including the *New York University Law Review* and the *Georgetown*

Law Journal. Judicial courts and media outlets have cited Professor Pham's research, and she has been invited to present her work at a myriad of academic venues and in front of legislative bodies, including the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Vietnam's National Assembly in Hanoi.

Professor Pham's work has been groundbreaking in another way as she was one of the first women, and one of the first women of color, to make a significant contribution to the study of immigration law. The community of immigration law scholars has become rich with gender and racial diversity, and Professor Pham was a pioneer and role model for this new generation of scholars.

Born in Vietnam, Professor Pham arrived in the United States as an unaccompanied refugee child. From these unlikely roots, she graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, both with honors. Her work experience includes volunteering in a Vietnamese refugee camp as an Echoing Green Fellow, clerking with a federal judge, and stints as an assistant attorney general and a corporate lawyer.

Professor Pham brings her wealth of experience, and her underlying passions for public service, social justice, and international development to her teaching and to her mentoring of students.