

PREFACE

In 1994, Bob Deasy had the vision to create a book on immigration options for academics and professors. His collaborators, Scott Borene, Lorna Burgess, Deborah Kartje, David Ware, and Palma Yanni, were early leaders in this field, and explained how to use the categories created in the Immigration Act of 1990. Since then, AILA has renamed the volume as *Immigration Options for Academics and Researchers*, published in 2005, 2011, and this edition in 2021. As Karin Fischer of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* writes in the following Foreword, international education is a driving force in the U.S. economy, and facilitating immigration procedures helps support colleges, universities, and research organizations.

This edition has been a tremendous collaboration, updating and expanding older articles and adding new ones that reflect today's realities of representing the academic and research communities. The authors include AILA attorneys, but also members of NAFSA: The Association of International Educators who provide immigration services. There are articles on specific temporary and immigrant visa categories, and practice pointers including reviews of AAO cases. Just as importantly, there are articles about the special issues involving institutional culture and policy that arise in academic settings, as the workflow and approach that practitioners use for private industry must be adapted in an academic setting.

This book was produced during the COVID-19 pandemic, which introduced its own unique challenges. It also provided a particularly timely reminder of the power of science and the important role international scholars play in the United States. We wish to thank all of the authors for their insights, and also Sarah Redzic and Richard Link at AILA for their efforts on editing and producing this new volume.

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