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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The George Washington University Law School	Washington, DC
Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering	2023—present
Director, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program	2023—present
Faculty Co-Director, Animal Legal Education Initiative	2023—present
Affiliate Faculty, GWU Global Food Institute	2024—present
Professor of Legal Research & Writing	2016—2023
Interim Director, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program	2020—2023
Associate Director, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program	2019—2020
Associate Director, Legal Research & Writing Program	2015—2019
Writing Center Director	2009—2021
Scholarly Writing Program Co-Director	2019—2020
Associate Professor of Legal Research & Writing	2009—2016

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Direct Fundamentals of Lawyering (FL) Program:** hire, train, and supervise a team of fourteen full-time faculty and four adjunct professors; design curriculum in yearlong 6-credit first-year course that trains students in writing, legal analysis, research, citation, and professional identity formation.
- **Coordinate first-year legal writing curriculum:** develop predictive and persuasive writing assignments to be deployed to over 500 students across 40+ legal writing sections; create lesson plans and exercises for use by adjunct professors; collaborate with program directors on content and design of course syllabi, rubrics, and manuals; organize and populate online course portals.
- **Train adjunct professors:** provide training in effective written oral and feedback strategies.
- **Collaborate with Animal Legal Education Initiative (ALEI) Director and Faculty Co-Director** to develop Animal Law as a stand-alone legal discipline that is fully integrated into the legal academy.

COURSES TAUGHT

- **Fundamentals of Lawyering:** required yearlong first-year course combining legal writing with other lawyering and professional identity formation skills.
- **Gender, Race, Species** (seminar + reading group)
- **Envisioning a Compassionate Food System for Humans, Animals, and the Environment**
Co-teaching this undergraduate course in 2026; selected by GWU Global Food Institute
- **Legal Research and Writing:** required first-year course in predictive writing and analysis.
- **Introduction to Advocacy:** required first-year course in persuasive writing, analysis, and oral advocacy.
- **Feminist Legal Theory**
- **Writing Fellow Training:** required year-long course for students staffing the GW Law Writing Center.
- **Dean's Fellow Training:** required year-long course for students serving as teaching assistants.
- **Advanced Legal Writing Workshop:** one-day workshop for students in the International Human Rights Clinic to provide a foundation of effective predictive and persuasive writing in the clinic context.
- **Providing Effective Feedback Workshop:** one-day workshop for Clinical Teaching Fellows.

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Inns of Court Advisor**, a wellness and professional development program, since its inception in 2012.
- Attendee, **Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership Professional Development Training Workshop**.
- Member, **FL Hiring; ABA Site Visit; Law School Curve; Academic Operations; Academic Integrity; Library; Teaching; Technology; Ceremonies; Faculty Rules, & Ad Hoc Fall 2020 Academic Committees** and the **Task Force on Student Wellness**.
- Faculty sponsor, **Feminist Forum** and **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** student groups.
- Collaborate with **Disability Support Services (DSS)** to present ongoing training and support to Writing Fellows and students at large on topics related to information literacy and academic success.
- Collaborate with **University Counseling Center** to present **Academic Success Series**.
- Collaborate with **Dean of Students** office on wide range of academic support and DSS issues.

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Animal Law Program

Toronto, Canada

Visitor

September 2025

Vermont Law and Graduate School

South Royalton, VT

Distinguished Animal Law Scholar

Summer 2024

Lund University

Lund, Sweden

Visiting Scholar, Lund University Critical Animal Studies Network

August 2017 – May 2018

- Co-instructor of **Critical Animal Studies: Animals in Society, Culture, and the Media**, interdisciplinary seminar course exploring human-nonhuman animal relations from legal, cultural, political, and media perspectives.
- Guest lecturer in **Media and Morality** course: *From Happy Cows to #MilkTwitter: deconstructing and disrupting dominant milk narratives*.
- Guest speaker, **Uppsala University Centre for Gender Research & University of Oslo Faculty of Law**.

Melbourne Law School

Melbourne, Australia

Visiting Scholar + Endeavour Executive Fellow

April – June 2014

- Conducted workshops for Australian law faculty and legal professionals on best practices in legal writing training and strategies for providing effective written feedback on legal writing assignments.
- Collaborated with faculty at three area law schools on best practices for implementing wellness and professional development training in legal education.

PUBLICATIONS

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- *R v. Menard Revisited*, for the Rewriting Animal Law Cases Project (in progress).
- *Prefigurative Animal Law* (forthcoming) (co-authored with M. Liebman & E. Abrell)
- *Cultivated Meat*, Entry, ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANIMAL LAW (Edward Elgar Publishing 2025).
- *Imperfect but Excellent: Cultivating outstanding lawyers by embracing failure*, Bulletin+, NALP's Digital Magazine (March 2024) (co-authored with A. Clark).
- [*National Pork Producers Council v. Ross—A Win for Farmed Pigs*](#), Geo. Wash. L. Rev. On the Docket (Dec 20, 2023) (co-authored with K. Hessler & J. Schaffner).
- [*Should the Great Food Transformation be fake-meat free? Considering strategies for a future of food that is kinder to people, animals, and the planet*](#), Future of Food Special Volume, 6 BUS. ENTREPRENEURSHIP & TAX L. REV. 96 (2022).
- [*I Want You to Panic: Leveraging the Rhetoric of Fear and Rage for the Future of Food*](#), 17 J. FOOD LAW & POLICY 41 (2022).

- [*Trauma is not an add on: on embracing grief and trauma in our classrooms – and our lives*](#), 25 J. LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE 1 (2021).
- [*Got Mylk? The disruptive possibilities of plant milk*](#), 84 BROOKLYN LAW REVIEW 801-71 (2019).
- Review of *Making Milk: The Past, Present and Future of Our Primary Food*, HYPATIA REVIEWS ONLINE, a project of Hypatia, A Journal of Feminist Philosophy (2019).
- [*From Rice Eaters to Soy Boys: Race, Gender, and Tropes of ‘Plant Food Masculinity’*](#), 7 ANIMAL STUDIES JOURNAL 129-79 (2018) (co-authored with T. Linné).
- *Commentary on feminist revision of Frontiero v. Richardson*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT (Cambridge University Press 2016).
- [*Duty to rescue? Exploring legal analysis through the lens of photojournalists’ storytelling dilemmas*](#), 48 THE LAW TEACHER 140-53 (2014).
- [*The World is Not Flat: Conference Planning and Presentation as Part of a Multidimensional Understanding of Scholarship*](#), THE SECOND DRAFT 14-21 (Summer 2013) (co-authored with A. Stein and K. Thornton).
- [*Making Workshops Work \(for Everyone\): Creating and Capturing a Student-Driven Writing Workshop Series*](#), 18 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING 133-39 (2010) (co-authored with B. Grillot).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *Milk*, Essay, Exhibition Booklet to accompany multimedia [Milk exhibit](#) (Dec. 2024).
- [*Jedi Wisdom for Grieving Your Best Friend*](#), Tenderly (Feb. 17, 2020).
- [*The Great Chimera*](#), Columbia Journal (Oct. 24, 2019).
- [*How the Alt-Right uses Milk to Promote White Supremacy*](#), THE CONVERSATION (April 26, 2018) (co-authored with T. Linné).
- [*Så blev vit mjölk en symbol för vit makt*](#) (“This is how milk became a symbol for white power”), op-ed, AFTONBLADET (August 6, 2017) (co-authored with T. Linné).
- [*Embracing “Mylk” over “Milk,”*](#) op-ed, THE BALTIMORE SUN (March 23, 2017) (co-authored with T. Linné).
- *Letter*, in LETTERS TO A NEW VEGAN: WORDS TO INFORM, INSPIRE, AND SUPPORT A VEGAN LIFESTYLE (Lantern Books 2015).
- *Women, Changing on the Inside: Revisited*, in SATYA SPECIAL EDITION: THE LONG VIEW (2015).

TRANSLATIONS (from Swedish to English)

- ZOO WORLD, Julia Lindemalm (Pasadena Studio 2018).
- MEDICINFOLKET (WE CAME SO FAR FOR SHELTER), Saskia Gullstrand & Ylva Oknelid (Dendrolagus 2018).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *Prefigurative Animal Law* September 2025
Animals in the Law & Humanities Working Group, U. of Toronto Faculty of Law Animal Law Program
- *Co-host* March 2025
Harms and Freedoms: Captivity, Natural Habitats, and Sanctuary: a three-day conference dedicated to animal law scholarship and pedagogy
- *Animal Rights as a Social Justice Movement* March 2025
Contemporary Issues in Animal Rights Law Course, International Centre for Animal Rights & Ethics
- *Invited Panelist* February 2025
[More on Milk Panel](#)
Sensing Otherness / Navigating the more-than-human world, MU Hybrid Art House, Eindhoven NL
- *Invited Panelist* February 2025
Liberatory Lawyering: Strategies for Transformative Change in the Modern Era
Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality at Indiana University Maurer School of Law

- *Invited Panelist* February 2025
Syllabus & Classroom Policies, Adjunct Teachers in Animal Law Webinar Series
GW Law Animal Legal Education Initiative
- *Invited Guest Speaker* February 2025
Effective Communication Workshop, The GW Academic Leadership Academy (GWALA)
- *Courageous Advocacy in Animal Law* January 2025
AALS Annual Meeting, Moderator
- *Looking Beyond Litigation: opps for prof. identity development in the 1L Curriculum* January 2025
AALS Annual Meeting, Panel Presentation
- *Invited Panelist* December 2024
Milk Panel, Walgenbach art+books, Rotterdam NL
- *Invited Panelist* December 2024
[Milk Exhibition](#)
Sensing Otherness: Navigating the more-than-human world, MU Hybrid Art House, Eindhoven NL
- *Guest Lecturer* October 2024
Animals and the Law class, University of Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics
- *Pathways to Animal Advocacy: perspectives from a unique high school—law school collaboration*
Canadian Animal Law Conference (co-presented) September 2024
- *The Conundrum of Cultivated Meat*
Helsinki Animal Law Conference August 2024
- *The Milk Wars*
Hot Topics in Environmental Law Lecture Series, Vermont Law & Graduate School June 2024
Webinar for the Beyond Cruelty Foundation May 2024
- *Assessing Goals and Opportunities*
Careers in Animal Law Series April 2024
- *Discussant and co-host*
Animal Law Pedagogy Symposium April 2024
- *Law and Animal Well-being*
GWU One Health Day Symposium (co-presented) November 2023
- *Out of the Shadows: making animals visible in the legal academy*
Canadian Animal Law Conference (co-presented) September 2023
- *Should the Great Food Transformation be fake-meat free? Considering strategies for a future of food that is kinder to people, animals, and the planet*
Helsinki Animal Law Conference June 2023
- *Discussant and co-host*
Animals and the Anthropocene: A Legal Scholarship Symposium at ALEI March 2023
- *Interconnected Justice: Animal Law in the Classroom and Beyond*
AALS Annual Meeting (co-presented) January 2023
- *What a Difference a Difference Makes: Empowering Students through Self Determination Theory* (co-presented)
AALS Annual Meeting, Roundtable Discussion January 2023
- *Should the Great Food Transformation be fake-meat free?*
AALS Annual Meeting January 2023
- *Embracing Entanglements: Teaching Animal Law as a Multidimensional Social Justice Issue*
Canadian Animal Law Conference (co-presented) October 2022
- *Should the Great Food Transformation be fake-meat free? Considering strategies for a future of food that is kinder to people, animals, and the planet*
Future of Food Symposium, U. Missouri School of Law March 2022

- *All That Jazz: a new approach to content and coordination in the first year Lawyering class*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (co-presented) March 2022
- *I Want You to Panic: Leveraging the Rhetoric of Fear and Rage for the Future of Food*
Canadian Animal Law Conference October 2021
U.S. Animal Law Conference October 2021
- *How the Pandemic Made Me a Better Teacher - Lessons Learned and Plans for Change*
AALS Annual Meeting, Roundtable Discussion January 2021
- *If, How, and When: Politics and Priorities in the Classroom*
AALS Annual Meeting, Roundtable Discussion January 2020
- *Confronting White Supremacy* (Moderator)
GWU Diversity Summit November 2019
- *"They want to take away your hamburgers": The rhetoric of fear in the future of food*
Canadian Animal Law Conference October 2019
Law & Society Association Annual Meeting June 2019
- *Cross-Generational Teaching: How to Remain Relevant in a Rapidly Changing World*
AALS Annual Meeting, Roundtable Discussion January 2019
- *From Rice Eaters to #SoyBoys: Race, gender, and tropes of "plant food masculinity"*
Animaladies Conference, University of Wollongong, Australia December 2018
- *Crossing Borders: Insights From an International and Interdisciplinary Sabbatical Year*
Global Legal Skills Conference, University of Melbourne Law School, Australia December 2018
- *Got Mylk? The Disruptive Possibilities of Plant Milk*
Invited Speaker, Sydney University (Australia) Animal Rights Reading Group December 2018
- *All I Really Need to Know About Law Teaching I Learned in Kindergarten: Why Law Matters*
Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference July 2018
- *"An Ice Cold Glass of Pure Racism": the entanglements of milk and race*
Minding Animals Conference, Mexico City January 2018
- *Got Mylk? The Disruptive Possibilities of Plant Milk*
Djurens Rätt Helsingborg, Sweden (Animal Rights Helsingborg) November 2017
- *"An Ice Cold Glass of Pure Racism": the entanglements of milk and exploitation*
Center for Gender Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden September 2017
- *Got Mylk? Uncoupling the exploitation of milk*
Keynote address, Dear Dairy Symposium, New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies,
University of Canterbury July 2017
- *Got Mylk? A feminist exploration of milk from slavery to the "post-milk generation"*
GW Law School Feminist Forum + Student Animal Legal Defense Fund November 2016
- *Polyphonic Professionalism: How Multiple Institutional Voices Contribute to Greater Professional Growth
in Our Students and Ourselves*
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference July 2016
- *The U.S. Feminist Judgments Project: Collaboration as a Feminist Model for Creative Scholarship*
Joint Scholars and Scholarship Workshop on Feminist Jurisprudence January 2016
- *Feminist Judgments and Storytelling*
Applied Legal Storytelling Conference July 2015
- *Teaching Halfway Around the World*
Global Legal Skills Conference May 2015
- *Nuts and Bolts of Creating a Student-Staffed Law School Writing Center*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference March 2015

- *Tips for Crafting Effective Written Feedback*
Capital Area Legal Writing Conference March 2014
- *Duty to Rescue? Exploring legal writing & analysis through the lens of photojournalists' storytelling dilemmas*
Applied Legal Storytelling Conference July 2013
- *Managing and Building Institutional Relationships: The "Shadow Work" of Being a Law Professor*
AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers June 2013
- *Creating Collaborations: Connecting the Writing Center to the International Human Rights Clinic and Beyond*
Global Legal Skills Conference March 2013
- *My Corner of the Sky: Harnessing the Benefits of Hosting a Regional Legal Writing Conference*
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference June 2012
- *Breathing "This American Life" into the Legal Writing Classroom: Making Legal Writing and Analysis Accessible, Provocative, and Fun for New Law Students*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference March 2012
- *Filling the Gaps: Expanding a Student-Staffed Writing Center to Tackle Academic Support Needs*
Capital Area Legal Writing Conference March 2012
- *Life Rafts for Law Students: A Writing Workshop Series to Navigate Turbulent Law School Seas*
International Writing Centers Association Conference November 2010
- *Using a Community Organizer's Toolbox to Run a Law School Writing Center*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference March 2010

EDITORIAL & CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- **Organizing Committee**, Global Legal Skills Conference 2025
- **Co-organizer**, *Harms and Freedoms: Captivity, Natural Habitats, and Sanctuary Conference* (hosted by the GW Law Animal Legal Education Initiative, forthcoming April 3-5, 2025)
- **Chair**, AALS Animal Law Section, 2024
- **Co-organizer**, *Animal Law Pedagogy Workshop* (co-hosted by the GW Law Animal Legal Education Initiative and the Justice for Animals Program at the U. of San Francisco School of Law, April 2024)
- **Co-Organizer**, *Animals and the Anthropocene: a Legal Scholarship Symposium* (hosted by the GW Law Animal Legal Education Initiative, March 2023)
- **Peer reviewer** for the 2018 monograph issue *Feminist Judgments: Comparative Socio-Legal Perspectives on Judicial Decision Making and Gender Justice*, Oñati Socio-Legal Series Journal
- **Co-Organizer**, The 2017 European Critical Animal Studies Conference (3-day, 100-person conference)
- **Site Committee Member**, The 2014 and 2016 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conferences
- **Co-Editor-in-Chief**, THE SECOND DRAFT: THE MAGAZINE OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE 2013 – 2017
- **Co-Chair**, The 2012 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One Day Conference
- **Co-Founder**, The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference

NON-ACADEMIC LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Good Thinking, LLC** Worldwide
Co-founder and Principal 2015 – 2018
- Provide training in legal writing, wellness, and workplace productivity strategies to legal professionals of every level of expertise; clients include nonprofits, governmental agencies, judicial bodies, and private law firms in the United States, Europe, and Australia.

Alley Cat Allies Attorney/Legal Writer & Editor	Bethesda, MD 2008 – 2009
Drafted policy critiques and website content for this animal protection group that works at the intersection of law and science to advocate for the end of institutional killing of cats nationwide.	
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP Norwegian Language Translator	Washington, DC 2008
Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronna Lee Beck	Washington, DC 2007 – 2008
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless Clinical Student & Fellow, GW Law International Human Rights Clinic	Washington, DC 2006 – 2007
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), National Prison Project Law Clerk	Washington, DC 2006
Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE) Law Clerk/Howrey "HELPS" Extern	Washington, DC 2005
WomensLaw.org Program Director	Brooklyn, NY 2002 – 2004
- Researched, wrote, and managed content for this nonprofit website for domestic violence survivors. - Responded to thousands of Legal Email Hotline emails; trained and supervised Hotline volunteers. - Wrote grants; recruited and managed interns; planned fundraisers; coordinated Board meetings.	

BOARD, COMMITTEE, & OTHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Member, Board of Directors, Global Legal Skills Institute	2025 – present
Discussant, Coolidge High School AP Research Projects	2023 – present
In capacity as faculty co-director for the Animal Legal Education Initiative, host group of public high school students at GW Law twice a year and serve as discussant to their AP research projects, all of which had to do with nonhuman animals and the environment.	
Member, Board of Directors, Legal Writing Institute	2016 – 2024
- Elected and re-elected to serve two four-year terms on the Board for this nonprofit organization dedicated to improving legal communication by supporting the study, teaching, and practice of professional legal writing. - Served as Public Relations & Communications Chair (2018-2020) and Secretary (2020-2022)	
Member, The Academy of Food Law and Policy	2018 – present
Work with other members in the Academy's goal of promoting the field of food law and policy.	
Board Member and Treasurer, OurSpace Acupuncture Clinic	2013 – 2017
Provide strategic planning and other support to this nonprofit community acupuncture clinic.	
Advisory Committee Member, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)	2010 – 2017
After WomensLaw.org became a project of NNEDV in August 2010, joined this committee to oversee the project's growth and development.	
Host and Event Coordinator, The Dinner Party Project	2014 – 2017
Host regular dinners and plan larger events for this national project that brings together people to discuss significant loss and the ways in which it affects our lives.	

- Chaired Finance Committee; reviewed budgets and audits; oversaw short and long-term investments.
- Created GW Law Legal Email Hotline project; recruited, trained, and managed law student volunteers.
- Assisted with strategic planning, organizational development, and fundraising efforts.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & DISTINCTIONS

- Invited to be the first Visitor at the Animal Law Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (2025).
- Selected to be the 2024 Vermont Law & Graduate School Distinguished Animal Law Scholar.
- Selected to receive a 2024-25 affiliate faculty appointment with the GWU Global Food Institute (GFI).
- Featured in multimedia [Milk exhibit](#) (Dec 2024 – March 2025 in Eindhoven NL).
- Selected to be a Fellow for the 2023-24 [GW Academic Leadership Academy](#).
- Affiliated faculty member, [George Washington University Global Food Institute](#).
- Invited Participant, 2023 [Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law](#)'s Law Lecturer's Workshop.
- Recipient (with E. Pont), [2023 Adapting Course Materials for Equity Grant](#).
- Recipient, 2019 [Aspen Words Emerging Writer Fellowship](#).
- Invited to serve as 2017-18 visiting scholar at [Lund University Critical Animals Studies Network](#).
- Invited to be an Associate with the [New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies](#).
- Recipient of **Endeavour Executive Fellowship**, a professional development fellowship funded by the Australian government. Served as a Visiting Scholar at Melbourne Law School from April – June 2014.
- Nominated for the **2012 GW Service Excellence Award** for collaboration between the Law School Writing Center and Disability Support Services.

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School

Washington, DC

Juris Doctor with Honors

May 2007

- **Distinctions:** National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Graduate Award; Thurgood Marshall Scholar; GW Law Writing Fellow; Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White Extern for Legal Pro Bono Service, 2005 ("HELPS" Extern).
- **Organizations and Activities:** Executive Notes Editor, *American Intellectual Property Law Association Journal*; Editorial & Publication Committee Member, *GW Law Student Bar Association Student Legal Writing Review*; President, GW Law Feminist Forum; Secretary, Law Students for Choice; Co-Founder, Reproductive Rights course; Member, Student-Faculty Pro Bono/Public Interest Committee.
- **GW-Oxford Summer Program in International Human Rights & Refugee Law:** Summer 2005.

Pomona College

Claremont, CA

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Anthropology

December 2001

- **Distinctions:** Phi Beta Kappa; Expository Writing Award; Mortar Board National Honor Society.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- **New York State Bar**, Third Department: admitted January 2008
- **Washington, DC Bar**: admitted January 2009

LANGUAGES

Fluent in **Norwegian** and basic proficiency in **Spanish**.