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EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University Law School

Washington, DC

Associate Professor of Legal Research & Writing; Writing Center Coordinator

2009 – present

Associate Director, Legal Research & Writing Program

2015 – present

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Manage law school Writing Center:** hire, train, and supervise over 40 student Writing Fellows who offer one-on-one conferences and group workshops to student writers of all class years and abilities.
- **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 innovative 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.
- **Misc. responsibilities:** assist director with varied tasks related to coordinating adjunct-based program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **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.
- **Writing Fellow Training:** required year-long course for upper-level students serving as Writing Fellows staffing the law school Writing Center. Course content includes strategies for providing effective written and oral feedback, working with diverse learning styles and second language learners, and conferencing with writers of every class year and skill level.
- **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 who supervise upper-level students in various legal clinics.

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Inns of Court Advisor**, a wellness and professional development program, since its inception in 2012; coordinate class-wide academic support programming and mindfulness training sessions.
- Member, **Teaching, Technology, and Ceremonies committees**.
- Member, **Task Force on Student Wellness**.
- Faculty sponsor, **Law Students for Reproductive Justice** and **Feminist Forum** 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.
- Participate in key aspects of 1L, transfer student, and LLM **orientation planning**.

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.

EXPERIENCE (continued)

- Clayton Utz** Melbourne, Australia
Consultant June 2014
- Trained partners and other senior lawyers at this “Big Six” Australian law firm in strategies for providing effective written feedback.
- Victoria Legal Aid** Melbourne, Australia
Consultant May 2014
- Trained senior lawyers in strategies for providing effective written feedback.
- CPD Interactive: Online Professional Development Solutions** Melbourne, Australia
Consultant May 2014
- Created online workshop called “How to Provide Effective Feedback to Junior Lawyers.”
- Alley Cat Allies** Bethesda, MD
Attorney/Legal Writer & Editor 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** Washington, DC
Norwegian Language Translator 2008
- Hired for special project translating Norwegian documents for litigation.
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division** Washington, DC
Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronna Lee Beck 2007 – 2008
- Researched and wrote orders; managed flow of pleadings; supervised interns; assisted judge in court.
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless** Washington, DC
Clinical Student & Fellow, GW Law International Human Rights Clinic 2006 – 2007
- Represented homeless client in action against shelter at DC Office of Human Rights for housing discrimination on the basis of physical and mental disabilities; supervised other students’ case work.
 - Presented "Know Your Rights" talks at homeless shelters on housing rights of people with disabilities.
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), National Prison Project** Washington, DC
Law Clerk 2006
- Researched and wrote memos on the legal standards for various conditions of confinement of prisoners; took sworn declarations of incarcerated clients; aided in pre-trial strategy sessions.
- Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE)** Washington, DC
Law Clerk/Howrey "HELPS" Extern 2005
- Wrote motions; assembled VAWA visa self-petitions; assisted with client intakes and court hearings.
- WomensLaw.org** Brooklyn, NY
Program Director 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.

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 (Fall 2006 – Spring 2007); 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.

PUBLICATIONS

LEGAL WRITING PUBLICATIONS

- *Commentary on feminist revision of Frontiero v. Richardson*, in *FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2016).
- *Duty to rescue? Exploring legal analysis through the lens of photojournalists' storytelling dilemmas*, 48 *The Law Teacher: the international scholarly journal of the Association of Law Teachers* 140-53 (2014).
- *The World is Not Flat: Conference Planning and Presentation as Part of a Multidimensional Understanding of Scholarship*, *The Second Draft: The Official Magazine of the Legal Writing Institute* 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

- *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* (forthcoming 2015).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- *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 BOARD & CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Co-Editor-in-Chief, *The Second Draft: The Magazine of the Legal Writing Institute* 2013 – present

Site Committee Member, The 2014 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference

- Coordinator of special events and meal-related planning for multi-day national conference.

Co-Chair, The 2012 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One Day Conference

- One of two chief organizers of the DC-area installment of this national conference.

Founder and Co-Chair, The 2011 Capital Area Legal Writing Conference

- Created and organized the first regional DC-area legal writing conference.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & DISTINCTIONS

- 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.
- Invited to present at **2013 AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers**.

BOARD, COMMITTEE, & OTHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Host and Event Coordinator, The Dinner Party Project 2014 – present

- Host regular dinners and plan larger events for this national project that brings together people who have experienced significant loss to talk about it and the ways in which it affects their lives.

Board Member and Treasurer, OurSpace Acupuncture Clinic 2013 – present

- Provide strategic planning and other support to this nonprofit community acupuncture clinic.

Advisory Committee Member, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) 2010 – present

- After WomensLaw.org became a project of NNEDV in August 2010, joined this committee to oversee the project's growth and development.

Treasurer, WomensLaw.org 2004 – 2010

- 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.

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

LANGUAGES

Fluent in **Norwegian** and proficient in **Spanish**.