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CURRENT POSITION**Syracuse University College of Law***Professor and Director, Elder and Health Law Clinic***2008- Present**

- Supervise students providing legal services to low-income elderly clients in areas of Medicaid, Medicare, social security, other benefit programs, nursing home issues, consumer, landlord-tenant, real estate, housing, and advanced directives. Teach twice-weekly seminars focusing on substantive law, lawyering skills, and ethical and professional issues. Particular areas of interest include mental health issues, housing, veterans' issues, and the ethical and substantive issues surrounding diminished capacity.

- Teach Professional Responsibility

2013-Present

- Teach Professional Responsibility: Becoming a Lawyer, an innovative 1st year course incorporating experiential learning

2016 –Present

- Recipient of Borchard Foundation Center on Aging and the Law Research Grant for “Exploring the use of Restorative Justice as a Remedy for Elder Abuse”

2017-2018*Professor and Director, Office of Clinical Legal Education***2005-2010**

- Directed office, a law firm of seven practice groups, eleven attorneys and five staff. Responsible for overall clinic operations, budget, development of policies and procedures, development of office professional development programs, management of professional staff, outreach, and public relations.

PRIOR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**University of Montana School of Law***Professor and Clinic Director***2002 – 2005***Associate Professor and Clinic Director***1998 – 2002***Assistant Professor and Clinic Director***1996 – 1998**

- Directed mandatory clinical program. Supervised third year law students practicing in legal services, judicial, conservation, and disability clinic settings. Taught seminar component of clinical course, with emphasis on ethics and professionalism, observed student performances, assisted in student evaluations, and collaborated with Supervising Attorneys.
- Taught Public Interest Lawyering Seminar
- Recipient of Corrette Teaching Award (1997 and 2001)
- Recipient of Montana's AALS “Teacher of the Year Award” (1998)
- Merit Pay Recipient (1997, 1999, and 2000)

Center for Social Justice, University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall**Spring, 2004***Scholar-in-Residence***Boston College Law School****1995 – 1996***Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor*

- Supervised students practicing in community law office handling a variety of civil legal problems of the poor. Co-taught Lawyering Process seminar.

University of Maryland School of Law

Law School Assistant Professor

1993 – 1995

- Taught 6 credit course entitled “Legal Theory and Practice: Delivery of Legal Services to the Poor,” which integrated intensive study of legal services delivery system and professional responsibility issues with the practice of law representing the poor. Responsibilities included course design, co-supervision of student legal work, classroom teaching, student placement assessments and assignments, and selection, training, and monitoring of supervising attorneys.

Visiting Assistant Professor

1992 – 1993

- Supervised clinic students in Health Law Clinic and taught clinic seminar.

Full-time Adjunct Professor

May, 1991 – August, 1991

- Supervised students in General Practice Clinic and assisted with clinic seminar.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Towson, Maryland

Volunteer Attorney

Fall, 2003

- Assisted experienced attorney in elder law practice, handling cases in areas of Medicaid, Medicare, unemployment, long term care planning, other public benefits, etc.

Staff Attorney

1987 – 1992

- Represented low-income clients in general practice office. Special expertise in housing law and the legal rights of the homeless. Extensive litigation experience, including two major civil rights cases. Legislative advocacy experience at state and local levels. Community involvement in development of affordable housing, increased services for the homeless, housing code enforcement and rent court reform.

Honorable David Ross, Circuit Court for Baltimore City

1986 – 1987

Judicial Clerk

Office of the Attorney General, Baltimore, Maryland

1985 – 1986

Law Clerk

Center for Law and Social Policy, Washington D.C.

January – May, 1985

Legal Intern - Full time

EDUCATION

University of Maryland School of Law

J.D. 1986.

- Moot Court Board Member
- Recipient of Cunningham Award for Exceptional Achievement and Service

Georgetown University

A.B.1980.

- Major: American Studies
- Oral Comprehensives passed “With Distinction”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Recipient, Borchard Foundation on Law and Aging Research Grant, “Exploring Restorative Justice as a Remedy for Elder Abuse and Exploitation.” **2017 – 2018**

Syracuse University College of Law Committees **2005 – Present**

- Admissions Committee (2011-present)
- Promotion and Tenure Executive Committee (2006 – 2007, 2013-present))
- Clinical Committee, Chair (2005 – 2008), Member (2008 – 2010)
- Curriculum Committee (2009-2011)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Externship Program (2007 – 2009)
- Promotion and Tenure, Individual Faculty Review Committees (2006 – present)

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section **1998 – 2010**

- Section Chair (2001 – 2002)
- Chair-Elect (2000 – 2001)
- Member, Task Force on Status of Clinicians in the Academy (2005 – 2010)
- Chair, Lawyering in Public Interest Committee (2004 – 2007)
- Executive Committee Member (1998–2002)

University of Montana School of Law Committees **1996 – 2005**

- Appointments Committee (2004 – 2005, 1998 – 2002)
- Dean’s Advisory Council (2004 – 2005)
- Clinical Committee, Chair (1996-1999), Member (1999 – 2005)
- Mentoring Committee (1997 – 1999, 2000 – 2002, 2004 – 2005)
- Curriculum Committee (1996 – 2005)
- Strategic Planning Committee (2002 – 2003)
- Tenure and Promotion Committee (2002 – 2003)
- Building Committee (2001 – 2003)

Montana Supreme Court Equal Justice Task Force **2001 – 2005**

- Chair (2001 – 2003)
- Member (2003 – 2005)

AALS Equal Justice Colloquia **2000 – 2001**

- Steering Committee Member

AALS Clinical Conference **1998**

- Conference Planning Committee Member

Montana State Bar Association **1996 – 2005**

- Access to Justice Committee

University of Montana Practical Ethics Center **1997 – 2003**

- Faculty Advisory Committee

BAR STATUS

- New York (2007)
- District of Columbia (2006)
- Montana Supreme Court (1997) (inactive status)

- Maryland Court of Appeals (1986)
- United States District Court for District of Maryland (1989) and for District of Montana (1998)

PUBLICATIONS

Restorative Processes as a Potential Remedy for Elder Abuse (work in progress)

Affordable and Accessible Hearing Health for Seniors, NAELA J. Vol 13, No. 2 (Fall 2017)

Say What? The Affordable Care Act, Medicare and Hearing Aids, 27 NYSBA Elder Law and Special Needs J. No. 2, 7 (Spring 2017)

Say What? The Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Hearing Aids, 53 Harv J. of Legislation 621, (2016)

Civil Right to Counsel: The Continuing Evolution of a Movement, 62 Syr. L. Rev. 357 (2014)

Barred Forever: Seniors, Housing and Sex offense Registration (with Patricia Warth), 22-SPG KAN. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 317 (2013).

Slow Lawyering: Representing Seniors in Light of Cognitive Changes Accompanying Aging, 117 PENN ST. L. REV. 1081 (2013).

Clinical Faculty in the Legal Academy: Hiring, Promotion and Retention (with Bryan L. Adamson, et. al.), 62 J. LEGAL EDUC. 115 (2012-13).

The Status of Clinical Faculty in the Legal Academy: Report of the Task Force on the Status of Clinicians and the Legal Academy (with Bryan L. Adamson, et. al.), 36 J. LEGAL PROF. 353 (2012).

Slow Down, People Breathing: Lawyering, Culture and Place, 18 CLINICAL L. REV. 183 (2011).

“Unbundling: The American Experience: Reflections on Fifteen Years of Innovation,” International Legal Aid Group Conference: Legal Aid in the Global Era, Killarney, Ireland, June 8-10, 2005, Conference Reports and Papers.

Toward a Civil Gideon Under the Montana Constitution: Family Law as the Starting Point, 66 Montana Law Review 81 (2005).

Unbundling and Law School Clinics: Where’s the Pedagogy, 7 Clinical Law Review 341 (2001).

Having One Oar or Being Without a Boat: The Challenges of Providing and Receiving Limited Assistance, 76 Fordham Law Review 2617 (1999).

Redefining Attorney Client Roles: Unbundling and Moderate-Income Elderly Clients, 32 Wake Forest Law Review 295 (Summer 1997).

PRESENTATIONS

Community Forum on Using Restorative Principles to Respond to Elder Abuse, Organizer and Moderator, November, 2018, Syracuse, New York

Elder Justice in Central New York, New York State Society on Aging, Panelist, Saratoga Springs, October, 2018.

Advanced Interviewing Skills, Legal Aid of Mid-New York and Legal Services of Central New York, October, 2017 (with Gary Peiples), Syracuse, New York.

The Paradoxes of Teaching About Capacity, Panel discussion on “The Moral and Ethical Dimensions of Teaching about Lawyering for Clients with Diminished Capacity,” co-sponsored by Aging and the Law and Professional Responsibility Sections of AALS, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January, 2017.

The Lawyers’ Coat, Presenter and Fellow, National Institute for Teaching of Ethics and Professionalism, Macon, GA, November 2016.

Three’s a Crowd: Representing Clients with Legal Representatives (with Alison Hirschel, Nina Kohn, and Kimberly O’Leary), National Aging and the Law Conference, Washington D.C., October 2016

Say What? The Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Hearing Aids, Law and Society Conference, New Orleans, LA., June 2015.

Ethical Issues in Attorneys’ Response to Elder Financial Exploitation in an Environment of Zero Tolerance (with Alison Hirschel and Kimberly O’Leary), National Aging and the Law Conference, Arlington, VA, October, 2015.

Creatively Embracing Change Using an Ecosystem Model (with Jennifer Fan, Lisa Kelly, and Randi Mandelbaum), AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, Palm Springs, CA, May 2015.

Lawyers and Client Capacity, Aging Studies Institute, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY March, 2015.

Can You Hear Me: Medicare and Hearing Aid Coverage, Clinical Law Review Writers’ Workshop, New York, NY, September 2014.

Ethical Issues in Communicating with Non-Clients: Red Flags and Best Practices (with Kimberly O’Leary), National Aging and Law Institute, Washington D.C., November, 2013.

Gideon v Wainwright Fifty Years Later: The Need for a Civil Right to Counsel, Moderator and Coordinator, Syracuse, NY, October 2013.

Barred Forever: The Plight of the Elderly Convicted of Sex Offenses in Securing Appropriate Housing, Association of Law, Property and Society, Washington D.C. March, 2013.

Family Participation in Multi-Generational Planning: Pitfalls and Promises (with Kim O’Leary), National Aging and Law Institute, Washington D.C., November, 2011.

Discussant, Elder Law Workshop, Discussion Group: Teaching Elder Law: What Works? What Doesn’t?, Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina, upcoming, July, 2011

Ethical Considerations for the Elder Law Attorney, New York State Bar Association – CLE, “Practical Skills: Basic Elder Law Practice,” Rochester, NY, May, 2011.

Local Lawyering Cultures, Northwest Regional Clinical Conference, October 9, 2010.

Interdisciplinary “Conversation on Capacity,” Syracuse University College of Law, Facilitator and Organizer, April, 2010.

From the Inside Out: The Relationship Between Culture and Lawyering – A Framework for Analysis, AALS Clinical Conference, Works in Progress Session, Cleveland, OH, May, 2009.

Slow Down, People Breathing: The Relationship Between Culture and Lawyering – A Study of a Western Montana Legal Community,” Law and Society Conference, “ Montreal, June, 2008 (work in progress).

“Reflecting on Improvisation: Jumping, Soaring, Contemplating the Crash,” AALS Clinical Conference, Concurrent Session, Tucson, Arizona, May, 2008.

Starting a Clinical Program and Keeping Clinics Vibrant, AALS Clinic Directors Conference, Panel Member, New Orleans, May 2007.

Toward a Civil Gideon: Theories for a Right to Counsel in Abuse and Neglect and Custody Cases under the Montana Constitution, Presentation at Montana Law Review, Browning Symposium on Children and the Law, September, 2004.

The Evolution of Lawyering for Social Justice: Synergies and Transition, AALS Clinical Conference, Panel Member, May 2004.

Toward a Civil Gideon: Where Do We Start? Where Do We End?, Center for Social Justice, Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA, April, 2004.

Long Range Planning in Clinics: Is It Possible?, AALS Clinical Director’s Conference, Panel Chair, Vancouver, British Columbia, May, 2003.

Teaching Values, University of Montana, Faculty Colloquium, Spring, 2003.

Ethics and the Use of the Internet, Indian Law CLE. Polson, MT, Spring, 2001.

The Future of Elder Law and Unbundling, Panelist, The Changing Face of Legal Practice: National Conference on Unbundled Legal Services, Baltimore, Maryland, October 12, 2000.

Ethics and Professionalism: A Comparative Analysis of Unbundling Issues in Different Contexts, Panelist, National Conference on Unbundled Legal Services, Baltimore, Maryland, October 14, 2000.

Different Models of Delivery of Services: Challenges of Supervision, Plenary Presenter, AALS Clinical Conference, Squaw Creek, CA, May, 1999.

Encouraging Students to Elicit Good Supervision, Learning from Practice: Developments in Legal Externship Pedagogy, Catholic University of American, Columbus School of Law, March, 1998 and University of Montana Faculty Colloquium, November, 1998.