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Associate Professor and Director
Disability Rights Clinic
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EDUCATION

Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland
Fulbright Research Scholar, January to June 2015

Syracuse University School of Education, Syracuse, NY
Doctor of Philosophy in Education, May 2006
Concentration in Disability Studies, Cultural Foundations of Education

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY
Master of Laws Degree, 1996

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
Juris Doctor Degree, 1981

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Master of Arts Degree, Theater Arts, 1976

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude honors, English, 1975

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University College of Law
Office of Clinical Legal Education
Syracuse, NY
Associate Professor and Director, Disability Rights Clinic: August 2004 to present, two-semester clinic with seminar component
Recipient of the 2009 Meredith Teaching Recognition Award

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor: October 1997 to June 2001

Columbia University School of Law
New York, NY
Teacher's Assistant, Federal Court Clerk Externship Program: 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Disability Rights Clinic, Office of Clinical Legal Education, Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Supervising Attorney and Director: August 2004 to present

National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY

Special Assistant for NTID: October 1997 to November 1999

Center for Constitutional Rights
New York, NY

Of Counsel: September 1995 to December 1997

Civil Rights Bureau, New York State Department of Law
New York, NY

Assistant Attorney General: May 1994 to September 1995

Michael A. Schwartz, Esq.
New Rochelle, NY

Private Practitioner: September 1991 to May 1994

Employment Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Trial Attorney: September 1990 to June 1991

Appeals Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office
New York, NY

Assistant District Attorney: January 1983 to September 1990

Hon. Vincent L. Broderick
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
New York, NY

Law Clerk: August 1981 to October 1982

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar (1982); Connecticut State Bar (1993); New Jersey State Bar (1992)
- United States District Court: SDNY, EDNY, WDNY, NDNY, DCT, DNJ
- United States Court of Appeals: Second & Third Circuits
- Supreme Court of the United States

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED

Byrne, Bronagh, Elder, B.C. and **Schwartz, M.A.** (2021). Enhancing Deaf People's Access to Justice in Northern Ireland: Implementing Article 13 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. *Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research*, 23(1), pp. 74–84. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16993/sjdr.744>.

Schwartz, M.A. (2019). What's the Craic? Health Care for Deaf People in Northern Ireland, *Touro Law Review: Vol. 35: No. 1, Article 19*. Retrieved from <https://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/lawreview/vol35/iss1/19>.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (2018). Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland: Rethinking 'Reasonable Adjustment' in the Disability Discrimination Act. *Disability & Society*, 33(7), 1003-1024. doi: 10.1080/09687599.2018.1478801.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (2018). Effective access to justice. *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*, 23(4), 331-340. doi.org/10.1093/deafed/eny023.

Schwartz, M.A. (2018). Admission of Deaf Soldiers to the Military: Rethinking the 'Undifferentiated Soldier' Paradigm, *Arkansas Law Review*, 71(1), 297.

Schwartz, M.A. (2012). Propelling Aviation to New Heights: Accessibility to In-Flight Entertainment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Passengers, *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, 77(1), 151.

Schwartz, M.A. (2011). America's Transformation: The Arc of Justice Bends Toward the Deaf Community, *Valparaiso University Law Review*.

Schwartz, M.A. (2009-2010). Technical Standards for Admission to Medical Schools: Deaf Candidates Don't Get No Respect, *University of Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal*, Vol. 28, pp. 31-70 (2009-2010).

Schwartz, M.A. (Summer 2008). Deaf Patients, Doctors, and the Law: Compelling a Conversation about Communication, *Florida State University Law Review, Florida State University School of Law*, Vol. 35, No. 4.

Schwartz, M.A. (2008). Limits on Injunctive Relief under the ADA: Rethinking the Standing Rule for Deaf Patients in the Medical Setting, *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy, University of Maryland School of Law, Law and Health Care Program*, Vol. 11, No. 2.

Schwartz, M.A. (Spring 2007). Deafness in Vietnam: Will the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Make a Difference?, *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce, Syracuse University College of Law*, Volume 34, No. 2.

NON-REFEREED

Elder, B. C., Schwartz, M. A., & Soldatic, K. (2023, June 5). [Web log]. Exchange, not extract! *A dialogue about the interactions between Indigenous peoples and equitable systems of justice: What should reform look like?*: The Aboriginal Disability Community Forum at Western Sydney University. *Tangata Group Blog*. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/aboriginal-disability-community-forum>

Elder, B. C., Schwartz, M. A., & Soldatic, K. (2023, May 15). [Web log]. Deaf Aboriginal access to justice: The Australian project that almost never happened. *Tangata Group Blog*. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2023/5/15/deaf-aboriginal-access-to-justice-the-australian-project-that-almost-never-happened>

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C., Byrne, B. (December 2019). Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enhancing deaf people's access to justice in Northern Ireland. *Disability Research on Independent Living & Learning (DRILL) Programme*. <http://www.drilluk.org.uk/pilot-projects/implementing-article-13-uncrpd-enhancing-deaf-peoples-communication-access-justice-northern-ireland/>

Schwartz, M.A., & Elder, B.C. (January 31, 2019). [eBulletin]. *Effective deaf access to justice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Retrieved from <http://www.raisingandeducatingdeafchildren.org/2019/01/31/effective-deaf-access-to-justice/>

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (December 13, 2016). [Web log]. Building on the last ten years of the CRPD: A roadmap for the future. *Tangata Group Blog*. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/a-road-map-for-the-future>

EXTERNAL FUNDING:

Schwartz, M. A., Elder, B. C., & Soldatic, K. (Co-PI) (2021). Indigenous access to the criminal justice system in Australia: The experiences of Deaf Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. CUSE Grant. **Awarded \$20,000.**

Elder, B. C., **Schwartz, M.**, Soldatic, K., & Avery, S. **(Co-PI)** (2023). National Indigenous disability conference and the criminal justice system. National Disability Conference Initiative (NDCI): Australia's Disability Strategy. Australian Government. **Awarded \$7,000.**

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Schwartz, M.A. & Byrne, B., *Deaf Research Methodologies? Confronting Epistemological Silences and Challenges in Qualitative Research*, in SOCIAL RESEARCH AND DISABILITY: DEVELOPING INCLUSIVE RESEARCH SPACES FOR DISABLED RESEARCHERS (Ciaran Burke & Bronagh Byrne, eds.) (Routledge, forthcoming 2021).

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (2019). Teaching with a disability in the classroom: A dialogue

about disability praxis between a Deaf law professor and a hearing education professor. In M. Jeffress (Ed.), *International Perspectives on Teaching with a Disability: Overcoming Obstacles and Enriching Lives*. London: Routledge.

UNDER REVIEW

Elder, B. C., Soldatic, K., **Schwartz, M.A.**, Barney, J., Howard, D., & McGee, P. (under review). Barriers experienced by First Nations Deaf people in the justice system. *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (2018). Highlighting methodological complexities: Transnational qualitative research practices working with Deaf and hearing partners. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Byrne, B. (under review). Enhancing deaf people's access to justice: Implementing Article 13 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. *Scandinavian Journal of Disability Research*.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (under review). Qualitative research in Northern Ireland: A multilingual approach. *Alter-European Journal of Disability Research*.

MANUSCRIPTS OR PROJECTS IN PREPARATION

Schwartz, M. A. & Elder, B. C. (in preparation). Publish or perish: The challenges and strategies of co-authorship.

Schwartz, M.A. (Producer), Elder, B.C. (Producer) & Hall, G. (Filmmaker). *An imperfect process: Community-based approaches to inclusive disability rights* [documentary film]. United States: Gem Hall Photography. Documentary in production.

PRESENTATIONS

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Byrne, B. (December 2019). Research findings: *Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enhancing deaf people's communication access to justice in Northern Ireland* (Report presentation). Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning (DRILL). Materials Launch, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Byrne, B. (May 2019). *Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enhancing deaf people's communication access to justice in Northern Ireland* (paper presentation). The Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR). Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Schwartz, M.A. (December 2018). *Injunctive relief as a tool of enforcement in disability law* (three-day conference sponsored by the Korean Disability Law Association and the United States Embassy). Conference, Seoul, South Korea.

Schwartz, M.A. (August 2018). Tour leader, Syracuse University Abroad, *Disability law, policy and practice in Japan* (visited Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima leading a group of Syracuse University students)

Schwartz, M.A. (June 2018). Trainer, *Training the Trainers in Vietnam* (two-week training session for Vietnamese advocates with disabilities offered by Mobility International USA and the Disability Research and Education Defense Fund). Hanoi, Vietnam.

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Chhetri, M. (June 2018). *Access to justice for deaf people around the world* (Panel presentation moderated by Judith Heumann). United Nations Conference of State Parties (COSP). Conference, New York, NY.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (November 5, 2017). *If the adjustment is not effective, it is not reasonable: Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland* (Roundtable discussion). Fulbright Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (October 2017). “If the adjustment is not effective, it’s not reasonable”: Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland. (Paper presentation) Northeast Educational Research Association (NERA). Conference, Trumbull, Connecticut.

Schwartz, M.A. (May 29, 2010) Presenter, *The Absence of a Deaf Perspective in the Interaction between Physician and Family Regarding Cochlear Implants*. Disability Studies in Education 2010 Conference, University of Ghent, Belgium

Schwartz, M.A. (June 19, 2008) Keynote speaker and moderator, Disability Forum for the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, Aras an Uachtarain, Dublin, Ireland.

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

Queen’s University Belfast. Sally Gillespie (2018). Linguistic Demographics, Resources and Deficit of Opportunity: Deaf Signed Language Users in Northern Ireland.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

External Grants

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B. & Byrne, B. (Co-PIs) (2017). Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enabling Deaf People’s Communication Access to Justice in Northern Ireland. Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning (DRILL). **Awarded \$201,449 (£149,927).**

Internal Grants

Schwartz, M.A., Lord, J. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016) Northern Ireland Deaf Access to Justice Small Scale Funds Award. Awarded \$7,500.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Consultant on disability rights to Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. Dublin, Ireland (2010).

Special consultant on disability rights to the British Broadcasting Company, London, England (June 2016 to July 2017). Collaborated with the BBC World Service to connect with international disability leaders and scholars to produce multimedia programs focused on the intersectional oppression people with disabilities face around the world.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Founding Member, Tangata Group, an international Non-Governmental Organization established October 27, 2015 for advocacy of people with disabilities' human rights and accredited to the Conference of States Party to the United Nations (June 2017 to present).

RESEARCH INTERESTS	GENERAL INTERESTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International human rights advocacy• Critical disability studies• Deaf studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licensed private pilot• Certified scuba diver• Reading and swimming