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Work: Washington College of Law
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Work Experience:

Washington College of Law, American University

Professor of Law, 1994 to present

Director, Clinical Program, January 2003 through July, 2006. Responsible for coordinating programmatic activities, and for overseeing logistical administrative support, for eight in-house clinics, twenty-two full time clinical faculty, and five full time administrative staff serving an annual student enrollment of 180-250.

Director, Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, 1998 to present.

Established the Washington College of Law's first transactional legal services clinic, representing community-based nonprofit organizations, tenants' associations and small businesses in poor neighborhoods of the District of Columbia. Activities include advising clients on choice of entity, nonprofit organization and tax exempt recognition, and regulatory compliance; negotiating and drafting agreements with governmental and private sector partners; and providing community education seminars on nonprofit organization and tenants' rights.

Director, Public Interest Law Clinic, 1984-1998

Supervised, administered and taught in administrative advocacy clinic with seminar component. Areas of representation included enforcing clients' rights in public housing and overnight shelter; securing disability benefits for individuals in the social security and veterans' benefits systems; and assisting low wage federal employees before the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Associate Professor of Law, 1991-1994
Assistant Professor of Law, 1988 - 1991
Clinical Lecturer, 1984-1988

Harvard University Law School

Visiting Professor of Law, January Term, 2002. Taught intensive course on community economic development.

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau

Staff attorney, August, 1979 to July 1984. Practiced in general practice civil legal services office for the greater Baltimore metropolitan area, with specializations in housing, consumer and administrative law.

The Commonwealth School

High school teacher, September, 1973 - June, 1974. Taught Latin and medieval history in a private high school in Boston, Massachusetts.

Education:

J.D., 1979 - Columbia University, New York, New York.

M.A., 1975 - Yale University, Department of History, New Haven, Connecticut.

B.A., 1973 - Yale College, Magna cum laude, major in History.

Admitted to Practice:

Maryland (state and federal courts;) District of Columbia (state and federal courts.)

Selected Directorships and Board Memberships:

Member, August 2007 - July 2008, ABA Commission On Homelessness and Poverty

Member, November, 2006 to present: Advisory Board, Community and Economic Development Project of the Pro Bono Program of the District of Columbia Bar.

Member, January, 2006 to present, Secretary, January 2007 to present: Executive Committee, Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools.

Member, January, 2006 to present: Language Access Subcommittee, Pro Bono Program of the District of Columbia Bar.

Co-chair, 1999-2001: Legal Educators Division, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law.

Member, Fall, 1999: Awards Committee, National Equal Justice Library.

Co-chair, 1996-1998; Member of board of directors, 1992 to 2000; secretary, 1994 to 1996,

1998-1999: National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty.

Chair, 1996-7: Member, Executive Committee, 1992 - 1998: Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools.

Co-chair, 1991 - 1998: Committee on Clinical Teaching in the Public Interest, Section on Clinical Legal Education, Association of American Law Schools.

Vice-chair, 1992 - 1994: Committee on Veterans' Benefits, ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice.

Co-founder and Member, 1987 - 1996: Steering Committee and Board of Directors, Homeless Persons Representation Project for the State of Maryland.

Section Council Member, 1984 to 1992: Maryland State Bar Association, Section of Delivery of Legal Services.

Board of Trustees, 1981-1984, The Commonwealth School, Boston, Massachusetts.

Selected Presentations and Panels (2000 to present):

Presenter, "Constructing the Social Impact Statement to Measure the Full Cost of Urban Renewal," Program on Affordable Housing and Public/Private Partnerships, University of Colorado Law School, October 19-20, 2007 (Boulder, CO)

Presenter, Interviewing and Establishing the Client-Lawyer Relationship, D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers, New Lawyer Training, October 4, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter and participant, Bellow Scholar Project Research Workshop, University of Maryland School of Law, September 28, 2007 (Baltimore, MD)

Presentation to Faculty and all day consultation on developing transactional law clinics, Wake Forest University Law School, September 20, 2007 (Winston Salem, N.C.)

Co-Presenter and Team Member, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China: Faculty Workshop Presented by Washington College of Law, American University, South China University of Technology, July 16 - August 3, 2007 (Guangzhou, China)

Commentator, Interschool Junior Faculty Workshop on Poverty Law, Washington College of Law, American University, June 1, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter, Annual Meeting, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 25, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

Co-leader, Community and Economic Development Small Group, AALS, Annual Meeting of Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 3-6, 2007 (New Orleans, LA)

Presenter, Symposium, "What is the Place of Poverty Law in the Law School Curriculum?" Fordham University Law School, March 5, 2007 (New York, New York)

Presenter, Janet R. Spragens Memorial Symposium: Low-Income Workers and the Federal Tax System, Washington College of Law, American University, February 23, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter and Co-Organizer, Project on Clinical Legal Education in China, Zhejiang University School of Law, December 13 - 16, 2006 (Hangzhou, China)

Presenter, Symposium on Poverty under International and Domestic Law: The Responsibility of Lawyers, Washington College of Law, March 27, 2006 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter, *Insuring Access to Housing for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, Program on Creating Healthy Communities: Ending Homelessness, February 23, 2006 (St. Louis, MO)

Presenter, *Law School Clinics and Training in Issues of Linguistic Diversity*, District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission, Conference on Language Access, November 2, 2005 (Washington, D.C.)

Paper presentation, *The Community Lawyer: Enhancer of Social Capital, Manager of Structural Holes*, Sixth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, October 30, 2005, (Lake Arrowhead, CA.)

Organizer and Presenter, Panel on Language Access, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Teachers' Conference, September 23, 2005 (Washington, D.C.)

Moderator, Workshop Session on Community-Generated Needs as Basis for Program/Course Development, Northeast Regional Clinical Law Workshop, June 17, 2005 (Bristol, RI)

Presenter, *Service to Clients Having Limited English Proficiency*, Bellow Scholars Award Program, AALS Annual Meeting of Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 2, 2005 (Chicago, IL)

Small Group Leader, Workshop on Evaluating Students and Evaluating Outputs, AALS Annual Meeting, January 6, 2005 (San Francisco, CA)

Presenter: Panel on Economic Development and Racial Justice in the New Millennium, AALS Conference on Racial Justice in the New Millennium, June 15, 2004 (Portland, Oregon)

Presenter and Moderator: Panel on Community Lawyering, AALS, Annual Meeting of Section on Clinical Legal Education, May, 2003 (Vancouver B.C.)

Moderator: Fourth Annual Peter Cicchino Awards Ceremony, Washington College of Law, April 3, 2003 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter: *Embracing the Ill-Structured Problem in a Community Economic Development Clinic*, Fifth International Clinical Conference, UCLA/University of London, November, 2001 (Lake Arrowhead CA)

Presenter and Organizer: Public Interest Law Initiative New Teacher Training, October, 2001 (Riga, Latvia)

Presenter: Panel on Lawyers and Community Development, Philadelphia Bar Association, October 1, 2001

Organizer and Presenter: Panel on Social Capital(ism) and Heavy Lifting, Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association, July 5, 2001 (Budapest, Hungary)

Organizer and Moderator: Legal Educators' Practice Division Program, ABA Annual Meeting of Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Economic Development, June 1, 2001 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter: Symposium on Lawyering for a New Democracy, University of Wisconsin Law School, May 31, 2001 (Madison, Wisconsin)

Conference Organizer, Moderator and Presenter: "Find a City, Find Myself a City to Live In: A Symposium on Urban Revitalization and Housing Policy, Washington College of Law, April 11, 2001 (Washington, D.C.)

Speaker: Conference on "The Right to Welfare," Second Annual Peter Cicchino Awards Ceremony: Washington College of Law, March 22, 2001, (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter: *Piano Lessons: Laying on Of Hands*, Panel on Essays on Life and Work: Energy, Experience, Context; Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association, May 29, 2000 (Miami, Florida)

Organizer and Moderator: Legal Educators' Practice Division Program, ABA Annual Meeting of Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Economic Development, May 26, 2000 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter: Corporate Social Responsibility, Congressional Hunger Center, Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program, April 28, 2000 (Washington, D.C.)

Conference Presenter and Moderator, "Poverty Kills: An International Conference on Poverty and Human Rights Law," American University, Washington College of Law and Center for the Global South of the School of International Service, April 4-5, 2000 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter, *The Possibility of a Beloved Place: Residents and Placemaking in Public Housing Communities*, American Bar Association, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, Symposium on Representing the Poor and Homeless: Innovations in Advocacy. March 25, 2000 (St. Louis, Missouri)

Presenter, "Homelessness: A Perpetual American Dilemma?" American University, Office of Community Action and Social Justice, February 15, 2000 (Washington, D.C.)

Presenter: Supervision Models for Community Economic Development Law Clinics, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting: January 6, 2000 (Washington, D.C.)

Publications:

Creating a Client Consortium: Building Social Capital. Bridging Structural Holes, 13 CLIN. L. REV. 67 (2006)

Embracing the Ill-Structured Problem in a Community Economic Development Clinic, 9 CLIN. L. REV. 45 (2002)

Little Engines That Could: Community Clients, Their Lawyers, and Training in the Arts of Democracy, 2002 WISC. L. REV. 469

"The Possibility of a Beloved Place:" Residents and Placemaking in Public Housing Communities, 19 ST. LOUIS UNIV. PUB. L. REV. 257 (2000), reprinted in ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, REPRESENTING THE POOR AND HOMELESS: INNOVATIONS IN ADVOCACY 55 (2001)

On Long-Haul Lawyering, 25 FORDHAM URB.L.J. 771 (1998)

"No Relief but upon the terms of coming into the house": Controlled Spaces, Invisible Disentitlements, and Homelessness in an Urban Shelter System, 104 YALE L.J. 2157 (1995)

The Threat of the Wandering Poor: Welfare Parochialism and Its Impact on the Use of Housing Mobility as an Anti-Poverty Strategy, 22 FORDHAM URB.L.J. 1207 (1995)

(with Kathleen Sullivan), *Disentitling the Poor: Waivers and Welfare "Reform,"* 26 MICH. J. OF L. REFORM 741 (1993)

Heartbreak Hotel: The Disharmonious Convergence of Welfare, Housing and Homelessness, 1 MARYLAND JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES 27 (1990)

Awards:

Washington College of Law Public Interest/Public Service Scholars: Faculty Award, September 2007

Washington College of Law, Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar in Public Law, 2003-4.

Washington College of Law, Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar in Public Law, 1997-8.

References: available on request.