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Work Experience:

Washington College of Law, American University

Professor of Law, 1994 to present:

Director, Washington College of Law Clinical Program, January 2003 - July 2006. Responsible for developing and coordinating programmatic activities, and for overseeing logistical administrative support, for nine 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 serving poor neighborhoods in the District of Columbia and its metro area. Activities include designing the syllabus, creating instructional materials and simulations, and teaching the classroom component of the clinic; supervising students in assisting clients with choice of entity, nonprofit organization, securing tax exemption, regulatory compliance, and negotiating and drafting agreements with governmental and private sector partners; conducting outreach to potential partners and client groups; monitoring and improving case management systems; and representing the Clinic at local, regional, national and international conferences.

Director, Public Interest Law Clinic, 1984-1998. Supervised, administered and taught in an 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.

Assoc. Professor of Law, 1991-4; Asst. Professor of Law, 1988 -91; Clinical Lecturer, 1984-8

Courses taught, 1984 to present:

Lawyering Seminar, Community and Economic Development Law Clinic; First Year Property; Community Development Law; Law and Poverty; Law and Homelessness; Seminar on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Social Justice Advocacy: the Foreclosure Crisis (developed and co-taught with urban anthropologist to J.D. and Ph.D students); Interviewing and Counseling.

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau

Staff attorney, 1979-84. Practiced in civil legal services office for the greater Baltimore metropolitan area, with specializations in housing, consumer and administrative law.

The Commonwealth School

High school teacher, 1973-4. Taught Latin and medieval history in a private high school in Boston, Massachusetts.

Post- Graduate Teaching Experience:

Harvard University Law School

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

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:

Clinical Law Review: Member, Editorial Board, January 1, 2016 to the present (appointed May 15, 2015).

D.C. Bar, Section on Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice: Co-Chair, Steering Committee, 2016 to present; Member, 2014 to present.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: Board Member, 2013 to present.

D.C. Bar, Pro Bono Committee: Member, 2012 to present.

D.C. Access to Justice Commission, Interpreter Bank Project: Advisory Board, 2006 to present.

American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty: Member, 2007-2010.

Community and Economic Development Project of the Pro Bono Program of the District of Columbia Bar: Advisory Board Chair, 2011-2; Vice Chair, 2009-11; Member, 2006-2012.

Local Human Rights Lawyering Project, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law: Advisory Board, 2011-2013.

Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools (AALS): Chair, 1996-7; Executive Committee 1992-8, 2006 -9; Coordinator, Program and Nominating Committees, 2008-9.

Legal Educators Division, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law: Co-chair, 1999-2001, 2014-2015.

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: Co-chair, 1996-8; Secretary, 1994-6, 1998-9; Board of

Directors, 1992 – 2000.

Publications:

*Teaching and Practicing Community Development Poverty Law: Lawyers and Clients as Trusted Neighborhood Problem Solver*, 23 CLINICAL L. REV. 201 (Spring 2017)(with Alicia Alvarez, Louise Howells and Hannah Lieberman)

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW: A TEXT FOR ENGAGED LEARNING (Carolina Press 2012) (with Brenda Blom, Louise Howells & Deborah Kenn)

*Constructing the Social Impact Statement to Measure the Full Cost to Public Housing Tenants of Urban Renewal*, in AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS 129-167, Nestor Davidson & Robin Malloy, eds., (Ashgate Publishing 2009)

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

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

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

*Empathy, Spring and the Fervorino*, 10 AM. U. J. SOC. POL'Y & L. 49 (2002)

*"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)

*Attorney's Fees Statutes in Civil Litigation: The State of the Art*, 18 MD. B. J. 16 (1985)

Selected Presentations, Panels and Consultations (2001 to present):

Presenter, Discussion Group on Community Economic Development Law and Economic Justice – Why Law Matters, AALS Annual Meeting, January 4, 2017 (San Francisco, CA).

Co-Facilitator, Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, September 24, 2016 (New York, New York).

Presenter and Organizer, Panel on Comparative Approaches to Attacking Social Exclusion in Social Housing: Exploring the Possibilities for Inclusive Participation in Land Use Adjudications, 7<sup>th</sup> Conference for the Association on Law, Property & Society, May 20, 2016, (Belfast, UK).

Co-Presenter and Co-Organizer, Backward Design Workshop, Annual Meeting of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 1,2 and 3, 2016 (Baltimore, MD).

Co-Presenter, Teaching and Practicing Community Development Poverty Law, Symposium on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Publication of REBELLIOUS LAWYERING, May 1, 2016 (Baltimore, MD).

Presenter, Representing Entrepreneurs with Limited English Proficiency, Annual Transactional Clinical Teachers' Conference, April 29, 2016 (Baltimore, MD).

Presenter, Workshop on Narrative, Indiana University Bloomington, February 16, 2016 (Bloomington, Ind.).

Presenter, Language Access, Justice Access: Best Practices in Providing Legal Services to Clients with Limited Means and Limited English Proficiency, UC Hastings School of Law, Conference on Advancing Equal Access to Justice, November 12, 2015 (San Francisco, CA).

Co-Facilitator, Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, September 26, 2015 (New York, New York).

Co-Presenter, Refining Reality, Annual Conference on Applied Legal Story-telling, July 22, 2015 (Seattle, WA)

Co-Organizer and Presenter, Working Group on Clinic Design, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 5-6, 2015 (Rancho Mirage, CA).

Moderator and Discussant, Works in Progress, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 6, 2015 (Rancho Mirage, CA).

Co-Organizer and Presenter, Working Group on Clinic Design, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 28-30, 2014 (Chicago, IL).

Moderator and Discussant, Works in Progress, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 29, 2014 (Chicago, IL).

Moderator, Housing Issues and Re-Entry, ABA Section on Criminal Justice, November 1, 2013 (Washington, D.C.).

Fulbright Senior Specialist, Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile, Facultad de Derecho, June 15 – July 4, 2013 (Santiago, Chile). Consulted with the Departamento de Practica y Asistencia Legal (DEPAL), the clinical program of the Faculty of Law. Assisted faculty of newly formed transactional law clinic in evaluating

curriculum, choice of clients and teaching methodologies. Submitted strategic plan and report to the Director of DEPAL and to the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Moderator and Presenter, Community Economic Development 101, 22d Annual Conference on Affordable Housing and Economic Development, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 23, 2013 (Washington, D.C.).

Leader, Community Economic Development Working Group, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, April 29-May 1, 2013 (San Juan, PR).

Moderator and Discussant, Transactional Lawyering: Theory, Practice and Pedagogy, Washington College of Law Business Law Journal, April 5, 2013 (Washington, D.C.).

Moderator and Presenter, Challenges in the Ethics of Multiple Representation, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Affordable Housing and Economic Development, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 25, 2012 (Washington, D.C.).

Presenter and panelist, Community, Collaboration and Narrative: A Workshop at the Intersection of Scholarship, Teaching and Practice, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2, 2012 (Los Angeles, CA).

Presenter and panelist, Under Milkweed: A Chronicle for a Pedagogy of Community Economic Development Law and Community Lawyering, Workshop on the Future of Legal Education, AALS Annual Meeting, January 5, 2012 (Washington, D.C.) .

Co- presenter (with Louise Howells), The City as Protagonist, the Professor as Archaeologist: Five Years of Excavating the Chronicle of Milkweed Park, Applied Legal Story-telling Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, July 9, 2011 (Denver, CO).

Presenter and panelist, How Multiple Cooks Make Broth: Decision Making and Organizational Clients, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, June 16, 2011 (Seattle, WA).

Presenter and panelist, Foreclosure Outreach and Organizing: Lawyers and Community Organizations Partner to Empower Clients, Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, May 26, 2011 (Baltimore, MD).

Co-presenter (with Brenda Blom, Louise Howells and Deborah Kenn), Community Economic Development Law: A Text for Engaged Learning, New York Clinical Theory Workshop, New York Law School, April 8, 2011 (New York, NY).

Moderator and organizer, Lawyering for Community, Seventh International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, UCLA, November 5, 2010 (Lake Arrowhead, CA).

Moderator and organizer, Creating Change In and Through the Core Classroom Curriculum, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 8, 2010 (Baltimore, MD).

Moderator, Foreclosing on the American Dream: The Housing Crisis and the Role of Lawyers and Laws in Securing Housing Justice, ABA Mid-Year Meeting, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, February 13,

2009 (Boston, MA).

Team Member and Presenter, Concluding Conference: Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China, China University of Political Science and Law, January 14-17, 2009 (Beijing, P.T.C.).

Moderator and Program Chair, Privatization: Pitfall and Promise at the Intersection of Law, Markets and Poverty, Program of the Section on Poverty Law, AALS Annual Meeting, January 9, 2009 (San Diego, CA).

Co-Presenter and Team Member, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China: Faculty Workshop Presented by Washington College of Law, American University, Zhejiang University School of Law, July 28- August 6, 2008 (Hangzhou, P.R.C.).

Moderator, Long Term Affordability in Home Ownership, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Affordable Housing and Economic Development, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 22, 2008, (Washington, D.C.).

Presenter and panelist, Remote Control? Contingencies, Risks and Rewards in Supervising Students Representing “Long Distance” Clients, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 7, 2008 (Tucson, AZ).

Presenter, Reflections on Three Weeks: the ‘China Rule of Law Project: Training Clinical Teachers in China, July 16 - August 3, 2007, Conference on US AID Rule of Law Project on Clinical Teaching in China, McGeorge School of Law, January 23-24, 2008 (Sacramento, CA).

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 20, 2007 (Boulder, CO).

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

Presenter and Consultant, 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, P.R.C.).

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

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

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).

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

Presenter and co-organizer: Public Interest Law Initiative, New Teacher Training, October 2001 (Riga, Latvia).

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

Media Appearances:

Metro Connection, WAMU-FM: Interviewed as housing expert on current developments in the loss of affordable workforce and artists' housing in the District of Columbia (aired February 3, 2012).

Awards and Honors:

Washington College of Law: Egon Guttman Casebook Award, 2014.

Appointment, Fulbright Senior Specialist, October 2012.

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

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, Public Interest Committee: Bellow Scholars Award (on behalf of the Washington College of Law Clinical Program), January 2005.

Washington College of Law: Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar in Public Law, 1997-8; 2003-4.