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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, TX

Director, Lawyering Skills and Strategies, June 2017-present

Clinical Associate Professor, July 2016-present

Courses Taught: Lawyering Skills and Strategies (LSS) JD & Foreign LL.M programs; Animal Law

- Teach legal research and writing to first-year law students and foreign students in the LL.M program. This includes creating assignments and designing rubrics, commenting on students' written work product, and regularly meeting with students to provide feedback and guidance.
- Teach Animal Law writing seminar to second and third-year law students. This includes organizing fieldtrips and guest speakers, helping students select research topics, and commenting on and reviewing drafts.
- Work with faculty on instruction of advanced legal writing assignments in upper-level courses.
- Support students seeking legal employment. This includes reviewing resumes, cover letters, and writing samples, writing letters of recommendation, and acting as a reference.
- Work with undergraduate students who are members of underrepresented groups in the Pre-Law Pipeline Program to help them prepare personal statements for law school applications.

LSS Director Duties:

- Work with the Dean, Associate Deans, and LSS faculty on issues dealing with the LSS curriculum and LSS faculty research and development
- Organize workshops and conferences
- Plan and monitor the annual LSS budget
- Hire, train, and oversee research assistants and student tutors in the Legal Writing Center

Research Interests: Environmental and agricultural law; food system law; legal pedagogy

Grants: Summer Research Grant (2016, 2017)

Committees: Diversity and Inclusion; Outcomes and Assessments; Admissions; Judicial Clerkships

Additional Activities: Mentor to first-year law students. Summer instructor for Pre-law Pipeline Program.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW, Akron, OH

Associate Professor, June 2014-June 2016 (early promotion)

Assistant Professor, August 2010-May 2014

Courses Taught: Legal Research & Writing; Judicial Opinion Drafting; Environmental Law; Animal Law

Honors & Grants: ALWD Teaching Grant (2012); Akron Law Summer Research Grants (2011-2015)

Committees: Disciplinary Committee; Library Committee; Building Committee (Chair)

CLERKSHIPS

HON. JOHN A. WOODCOCK, JR., U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MAINE, Bangor, ME, *Judicial Clerk*, August 2009-August 2010

HON. ANDREW M. MEAD, MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, Bangor, ME, *Judicial Clerk*, August 2008-August 2009

HONS. MICHAELA MURPHY, KEVIN CUDDY, WILLIAM R. ANDERSON, E. ALLEN HUNTER, JOSEPH M. JABAR, AND JEFFERY L. HJELM, MAINE SUPERIOR JUDICIAL COURT, Bangor, ME, *Judicial Clerk*, August 2007-August 2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PARENT-INFANT CENTER, Philadelphia, PA, *Director of School-Aged Programs*, 2003-2004

BALDWIN SCHOOL, Bryn Mawr, PA, *Physical Science & Environmental Science Teacher*, 2002-2003

FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, Wynnewood, PA, *Physical Science & Chemistry Teacher*, 2000-2002

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

FROM FARM TO FORK: PERSPECTIVES IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, (University of Akron Press, Sarah J. Morath ed., 2016) (chapters by Molly Anderson, Mary Angelo, Jill Clark, Jason Czarnecki, Oran Hesterman, John Ikerd, Shoshana Inwood, Saru Jayaraman, Jane Kolodinsky, Caitlin Marquis, Marion Nestle, Susan Schneider, and Josh Slotnick)

- Noted for its “thoughtful organization . . . readability and digestibility,” this book has been described as an “excellent book for use in any introductory level food, agricultural, or environmental law and policy course.” Carrie Scrufari, *Presenting a 360-degree view of challenges in the U.S. food system, from farm to fork*, 7(3) J. AGRIC., FOOD SYS., & CMTY. DEV. 221–222 (2017).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Regulating Food Waste, TEX. ENVTL L. J. (forthcoming 2018)

- Competitively selected for the 2015 Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship at Columbia University Law School

Animal Welfare and Private Governance, GEO. WASH. J. ENERGY & ENVTL. L. (forthcoming 2018).

- Competitively selected for the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Symposium: Private Environmental Governance at George Washington Law School.

A Park for Everyone: The National Park Service in Urban America, 56.1 NAT. RESOURCES J. 1 (2016)

- Lead article special issue: National Park Centennial

The Farm Bill: A Wicked Problem Seeking a Systematic Solution, 25 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POL'Y F. 389 (2015)

- Competitively selected for the Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum Symposium

The Farmer In Chief: Obama's Local Food Legacy, 93 OR. L. REV. 91 (2014)

A Mild Winter: The Status of Environmental Preliminary Injunctions, 37 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 155 (2013)

The Endangered Species Act: A New Avenue for Climate Change Litigation? 29 PUB. LAND & RES. L. REV. 24 (2008)

ESSAYS AND SHORTER ARTICLES

Hydroponics: The End of Organic? (in progress)

Book Review, *Legal Persuasion: A Rhetorical Approach to the Science* by Linda L. Berger and Kathryn M. Stanchi (forthcoming 2018)

Using Animal Law to Teach Legal Research, 30(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 50 (Fall 2017)

The E-Comment: A Simple Exercise for Public Law Courses, 24 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING RES. & WRITING 8 (2016)

Stand Out From the Crowd: Drafting Persuasive Administrative Comments in an Era of “Notice and Spam” 43 RUTGERS L. REC. 133 (2016)

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Training the Superstar Associate: Teaching Workplace Professionalism in Legal Writing Courses, 23 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING RES. & WRITING 53 (Fall 2014) (with Elizabeth Shaver)

They Know Their Colors: Using Color Coded Comments to Facilitate Revisions, THE LAW TEACHER 6 (Fall 2014)

From Awkward Law Student to Articulate Attorney: Teaching the Oral Research Report, 27(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 6 (Fall 2013/Winter 2014)

The Joy of Collaboration: Reflections on Teaching with Others, THE LAW TEACHER (Fall 2013) (with Elizabeth Shaver and Richard Strong)

It's Not All Statistics: Demystifying Empirical Research, 27(1) THE SECOND DRAFT 24 (Summer 2013)

Motions in Motion: Teaching Advanced Legal Writing through Collaboration, 21 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 119 (2013) (with Elizabeth Shaver and Richard Strong)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2014-2018)

Corporate Transparency, Accountability, and Animal Welfare, AALS, San Diego, CA (January 2018)

The Effectiveness of Private Animal Welfare Governance, Vermont Law School 8th Annual Colloquium on Environmental Law (September 2017)

Animal Welfare and Private Governance, 2017 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Symposium: Private Environmental Governance, George Washington University Law School, Washington D.C. (March 2017)

Quizzes in the Classroom, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Workshop, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA (with Elizabeth Shaver) (December 2016)

Different [Key]strokes for Different Folks: Preparing Practice-Ready Millennials to Confront the Demands of Online Legal Research, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Workshop, University of Texas, Austin, TX (with Katherine Brem and Whitney Heard) (December 2016)

Changing Laws or Changing Hearts: How the Food Movement is Doing Both, Yale Food System Symposium, New Haven, CT (September 2016)

LWR Professors at the Podium: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Teaching Doctrinal Courses, 17th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Portland, Oregon (July 2016) (panel presentation)

Informal Regulation, Individual Behavior, and Modern Environmental Law, New Directions in Environmental Law, Yale Law School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT (February 2016) (panel presentation with Jason Czarnecki, Katrina Kuh & Sarah Schindler)

Drafting Persuasive Administrative Comments: E-Commenting, Legal Writing Institute Writers' Workshop, Port Ludlow, Washington (July 2015)

Regulating Food Waste, Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, Columbia Law School (May 2015)

Advocacy Applied: The E-Comment Exercise, 2015 Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, Legal Writing and Leadership, University of Oregon School of Law (April 2015)

The Farm Bill: A Wicked Problem Seeking a Systemic Solution, Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum's 25th Anniversary Symposium, Carrots & Sticks: Moving the U.S. National Food System Toward a Sustainable Future (January 2015)

Promoting Professionalism, Preparedness, and Polish: Videos That Enable a Law Student to Become a Valued Junior Associate, Fourth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, The University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (March 2014) (with Elizabeth Shaver)

SELECTED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (August 2012-present)
Organizer/Site Chair, Food Day in Akron (2013, 2014)
Board Member, Laurel School Alumnae Board (2013-2106)
Board Member, Countryside Conservancy Board of Trustees (2013-2106)

- Secretary/Treasurer (elected January 2016)

Interviewer, Vassar College Alumnae/i Interview Program (2012-2016)
Class Agent, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (2017-present)
Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar for Texas (2017-present)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SCHOOL OF LAW, Missoula, MT
J.D., 2007

- Honors: Highest grade in Environmental Law
- Activities: Environmental Law Moot Court Team. Research Assistant for Professor Robert G. Natelson (Constitutional Law).
- Fellowships: Equal Justice Works Summer Corps. Montana Public Interest Law Coalition.
- Third-Year Clinic: U.S. Attorney's Office, Missoula, MT

YALE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, New Haven, CT
M.E.S., Environmental Studies, 2000

- Honors: H.B. and J.S. Nicholas Fellowship for the study of science at Yale University
- Activities: Geology Department Teaching Assistant. The Urban Resources Initiative Intern.
- Co-author: *Wallington, Connecticut Eco-Industrial Park: A Question of Scale in Developing Industrial Ecosystems Approaches, Cases, and Tools*, Marian Chertow, ed., available at <http://environment.yale.edu/topics/790>

VASSAR COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, NY
B.A. in Geology, 1998

- Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*, Departmental and General Honors
- Activities: Field Hockey ('94, '95); Cross-Country ('97), All Academic NCAA Division III ('97)
- Senior Thesis: *Climatic Changes in Southeastern New York: A Pollen Analysis of Louisa Pond, Shaupeneak Ridge Recreational Area, Ulster County, New York*

LAUREL SCHOOL, Shaker Heights, OH
Diploma, 1994

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Admissions: Admitted in Ohio (inactive) and Maine (inactive)
Personal: Married. Two children (born 3/15/05 & 7/3/09). Marathon runner. Novice yogi. Outdoor enthusiast. Brownie troop leader.