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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Master of Library and Information Science, 2022

Program: Law Librarianship

Activities: *Library Accessibility Working Group*, Member

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

Juris Doctorate, 2021

Honors: Morris Pomp Tax Award, 2021

Stanley R. Arnold Award, 2020

CALI Awards: Law and Cognition; Corporate Tax

Certificate: Tax Studies

Journal: *Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal*, Senior Articles Editor, 2020-21

Activities: *Connecticut Moot Court Board*, Executive Director, 2020-21
Events Coordinator, 2019-20

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Intern, 2020-21

Student Bar Association, Class Representative, 2019-21

Committee Membership: Budget; Constitution & Bylaws

National Lawyers Guild, Treasurer, 2019-21

Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2018

Honors: Departmental Honors (Philosophy); President's List; Dean's List

Activities: *Philosophy and Debate Club*, President, 2016-18

Bertrand Russell Society CCSU Chapter, Founding Member, 2018

Thesis: Political Myth and White Nationalism in America

HONORS

- Honorable Mention, Law School Innovation Program, BLOOMBERG, Jan. 26, 2024 (for 1L Legal Research Modules).

LIBRARY & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston Law Library, Houston, TX

Research and Access Initiatives Librarian, 2022-present

Access Initiatives

- Operationalized and deployed study room reservation system.
- Developed an efficient document sharing system for course reserves.
- Redesigned library website and associated resources.

Research and Reference

- Provide research and reference services to students, faculty, and public patrons.
- Liaising with various faculty members to conduct research for scholarly publication.
- Helped create a research guide on selecting and using legal study aids.

Instruction

- Designed and ran specialized Advanced Legal Research courses for Appellate Advocacy and Trial Advocacy.
- Helped design and implement in-person 1L legal research instruction modules and helped migrate those instruction modules into an online asynchronous format.
- Guest lecture on several research topics, including advanced searching techniques, regulatory research, and general research techniques.

Scholarly Impact

- Drafting and editing monthly faculty scholarship communications.
- Developed mechanisms to track faculty publication and scholarly profiles to effectuate scholarly impact initiatives.
- Overseeing the adoption of ORCID for Law Center faculty.

Gallagher Law Library at University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Law Librarianship Intern, 2021-2022

Public Services

- Provided reference services to students, faculty, and public patrons.
- Conducted in-depth legal and interdisciplinary research for faculty scholarship projects.
- Administered course reserves in Alma.

Technical Services

- Processed collection acquisitions and dispossessions.
- Executed resource sharing with patrons and outside institutions.
- Generated digital copies of print materials for resource sharing and archival purposes.

Special Projects

- Developed a library guide on pedagogical approaches, technical requirements, and additional matters for law librarians teaching legal research.
- Formed a Digital Commons collection and created workflows to expand the institution's digital repository.
- Trained student employees to audit the digital repository collection.

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

Legal Research Assistant, 2019-21

Assistant to Professor Richard Pomp, 2020-21

- Researched, analyzed, and summarized varied tax issues in preparation for written publications, public appearances, interviews, and lectures.
- Reviewed and edited manuscripts for publication, notably the history of turnover taxes from antiquity to the present.
- Gathered and curated multimedia educational resources to promote engaging lectures.
- Coordinated efforts of research assistants to make supervising law professor's written works publicly available.

Assistant to Professor Peter Siegelman, 2019

- Investigated the intersections of social science, criminal behavior, economic theory, and criminal and constitutional law to provide analysis and summary.
- Collected and processed raw policing data and clarified ambiguous language to make data usable for the supervising law professor.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Presenter

- “Planting ORCID at the University of Houston Law Center,” Core Forum 2024, Nov. 14-16 (forthcoming poster session).
- “Debunking the Learning Styles Myth with Cognitive Science” moderator, AALL Annual Conference, July 22, 2024 (with Alyson Drake and Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong).
- “Experience Active Learning Implementation,” AALL Annual Conference, July 22, 2024 (with Alyson Drake and Brittany Morris).
- “Cool Tools (Vyond),” Teaching the Teachers Biannual Conference, May 31, 2024.
- Artificial Intelligence CLE for US Attorney General’s Office, May 1, 2024.
- “The Future of Legal Publication,” CALICon24, June 13, 2024.
- “The Legal Publication Crisis: Why the Status Quo is Unsustainable and a Revolutionary New Approach is Needed,” SWALL Annual Conference, Apr. 4, 2024 (with Amanda Watson).
- “Simplifying the Implementation of Evidence-Based Teaching Strategies with Generative AI,” William & Mary Law School’s virtual Conference Incorporating ChatGPT in the Legal Research & Writing Classroom, Aug. 4, 2023 (with Alyson Drake).
- “Road to Retention,” AALL Annual Conference, July 2023 (poster presentation with Alyson Drake).
- “Simplifying the Implementation of Evidence-Based Teaching Strategies with Generative AI,” AALS Summer Webinar Series, July 12, 2023 (with Alyson Drake).
- “Addressing NextGen Bar(riers) with a Collaborative Approach to Teaching Legal Research” panelist, Lone Star Regional Legal Writing Conference, Apr. 14, 2023 (with Kate Brem, Alyson Drake, Whitney Werich Heard, Lauren Simpson, and Amanda Watson).
- “Appealing to Future Advocates” presenter, SWALL Annual Conference, Mar. 30, 2023.

Attendee

- ALA LibLearnX, Baltimore, MD, Jan. 19-22, 2024.
- IFLA Annual Congress, Rotterdam, Netherlands. Aug. 21-25, 2023.
- Teaching the Teachers Conference Beginner’s Bootcamp, UHLC, May 17-19, 2023.
- “Legal Information Symposium – The Legal Treatise: Past, Present, and Future,” Yale Law Library, New Haven, CT, Mar. 24, 2023.
- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., July 20-23, 2022.
- AALL Annual Conference, Denver, CO, July 16-19, 2022.

SERVICE

- Professional:** American Association of Law Libraries
GenNext Caucus, Professional Development Committee, *Member*, 2023-present
First-Gen Professionals Caucus, *Member at Large*, 2024-present.
Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, *Webmaster*, 2023-present.
- Library:** Bylaws Committee, *Member*, 2024-present (UH Library College).
Library Accessibility Working Group, *Member*, 2021-22 (Univ. of Washington)
- Law Center:** Ad-Hoc AI Committee, *Member*, 2024-present.
National Lawyers Guild UHLC Chapter, *Faculty Advisor*, 2024-present.
Advanced Legal Research for Appellate Advocacy, *Instructor*.
Spring 2023
Spring 2024
Advanced Legal Research for Trial Advocacy, *Instructor*.
Fall 2023
Currently

SKILLS

- Language:** Conversant in American Sign Language
- Skills:** Proficient with Digital Commons; Springshare; Canvas; Edpuzzle; Westlaw; Lexis; Bloomberg Law; HeinOnline; Tax Notes; Zoom; Webex; Zotero; Calibre; Adobe Acrobat; Adobe Photoshop; Gimp; Canva; Vyond; Mailchimp; Automator; iMovie; Microsoft Office 365 and open-source alternatives; Google applications; Windows and Mac operating systems; and administering ORCID, SSRN, Google Scholar, and HeinOnline profiles
- Coding:** Experience with
- *Generally:* GitHub; Atom; Visual Studio Code
 - *Web Development:* HTML; CSS; and WCAG Standards