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Academic Positions

William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV (Since 2009). E. L. Cord Foundation Professor of Law, Courses: Property; Wills, Trusts, & Estates; Elder Law; Briefs that Changed the World; Readings in Law & Rhetoric. Teacher of the Year (2010, 2018). Committees: Dean's Advisory (elected); Retention, Promotion, and Tenure Comm.; Self Study (Chair); Curriculum (Chair); Faculty Appointments; Student Affairs; University Provost Search Comm.

Robert F. Boden Visiting Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School (Fall 2014). Taught persuasion seminar and presented scholarship in faculty enrichment workshop.

Mercer University School of Law (1990-2009). The Macon Professor of Law. Prof. 1996-2009; Assoc. Prof. 1993-96; Assist. Prof. 1990-1993; Courses: Property; Comparative Property; Employment Discrimination; Professional Responsibility; Appellate Practice & Procedure; Advanced Litigation Drafting; Intro. to Counseling; Perspectives on Lawyering; Intro. to Law; Legal Analysis; Legal Writing I; Advanced Writing Group. *Director/Coordinator of Legal Writing (1990 - 2008)*: Creation and administration of the Legal Writing Program and the Certificate Program in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting.

University Marshal (appointed by University Pres.); Faculty Policy Comm. (elected) (Chair); Faculty Appointments Comm.; Woodruff 2000 Long-Range Planning Comm. (Chair); Dean's Council; Dean Search Comm. (twice); Strategic Planning Comm.; Curriculum Comm. (Chair); Moot Court Faculty Advisor; Mentor Program Comm.; Comm. on Race Relations; Assn. of Women Law Students Faculty Advisor; University Commons Comm.

New York University School of Law (1987-1990). Coordinator of Lawyering Program and Senior Lawyering Instructor (1989-90); Lawyering Instructor (1987-89). Program administration, training and supervision of instructors; facilitating collaboration of 10 instructors teaching 20 sections of the same course; development of course material and revision of curriculum; teaching legal analysis, research, writing, and other lawyering skills.

Representative Professional Activities and Honors: 2017 Teresa Godwin Phelps Award for Scholarship in Legal Communication; 2017 Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education; 2014 Penny Pether Award for Law and Language Scholarship (2nd place); 2019 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Award; 2009 Thomas F. Blackwell Award for Outstanding Achievement in Legal Writing; Visiting Scholar, Harvard Law School; Co-sponsor, Notre Dame Colloquia on Legal Discourse; Faculty, Persuasion Institute (Cornell); ABA Communication Skills and Clinical & Skills Educ. Comms.; ALWD Visiting Scholar in Rhetoric; SALT Bd. of Governors; Faculty, LWI Writer's Workshop; Bd. of Dirs, Assn. of Legal Writing Directors; Chair, AALS Section on Legal Reasoning, Research & Writing; Bd. of Dirs, LWI; SSRN Law & Rhetoric Journal Advisory Bd.; Accreditation Site

Teams (ABA team member and AALS Summarian).

Books

LEGAL WRITING AND ANALYSIS 5th ed. (Wolters Kluwer, 2019) (prior editions 2015, 2011, 2007 and 2003).

LEGAL WRITING: PROCESS, ANALYSIS, AND ORGANIZATION 7th ed. (Wolters Kluwer 2018) (prior editions 2014, 2010, 2006, 2002, 1999, and 1996).

THE DOCTRINE-SKILLS DIVIDE: LEGAL EDUCATION'S SELF-INFLICTED WOUND (Carolina Academic Press 2017).

ESTATES IN LAND AND FUTURE INTERESTS: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE 5th. ed. (Wolters Kluwer 2017) (prior editions 2009, 2005 and 2002).

READINGS IN PERSUASION: BRIEFS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD (Wolters Kluwer 2012).

Book Chapters

Using Discrete Steps of the Writing Process for Doctrinal Learning, in *LAWYERING SKILLS IN THE DOCTRINAL CLASSROOM: USING LEGAL WRITING PEDAGOGY TO ENHANCE TEACHING ACROSS THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM*, Tammy Oltz, ed. (forthcoming 2020).

The Humanities in the Law School Curriculum: Courtship and Consummation, in *REVISITING LANGDELL: LEGAL EDUCATION REFORM & THE LAWYER'S CRAFT* (2016).

Journal Publications

Telling Stories in the Supreme Court: Voices Briefs and the Role of Democracy in Constitutional Deliberation, 29 *YALE J. L. & FEMINISM* 29 (2017) (Teresa Godwin Phelps Award for Scholarship in Legal Communication).

[*Academic Highlight (invited): Telling Stories in the Supreme Court*, SCOTUSBLOG (Dec. 26, 2017, 12:47 PM), <http://www.scotusblog.com/2017/12/academic-highlight-telling-stories-supreme-court/>].

Speaking of Stories and Law, 13 *J. LEG. COMM. & RHETORIC: J. ALWD* 157 (2016) (peer reviewed).

The Humanities in the Law School Curriculum: Courtship and Consummation. 51 *WAKE FOREST L. REV.* 355 (2016) (solicited).

Hearing Voices: Non-Party Stories in Abortion and Gay Rights Advocacy, 2015 *MICH. ST. L. REV.* 1327 (2016) (solicited).

Advocacy as an Exercise in Virtue: Lawyering, Bad Facts, and Furman's High-Stakes Dilemma, 66 *MERCER L. REV.* 425 (2015) (solicited).

The Trouble with Categories: What Theory Can Teach Us About the Doctrine/Skills Divide, 64 *J. LEG. EDUC.* 181 (2014) (peer reviewed).

"*The Good Lawyer*" – A "Good" Book, 11 *J. LEG. COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: J. ALWD* 185 (2014) (peer reviewed).

Legal Writing: A Doctrinal Course, 1 SAV. L. REV. 7 (2014) (solicited; symposium lead article).

Where Do the Prophets Stand? Hamdi, Myth, and the Master's Tools, 13 U. CONN. PUB. INT. L. J. 43 (2013) (reviewed in JOTWELL).

Once Upon a Time in Law: Myth, Metaphor, and Authority, 77 TENN. L. REV. 885 (2010).

A Writing Life, 61 MERCER L. REV. 867 (2010).

The Past, Presence, and Future of Legal Writing Scholarship: Rhetoric, Voice, and Community, 16 J. LEG. WRITING 521 (2010) (peer reviewed) (co-authored).

Linda Berger, Linda H. Edwards, & Terrill Pollman, Plenary I: Scholarship (Nov. 6, 2009) in Symposium, *The Legal Writing Institute: Celebrating 25 Years of Teaching and Scholarship*, 61 MERCER L. REV. 705, 803 (2010).

Scholarship by Legal Writing Professors: New Voices in the Legal Academy, 11 J. LEG. WRITING 3 (2006) (co-authored) (peer reviewed) (lead article).

The Process and the Product: A Bibliography of Scholarship about Legal Scholarship, 49 MERCER L. REV. 741 (1998) (co-authored).

The Convergence of Analogical and Dialectic Imaginations in Legal Discourse, 20 LEGAL STUD. F. 7 (1996) (peer reviewed) (lead article).

Honoring the Law in Communities of Force: Wildman and Terrell's Teleology of Practice, 41 EMORY L.J. 489 (1992) (co-authored).

Linda L. Holdeman, *Civil Rights in Employment: The New Generation*, 67 DENV. U. L. REV. 1 (1990) (lead article).

Linda L. Holdeman, *Watson v. Ft. Worth Bank and Trust: The Changing Face of Disparate Impact*. 66 DENV. U. L. REV. 179 (1989).

Selected Presentations

Social Justice Narratives: Hearing Voices, LWI Biennial Conference, Portland, OR, July 12, 2016.

Hearing Many Voices: What American Appellate Advocacy Can Learn from Truth Commissions and Indaba, Global Legal Skills Conf., Verona, Italy, May 24, 2016.

Building a Discipline, Univ. of Arizona, March 19, 2016.

Storytelling in the Supreme Court, Florida A & M Univ. Col. of Law, Dec. 4, 2015 (keynote).

Adventures in Scholarship: Journeys Taken and Lessons Learned, LWI webinar, "The Perfect Time is Now," Dec. 10, 2015 (keynote).

The Humanities in the Law School Curriculum: Courtship and Consummation, Symposium: Revisiting Langdell: Legal Education Reform and the Lawyer's Craft, Wake Forest, Oct. 23, 2015.

Hearing Voices: Legitimate Uses of Non-Party Narratives in Abortion and Gay Rights Litigation, Symposium: Persuasion in Civil Rights Advocacy, April 10-11, 2015, Mich. St. Univ. Col. of Law.

The Myth of Redemptive Violence, Symposium: Justice and Injustice: The Consequences of Storytelling in the Courtroom, Univ. of California, Irvine, Jan. 23-24, 2015.

Other Voices: The Use of Non-Party Stories in Appellate Writing, Marquette University, Dec. 2, 2014.

Advocacy as an Exercise in Virtue: Lawyering, Bad Facts, and Furman's High-Stakes Dilemma, Symposium, Mercer University, Oct. 3, 2014.

Akhil Amar's Unwritten Constitution, LWI Biennial Conference, July 1, 2014, Philadelphia, PA.

What Makes a Program a Program? ALWD Conference, June 27, 2013, Marquette Univ. Law School.

Legal Writing: A Doctrinal Course, Savannah Law School, April 26, 2013 (symposium keynote).

Revisiting the Brandeis Brief, AALS Section Program, Annual Meeting, Jan. 6, 2013.

Stories We Tell About Law, Univ. of Minnesota, Dec. 7, 2012.

Seeing a Few Steps Ahead: Voice in Legal Scholarship, LWI Conference, May 30, 2012.

Battle & Betrayal, Tricksters, & Champions, *Stories We Tell About Law*, Applied Legal Storytelling Conf., Univ. of Denver School of Law, July 9, 2011.

Preparing for a Site Visit, ALWD Conf., McGeorge School of Law, June 2011.

Law and the Myth of Redemptive Violence, How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law, American University, Washington School of Law, Oct. 15, 2010 (keynote).

Myth, Metaphor, and Authority, and *Law and the Myth of Redemptive Violence*, J. ALWD Visiting Scholar in Rhetoric and Writing, University of Arizona College of Law, Nov. 3-4, 2010.

Myths of Transformation, Myths of Resistance, SALT Teaching Conference, Dec. 10-11, 2010.

Telling the Law's Stories: Birth and Rescue as Legal Narrative, 2010 Annual Conf. of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities, Brown University, March 20, 2010.

Writing the Story: Perspective, Voice, and Detail, Cornell Law School, 2009 Persuasion Institute (with Professor Anthony Amsterdam).

Voice and Purpose in Legal Scholarship, Mercer University School of Law, Nov. 6, 2009.

Archetype, Story, and Metaphor in Law, Arizona State University, March 13, 2009.

Judges as Ironic Rhetors, Law and Rhetoric Workshop, San Diego, CA, Jan. 6, 2009.

Myth, Metaphor, and Authority, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Dec. 5, 2008.

Story, Metaphor, and Archetype in Law Creation, Seattle University School of Law, March 11, 2008.

The Law's Narrative: Telling Stories in Legal Argument, American University, Nov. 2, 2007.

Writing the Story: Perspective, Voice, and Detail, Cornell Law School, 2007 Persuasion Institutes.
Legal Analysis in the United States, July 26, 2007, EMARF, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Importance of Scholarship, AALS New Law Teachers' Workshop, July 1, 2007 (plenary).

Law School Writing Without Teachers, University of Arizona, March 17, 2006.

Coloring Outside the Lines: Flexibility and Standardization, Northwestern Univ., July 21, 2005.

Educating Faculty Committees about the Value of Legal Writing Scholarship, Northwestern University School of Law, July 24, 2005.

Narrative Components of "A Jury of Her Peers," Persuasion Institute, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (with Professors Anthony Amsterdam and Peter Brooks), September 17-19, 2004.

Ready from Day One: Teaching the Core Competencies, ABA Annual Meeting, Aug. 7, 2004.

Jurisprudence and Legal Reasoning, Notre Dame Colloquium on Legal Discourse, June 9, 2003.

Panelist (with Anthony Amsterdam, Jerome Bruner, and Peter Brooks), Persuasion Institute, N.Y.U. School of Law, May 15-17, 2003.

Leading Without Directing, ALWD Conference, Univ. of Windsor, Ontario, July 18, 2003.

The Next Leadership Frontier: Becoming Deans and University Administrators, University of Windsor, Ontario, July 19, 2003.

The Writing Life, University of Arizona, March 2003.

Jurisprudence & the Rhetoric of Legal Writing, Univ. of Tenn., LWI Conference, June 2002.

Theology and Law Practice, Roundtable panelist, symposium, Mercer Univ. School of Law, Feb. 2002.

Moderator, *Do Best Practices in Legal Education Include an Emphasis on Compositional Modes of Studying Law as a Liberal Art?* University of Minnesota, July 2001.

The Present and Future State of Legal Writing Scholarship, Notre Dame Colloquium on Legal Discourse, Notre Dame University, June 25 - July 1, 2000.

Scholarship by Legal Writing Teachers: An Empirical Study, University of Seattle, July 22, 2000.

Reading for Legal Reasoning, AALS Workshop on Reading Critically, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 7, 1999.

Moderator, *Writing in the Law*, AALS Section Program, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 1998 (with James Boyd White and Lawrence Joseph).

The Convergence of Analogical and Dialectic Imaginations in Legal Discourse, Chicago-Kent, July 1997.

Writing to Learn Doctrinal Law, lead speaker, AALS Section Program, Jan. 1997.

Teaching Legal Analysis, University of Seattle, July 1996.

Law Practice

Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley (1981-1987). Associate, 1981-1987. Offered partnership, 1987. General litigation on behalf of business clients; chair of firm's Employment Law Section; member, Hiring Committee; in-house ethics advisor; conducted in-house training for clients; active in state bar association; taught CLE courses. *Representative clients:* Lloyds of London; Dart & Kraft; Westinghouse Electric Corp.; GAF Corp.; United Parcel Service.

Idaho State Bar Assn. (1979-1981). General Counsel; duties included investigation and prosecution of attorneys for disciplinary violations; provision of ethics advice to attorneys; supervision of bar examination drafting and grading; provision of legal advice to the Board of Bar Commissioners.

Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (1978-1979). Staff Attorney. Represented low-income clients in U.C.C., consumer, and housing litigation in state and federal courts; drafted mobile home legislation and successfully lobbied for its passage.

Colorado Rural Legal Services (1977-1978). VISTA Attorney. Responsibilities included general practice representation of low-income clients.

Education

Harvard Law School. Visiting Scholar, spring 2002; research in rhetoric, jurisprudence, and legal reasoning.

University of Tennessee College of Law. J.D. 1976; Top 12%. Dean's List; Am. Jur. Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law; Harold C. Warner Centurion Scholarship; Research Assist. for Prof. Joseph King (1974-75) and Prof. Peter Gross (1976). President, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity; Director, Community Legal Ed. Project; Legal Coordinator, Rape Crisis Center.

Florida State University. B.A. 1970; Major: English; Minors: Education, Music.

Licenses and Other Professional Memberships

AALS (Sections on Property; Law and Interpretation; Jurisprudence; Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research; Teaching Methods)

ABA (served on Communication Skills Committee & Clinical and Skills Education Committee)
Assn. of Legal Writing Directors

Legal Writing Institute

SALT (Board of Governors 2006 – 2009)

Bar admissions: New York, Colorado, Idaho, Georgia (affiliate)