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**Distinguished Visiting Professor, Boyd School of Law, UNLV**  
**Dean Emerita, MSU College of Law**  
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- EMPLOYMENT**
- 2017 – present, Distinguished Visiting Professor
  - 2019 – 2021, Interim Associate Dean for Experiential Legal Education  
**William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV**
  
  - 2016 – present, Dean Emerita
  - 2008 – 2018, Professor of Law
  - 2016 – 2017, Consultant to Provost, Michigan State University
  - 2008 – 2016, Dean  
**Michigan State University College of Law**
  
  - 2003 – 2008, William S. Boyd Professor of Law
  - 2004 – 2007, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  - 2003 – 2004, Associate Dean for Clinical Studies
  - 2001 – 2008, Professor of Law  
**William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV**
  
  - 2000 – 2001, Scholar in Residence, Boalt Center for Social Justice, and  
Visiting Professor of Law  
**University of California at Berkeley**
  
  - Spring 2000, Visiting Professor of Law  
**University of California at Davis (King Hall)**
  
  - Fall 1999, Visiting Professor of Law  
**University of California, Hastings College of Law**
  
  - 1994 – 2001, Professor of Law
  - 1991 – 1994, Associate Professor
  - 1990 – 1991, Visiting Assistant Professor  
**Golden Gate University, School of Law**
  
  - 1989 – 1990, Visiting Acting Professor  
**University of California at Davis (King Hall)**

1988 – 1989, Associate Director  
1987 – 1988, Assistant Legal Director  
1984 – 1987, Staff Attorney

**ACLU Foundation of Southern California**

1981 – 1983, Deputy  
**Office of the (California) State Public Defender**

1980 – 1981, Grey Teaching Fellow  
**Stanford Law School**

**EDUCATION**

J.D., **University of Southern California**  
A.B., Religion/English, **Smith College**

**ACADEMIC  
PUBLICATIONS**

SHAPING THE BAR: THE FUTURE OF ATTORNEY LICENSING  
(Stanford University Press 2022)

*The Deborah Jones Merritt Center for the Advancement of Justice*,  
82 OHIO ST. L.J. 911 (2021) (with Claudia Angelos &  
Mary Lu Bilek)

*The Professional Responsibility Case for Valid and Nondiscriminatory  
Bar Exams*, 33 GEO. J. LEG. ETHICS 931 (2020)

*Diploma Privilege and the Constitution*, 73 SMU L. REV. F. 168 (2020)  
(with Claudia Angelos et al.)

*The Bar Exam and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Need for Immediate  
Action* (with Claudia Angelos et al.) (Mar. 23, 2020) (more than 4000  
SSRN downloads)

*What Law Must Lawyers Know?*, 19 CONN. PUBLIC INTEREST L. J. 1  
(2019)

*Ringin Changes: Systems Thinking About Legal Licensing*, 313 FIU L.  
REV. 383 (2019) (with Judith Wegner)

*The Case for a Uniform Cut Score*, 42 J. OF LEG. PROF. 69 (2017)

*Shame Agent*, 66 J. OF LEGAL. EDUC. 717 (2017)

*Introduction: Lawyers as Conservators?* 2012 MICH. ST. L. REV. 243

(2012)

*Teaching Freedom: Exclusionary Rights of Student Organizations*, 42 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 889 (2009)

*Recruiting Sexual Minorities and People with Disabilities to be Dean*, 31 SEATTLE L. REV. 751 (2008)

*The Geronimo Bank Murders: A Gay Tragedy*, 17 LAW AND SEXUALITY 39 (2008); reprinted in Crime and Punishment, Vol. II by Prof. Ruthann Robson, Ashgate Library of Essays on Sexuality and Law Series (May 2011)

*Adventures in Heteronormativity: The Straight Line from Liberace to Lawrence*, 5 NEV. L. J. 260 (2004)

*Executing White Masculinities: Lessons from Karla Faye Tucker*, 81 ORE. L. REV. 183 (2002)

*Toward the Restorative Constitution: A Restorative Justice Critique of Anti-gang Public Nuisance Injunctions*, 27 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 717 (2000)

*Women Defenders on Television: Representing Suspects and the Racial Politics of Retribution*, 3 J. OF GENDER, RACE, AND JUSTICE 475 (2000)

*Lesbian Legal Theory*, in LESBIAN HISTORIES AND CULTURES: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA, Zimmerman, ed. (Garland 2000)

*Teaching in the Shadow of the Bar*, 31 USF L. REV. 927 (1997)

*Representing Black Male Innocence*, 1 J. OF GENDER, RACE AND JUSTICE 97 (1997)

*First and Last Chance: Looking for Lesbians in California's Fifties Bar Cases*, 5 SO. CAL. REV. OF LAW & WOMEN'S STUDIES (1995)

*Deciding to Kill: Revealing the Gender in the Task Handed to Capital Jurors*, 1994 WIS. L. REV. 1345; excerpted in Bartlett & Harris, GENDER AND LAW: THEORY, DOCTRINE, & COMMENTARY (Aspen 1998)

*Feminism, Lawyering, and Death Row*, 2 SO. CAL. REV. OF LAW & WOMEN'S STUDIES 401 (1992)

*Prisons Within Prisons*, chapter in PRISONERS AND THE LAW, Robbins, ed., (Boardman 1985) (anthology)

*Note: The Rights of Gay Prisoners: A Challenge to Protective Custody*, 53 SO.CAL.L.REV. 1225 (1980)

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

*Insight: Lawyers Justice Corps—Public Service in a Time of Crisis*, BLOOMBERG LAW (June 19, 2020) (with Eileen Kaufman et al.)

*Insight: Bar Exam Repeaters Shouldn't Be Pushed to the Back of the Line*, BLOOMBERG LAW (June 1, 2020) (with Andrea Curcio et al.)

*Licensing Lawyers in a Pandemic: Proving Competence*, HARVARD LAW REVIEW BLOG (Apr. 7, 2020) (with Claudia Angelos et al.)

*New York Leads from the Middle: Crowdsourcing the Bar Exam Cut Score*, N.Y. STATE BAR J. 42 (Sept. 2018)

*Writing Specialist as Rescue Club*, THE SECOND DRAFT: THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (Spring 2016)

*Professor John "Jack" Apol, 1941-2012: In Memoriam – "I Really Love the Chanting"*, 2012 MICH. ST. L. REV.1097 (2012)

*Empirical Studies Add to Death Penalty Debate*, NEVADA LAWYER (Aug. 2002)

Chair, Editorial Board, MY STORY'S ON: ORDINARY WOMEN; EXTRAORDINARY LIVES, Common Differences Press (1985)

*Evolution of a Feminist Art: Public Forms & Social issues*, HERESIES, A JOURNAL OF ART AND POLITICS, Spring 1979 (co-author)

*A Feminist Theory of Power: A Critique*, QUEST: A FEMINIST QUARTERLY, Summer 1976

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Advanced Torts Workshop; Capital Defense Clinic; Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Federal Courts; Foundations of Law; Gender, Race, & Criminal Justice; Law & Inequality; Religion Clauses Seminar; Sexual Orientation & the Law; Tax Clinic; Torts; Women & the Law

**PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), Board of Governors (2018-2022)

Appointed Member, Nevada Board of Bar Examiners (2020- present)

Founding Member, Collaboratory on Legal Education and Licensing for Practice (2020 - present)

Consultant, Law School Admissions Council (2019 – present)

Convener & Moderator, SALT Webinar, *Can You See Me?: Inclusive Practices for Entry Into the Profession* (Mar. 26, 2021)

Invited Participant, Summit on the Future of Legal Education, Northwestern School of Law, Sept. 28, 2019

Invited Participant, AccessLex Bar Exam Research Forum, Wash., D.C., Apr. 24, 2018

AALS Reporter, American Bar Association (ABA)/AALS Site Visit, Texas Tech School of Law, Mar. 4-7, 2018

Strategic Planning Consultant, University of San Francisco Law School, 2017-18

Strategic Planning Consultant, Rutgers Law School, 2017

Invited Participant, *Hacking the JD*, The Law Colleges of Santa Barbara and Ventura, Mar. 2017

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Founding Member, Deans Forum Steering Committee, 2014-2016

State Bar of Michigan, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Practice Task Force, 2015-2016; Modernizing the Regulatory Machinery Committee, 2015-16; Standing Committee on Law School Deans, 2008-2016

Invited Participant, National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Conference, Wash., D.C., Apr. 15-16, 2016

Invited Participant, ABA Summit on Innovation in Legal Services, Stanford Law School, May 10-13, 2015

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Membership Review Committee, 2012-2015

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Special Committee (Resources Corps), 1996-present

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), Board of Governors, 1998-2014; Chair, Nominations Committee, 2005-06; Chair, Board Retreat

Committee, 2004; Member, Bar Exam Committee, 1998- present; Member, Nominations Committee, 2004-05; Member, Teaching Conference Committee, 2004; Chair, SALT Public Positions Committee, 2000-02

Law Faculty Retreat Facilitator, Southern Illinois University, Sept. 16-17, 2011

AALS Reporter, American Bar Association (ABA)/AALS Site Visit, Syracuse University School of Law, Oct. 10-13, 2010

AALS Reporter, American Bar Association (ABA)/AALS Site Visit, Case Western Reserve, Mar. 15-18, 2009

Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Steering Committee, Ann Arbor, 2008-09

AALS Reporter, ABA/AALS Site Visit, Rutgers-Camden, Mar. 18-20, 2007

Facilitator, Michigan State University College of Law, Aug. 8-9, 2006

Strategic Planning Consultant, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle University School of Law, May – July, 2006

AALS Reporter, ABA/AALS Site Visit, Vermont Law School, Mar. 12-14, 2006

Planning Committee, Joint Program of Teaching Method and Clinical Teaching Sections, 2003 AALS Annual Meeting

Chair, Planning Committee, AALS Annual Meeting Workshop, *Do You Know Where Your Students Are? Langdell Logs on to the Twenty-First Century*, New Orleans, Jan. 4, 2002

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*Licensing for Public Protection*, Boyd Faculty Workshop, May 4, 2021

*A Short History of Attorney Licensing: Tales of Protection, Prestige, Exclusion, & Good Faith*, Keynote, Law & Leadership Symposium, BYU Law, Jan. 29, 2021

*Attorney Licensing in U.S. History*, Faculty Workshop, Minnesota Law,

Oct. 29, 2020

*Legal Ed Assessment Initiatives*, LSAC Program, AALS Annual Meeting, Jan. 5, 2020

*The Case for a Uniform Cut Score*, ASP Section Program, AALS Annual Meeting, Jan. 3, 2020

*Technology, Assessment, & Justice*, West Coast Consortium of ASP Conference, Boyd School of Law, Nov. 1, 2019

*MBE Madness Workshop*, Boyd School of Law, UNLV, April 12, 2019

*Tribute to Chancellor Phoebe Haddon*, Women in Legal Education Luncheon, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Jan. 4, 2019

*What Must Lawyers Know?*, West Coast Rhetoric Workshop, Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Nov. 15, 2018

*Law Student Learning: Generational Issues & Institutional Culture*, Faculty Workshop, Boyd School of Law, Sept. 27, 2018 (with Chelsea Baldwin)

*The Future of Attorney Licensing in Four Parts*, Florida Inter'l Univ. School of Law Summit on Future of Legal Education & Entry to Profession, Apr. 14, 2018 (with Judith Wegner),

*Ethics of Legal Education*, AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, Jan. 5, 2018

*Invited Testimony*, Hearing on Standard Setting Study, California Bar Examiners, Los Angeles, Aug. 14, 2017

*Bar Exam Futures*, ABA Deans Conference, Wash., D.C., June 30, 2017

*Better Bar Exams*, National Conference of Bar Examiners, May 5, 2017

*MBE Madness*, Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Apr. 9, 2017

*Shame Agent*, Boyd Faculty Enrichment Series, Mar. 25, 2017

*Hacking the JD*, The Law Colleges of Santa Barbara and Ventura, January 28-29, 2017

Speaker/ Organizer, *Learning from Medicine*, AALS Annual Meeting  
Program on Attorney Licensing, San Francisco, January 4, 2017

*Shame Agent*, JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION Symposium on Title IX,  
Georgetown Law Center, October 14, 2016

Facilitator, *Building a Better Bar*, SALT Teaching Conference, Chicago,  
October 1, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

AALS Sections on Clinical Education, Sexual Orientation and Gender  
Identity Issues, Teaching Methods, & Women in Legal Education; ACLU;  
Society of American Law Teachers; Licensed attorney, California  
(inactive); Certified Attorney, Nevada