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Education

William Mitchell College of Law	J.D.	1988
University of Minnesota	M.Ed., Early Childhood /Adult Education	1980
University of Minnesota	B.A., Social Work/Child Psychology	1974

Experience

Associate General Counsel June 2014 - present
Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Externship Director 2012- 2014
UNLV/Wm. S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV

Legal Writing Professor 1999 - 2012
Associate Director of Lawyering Process Program 2002 - 2012
UNLV/Wm. S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV

Adjunct Professor 1990 - 1999
William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

Director of Policy & Legal Services 1990-1999
Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

Assistant Attorney General 1989-1990
Minnesota Attorney General's Office, St. Paul, MN

Judicial Clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court 1988-1989
Chief Justices Douglas K. Amdahl & Peter S. Popovich

Law Clerk, Criminal Division 1986-1988
Minnesota Attorney General's Office, St. Paul, MN

Research & Administrative Assistant 1985-1986
Minnesota State Public Defender (Wm. Mitchell Office) St. Paul, MN

Other Teaching & Administrative Experience

- State Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator for Head Start programs in MN (CSR Incorporated 1981-1984)
- CDA Trainer for Head Start teachers and family day care providers (University of Minnesota 1977-1981)
- Early childhood and parenting educator (Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN 1973- 1977)

Presentations & Publications

Course Portfolio: Legislative Advocacy, <http://educatingtomorrowlawyers.du.edu/course-portfolios>
December 2012

Cultivating Synergies among Experiential Learning Programs (co-presenter)
May 2011 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, Las Vegas, NV

The Apprenticeships of Legal Education: Boyd's Service-Learning Courses Provide Opportunities for Civic Engagement, Nevada Lawyer (July 2010)

Advanced Writing Courses as Apprenticeships for Practice (co-presenter)
March 2009 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ

Using Best Practices to Unleash Student Creativity: A Reflective Assignment that Examines the Intersection between Personal Values and Professional Responsibility (Poster Presentation)
January 2009 AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego CA

Creating Opportunities & Reducing Barriers: Service Learning Courses the Reach Unsuspecting Students & Increase Civic Engagement (panelist)
March 2008 SALT Teaching for Social Change Conference, Berkeley, CA

Service Learning: Linking Students to the Community (panelist)
October 2007 UNLV Shaping the Future of Southern Nevada Conference, Las Vegas, NV

Best Practices for Using Adjuncts in Legal Writing Programs (co-presenter)
June 2007 Assoc. of Legal Writing Directors conference, Denver, CO

ABC's of Law School Pro Bono: Advocating for Resources, Building Diversity, and Cultivating Professional Networks (panelist)
March 2007 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, Denver, CO

Ethical Challenges for the New Practitioner (co-presenter)
February 2006 Wm. S Boyd School of Law Alumni Association CLE

Do's and Don'ts of Teaching Legal Drafting (panelist)
March 2005 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Tempe, AZ

LEAP: A Successful Partnership between the Law School & the Nevada Department of Corrections, Nevada Lawyer (June 2004).

Collaboration between the Social Work and Legal Communities: Ways to Better Serve Clients by Preserving Their Rights and Strengthening Their Voices
May 2003 National Association of Social Workers, Nevada Chapter, Las Vegas, NV

Writing in Chambers: Judicial Rhetoric (co-presenter)
December 2002 Nevada Supreme Court CLE, Carson City, NV

Legal Writing Review

April 2002 State Bar of Nevada CLE, Las Vegas & Reno, NV

Principles of Effective Legal Writing

January 2002 Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys CLE, Las Vegas, NV

Civil Rights Litigation Update (co-presenter)

December 2000 State Bar of Nevada CLE, Las Vegas& Reno, NV

Grants, Awards & Honors

Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Consortium Fellow	2012
UNLV Teaching & Learning Center Fellow	2007
President's Initiative Award for Service Learning Project	2006
Student-Centered Faculty Award, Awarded by the UNLV Alumni Association	2002

Professional Service

Law School

Committee Service:

Academic Standards Committee (1999-2006, 2010-present; Chair-2001-2003, 2010-2012)

Academic Success Program Committee (1999-2003)

Building Committee (2007-2008)

Clinic Committee (2012 – present)

Curriculum Committee (2003-2004; 2008-2010)

Clinical Program Advisory Board (2000-2005)

Community Service Program Committee (2007-2010, 2011-2012, Chair 2007-08 2012- present)

Self-Study Committee (2011-2012)

Workload Policy Committee (2003-2004)

Acting Director, Lawyering Process Program (Spring 2003)

Coaching: Civil Rights Moot Court Team (Spring 2004); Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Teams (2010 & 2011)

Course Development:

Third Semester LP Courses (Summer 2003)

Service Learning Course - Legal Education & Assistance to Prisoners (2004)

Distance Legal Education - Professional Responsibility DLE (2004)

University

Program Evaluation Committee (2012-2014)

Civic Engagement Task Force (2009-2011)

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (2009-2011)

Faculty Technology Advisory Board (2008 – 2014)

International Programs Council (2007-2009)

Selection Committee, Grad. Asst Teaching Awards Program (2007-2008)

Staff Grievance Committee (2003-2004)

Teaching & Learning Center Advisory Board (2006-2009)

