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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law – Louisville, KY

Assistant Professor of Law (Aug. 2020 – present)

Lawyering Skills Program Coordinator (July 2021 – present)

Courses:

- Lawyering Skills I
- Lawyering Skills II
- Law and Literature

St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX

Law Success Instructor (Aug. 2017-May 2020)

Courses:

- Legal Communication, Analysis and Professionalism
- Experiential Legal Analysis
- Introduction to Legal Methods
- Advanced Legal Methods
- Bar Prep for Credit (TX)
- Bar Prep for Credit (UBE)

Elon University, Martha and Spencer Love School of Business - Elon, NC

Department of Management and Entrepreneurship

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Law (Jan. 2017 – July 2017)

Courses:

- Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

Elon University School of Law - Greensboro, NC

Academic and Bar Support Skills Instructor (July 2016 - July 2017)

Courses:

- Introduction to Legal Studies
- Multistate Bar Exam Preparation
- Bar Exam Preparation Selected Topics: Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law

Ashford University, Forbes School of Business & Technology – Remote

Assistant Professor (Feb. 2013 – Nov. 2014)

Adjunct Professor (Nov. 2010 – Feb. 2013)

Courses:

- Business Law
- Business Ethics and Social Responsibility
- American National Government

EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC

J.D., May 2005

- Honors: *cum laude*, Susie Sharp Inn of Court, Second Year Moot Court Competition (Best Oralist, Best Overall)
- Activities: Executive Editor, *N.C. Central Law Journal*, Moot Court Board, Research Assistant, Juvenile Law Clinic, Pro Bono Program

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

B.A., May 2002

- Majors: Public Policy Analysis and English
- Honors: Dean's List

TEACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP INTERESTS

Legal Research and Writing, Law and Literature, Environmental Law, Environmental Policy, Health Law Ethics, First Amendment

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Articles:

- **“Getting the Listening” in Louisville: Public Health Literacy and Environmental Justice in and around Rubbertown** (with Megan Poole and Abigail Koenig) – *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine* (forthcoming 2022).
- **We Were Listening: Community Voices at the Intersection of Law, Literacy and Environmental Justice in West Louisville** (in progress).
- **Fahrenheit 451 Behind Bars: Book Censorship and Race in America's Prisons** (in progress).

Book Chapter:

- **Words Behind Walls: Examining the Line Between Incitement and Administrative Overreach in Prisons**, in *Fight Like Hell: Free Speech and Incitement in the 21st Century* – SUNY Press (forthcoming 2023).

Book Review:

- **The Science Behind the Art of Legal Writing (2d ed)** by Catherine J. Cameron and Lance N. Long - 20 Scribes J. Legal Writing (Spring 2021).

Media Publications:

- **Watch Your Tone: Aim for Professional and Approachable-** BENCH & BAR MAGAZINE (January 2021).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference

Virtual Recorded Presentation from the Association of Legal Writing Directors Online-Distance Education Committee (with Katherine Brem and Allison Martin): “Successful Online Teaching” (July 2022).

Brandeis School of Law Enrolled Students Skills Workshop

Presentation (with Marcia Zeigler): “Lawyering Skills Summer Workshop” (June 2022).

LWI One-Day Workshop

Presentation (with Sara Ochs, JoAnne Sweeny and Marcia Zeigler): “This is Who We Are: Teaching Professional Identity, Diversity and Cultural Competency” (December 2022).

Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium

Paper Presentation (with Dr. Megan Poole and Dr. Abigail Koenig): “*Getting the Listening*” in Louisville: *Public Health Literacy and Environmental Justice in and around Rubbertown*” (September 2021).

8th Biannual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference

Presentation: “Dear Diary: Epistolary Writing as a Socially Conscious Companion to Appellate Briefs” (July 2021).

Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Retreat and Workshop

Paper Presented: *Information Inequality: Book Censorship and Race in America’s Prisons* (July 2021).

Motherhood in the Law Symposium

Breastfeeding and the Law Panelist (March 2021).

Association of Legal Writing Direction Biennial Meeting

Presentation: “The LRW Classroom as a Community-Centric Advocacy Incubator” (June 2021).

University of Louisville Seminar on Teaching for New Faculty

Presentation (with Dr. Megan Poole): “Modeling Advocacy, In and Outside of the Classroom” (March 2021).

LWI One-Day Workshop

Presentation (with Sara Ochs and JoAnne Sweeny): “A Directorless Approach to Collaboration During a Pandemic” (December 2020).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

LWI One-Day Workshop (December 2021)

- Planned and facilitated a virtual workshop where legal writing professors across the country met to share teaching ideas around the theme of "This is Who We Are: Teaching Professional Identity, Diversity, and Cultural Competency."

Motherhood and the Law Symposium (March 2021)

- Organized half-day symposium designed to highlight the life challenges and career hurdles faced by women lawyers, who endeavor to balance motherhood and productive careers.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

2022

- **University of Louisville Health Equity Innovation Hub Grant (\$100,000)**, PI with Megan Pool
- **University of Louisville Student Champion Award**

2021

- Legal Communication, Analysis and Professionalism
- **The Humana Foundation Community Partners Grant (\$250,000)**, PI with Keisha Dorsey, Eboni Cochran, Angela Renfro, Abigail Koenig
- **Judy Segal Top Paper Award**, "*Getting the Listening in Louisville: Environmental Justice in and Around Rubbertown*," with Abigail Koenig and Megan Poole for the Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium
- **University of Louisville Student Champion Award**

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Institutional

- Faculty Advisor for *Latinx Law Student Organization* (2021-present)
- Strategic Planning Committee, University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law (2020-present)
- Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee, University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law (2020-2021)
- Advising Committee (2021-present)
- Decanal Committee (2021-2022)

Profession

- Member, ABA – Council on Women in the Profession, Parenthood and Child Caregiver Study Advisory Council (2022 – present)

- Member of the Association of Legal Writing Directors' Online and Distance Education Committee (2021-present)
- Reviewer for Lutie Lytle Writing Workshop (2021)
- Member of Pro Bono and Community Outreach Committee for The Legal Writing Institute (2020-present)
- Member of the 2022-2023 LWRR AALS Program Committee
- Board Member for *The Second Draft* (2020-present)
- Peer Reviewer for *Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD* (2020-2021)
- Reviewer for *Journal for Excellence in Business Education* (2014-2017)
- Volunteer for Veterans Pro Bono Consortium (2008)

Community

- Member of the Environmental Health Literacy Coalition (Louisville District 3) – The Coalition's first project "Air Justice" is dedicated to making the science of air pollution more accessible to citizens.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Huron Consulting Group – Raleigh, NC

Contract Attorney (May 2011- Aug. 2012; Nov. 2014 – Jan. 2016)

Campbell Ray, LLP - Washington, DC and Maryland

Attorney (June 2008 - Oct. 2010)

Arnold & Porter, LLP (Clutch Group, Inc.) – Washington, DC

Contract Attorney (July 2006-April 2010)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland Bar (active)

District of Columbia Bar (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Law and Society Association

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Legal Writing Institute

American Bar Association

Maryland Bar Association