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APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW • Chicago, IL • July 2023–

Assistant Professor of Law

Teach Lawyering Skills I, Lawyering Skills II, and Contracts I.

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW • Detroit, MI • August 2022–July 2023

Visiting Assistant Professor

Taught Applied Legal Theory and Analysis I and II and a seminar on environmental law and literature.

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL • Boston, MA • July 2021–July 2022

Visiting Assistant Professor

Taught Legal Practice Skills I and II.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA • 2015–2016

Lecturer, English

Designed and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in contemporary American fiction, Romantic literature, and digital humanities.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA • 2012–2016

University Writing Instructor

Taught freshman composition.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Legal Research and Writing • Contracts • Animal Law • Law and Literature

EDUCATION

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL • Ithaca, NY • J.D., 2019

Articles Editor, *Cornell Law Review*

Managing Editor, *Legal Information Institute Supreme Court Bulletin*

CALI Award, *Hamilton v. Trump: Reading the Federalist Papers in Contemporary Context*, Prof. Michael Dorf

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA • Ph.D. (English), 2015; M.A. (English), 2011

Dissertation: *Selves Who Can Do More: Technology, Genre, and Individualism in American Fiction, 1933–2011* (Prof. Caren Irr, Director)

Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2014–2015

Mellon Dissertation Research Grant, 2013

Brandeis University Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, 2012

Gloria Safier Endowed Fellowship in English and American Literature, 2010–2014

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • Urbana, IL • B.A. (English), 2007

Smalley Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP • Los Angeles, CA; Chicago, IL • 2019–2021

Litigation Associate

Drafted motions and pleadings; conducted legal research and drafted strategy memoranda. Handled complex commercial litigation matters including trade secret misappropriation/unfair business practices, trademark infringement, breach of contract in construction/development context, and employment disputes. Represented pro bono clients in immigration matters and asylum applications. Secured client's early release from Federal Correctional Institution.

CORNELL OFFICE OF THE COMPLAINANTS' ADVISOR • Ithaca, NY • 2017–2019

Complainants' Advisor

Represented Cornell students throughout all stages of Title IX proceedings. Interviewed witnesses; drafted briefs, petitions, and appeals; and obtained favorable decisions for clients.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA • Los Angeles, CA •

Summer 2017

Legal Extern, Criminal Division

Drafted briefs and internal memoranda related to child pornography prosecution, Medicare fraud, and human trafficking.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA • 2010–2012

Teaching Assistant

Served as teaching assistant in undergraduate courses on queer theory, American fiction, poetry, and film.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY MANDEL CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES • Waltham, MA • 2012–2013

Program Assistant

Coordinated 2013 Mandel Lecture in the Humanities, "Letters to a Young Writer," by Prof. James Wood.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA • 2009–2010

Research Assistant

Assisted with research for Prof. Caren Irr's book *Pink Pirates: Contemporary American Women Writers and Copyright* (2010).

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

Reciprocal Legal Narrative: Climate Change, Judicial Authority, and the National Apocalyptic in *Juliana v. United States*, 16 NE. U. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024).

Cultivating a Practice: Buddhism and Legal Writing, 30 PERSP.: TEACHING LEGAL RSCH. & WRITING (forthcoming 2023).

"*What am I, a Machine?*": *Humans and Information in The Pale King*, in DAVID FOSTER WALLACE AND "THE LONG THING:" NEW ESSAYS ON THE NOVELS 169–186 (Bloomsbury 2014).

"*What am I, a Machine?*": *Humans, Information, and Matters of Record in David Foster Wallace's The Pale King*, 44 STUDIES IN THE NOVEL 447–463 (2012).

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Animal Protection Groups and Will County State's Attorney Target Animal Cruelty at Illinois Rodeos, 15 ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ANIMAL L. SECTION NEWSL. (October 2023).

Legal Storytelling and Legal Writing, SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Oct. 19, 2021), <https://sites.suffolk.edu/legalwritingmatters/2021/10/19/legal-storytelling-and-legal-writing/>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Animal Law and Legal Writing”

- Chicagoland Junior Scholars’ Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Oct. 6, 2023).
- Central States Legal Writing Conference, Drake University Law School (Sep. 22, 2023).

“Legal Storytelling and Narrative Fidelity,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, (Jan. 2022).

“Legal Storytelling in Richard Powers’ *The Overstory*,” Eighth Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Mercer University School of Law (July 2021).

“‘Bogat in One Car and Born in Another’: Traffic, Movement, and Travel in *The Pale King*,” First Annual David Foster Wallace Conference, Illinois State University (2014).

“Multiple Text Disentanglement: *The Pale King* as Cumulative Novel,” International Conference of Narrative, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2014).

AWARDS

Animal Legal Defense Fund 2023 Compassionate Counsel Award (recognizing pro bono service)

MEDIA

Dane Placko, *Drone video allegedly captures shocking animal abuse at Chicago area rodeos, sparking lawsuit*, FOX 32 CHICAGO, Aug. 30, 2023, <https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/drone-video-allegedly-captures-shocking-animal-abuse-chicago-area-rodeos-lawsuit>.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2021

Northern District of Illinois, 2021

California, 2019

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law
 - Assessments Committee
 - Faculty Mentor
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2023-2024
 - Faculty Advisor, Moot Court
 - Library Committee

PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE

- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Pro Bono Network (Oak Park, IL)
- Illinois Free Legal Answers

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SERVICE

- Assistant Editor, 28 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. (forthcoming March 2024)
- Volunteer Judge, 2023 University of Chicago Moot Court Fall Second City Invitational
- Peer Reviewer, LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC (2022)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association of American Law Schools
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
 - Volunteer Attorney
- American Bar Association
 - TIPS Animal Law Committee
- Chicago Bar Association
 - Animal Law Committee
- Illinois State Bar Association
 - Animal Law Section
- Legal Writing Institute