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TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

July 2016-Current

Teaches first-year course on fundamental legal skills using experiential learning theory and through simulation-based units on legal reasoning and writing, fact development, interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and oral advocacy.

ACTING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

June 2011-May 2014 & August 2015-May 2016

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Lawyering Skills, Legal Writing and Research, Experiential Learning, Legal Profession, Litigation, Appellate Practice, Client Counseling, and Prison Law & Corrections Policy.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., *cum laude*

May 2002

Honors: *Journal of International Law & Politics*, Staff Editor
Faculty of Law Study Abroad Program, University of Cape Town,
July-December 2001

Substantial Writing: *The Evolving Treatment of Rape as a War Crime*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, B.A., History & Political Science, First Class Honors

June 1999

Theses: *Cities of Opportunity? Women in Accra and Johannesburg from 1896 to 1952* (History)
Behind Closed Doors: Back Channel Negotiations' Possibilities and Limitations (Pol. Sc.)

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PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Wise Feedback Workshop: Addressing Stereotype Threat Issues in the Classroom and Through Your Feedback*, UCI Law Teaching and Learning Committee, July 2021

Presenter, *Teaching Students to Tell Hard Stories in the Pursuit of Justice: A Trauma Informed Approach*, Legal Writing Institute's Eighth Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, July 2021

Presenter, *Playing Against Type: Delivering Candid Critique While Minimizing the Risk of Stereotype Threat*, 2021 Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, University of Michigan Law School, June 2021

Session Moderator, *Association of Legal Writing Directors 2021 Innovative Teaching Workshop*, June 2021

Presenter, *Teaching Four-Dimensional Lawyering in a Two-Dimensional World*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, California Western School of Law, December 2020 (with Cindy Archer, UCI School of Law)

Presenter, *Making a Habit of Talking About Race*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law, December 2020

Panelist, *Teaching in the Time of Corona Webinar Series for Pre-Tenure Faculty*, Association of American Law Schools, June 2020

Presenter, *First Day Jitters*, William & Mary Law School's Conference for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research & Writing Online, June 2020 (with Roger Skalbeck, University of Richmond, School of Law)

*Accepted Presenter, *Better Writers and Better Lawyers*, Global Legal Skills Conference, Bari, Italy (*cancelled due to COVID 19 pandemic; originally scheduled for May 2020)

*Accepted Presenter, *The Golden Rules and When to Break Them Manual*, Association of Legal Writing Directors Teaching Workshop (*cancelled due to COVID 19 pandemic; originally scheduled for April 2020)

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Presenter, *Let Me Ask: Is There a Place for Client Interviewing and Counseling in the First Semester*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, UCI School of Law, December 2019

Presenter, *New and Cool: Teaching & Learning Committee Workshop*, UCI School of Law, September 2019

Workshop Facilitator, *Diversity Committee Workshop on Inclusive Pedagogy*, UCI School of Law, March 2018

Presenter, *Empowering Students to Solve Problems Through a Simulation-Based Course Design*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Chapman University, Fowler School of Law, December 2018

Presenter, *Teaching a Law Student To Fish: Emphasizing Problem-Solving in a First Year Legal Writing Program*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, UCI School of Law, September 2018

Guest Speaker, Naturalistic Field Research Class, UC Irvine, Department of Psychology and Social Behavior, May 2017

Speaker and Moderator, *UCI Talks Sex and Gender Rape Culture & Sexual Assault*, UCI School of Law, March 2017

Speaker, *Martin Luther King Jr. Teach-In & Training: Mobilizing for Justice in the Post-Election Era, Civil Rights Panel*, UCI School of Law, January 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Problematic Problems: A Trauma Informed Approach to Law School Exercises, 26 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. (forthcoming 2022)

When the Professor Has No Clothes, 25 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. 61 (2021)

Correcting for Bias and Blind Spots in PLRA Exhaustion Law, 21 GEO. MASON L. REV. 573 (2014)

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DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- Association of American Law Schools, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, Outreach Committee, 2021-Current
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Teaching Workshop Committee, 2020-Current
- Legal Writing Institute, New Members Committee, 2020-Current
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Teaching Workshop Committee, 2019-2020
- Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Planning Committee 2019

UNIVERSITY & LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Academic Integrity Review Board, Fall 2021-Fall 2024
- Special Investigation Committee, 2019-2020
- Academic Integrity Review Board, Spring 2020

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

- Admissions Committee, Fall 2021-Current
- Admissions Committee, Fall 2020
- Student Success Committee, Fall 2020
- Admissions Committee, 2019-2020
- Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2018-2019
- Clerkship Committee, 2018-2019
- Fellowship Committee, 2018-2019
- Planning Committee, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, 2018
- Fellowship Committee, 2017-2018

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN CRIME AND JUSTICE, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW,
Research Fellow, June 2014-August 2015

Engaged in scholarship on civil rights issues within prisons and jails and the expansion of administrative exhaustion doctrine into a variety of contexts, including prisoners' rights law.

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP, New York, New York

Litigation Associate, October 2002-April 2011 • *Summer Associate*, 2001

Represented clients in a broad range of matters. Specialized in prisoners' rights and complex tort litigation, including acting as counsel for American Airlines in *In re September 11 Litigation*. Experienced in case supervision, research and written advocacy, oral advocacy, witness interviews, depositions, fact investigation, negotiation, and mediation. Authored briefs in federal and state court proceedings at both the trial and appellate levels. Maintained a substantial pro bono practice. Pro bono representations include:

- **AMADOR v. ANDREWS**: For six years, led a large team of attorneys representing plaintiffs in a federal, civil rights action, seeking damages and class-wide injunctive relief for acts of rape and other serious sexual abuse committed by guards against prisoners. Successfully argued before the Second Circuit in June 2009, achieving revival of the class claims (*Amador v. Andrews*, 655 F.3d 89 (2d Cir. 2011)). Eight-time recipient of the Legal Aid Society's *Pro Bono Publico Award for Outstanding Service*.
- **ROE v. CRAWFORD**: Authored *amici curiae* brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in support of a successful challenge to Missouri's policy of denying the necessary medical services to pregnant prisoners who had elected to terminate their pregnancies. The brief demonstrated the negative impact that the policy had on prisoners' efforts at rehabilitation and was submitted on behalf of a diverse group of not-for-profit organizations located throughout the country.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Member, New York Bar (admitted 2003)

Admitted, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (inactive)

Admitted, U.S. District Court for the S.D.N.Y.

Admitted, U.S. District Court for the E.D.N.Y.