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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, *with distinction*, May 1996, Emory University

Order of the Coif, 1996.

Clark Boardman Callaghan Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Law School, 1996.

Editor-in-Chief, Emory International Law Review, 1995-96 (staff 1994-95).

Several American Jurisprudence Awards, 1993-96.

Semi-finalist, Oral Argument Competition, 1994.

Full academic scholarship, 1993-96.

Master of Divinity, May 1993, Yale University.

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, *cum laude*, May 1980, Southwestern University.

Harmon Dobson Scholar, 1976-1980.

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE and TEACHING HONORS

Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2008 - present.

Estates & Trusts (2010-present).

Property Law (2023-present).

Critical Legal Skills in Social Context (2023-present).

Applied Legal Theory & Analysis II (2023-present).

Law Review: Note or Comment (2017-2021).

Property Law I and II (2008-2023).

U.S. Property Law Module for Dual J.D. Degree (2008-2015).

- **Barnes Scholar**, as selected by a committee of the Faculty, 2020-2021.
- **Professor of the Year**, as voted by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law student body, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2020.
- **Nominee, Professor of the Year**, Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2013, 2014, 2016.
- **Nominee**, What the Best Law Teachers Do, Michael Hunter Schwartz et al., www.washburnlaw.edu/bestlawteachers (Harvard University Press, 2013).
- **Outstanding Faculty Member**, University of Detroit Mercy Black Law Students Association, April 2010.

Interim Associate Dean of Students, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Term II, 2021-2022.

Adjunct Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan
Trusts & Decedents' Estates, Winter 2018, Winter 2020

Sessional Instructor, Dual JD Programme, University of Windsor / University of Detroit Mercy, University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Winter 2013
Canadian and U.S. Property Law II, Winter 2013

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, 2006-2008.

Property Law I and II (2006-2008)

Estates & Trusts (2006-2008)

Elder Law (2006-2008)

Lawyering Skills (Fall 2007)

Humanity, Emotion, and the Law (mini-term 2007).

- University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Alumni Association **Outstanding Professor**, as elected by the graduating class of 2008, May 2008.
- **Tiera Farrow Faculty Award**, University of Missouri- Kansas City chapter of the Association of Women Law Students, 2008.

Assistant Professor of Law, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, 2002-2006.

Property Law I (2002 - 2003).

Estate Planning (2003 - 2006).

Trusts & Estates (2003 - 2006).

Business Associations (Spring 2004).

Elder Law (Spring 2005, Fall 2005).

Legal History (Fall 2005).

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Books

- **ESTATES & TRUSTS: A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK** (under contract to be published by Carolina Academic Press, anticipated 2023).
- **ELDER LAW: READINGS, CASES, AND MATERIALS** (3d ed., Lexis-Nexis 2007). With A. Kimberley Dayton and Molly Wood
- **ELDER LAW: STATUTES AND REGULATIONS** (3d ed., Lexis-Nexis 2007). *With Dayton and Wood.*

Book Chapters

- *In re Will of Moses*, Rewritten Opinion, **FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: TRUSTS AND ESTATES** (Carla Spivack, Browne C. Lewis & Debora S. Gordon, eds., Cambridge 2020).
- *Simon Ockley*, in *Eighteenth-Century British Historians*, 336 **DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY** (E.J. Jenkins, ed., Gale Press 2007).
- *Survey of Minnesota Employment Libel Law*, in Libel Defense Resource Center, **LDRC 50-STATE SURVEY: EMPLOYMENT LIBEL AND PRIVACY LAW** 442-450 (1999-2001).
- *Survey of Minnesota Employment Privacy Law*, in Libel Defense Resource Center, **LDRC 50-STATE SURVEY: EMPLOYMENT LIBEL AND PRIVACY LAW** 451-460 (1999-2001).

Articles and Other Publications

- *How to Save a Shipwreck*, 103 U. Det. Mercy L. Rev. 101 (forthcoming 2026) (with Tyler Winowiecki).
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Increasing Assessments and Feedback in Law School Classes*, 95 U. Det. Mercy L. Rev. 35 (2018) (with Karen McDonald Henning).
- *Keeping the Poor Out of Town*, AALS Teaching Methods 2015 Newsletter (October 2015), available at <https://goo.gl/eMFwzz>.

- “Code Switching” in *Comparative Legal Education*, 3 *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Online* (Summer 2014).
- Book Review: *Financial Independence: Getting to Point X*, 40 *ESTATE PLANNING* 12 (December 2013).
- *Law on the Front Lines: Pushing the Boundaries of “Marriage,”* 26 *JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT* 591 (2012).
- *Hubris*, 3 *ESTATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL* 1 (2010).
- *Saving Us From Ourselves: Reforming the Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty*, review of Melanie B. Leslie, *The Wisdom of Crowds? Groupthink and Nonprofit Governance*, on JOTWELL: TRUSTS & ESTATES, available at trustest.jotwell.com/saving-us-from-ourselves-reforming-the-fiduciary-duty-of-loyalty/ (March 30, 2010).
- *State Implementation of the Optional Provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act*, 9 *MARQUETTE ELDER’S ADVISOR* 63 (2007).
- *Availability of Child Care Options*, in *ESTATE, TAX, AND LIFE PLANNING FOR MINORS* (Carmina D’Aversa, ed., ABA Publishers 2006).
- *Medicaid, Elective Shares, and the Ghosts of Tenures Past*. 38 *CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW* 1111-1152 (2005).
- *Deference to Doctors in Dutch Euthanasia Law*. 10 *EMORY INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW* 255-295 (1996).

In Progress

A Dual-Processing Theory of Adverse Possession, exploring and expounding the role of physical proximity and duration in property law by application of neuro-psychology's dual-processing model of cognition to longstanding debates regarding the doctrine of adverse possession. Draft available upon request.

Presentations and Interviews

- Discussant, “Discussion Group on Scholarship (Workshop on Trusts & Estates),” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Sandestin, Florida, August 1, 2022.
- Moderator, “T&E Pedagogy Discussion Group: What Law Do You Teach? (Workshop on Trusts & Estates),” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Sandestin, Florida, August 2, 2022.
- Panelist, “Getting Territorial: New Issues and Old Questions in the Law of the United States Territories,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Sandestin, Florida, August 2, 2022.
- Discussant, “T&E Scholarship: Pushing Boundaries,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Amelia Island, Florida, July 30, 2021.
- Moderator, Works-In-Progress Workshop, Criminal Law, SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Amelia Island, Florida, July 30, 2021.
- Discussant, “Current and Evolving Trusts & Estates Scholarship,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, online, August 4, 2020.
- Discussant, “Using Technology and Creativity in the Trusts & Estates Classroom,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, online, August 5, 2020.
- Discussant, “The Dead Hand: Keeping Students Engaged in the T&E Classroom,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Boca Raton, Florida, July 29, 2019.
- “Using TWEN effectively,” presented at EXPLORING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE LAW SCHOOL CLASSROOM, INSTITUTE FOR LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington, June 19, 2018.
- “A Pencil and a Pad,” presented at EXPLORING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE LAW

SCHOOL CLASSROOM, INSTITUTE FOR LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington, June 20, 2018.

“‘If You Give A Mouse A Cookie’: Increasing Assessments and Individual Feedback in Law School Classes,” presented at The Impact of Formative Assessment: Emphasizing Outcome Measures in Legal Education, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review 2017 Symposium, Detroit, Michigan, March 3, 2017 (with Karen McDonald Henning).

“‘If You Give A Mouse A Cookie’: How ‘Bar Exam-Ready’ Students Become ‘Practice-Ready’ Lawyers,” presented at INSTITUTE FOR LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE ON REAL-WORLD READINESS, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, June 9-11, 2016 (with Karen McDonald Henning).

“Fundamental Rights or Activist Judges? A rhetorical comparison of *Obergefell v. Hodges* with *Brown v. Board of Education*,” presented at the OXFORD SYMPOSIUM ON HISTORY, HUMAN RIGHTS & LAW, Pembroke College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom, August 10-12, 2015.

Discussant, “Innovations in Trusts and Estates,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Amelia Island, Florida, August 1, 2014.

Discussant, “Trusts and Estates Scholarship and Pedagogy,” SEALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Palm Beach, Florida, August 4, 2013.

“Code-Switching in Comparative Legal Education,” presented at LAW & LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, June 21, 2013.

“When Bad Grades Happen to Good Students: Methods for Correcting Disparities Between Student Performance in Casebook and Legal Writing Courses,” presented to the Section on Teaching Methods at the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS annual meeting, San Francisco, California, January 4, 2011 (with Karen McDonald Henning).

Sheila Pursglove, *Law prof recalls days as former newshound*, Oakland County Legal News, July 23, 2010.

“Law on the Front Lines,” presented at LEGAL, SECULAR, AND RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY/MARRIAGE PROTECTION/SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, St. John’s University School of Law, New York, New York, Nov. 12, 2010.

“Warning: This Relationship Expires at Death,” presented at the Midwest Family Law Conference, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-INDIANAPOLIS, June 13, 2008.

The Associated Press, *Maryland Law Student Creates Law School Musical*, Dec. 20, 2007.

“What States Have Enacted,” presented as part of MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL ELDER’S ADVISOR Symposium: *Elder Care SNAFU? Long-Term Care After the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 29, 2007.

OTHER LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- Associate, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2000-2002.
- Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco, California, 1999-2000.
- Associate, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996-1999.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California Supreme Court, December 2000 (inactive).
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, January 1997 (inactive).
- Minnesota Supreme Court, October 1996 (inactive).

PRIOR NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- Copy Editor, New Haven Register, New Haven, Connecticut, 1990-1993.
- News Editor (Manager), San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1987-1990.
Honorable Mention, Page One Layout, The Associated Press, 1988.
Award for Excellence in Communications about Cancer, Texas Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 1987-88.
- Copy Editor, San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1983-1987.
Honorable Mention, Page One Layout, The Associated Press, 1987.
- Compositor, San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1983.

LAW SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY SERVICELaw School Committees

Honor Council, 2021-present.
 Rank & Tenure Executive Committee, 2020-present.
 Chair, Petitions Committee, 2020-present.
 Chair, Handbook Committee, 2022-present.
 Chair, Law Review Committee, 2015-2022.
 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2019-2020.
 Chair, Admissions & Student Recruitment Committee, 2014-2015, 2018-2019.
 Budget Committee, 2013-2018.
 Chair, Bar Exam Committee, 2015-2018; member, Bar Exam Task Force, 2013-2015.
 Chair, McElroy Committee, 2015-2018; member, 2008-2012, 2014-2015.
 Rank & Tenure Policy Revision Working Group, 2014-2015
 Mission & Identity Committee, 2013-2014.
 Pro Bono Subcommittee, 2010-2013.
 Self-Study Report Drafting Committee, I.T., Fall 2010.
 Voice for Justice Committee, 2008 - 2015.
 Professional Development Committee, 2009 -2010.
 AALS Alternate Representative, 2009-2012.

Teaching- and Student-Related Activities

Law Review faculty advisor, 2015 – present.
 Supervision of Law Review members' Notes, 2006 – present.
(supervising an average of two student Notes each year).
 SBA Bar Exam Primer on Property Law, 2014.
 Essay Exam Writing Workshop for JD-LLB students, March 2010.
 Faculty Coach, Lefkowitz Moot Court Team, 2014-2015.
 Faculty Coach, Wagner Moot Court Team, 2008-09 and 2009-10.
 Faculty Coach, McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Team, 2010-2011, 2011-2012.
 Law Review symposium faculty advisor, 2013-2014.
 Faculty Advisor, Outlaws, 2009-2016.

University Activities

HLC-NCA Subcommittee on Ethical & Responsible Conduct, 2014-2015.
 Website Policy Taskforce, 2010 -2011.
 Law School Banner Bearer, Celebrate Spirit Mass, September 23, 2010.
 Mission Micro Grant Recipient, 2009.
 Representative, Heartland Delta Faculty Conversations, Marquette University, February

2009.

Judge, Ethics Bowl, Fall 2008.

Service to the Profession

Moderator, “Works-in-Progress Workshop: Criminal Law,” SEALS Annual Conference, July 30, 2021.

Mock Job Talk Attendee, SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, July 31, 2020.

Mock Interviews, SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, August 1, 2020.

Mock Job Talk Attendee, SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, July 30, 2019.

Mock Interviews, SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop, July 31, 2019.

Judge, Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition, The National LGBT Bar Association, 2013-2015.

Presentation: “Your First Deposition,” Best Practices CLE series, Nebraska State Bar Association, October 18, 2005.

Member, Greater Omaha Area Council on Elder Abuse, July-September 2005.

Presentation: “Elimination of Bias on the Basis of Sexual Orientation,” Minnesota State Bar Association, February 2002.

Lawsuits and Reference Checking, HPR Update, July 1997.

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Trustee, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, 2017-2019.

Vestry, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Ferndale, Michigan, 2014-2017.

Warming Center volunteer team, 2014-2015.

Mock Class, Jesuit Law Day, Saint Thomas More Society, October 29, 2010.

Consultant, Kent Bellows Foundation, Kent Bellows Studio & Center for the Visual Arts, 2005 - 2008.

OTHER HONORS

Faegre & Benson Outstanding Pro Bono Contribution, 1997, 1998

Order of the Coif, 1996.

Clark Boardman Callaghan Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Law School, Emory University, 1996.

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