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EDUCATION

University of Akron School of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2006

Honors & Activities: The Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg Memorial Prize; ALI/ABA Outstanding Scholarship & Leadership Award Board of Trustees Scholarship; Linda M. Poppenhouse Scholarship; Judge Harold and Jeanette White Scholarship; Joseph Thomas Memorial Scholarship; Anna M. Pfeifle and Henry P. Victor Memorial Scholarship; Fully R. Spain, Jr. Scholarship

Converse College

Certification, Special Education, 1996

University of Kentucky

M.A. Social Science Education, 1993

Berea College

B.A. History, 1991

Honors & Activities: Student Government Association Vice President, Alumni Relations Council, Vincit Qui Patitur Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Mortar Board Service & Leadership Honor Society.

RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Clinical Professor of Law

July 2022- present

Clinical Professor of Law, Director of Academic Support

June 2019- July 2022

Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Director of Academic Support

June 2016- June 2019

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Director of Academic Support

January 2012-June 2016

Courses Taught: LAWI, LAWII, Advanced Legal Skills, Legal Analysis Workshop, MPT Immersion, Bar Exam Basics Essay Workshop.

Activities: External Moot Court Team Coach; Faculty Advisor- Black Law Student Association, Military and Veteran Law Student Association; First Year Student Cohort Advisor.

College Committees: Admissions Committee (2014-2021); DEIJ Committee (2021-2023); Clinical Faculty Review Committee, chair (2023-present).

University Committees: Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, selection committee (2021-2022, chair 2022-2023); University Conduct Board (2022- present); Faculty Senate Library Committee (2023- present).

The Ohio State University & Saint Anne's College, University of Oxford

Resident Director and Instructor, Pre-Law Study Abroad Program

Summer, 2023

University of Akron School of Law

Director, Academic Success Programs

August 2008-December 2011

Courses Taught: Criminal Law Lab, Advanced Legal Applications, MPT Immersion.

Activities: External Moot Court Team Coach, Akron Law Cares Committee, Bar Support Committee.

Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

Judicial Attorney, The Honorable Elinore Marsh Stormer

August 2006-August 2008

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Be Curious, Not Judgmental: Neurodiversity in Legal Education, Forthcoming, Arkansas Law Journal (2025).

A Short and Happy Guide to the Multistate Performance Test, West Academic (February 2023).

Success After Failure: Strategies for Working with Repeat Bar Takers, THE LEARNING CURVE (Spring 2022).

Guide to the MPT- Critical Pass, West Academic (April 2022).

Bar Prep During COVID: A Lawyer's Perspective, [Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly](#) (Winter 2021).

Intelligence is Not Enough: Uncovering and Communicating the Hidden Rules to Promote Success in Law School, THE LEARNING CURVE, (Summer/Fall 2018) (co-author).

Banning Laptops is Not the Solution to Better Learning, ABA Law Student Section, Beyond the Bar (Dec 13, 2017).

The [Bar Exam Wizard](#) Blog, creator, owner, author, editor (2015- August 2022).

Remember the Water Buffalo (re-print), THE LEARNING CURVE (Winter 2014).

Remember the Water Buffalo, THE LAW TEACHER, (Spring 2013).

INTERVIEWS:

Quoted in Thomson Reuters Institute Article: How Forward-Thinking Employers Recognize Social Mobility as an Emerging Area of DEI (July 12, 2022).

Court News: Court and a Thousand Applicants Overcome Bar Exam Obstacles, [Court News Ohio](#) (original broadcast October 6, 2020).

Law Profs Are People Too [Podcast](#), (original broadcast June 28, 2020).

Avoiding Mental Illness Treatment Out of Fear of the Moral Character Application, Lawyers Gone Ethical [Podcast](#) (original broadcast August 21, 2018).

How to Persuade People Consumed with Negative Emotions, American Negotiation Institute [Podcast](#) with Kwame Christian (original broadcast October 29, 2016).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Legal Writing

Panelist, Panel 1- Creating Conditions Under Which Students Can Do Their Best Work, Panel 2- Infusing Identity into the Legal Writing Classroom, 2024 LWI Biannual Conference, University of Indiana McKinney School of Law, July 17-20, 2024.

Presenter, 2024 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference- Be Curious, Not Judgmental: Neurodiversity in Legal Education, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Loyola Law School, March 9-10, 2024.

Presenter, Be Curious, Not Judgmental: Neurodiversity in Legal Education, LWI One Day Workshop hosted by the University of Florida Levin College of Law, December 2, 2023.

Presenter, Moving from Knowledge Acquisition to Knowledge Management, a Next Gen Approach to the NextGen Bar Exam, LWI One Day Workshop, Charleston College of Law, December 9, 2022.

Presenter, Small Group Revision Conferences are an Integral Component of Evolving Into the New Equilibrium, LWI Biennial Conference, Georgetown University, July 22, 2022.

Presenter, Diversity in the Legal Writing Classroom, LWI Bootcamp, July 14, 2022.

Presenter, Is This Who We Are? Interrogating the Connections Between Professional Identity, Diversity, and Cultural Competency, LWI One Day Workshop, December 3, 2021 (co-presenter, Michael Fahy).

Presenter, Co-Teaching, Remote Learning, and the Fifth Amendment; LWI One Day Workshop, California Western School of Law, December 9, 2020 (co-presenter, David Roper).

Presenter, Engaging Students with a Blend of Asynchronous and Synchronous Learning, LRW Online Teaching Excellence Conference, William & Mary Law School, June 18, 2020.

Presenter, Thinking and Writing Fast, Skills Transfer; LWI One Day Workshop, Charleston School of Law, December 6, 2019.

Presenter, Self-Assessment: Benefits of Integrating Self-Assessment Tools into the Legal Writing Curriculum, LWI One Day Workshop, University of Tennessee College of Law, December 1, 2018.

Presenter, Effective Feedback with Less Stress, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 23-24, 2018.

Presenter, Analogies Designed to Make Legal Research Easier, Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries annual conference, Case Western Reserve University, October 18-19, 2017.

Presenter, The Power of Post-Its: How to Use a Set of Sticky Notes to Promote Legal Writing, LWI One Day workshop, University of Texas School of Law, December 9, 2016 (co-presenter, Anne Ralph).

Presenter, Geography Matters: How Physical Proximity Promotes Collaboration Among Peers, Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, Miami University College of Law, January 22-23, 2016.

Presenter, Cultural Competency, Critical Thinking, and Effective Writing: How buy-in promotes effective feedback and enhances learning, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, March 5-7, 2015 (co- presenter Julie George, Dean of Libraries, Eastern Kentucky University).

Presenter, Double-Duty: Teaching Legal Writing & Analysis and Developing Professional Identity & Practice-Ready Skills, LWI One Day Workshop, Mercer University, December 5, 2014.

Two Skills, One Assignment: Research Meetings that are Productive, Professional and (Relatively) Painless, Legal Writing Institute Biannual Conference, Philadelphia PA, June 27, 2014.

Presenter, Power of the Pyramid: Critical Thinking Models as a Foundation for Legal Analysis, Legal Writing Institute Winter Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, December 5, 2013 (co-presenter Julie Silver George, Dean of Libraries, Eastern Kentucky University).

Presenter, Teaching Isn't Just for Law Professors: The Evolving Legal Writing Classroom, Legal Writing Institute Winter Workshop, Villanova Law School, December 3, 2012.

Bar Exam & Academic Success

Presenter, Neurodiversity in Legal Education- National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals, annual conference, Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada, June 17-20, 2024,

Presenter, Providing Students with Failure Opportunities, Moritz College of Law Teaching Innovation Group, Nov 10, 2021 (co-presenter Anthony Senick).

Presenter, West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Annual Conference- Bar Exam Success After Failure, Strategies for Working with Repeat Takers, November 5, 2021.

Presenter, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Live Twitter Chat (#BarExamChat): February 10, 2019; July 5, 2018; May 21, 2018.

Presenter, The Power of Post-Its: How to use a set of sticky notes to promote analytical organization, peer communication, and self-assessment, West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals annual conference, Golden Gate University School of Law, November 3, 2017.

Presenter, Intelligence is Not Enough: uncovering and communicating the “hidden rules” of class in order to succeed in law school and the legal profession, AASE Annual Conference, Texas A&M School of Law, May 23, 2017 (co-presenter, Allison Meena).

Invited Speaker, Developing and Maintaining an Academic Support Program, University of North Texas School of Law, September 19, 2014.

Presenter, Inside the MPT: Using Immersion Learning Theory to Teach the MPT, AASE Annual Conference, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, May 31, 2014.

Presenter, Power of the Pyramid: Critical Thinking Models as a Foundation for Legal Analysis, Association of Academic Support Educators Inaugural Annual Conference, UNLV Boyd Law School, May 30, 2013.

Presenter, Early Intervention: Teaching Students How to Swim Instead of Throwing Them in and Hoping They Don't Sink, Institute for Law Teaching & Learning Conference, New York Law School, June 3, 2011.

Coordinator/Moderator, Ohio Law Schools Academic Support Conference, February 22-23, 2011.

Academic Outreach

Invited Panelist, Empowered Professionals Expo, Undergraduate Society of Black Leaders, The Ohio State University, August 31, 2023.

Invited Speaker, The Social, Financial, and Academic Realities of Law School, Undergraduate Black Law Students Association, The Ohio State University, March 20, 2019.

Invited Speaker, Law School Class Simulation, Undergraduate Black Law Students Association, The Ohio State University, October 24, 2018.

Invited Speaker, Writing Effectively: How to Persuade the Court to Rule in Your Favor, Law & Leadership Institute, Moritz College of Law, October 11, 2014.

Invited Speaker, High Stakes Testing: How to Approach College Entrance Exams, Law & Leadership Institute, Moritz College of Law, July 2014.

Invited Speaker, Herding Cats Without Hurting Feelings: Providing Constructive Feedback to High School Writers, Law & Leadership Institute Leadership Training, June 15, 2014.

Professional Practice

Presenter, Supreme Court of Ohio Committee on Professionalism, Student to Lawyer Symposium- Are We Setting Expectations or Gatekeeping? Interrogating the Connections Between Professional Identity, Diversity, and Cultural Competency; October 14, 2022.

Moderator, Court Transparency and Access, Thomas Moyer Inn of Court, April 13, 2022.

Moderator/Speaker, Lawyer Wellbeing, Thomas Moyer Inn of Court, May 12, 2021.

Moderator, Pro Brono During a Pandemic, Thomas Moyer Inn of Court, November 14, 2020.

Invited Speaker, Practicing Law: Knowing, Researching, and Clearly Communicating the Law, Moritz College of Law Office of Career Development, Summer Professional Development Series, July 21, 2020.

Presenter, Mental Health & Wellbeing in the Legal Profession, Thomas Moyer Inn of Court, November 13, 2019.

Invited Panelist, Great Conversations (developing and building professional connections), Berea College Alumni Association, November 7, 2014.

Invited Speaker, Resumes that Get Results: Creating a Professional Brand, University of Kentucky Police and Transportation Department, November 6, 2014.

Invited Panelist, Great Conversations: Career Preparation & Networking, Berea College, November 7, 2013.

Invited Speaker, How Not to Get Arrested (and other important details about the American legal system), Moritz College of Law LLM Orientation Program, August 2012 & 2013.

Invited Panelist, Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyer to Lawyer Mentor Training, July 24, 2012.

Invited Speaker, Untangling the Law: Real World Applications of Criminal Statutes, Pre-Law Advising Program, Eastern Kentucky University, October 6, 2011.

Invited Speaker, (Un)Professional Perceptions of Women in Legal Practice, University of Akron School of Law, June 14, 2011.

Invited Speaker, How Erin Brockovich Improved the Professional Perception of Women in the Legal Field, University of Akron School of Law, June 8, 2010.

Invited Speaker, Understanding Discrimination through *Ricci v. DeStefano*, Eastern Kentucky University, October 15, 2009.

AWARDS & HONORS:

Moritz College of Law, Morgan E. Shipman Outstanding Professor Award (2016, 2021).

John Mercer Langston Bar Association & Black Law Students Association, Ohio State Faculty Member of the Year (2019).

The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching (2017).

Moritz College of Law Moot Court & Lawyering Skills Governing Board Coach of the Year (2016).

Berea College Outstanding Young Alumnus Award (2013).

University of Akron School of Law, Black Law Student Association Administrator of the Year (2009), Alumna of the Year (2010).

Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, 30 For the Future Award Recipient (2009).

Honorable Order, Kentucky Colonels (2003- current).

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

The Ohio State University Code of Conduct Hearing Board (2022- present).

The Ohio State University, University Senate Library Committee (2023-present).

The Ohio State University Academy of Teaching Excellence Executive Council (2017- 2022), Annual Teaching Conference Planning Board (2018-2020).

The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching Selection Committee (2021-2023), chair 2022-2023.

Thomas Moyer Inn of Court (2015-2022), Board of Directors (2019-2022).

Ohio Supreme Court New Lawyer Mentoring Program (2011-present).

Association of Legal Writing Directors, Teaching Workshop Committee (2018-19, 2020-21); ALWD Guide Committee (2022- present).

Legal Writing Institute: LWI IdeaBank Committee (2014-2016), Academic Support Committee (2018-2022), Bar Advocacy Committee (2018-2023).

Berea College Pre-Law Pathway Alumni Mentorship Partnership (2020-2022).

Association of Academic Support Educators (charter member): Bar Advisory Committee (2013- 2015), Diversity Committee (2017-19), Advocacy Committee (2019-2022), Outreach Committee (2021-2022).

BAR AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Ohio State Bar, admitted 2006.

American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus Bar Association, John Mercer Langston Bar Association.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT:

Special Olympics: Head Coach, OSU/Special Olympics Unified Sports Basketball (2017, 2018); Assistant Coach, Special Olympics/ESPN Play Unified Soccer Program, (2016- present); Assistant Coach, Franklin County Special Olympics Track & Soccer Teams (2013-present).

Ohio Supreme Court Committee on Professionalism, Lawyer Mentoring Program Revision (2017-2019).

Berea College Alumna Delegate, Mount Saint Joseph University President Inauguration (April 28, 2017).

Berea College Alumni Executive Council (2014-2018): Nominations Committee, Awards Committee.

Deputy Editor, ABA Section of International Law, International Law Year in Review (2014, 2016, 2017).

Assistant Editor, Legal Writing Institute Journal (2015).