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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School • J.D. • May 2003

Award: Women Lawyers of Michigan, Julia D. Darlow award for community activities and commitment to improving relations between the legal profession and the public.

Activities: Michigan Journal of Race & Law, Outlaws (Co-chair), American Constitution Society, Public Interest Group, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, National Lawyers Guild

Dartmouth College • A.B. • June 1994

Major: Psychology

Award: Teacher Certification Award for academic achievement & excellence in education.

EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law School • South Royalton, VT

Professor of Law & JD Externship Program Director • July 2018 – Present

Assistant Professor of Law, JD Externship Program • July 2017 – July 2018

Teaching JD externship courses focused on professional development and learning to practice. Active in all aspects of field placement program including strategic planning, budget management, hiring, program management, placement development, and student counseling. Development of courses in Canvas online learning platform. Supervision of professors.

Current service to school includes: Assessment Committee (Co-chair 20-21); Curriculum Committee; Clinical & Experiential Working Group; Threat Assessment & Management (TAM) Team; Academic Advisor.

Past service to school includes: Diversity Committee; Revenue Development Committee; COVID Response Team

Current service to community includes: AALS Externship Committee & International and Semester Away Externships Sub-Committee; Organization of New England Externship Professors (NExt): Remote Externships Subcommittee; Supervisor Outreach & Training Subcommittee

Associate Director of Career Services • January 2012 – February 2016

Engaged in all aspects of career and professional development office including program management, student counseling, training, outreach, interdepartmental collaboration, and data analysis and reporting.

State of Georgia, Department of Human Services – Division of Family & Children Services • Atlanta, GA • March 2016 – June 2017

Program & Federal Grants Manager

Judicial Liaison

Primary liaison between the Georgia Division of Family & Children Services and federal oversight bodies for multiple federal grants. Division lead and subject matter expert on substantive projects. Extensive community outreach and development role. Research, writing, and training responsibilities.

Chase College of Law Northern Kentucky Univ. • Highland Heights, KY • Aug 2010 – Dec 2011

Assistant Professor & Director of the Field Placement Clinic

Primary responsibility for law school externship program including managing and expanding placement opportunities, formulating budget recommendations, and general program management.

Voices for Georgia's Children • Atlanta, GA • 2009 - 2010

Policy Director

Responsible for policy decisions of statewide holistic child advocacy organization. Development of new policy around education of vulnerable children. State-level lobbying, agency collaboration, training of grassroots level advocates. Supervision of staff and interns.

Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children • Atlanta, GA • 2005 - 2009

Deputy Project Director (2007-2009) • Measures for Courts Project Manager (2006-2007) • Managing Attorney (2005-2006)

Increasing levels of responsibility for million dollar grant from federal Administration for Children and Families. Extensive data analysis, research, writing, training, policy development, program and grant management. Education of attorneys, judges, and other court stakeholders.

German Marshall Fund of the United States • Washington, DC • Fall 2007

Marshall Memorial Fellow

Awarded to emerging leaders from the U.S. and Europe to explore societies, institutions, and people on an international level and to develop professional relationships and networks.

Barton Child Law & Policy Clinic Emory University Law School • Atlanta, GA • 2003 - 2005

Post-Graduate Fellow in Law

Assisted with teaching of seminar course: Child Advocacy: The Law, The Policy & The Players. Clinical supervisor: oversight of student research and student legislative and community involvement. Legislative and policy work including research and legislative testimony. Community educator. Legal educator.

Additional Clinical Law Experience: **University of Cape Town Law School Legal Aid Clinic** (Cape Town, S. Africa • Fall 2002); **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund** (Chicago, IL • Summer 2002); **Univ. of Michigan Child Advocacy Clinic** (Ann Arbor, MI • Summer 2001 • Spring 2002 & 2003)

Additional Teaching and Education Experience: **Eton Academy** – Middle School Teacher (Birmingham, MI • 1997 – 2000); **Gibson School for the Gifted** – Preschool Director (Redford, MI • 1996 – 1997); **St. Anne School** – K-8 Computer Teacher (Warren, MI • 1995 – 1996); **Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network** (Detroit, MI • 1995 – 1999)

PRESENTATIONS

Third Year Launch Into Practice: Externships and Online Learning - A partnership opening doors far beyond the campus and the reflective component. Externships 10 Conference. With Professor Jeannette Eicks, Professor of Practice at VLS. October 2020 (virtual conference and presentation due to COVID).

Foundations for Practice. Externships 10 Conference. Facilitated plenary breakout group. October 2020 (virtual conference and presentation due to COVID).

Weaving Student Needs, Experiential and Online Learning to Create a Tailored Educational Experience. Online & Learning Pedagogy: Toward Defining Best Practices in Legal Education. With Professors Joe Brennan, Jeannette Eicks, & Sarah Reiter of Vermont Law School. September 2019.

Building the Whole Lawyer: Preparing Students for Entry-Level Success. AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education. With Courtney Brooks, Director of Legal Residencies at UNH. May, 2019.

Building the Whole Lawyer: Preparing Students for Entry-Level Success. Externships 9 Conference. With Courtney Brooks, Director of Legal Residencies at UNH and Nicole Killoran, Assistant Professor of Law at VLS. March, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

Grow Up Georgia...It's Time to Treat Our Children as Children: A Look Into the Child Protection and Public Safety Act. John Marshall Law Journal. Volume IV. Spring 2011.

Measuring the Next 30 Years. An evaluation of the early years of child protection law and recommendations for what needs to be done to ensure a successful future. The University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. Volume 41. Issue 1. Fall 2007.

Differential Treatment of Parents with Disabilities in Child Protection Proceedings: Identifying ways of keeping families together. Co-author. Part of Break the Cycle: A Monograph of the Institute for the Study of Disadvantage and Disability, Inc. Volume 1. Fall 2005.

A Child's Right to Legal Representation in Georgia Neglect and Abuse Proceedings. Georgia Bar Journal, August 2004.

Bruised Bodies, Bruised Spirits: An Assessment of the Current Climate of Safety for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth in Southeastern Michigan Schools. Co-author. Published by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network of Southeast Michigan. 1997.

BAR STATUS: Michigan State Bar – Member in good standing since 2003 – Bar # P66531 (currently inactive)