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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law

New York, N.Y.
J.D. 1985

Selected Honors and Activities:

Charles Evans Hughes Fellowship (for commitment to public interest law), 1985.

Research Assistant to Professor and Vice-Dean Jack Greenberg, 1984-85.

Child Advocacy Law Clinic (Morningside Heights Legal Services), 1983-84.

Associate Editor, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, 1983-84.

Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and Public Interest Law Student Association (PILSA).

PILSA Student Funded Fellowship, 1983.

Law Students Civil Rights Research Council (LSCRRC) Internship, 1983.

Columbia College

New York, N.Y.
B.A. 1981

Major: Political Science/International Affairs

Selected Honors and Activities:

Henry Evans Traveling Fellowship (to research the political theater of Latin America).

The Caroline Phelps Stokes Prize (for "the best essay on a topic concerning the rights of man").

White House Internship (in Presidential Personnel Office), Washington, D.C.

Intercollegiate (baseball) and intramural sports.

Dean's List.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Cleveland, Ohio
July 1989 to Present

DIRECTOR, SJD (Doctorate of Juridical Science) PROGRAM

May 2020-Present

INTERIM DIRECTOR, SJD PROGRAM

May 2019-May 2020

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LLM LAWYERING SKILLS PROGRAM

2015-2019

PROFESSOR, LAWYERING SKILLS

2006-Present

INSTRUCTOR, ASSISTANT and ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS

JULY 1989-2006

Primary Teaching Responsibilities:

First-Year SJD Seminar (First-Semester and Second-Semester SJD Seminars) and Advanced SJD Seminar each semester for students preparing their dissertations to obtain the degree of Doctorate of Juridical Science.

- Primary Faculty Advisor supervising multiple SJD candidates each year
- Third reader and dissertation oral defense panelist for numerous SJD candidates each year

Professional Responsibility (Summers, 2022-2023) and *LLM Professional Responsibility* for International LLM students each spring 2016-present (co-taught with Adjunct Professor Su He from 2020-present).

U.S. Legal Writing at Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China, in May-June of 2018 and 2020 (remotely) as part of ongoing partnership agreement with CWRU School of Law.

Legal English at Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China, in December 2019, 2021 (remotely), and November-December 2023-2025 as part of partnership agreement with CWRU.

International Real Estate Transactions at Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China, in May 2021 (remotely), and November-December 2023-2025 as part of partnership agreement with CWRU.

U.S. Legal Terminology for Saudi judges of the Board of Grievances, Riyadh, KSA, May 2025.

Other Courses Taught:

Foreign Graduate Seminar for International LLM students, Spring 2026.

U.S. Legal Research, Analysis & Writing for International LLM students, 2014-2019.

Scholarly Writing for International LLM students, 2015.

Legal Analysis and Writing (CORE 1 and CORE 2, now LLEAP 1 and LLEAP 2), the first year of the JD Lawyering Skills curriculum, 2003-2015.

Pretrial Practice, a skills simulation course focusing on the pretrial process of civil litigation, 2000-2004.

Legal, Analysis, and Writing, the intensive first-year legal writing course, 1989-2002.

Communication and Legal Reasoning, Northwestern University Law School's intensive first-year skills course, 2002-2003.

Lawyering Process, an upper-class skills course on Client Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation, spring and summer semesters for various years, 1995-2003.

Conflicts Resolution, a first-year course on legal method and the judicial process, 1991.

Professional Responsibility, the second-year required legal ethics course, 1992 and 1993.

Selected Honors, Activities, and Service:

Faculty Inductee, Society of Benchers, 2022.

2021 Distinguished Teacher Award, CWRU Law Alumni Association, 2021.

Member, Leadership and Executive Committee, AALS Section on Global Engagement, 2021.

Co-Chair, Legal Writing Institute Global Legal Writing Skills Committee, 2020-21.

“LLM Teacher of the Year,” 2019.

“LLM Teacher of the Year,” 2018.

“First Year Professor of the Year,” 2006-2007.

Founding Mentor, *The Provost Scholars Program*, Case Western Reserve University, 2013-present. (This mentoring program serves inner-city students from the nearby East Cleveland School District and other urban schools such as The Cleveland School for the Arts.)

UCITE Learning Fellow 2.0 Seminar Participant, University Center in Teaching Excellence, Fall 2016.

UCITE Learning Fellow Seminar Participant, University Center in Teaching Excellence, Fall 2003.

Chaperon for International Summer Bridge Camp in China sponsored by The Confucius Institute, accompanying 40+ high school students, including eight East Cleveland students and several Provost Scholars, July 2015.

Member, CWRU Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, 2007-2011.

Chairperson, CWRU Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, 2011-2014.

Co-founder, *Summer Legal Academy* for local high school students (now called the *Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy*), Case Law School, June 2005.

Coordinator, Research, Analysis & Writing Program, 1994-98.

“Street Law” teacher as part of local NAACP’s “Save Our Students” Program, 1997.

Law School Representative to the University's Faculty Senate (various years).

Member, Dean's Cabinet for Global Legal Studies, 2022-present.

Member of various other law school committees every year (e.g., Admissions, Foreign Graduate Studies, Building and Grounds (including as Chair), Diversity (including as Chair)).

Member, University Health Advisory Committee, 2015-present.

Member, University Faculty Senate's Faculty Relations Committee (various years in 1990's).

Faculty Advisor (various years) (e.g., to Street Law Program, Client Counseling Competition, and Nat'l Moot Court Team).

Member of various other law school committees every year (e.g., Admissions, Foreign Graduate Studies, Building and Grounds (including as Chair), Diversity (including as Chair)).

Member, University Health Advisory Committee, 2015-present.

Faculty Liaison for various externships (e.g., the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and various state Attorney General offices).

Haitian Refugee Project—Assisted CWRU law students (and participated in) interviewing refugees at the Haitian Refugee Center in Florida during Spring Break, March 1992.

Selected Presentations, Professional Affiliations, and Publications:

Co-author (with Professors Peter Gerhart and Jack Turner), CWRU Law School's *SJD Handbook*, 2018. Author, *SJD Handbook* (Revised 2024).

Advisory Board Member, *Be the Change Venture*, 2018-present.

Founding Member, *Association of Legal Writing Directors*, 1996-present.

Member, *Legal Writing Institute*, 1990-present.

Member, *The Global Legal Skills Conference* Organizing or Program Committee, various years.

Panel Discussant, American Society of International Law (ASIL) Midyear Meeting Research Forum, CWRU School of Law, Cleveland, OH, September 27, 2025.

Presenter on “Lessons from Cyrano and Roxanne: How Do We Deal with Generative A.I., Translations of Foreign Sources, and Proper Attribution (Citations) in Academic Legal Writing?”, Global Legal Skills Conference (GLS 17), May 28, 2025, Brno, Czechia.

Presenter on “Scholarly Legal Writing with Foreign Language Sources: How do we Deal with Generative A.I., Google Translate, Author Translations, and Proper Attribution?” at the Global Legal Skills Conference (GLS 16), June 6, 2024, at the Universita Degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy.

Presenter on “Tips for Teaching International LLM Students and Exchange Students: Being Mindful of Common Cultural and Communication Concerns” at the Global Legal Skills Conference (GLS 13) December 12, 2018, at the University of Melbourne School of Law, Melbourne, Australia.

Co-presenter (with other CWRU professors) on “Teaching International Students” for the *UCITE Learning Fellows 2.0 Seminar*, November 16, 2016.

Co-presenter (with Profs. Cassandra Robertson and Jean McQuillan) at the *Ohio Supreme Court’s Student to Lawyer Symposium* in Columbus on “Ethical Discretion – Developing Resilience,” Oct. 21, 2016.

Co-presenter assisting Prof. Cassandra Robertson with “Ethics Jeopardy” during her *Legal Ethics CLE presentation* on “New Challenges in Professional Ethics,” at CWRU School of Law, Nov. 19, 2016.

Presenter on “Professionalism Instruction for International LLM Students: How Should We Teach about Plagiarism and Professional Responsibility?” at the *Western Regional Legal Writing Conference*, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA, August 5, 2016.

Presenter on “Providing Professionalism Instruction for International Students: Teaching *Professional Responsibility* to LLM students” at the Global Legal Skills Conference XIII, held March 15-17, 2017, at the Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey, in cooperation with The John Marshall Law School-Chicago, the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and the Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico ITAM Law Department, in Monterrey, Mexico.

Panel Presenter, “A Community Conversation on Race,” The City Club of Cleveland’s Youth Forum, Cleveland, OH, January 2015.

Panel Presenter and Organizer, “*Plagiarism: A Multicultural Perspective*,” Global Legal Skills Conference IX, Verona, Italy, May 2014, and at The Legal Writing Institute’s Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014.

Co-Presenter (with CWRU Prof. Kathryn Mercer), “*Collaborative Learning in the LRW Course and Classroom*,” University of Akron, One-Day LWI Conference, December 2011, and at The Global Legal Skills Conference VII, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 2012.

Member, Legal Writing Institute’s Committee on Faculty Exchanges and Visitorships, 2006-2007. Lead Panel Presenter and Organizer, “*Teaching Exchanges and Visiting Professorships*,” Legal Writing Institute’s 2004 Biennial Conference, Seattle, WA, July 2004.

Presenter (with Northwestern Prof. Clifford Zimmerman), “*Collaborating with Law School Clinics*,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2004.

Co-Presenter (with Prof. Clifford Zimmerman), “*The Benefits and Challenges of Co-Teaching LRW*,” Central States Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing, St. Louis, MO, September 2003.

Co-Presenter (with Prof. Clifford Zimmerman), “*Coordinating a LRW Problem with a Clinic: Live Cases in the LRW Classroom*,” at the Southeastern Regional Research and Writing Conference, St. Petersburg, FL, September 2003.

Presenter, "Using Client Letters to Teach Effective Communication Skills," Midwest Legal Writing Conference on "Thinking in Ink," Chicago, IL, December 8, 2001.

Panel Presenter on Cleveland's Street Law Program, Ohio State Bar Foundation Workshop, 2001.

Panel Presenter on Sexual Harassment, Cuyahoga County Bar Association's Annual Law Day, 1997.

Assistant Editor, *LEGAL WRITING The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (edited "Logical Reasoning 'Obviously'" by Anita Schnee, 3 Leg. Writing 105 (1997)).

Editor (and co-author of chapter 4), The Debate over Child Care 1969-1990: A Sociohistorical Analysis by Dr. Abbie Klein (State University of New York Press 1992).

Author, *Our Bill of Rights*, a Bicentennial brochure for the Cleveland Bar Association, 1991.

Co-author (with Jane Rolnick), *Legal Research and Writing as an Integrated Process*, 3 Integrated Legal Research 21 (Winter 1990-91).

Instructor, various legal research and writing workshops for law firm and corporate law offices.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL and LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Northwestern University School of Law

VISITING CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of COMMUNICATION AND LEGAL REASONING

Chicago, Ill.

July 2002 to May 2003

The Hon. Solomon Oliver, Jr.

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

Cleveland, Ohio

Summer 2001

TRW Inc.

LEGAL CONSULTANT

Lyndhurst, Ohio

Summer 1991

Assisted in-house counsel with EEO and Fair Credit Reporting Act litigation.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

TRIAL ATTORNEY

Cleveland, Ohio

July 1986 to July 1989

Engaged in various aspects of federal court litigation (including investigations, pleadings, discovery, motions, hearings, trials, settlement negotiations, and mediation) in Commission cases.

Berkman, Gordon, Murray & Palda

LAW CLERK/ASSOCIATE

Cleveland, Ohio

June 1985, October 1985 to July 1986

The Housing Advocates

LAW CLERK*

Cleveland, Ohio

September 1985 and Summer 1983

*Law Students Civil Rights Research Council (LSCRRC) Fellow (Summer 1983)

Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff

SUMMER ASSOCIATE

Cleveland, Ohio

Summer 1984