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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington. (2014–present)

Teaching in the areas of international law and policy, human rights, humanitarian law, and international organizations. Research in international law and policy; law and society; justice and conflict resolution; critical methodologies; transnationalism and post-colonial studies. Serving as Interim Co-Director of Legal Pathways.

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ph.D., Sociology. (2007–2012) *Dissertation*: (Re)Writing the Rule of Law: Text and Expertise in Humanitarian Intervention. *Honors and Awards*: Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (2008-2011); UBC Graduate Entrance Scholarship (2007); UBC Four-Year Fellowship (2008-2011).

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin.

Juris Doctor (J.D.), Cum Laude. (1986–1989)

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

B.A., With Distinction (journalism; political science). (1983–1986)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: ACADEMIC

University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington.

Assistant Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (2014–present)

Teaching in the Division of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs and the Global Honors Program; Currently serving as Interim Co-Director of Legal Pathways, and on Dean's Diversity Advisory Council and Campus Committee on Sustainability; Faculty Associate, Center for Human Rights (UW Seattle), Center for the Study of Community and Society (UW Tacoma).
Courses: International Human Rights; Law and Politics of International Human Rights; International Humanitarian Law; Introduction to International Organizations; International Law; Global Challenges (Climate Change and Environmental Degradation); Themes in Global Honors (Global City as Text).

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Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, British Columbia.

Instructor, Department of Criminology, Faculty of Arts (2013–2014) Taught and advised undergraduate students. Courses: Introduction to Criminal Law and Canadian Legal Systems, Sociological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour, and Qualitative Research Methods.

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Associate Professor (2004–2007), *Faculty Associate in Law and Social Policy* (2008–2014) Taught and advised law students, LL.M. students and other graduate students; Member, Curriculum Committee; developed and co-chaired The Conversations Project, an interdisciplinary and collaborative program to foster discussion of current political and social issues; taught in summer study abroad program with focus on the law, history, and cultures of human rights in Chile (Santiago and Vina del Mar) and Argentina (Buenos Aires) (Summer 2007, 2010). Courses: Property, Immigration Law, International Human Rights.

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.

Practitioner-in-Residence (2001–2004)

Taught in international human rights law clinical program, including individually supervising casework of student teams; also taught tort law to first-year students and seminar on gender, culture and international human rights to J.D. and LL.M. students; Planning Committee, Conference on the 20th anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project; co-organized and co-chaired “Workshop on International Human Rights in the Legal Academy: Education, Service and Advocacy,” for faculty and staff participating in clinical programs in human rights and human rights centers; co-taught course in the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, a summer program for students and practitioners. Courses: Torts; International Human Rights Lawyering (co-taught); Gender, Culture and International Human Rights; Human Rights Practice: Skills, Ethics and Values in Advocacy (co-taught).

Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe, Arizona.

Legal Writing Professor (2000–2001) Courses: Legal Method, Legal Writing.

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia. *Lecturer, Department of*

Sociology, Faculty of Arts (2011–2014) Courses: Crime and Society, Crime and Justice.

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Feminist Legal Studies, Faculty of Law (Spring 2007).

Capilano University, North Vancouver, British Columbia. *Instructor, Social Sciences Division*

(2012-2013) Courses: Women and the Law, Women in Politics.

Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana. *Faculty Associate in Law and Social Policy* (2008–2014)

Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana. *Visiting Associate Professor, Notre Dame Law School* (Fall 2005, 2006). Course: Immigration Law.

Civic Education Project, Bucharest, Romania; Bratislava, Slovakia. *Lecturer* (1993–1995) Taught for the Civic Education Project, a non-profit organization based at Yale University, at UNEX University (Romania) and at Comenius University (Slovakia). Courses: Public International Law, International Trade, International Human Rights.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: OTHER LEGAL WORK

Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Executive Officer* (1997–1999) Head of Office for the Secretariat of the Human Rights Chamber, a human rights court established under the Dayton Peace Agreement; on contract with the U.S. Department of State. Liaised with inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and governments and their embassies; monitored human rights developments; prepared annual budgets, executive and administrative plans and policies; assisted in development of strategy for human rights mechanisms in Bosnia; and managed the Secretariat, including overall supervision of staff of thirty and direct supervision of senior staff in Sarajevo and Banja Luka offices.

Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Associate* (1996–1997, 2000) Conducted legal and factual research for complex civil litigation; supervised attorneys and legal assistants; and assisted in extensive pretrial discovery work.

Legal Research Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Research Associate* (1995–1996, 1999–2000) Researched civil and criminal law and wrote briefs and memoranda on behalf of legal and corporate clients nationally. Projects included petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Project Attorney* (1992–1995) Supervised volunteers and interns, conducted legal and field research, and wrote reports. Major projects: recommendations to prevent human rights abuses in Kosovo; analyzed information for the U.N. and International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; investigated domestic violence in Romania and Albania; reported on violence against women in Haiti; participated in the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, Regional Preparatory Conference, and NGO Forum.

Hon. Gary Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals, St. Paul, Minnesota. *Law Clerk* (Summer 1992, 1994) Researched and drafted memoranda regarding state law issues.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Barrow, Alaska. *Staff Attorney* (1991–1992) Provided legal services to low-income residents of the North Slope, including seven Inuit villages, on land ownership and use, family and poverty law.

Lord Day & Lord, Barrett Smith, New York, New York. *Associate* (1989–1991) Researched and prepared motions, briefs and memoranda in complex commercial litigation.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Books, book chapters, book reviews and peer-reviewed articles:

- Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention: Law and Practice in the Field (London: Routledge, 2016).
- “Researching Human Rights Professionals: Tracing the Networks of Human Rights Practice,” (under review, 2018).
- “Does Human Rights Have Relationship Problems? Examining the Challenges of Climate Change, Indigenous Sovereignty, and Multinational Actors,” (in development).
- “Sovereignty at the Crossroads: the Responsibility to Protect as a Response to Displacement,” (in development).
- “Lessons from the Local: Rurality and Domestic Violence Practice in Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States” in Comparative Perspectives on Domestic Violence: Lessons from Efforts Worldwide (L. Goodmark and R. Goel, eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015) (co-authored with J. Bond).
- “Having the Last Word: Human Rights Reporting (Re)Imagined through Critical Qualitative Methodology” *Qualitative Sociology* 36(2): 209-225 (2013).
- Book Review: The Work of Global Justice: Human Rights as Practices (Fuyuki Kurasawa), *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 34(1): 207-209 (2009).

Law review articles:

- “What Do Human Rights Lawyers Do? Examining Practice and Expertise in the Field,” 20 *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* 37 (2014).
- “Is International Law Really Law? Theorizing the Multi-Dimensionality of Law,” 44 *Akron Law Review* 333 (2011).
- “Hybrid Courts: Examining Hybridity through a Post-Colonial Lens,” 28 *Boston University International Law Journal* 1 (2010).
- “Open or Closed: Balancing Border Policy with Human Rights,” 96 *Kentucky Law Journal* 197 (2007), reprinted 29 *Immigration and Nationality Law Review* 103 (2008).
- “Whose Law Is It Anyway? The Cultural Legitimacy of International Human Rights in the United States,” 73 *Tennessee Law Review* 669 (2006).
- Models Wanted: The Search for an Effective Response to Human Trafficking, 40 *Stanford Journal of International Law* 1 (2004).
- “‘Why a Feminist Law Journal’ – Lessons About Autonomy and Integration from International Human Rights, Law Journals and the World of Golf,” 12 *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law* 565 (2003) (symposium).

Professional Publications:

- “Another Violence Against Women: The Lack of Accountability in Haiti,” Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (1995).
- “Lifting the Last Curtain: A Report on Domestic Violence in Romania,” Minnesota

Advocates for Human Rights (1995) (with members of the Minnesota Advocates Domestic Violence in Eastern Europe Project).

- “The Minnesota Plan: Recommendations for Preventing Gross Human Rights Violations in Kosovo,” Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (1993) (with members of the Minnesota Advocates Working Group on Kosovo).

Presentations, Workshops, and Other Professional Activities:

- Water Summit: Knowledge to Practice, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2018.
- Panelist, “Innovative Solutions for a Sustainable World,” Global Engagement Conference, Tacoma, Washington, May 2018.
- Panelist, “Green Campus, Green Community: Mainstreaming Science, Sustainability and Environmental Justice,” SIAS Brown Bag Series, Tacoma, Washington, May 2018.
- Presenter, Publish & Flourish, Office of Research, Tacoma, Washington, April 2017.
- “Sovereignty as Responsibility: Human rights, refugees, and the Syrian conflict,” *Responsibility in International Law*, American Society of International Law Research Forum, Seattle, Washington, November 2016
- Panelist, “Human Rights, Immigration, and Multiculturalism,” *Colloquium on Human Rights, Immigration, and Cosmopolitanism*, Tacoma, Washington, October 2016.
- “Sovereignty as Responsibility: Human rights, refugees, and the Syrian conflict,” *Conference on Immigration, Toleration and Human Rights*, University of Washington Tri-Campus Research Cluster on Human Interactions and Normative Innovation, Seattle, Washington, October 2016.
- Participant, Strengthening Educational Excellence through Diversity (SEED) Institute, Tacoma, Washington, Summer 2016.
- Participant, iTech Fellows Program: Innovation in Course Redesign, Tacoma, Washington, September 2016.
- Panelist, “Labor Rights, Living Standards, and Developments,” *Impact Asia: Global Flows of People, Capital, and Ideas*, University of Washington Tacoma, May 2016.
- West Coast Law and Society Retreat, University of California-Irvine, February 2016.
- “Law’s Promise and Pathos in the ‘Field’ – International Human Rights in Humanitarian Intervention,” *Debates about Human Rights Organizations and Agents*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, May 2015.
- Discussant, *Different Paths Toward the Diffusion of International Human Rights Norms*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, May 2015.
- Chair, *Human Rights Across the World*, Law on the Edge, Joint Conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law & Society Association of Australia & New Zealand, Vancouver, BC, July 2013.
- “Law in the ‘field’” Human Rights in Humanitarian Intervention,” *Human Rights Across the World*, Law on the Edge, Joint Conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law & Society Association of Australia & New Zealand, Vancouver, BC, July 2013.
- Consultant, *Human Rights Fact-Finding Project on Labor and Employment Conditions for Women Workers*, Washington and Lee School of Law and Women’s Legal Aid Centre of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, March 2012.

- Reader, *Author Meets Reader: United Nations Reform: Heading North or South* (Spencer Zifcak), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 2010.
- Chair/Discussant, *Assessing Perspectives on Immigration*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 2010.
- “(Re)Establishing the Rule of Law: Human Rights Intervention as Law-Making,” *Law and Society Speaker Series*, University of British Columbia, November 2009.
- “Human Rights Fact-Finding: What Might Critical Qualitative Methods Contribute?,” *From Symbolism to Substance: Engaging with Human Rights Methodologies*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 2009.
- “Shared Methodologies? Critical Practices in Law and Sociology,” *Methodological Advances in Law and Society*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 2009.
- Commentator, *No Easy Fix: Global Responses to Internal Wars and Crimes against Humanity* (Patricia Marchak), Academic Launch, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, September 2008.
- “Feminist Practices in Transnational Work: Collaborative Human Rights Fact-finding in Namibia,” *Human Rights, Cultural Diversity, and Gender Equality*, Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association Joint Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, May 2008.
- Discussant, *Roundtable on Transnational Feminism(s): Common Differences in Law, Theory, and Practice*, Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association Joint Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, May 2008.
- Consultant, *Human Rights Fact-Finding Project on HIV-AIDS in Prison*, University of Wyoming Law School and Legal Assistance Centre of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia, March 2008.
- Discussant, *Law and Society Roundtable*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, December 2007.
- “Culture of Compliance: The Role of Domestic Courts in International Human Rights,” *Centre for Feminist Legal Studies Lecture Series*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, February 2007.
- “Duty, Honor and Whatever: The Role of the Military Today,” *The Conversations Project*, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, January 2006.
- Discussant, *Roundtable Discussion on Women and Migration*, International Law Weekend 2005, American Branch of the International Law Association, New York, New York, October 2005.
- Group Leader, *Workshop on Clinical Legal Education*, Association of American Law Schools, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2003.
- Member, *Working Group on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Legal Implementation Index*, American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, Washington, DC, August 2001 and December 2002.
- “The Right to Health: The Role of Gender and Culture,” *The Right to Health in the Inter-American Legal System*, College of the Americas and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington, DC, May 2002.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service:

- Interim Co-Director, Legal Pathways (2018-present)
- Member, Dean's Diversity Advisory Council (2017-present)
- Member, Committee on Sustainability (2018-present)
- Member, Faculty Council Task Force on Graduate Faculty Status (2017-2018)
- Member, Chancellor's Task Force on UWT Law School (2015-2017)
- Member, Steering Committee, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (2014-2017)
- Faculty Associate, Center for Human Rights (UW Seattle) (2014-present)
- Faculty Associate, Center for the Study of Community and Society (2016-present)
- Search Committee, Social Psychology (Assistant Professor, 2017-18), Film and Media Studies (Assistant Professor) (2016-17); Interview Committee, Nonprofit Studies (Assistant Professor) (2015-16), Epidemiology (Assistant Professor) (2015-16), Conflict and Security Studies (Assistant Professor) (2014-15)
- Regularly supervise student internships and independent studies, graduate student thesis advisor (MAIS), faculty advisor for Bamford Fellows (Global Honors), faculty mentor for Student Success Mentoring Program, campus committee for Fulbright U.S. Student Program and other fellowship support

Professional and Community Service:

- **Reviewer:** Ethics and International Affairs (U.S.); Law and Society Review (U.S.); Journal of Philosophy, Science and Law (U.S.); Muslim World Journal of Human Rights (U.S.); Journal of International Law and International Relations (Can.); Canadian Review of Sociology (Can.); The International Journal of Human Rights (U.K.); Culture, Health and Sexuality (U.K.); Routledge-Cavendish (U.K.); Australian Institute of Criminology (Aus).
- **International Women's Rights Project**, Director and Advisory Partner, Victoria, British Columbia (2013–present)
- **Law and Society Association**, Member (2012–present)
- **Canadian Law and Society Association**, Member (2013–present)
- **International Law Association**, American Branch (ABILA), Member (2005–2018)
- **District of Columbia Bar**, Washington, DC, Co-Chair, Immigration and Human Rights Committee, International Law Section (2002–2004)
- **Tacoma Public Schools**, Tacoma, WA, Volunteer (2015–2018)
- **North Vancouver School District**, North Vancouver, BC, Volunteer (2007–2014)
- **Election Protection Project**, Milwaukee, WI, Poll monitor (November 2004)
- **Children's Law Center**, St. Paul, MN, Researcher (1995–1996)
- **Mediation Center**, St. Paul, MN, Mediator (1992–1993)
- **Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First)**, New York, NY, Pro Bono Attorney (1990–1991)

**U.S. Citizen, Canadian Citizen
Admitted to Practice in New York and Wisconsin**