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Summary of Achievements

Leadership

- Herb and Karen Baum Chair of Ethics in the Professions, Drake University
- Past President, The Legal Writing Institute (an organization of over 2800 members)
- Past Chair, Association of American Law Schools Section on Teaching Methods
- Past Chair, Iowa Bar Association Professionalism Section
- Editorial Board: LEG. COMM. & RHETORIC: J. ALWD
- Editorial Board: JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION
- Former Member, Publications Advisory Board, Lexis/Nexis

Teaching and Scholarship Recognition

- Participant, Elon Center for Engaged Learning *Writing Beyond the University* Research Seminar (competitive placement for international, multi-year research)
- 2019, 2021 Recipient of the Drake University Law School Stevens Faculty Scholar of the Year
- 2017 Recipient of the Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Legal Writing
- Association of Legal Writing Directors 2010 Teaching Grant
- ALWD Visiting Scholar, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (invited guest scholar)
- University of Oregon, Inaugural Galen Distinguished Scholar (invited guest scholar)
- ALWD Visiting Scholar, Wake Forest University School of Law (invited guest speaker)
- American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize, 2009

Service Recognition

- Madelyn Levitt Service Award, Drake

- University
- University of Iowa College of Law Alumni Service Award

Academic Employment

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

1997---1999: Legal Writing Faculty

2006-present: Professor of Law

1999---2007: Assistant Director of Legal Writing

2007---2012: Director of Legal Writing

Noteworthy Research Initiatives

Participant, Elon Center for Engaged Learning *Writing Beyond the University* Research Seminar (competitive placement for international, multi-year research)

Founded a comprehensive working group to articulate and publish the *Threshold Concepts of Legal Writing*

Scholarship

Books:

IOWA LEGAL RESEARCH, 3d Ed. (Carolina Academic Press, 2022) (with John Edwards & Karen Wallace)

LEGAL ANALYSIS AND WRITING: AN ACTIVE-LEARNING APPROACH (forthcoming Wolters Kluwer) (with Danielle Shelton & Karen Wallace) (2020)

IOWA LEGAL RESEARCH, 2nd Ed. (Carolina Academic Press, 2016) (with John Edwards & Karen Wallace)

IOWA LEGAL RESEARCH, Teacher's Manual, 2nd Ed. (Carolina Academic Press, 2016) (with John Edwards & Karen Wallace).

LEGAL RESEARCH SUPPLEMENT: EXERCISES ON LEXIS ADVANCE (e-book) (Lexis/Nexis 2013) (with Karen Wallace)

IOWA LEGAL RESEARCH (Carolina Academic Press, 2011) (with John Edwards, Sara Lowe & Karen Wallace)

IOWA LEGAL RESEARCH, Teacher's Manual (Carolina Academic Press) (with John Edwards, Sara Lowe, and Karen Wallace)

LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM IN THE REAL WORLD (National Institute for Trial Advocacy, forthcoming Spring 2009) (with Lisa Penland)

LEGAL WRITING: ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, 2D. ED. (Lexis/Nexis, Matthew Bender, 2009)

LEGAL WRITING: ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, Teacher's Manual (Lexis/Nexis, Matthew Bender, 2009)

LEGAL WRITING: ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, (Lexis/Nexis, 2005)

Book Chapters:

Development Toward Professionalism and the Formation of an Ethical Professional Identity to Become an Effective Lawyer, in LEGAL ETHICS, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Hornbook Series, 2018), published by West Academic Publishing (with Neil W. Hamilton)

ABA SOURCEBOOK ON LEGAL WRITING PROGRAMS (contributing author) (3d ed. 2020)

Team-Based Learning in an Online Environment in LAW TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR A NEW ERA: BEYOND THE PHYSICAL CLASSROOM (Carolina Academic Press, 2021) (co-authored)

Beyond the University: Towards Transfer, in EMERGING ISSUES IN EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IV (Edin, 2021) (co-authored)

Writing Transitions Between Academic and Professional Settings, in WRITING BEYOND THE UNIVERSITY: PREPARING LIFELONG LEARNERS FOR LIFEWIDE WRITING (Center for Engaged Learning Open Access Book Series 2022) (co-authored)

Articles:

The AWLD Citation Manual: A Truly Uniform System of Citation, 6 LEG. WRITING. INST. 257 (2000)

The AWLD Citation Manual: A Coup de Grace, 23 UALR L. REV. 775 (2001)

The Unpublished, Non--Precedential Decision: An Uncomfortable Legality, 3 J. APP. PRAC. & PROCESS 175 (2001)

Brownfields Redevelopment and Superfund Reform Under the Bush Administration: A Refreshing Bipartisan Accomplishment, 25 W.N.E. L. REV. 193 (2003)

Fostering a Respect for our Students, our Specialty, and the Legal Profession: Introducing Ethics and Professionalism into the Legal Writing Curriculum, 21 TOURO L. REV. 427 (2005)

Form and Substance: Standards for Promotion and Retention of Legal Writing Faculty on Clinical Tenure Track, 37 GOLDEN GATE UNIV. L. REV. 281 (2007)

An Integrated Approach to Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, 18, No. 2 PROF. LAW 25 (2007)

Geographic Inequity in Medicare Reimbursement: Effect of Geographic Practice Cost Indices on Physician Reimbursement and Patient Access, 5 RUTGERS J. OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY 361 (Spring 2008)

I'll Start Walking Your Way, You Start Walking Mine: Sociological Perspectives on Professional Identity Development and Influence of Generational Differences, 61 SOUTH CAROLINA L. REV. 337 (2010)

Morality, Trust, and Illusion: Ethos as Relationship, 9 LEG. COMM. AND RHETORIC: JALWD 229 (2102)

Stargate: Malleability as a Threshold Concept in Legal Education, 63 J. LEG. EDUC. 689 (2014)

Service: A Prescription for the Lost Lawyer, 2014 J. PROF. LAWYER 45 (2014)

Transitioning to Team--Based Learning: A Primer for Pioneers, OREGON L. REV. ONLINE (2014)

The Chicken or the Egg? Public Service Orientation and Lawyer Well--Being, 36 UALR L. REV. 463 (2014)

Uncommon Results: The Power of Team--Based Learning in the Legal Writing Classroom, 19 J. LEG. WRITING INST. 49 (2015)

Rectifying Renda: Amending the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act to Remove the Legal Fiction of Legislative Delegation of Interpretive Authority, 63 DRAKE L. REV. 591 (2015) (with Aaron Aherendsen)

Stars Upon Thars: Evaluating the Discriminatory Impact of ABA Standard 405(c), "Tenure-Like" Security of Position, 34 LAW AND INEQUALITY: A JOURNAL OF THEORY AND PRACTICE 137 (2016)

Best Practices for Protecting Security of Position for ABA Accreditation Standard 405(c) Faculty, 66. J. LEG. EDUC. 538 (2017) Position Paper Adopted by the Legal Writing Institute (July 2016), the Association of Legal Writing Directors (October 2015), and Society of American Law Teachers (October 2016)

Wait, What?: Harnessing the Power of Redirection in Persuasion, 15 LEG. COMM. AND RHETORIC: JALWD (2018)

Gauzy Allegory and the Construction of Gender, WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (2018)

Assessment, Collaboration, and Empowerment: Team-Based Learning, 68 J. LEG. ED. 303 (2019)

Two Sides of the Coin—Exploring Dyadic Emotions in Immigration and Alienage Jurisprudence, 54 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 1197 (2019)

Treating Professionals Professionally: Requiring Security of Position for All Skills-Focused Faculty Under ABA Accreditation Standard 405(c) and Eliminating 405(d), 98 OREGON L. REV. 1 (2020) (co-authored)

The History of American Bar Association Standard 405(d): One Step Forward, Two Steps Back, 24 LEG. WRITING: THE J. OF THE LEG. WRITING INST. 125 (2020)

Ethos at the Intersection: Classical Insights for Contemporary Application, 20 NEVADA L. J. (2020)

Structural Barriers to Gender Integration and Equality in the Legal Academy, 65 VILLANOVA L. REV. 1155 (2020) (with Ruth Anne Robbins and Kristin Tiscione)

Sharing the Baton: Intergenerational Advances in the Legal Writing Community, 25 LEG. WRITING: THE J. OF THE LEG. WRITING INST. (2021)

Building Bridges Across Curricular and Status Lines: Gender Inequity throughout the Legal Academy, J. LEG. ED. (2021) (co-authored)

Legal Writing Scholarship: Moving Not Toward a Definition, But Toward a Cohesive Understanding, 2 PROCEEDINGS 26 (2021)

Deconstructing the Curse: Menstrual Education and the Stigma of Shame, 43 WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER (2022)

Book Reviews, Newsletters, and Essays:

Score Sheets, Templates, Marginal Notes, Peer--Editing and More, THE SECOND DRAFT, Vol. 14, No. 1, Nov. 1999

Teaching Legal Analysis in Components, THE SECOND DRAFT, Vol. 14, No. 2, May 2000

Choosing Good Topics for Scholarship, AALS SECTION OF LEGAL WRITING NEWSLETTER 7, Fall 2000

The ALWD Citation Manual: A superior resource for legal citation, THE IOWA LAWYER, May 2003

The Real World: Law School: Professionalism in Law School and Beyond, Spring 2007 THE SECOND DRAFT (with Lisa Penland)

Teaching Professionalism in Virtual Dialogue to the Google Generation, Spring 2007, THE LAW TEACHER, newsletter of The Institute for Law School Teaching.
(with Lisa Penland)

New Brooms and Clean Corners, THE IOWA LAWYER, September 2008

Help! My Inbox Has Overflowed, THE IOWA LAWYER, October 2008

More Email Tips – E-Tone, Anonymity, and Social Glue (FWIW), THE IOWA LAWYER, November 2008

“John Roberts, Chief Justice, was working the late shift”, THE IOWA LAWYER, December 2008

A Bold New Frontier: To Blog Where No Lawyer Has Blogged Before, THE IOWA LAWYER, January 2009

Nope, Its Metadata, THE IOWA LAWYER, February 2009

In-House Ethics Counsel: The Law Firm Equivalent of Auto Insurance?, THE IOWA LAWYER, March 2009

Cockroaches and Exterminators: Alternative Billing Arrangements, Ethics, and Economics, THE IOWA LAWYER, April 2009

St. Peter and Alternative Billing Structures: Will Hours or Value Get Us Through the Pearly Gates?, THE IOWA LAWYER, May 2009

Twitter, Tweet, Twello: Microblogging, Multitasking, and Ethical Communication, THE IOWA LAWYER, June 2009

Friend or Frenemy? Friendship under False Pretenses, THE IOWA LAWYER, July 2009

To Oath or Not to Oath?, THE IOWA LAWYER, August 2009

You Gotta Have Friends, THE IOWA LAWYER, September 2009

Skimming the Cream – The Plagiarism Spectrum, THE IOWA LAWYER, October 2009

Hat Tips, Credit, and Plagiarism, THE IOWA LAWYER, November 2009

Small Leaks Sink Great Ships, THE IOWA LAWYER, January 2010

Electronic Devices in the Courtroom, THE IOWA LAWYER, February 2010

Contretemps in the Courthouse: New Recusal Standards Reveal Major Divisions on Bias and the Bench, THE IOWA LAWYER, April 2010

Cyberprivacy: The Fourth Amendment and How It Applies to E-Mail and Text Messages, THE IOWA LAWYER, May 2010

ABA Accreditation Standards Move to Outcomes--Based Assessment, THE IOWA LAWYER, September 2010

20% Off Pilates and Partnerships: Discount Coupons for Legal Services, THE IOWA LAWYER, April 2011

Association of American Law Schools Section on Professional Responsibility Fall 2011 Newsletter: *Cloudy, with a Chance of Ethics*

Will Computers Take Over the Practice of Law?, THE IOWA LAWYER, December 2011

Forecast Cloudy, with a Chance of Ethics, THE IOWA LAWYER, February 2012

Book Review: What the Best Law Teachers Do Michael Hunter Schwartz, Gerald F. Hess, and Sophie M. Sparrow Harvard University Press 2013, LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 203 (2014)

Team-Based Learning in Legal Writing, AALS Section on Teaching Methods Spring 2017 Newsletter

Time-Turning, Invisibility, and Other Magic Mentoring Tricks, 1 PROCEEDINGS 1 (2020) (co-authored panel proceedings)

Academic Posters:

American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference
Washington, DC, January 4, 2007

Section on Professional Responsibility

Professionalism and the Google Generation: What Life on the Internet Left Behind (co---presented with Lisa Penland)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference
New York City, NY, January 2008

Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research:

Form and Substance: Standards for Promotion and Retention of Legal Writing Faculty on Clinical Tenure Track

Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference
New York City, NY, January 2008

Section on Law Medicine and Health Care:

Geographic Inequity in Medicare Reimbursement: Effect of Geographic Practice Cost Indices on Physician Reimbursement and Patient Access

Association of American Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference
Washington, D.C., January 2012
Section on Clinical Legal Education:
Curriculum Mapping: Charting the Course for the Archetypal Law Graduate

Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute
Palm Desert, CA, May 2012
Curriculum Mapping: Charting the Course for the Archetypal Law Graduate

American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA, January 2013
Threshold Concepts in Legal Education

Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute
Portland, Oregon, July 2016
Institutional Characteristics Associated with Tenure for Legal Writing Faculty

Computer Assisted Legal Education (CALI) Lessons

Legal Memoranda: Ethical and Professional Considerations (2011)

Iowa Legal Research: Primary Sources (2011) (with John Edwards, Sara Lowe & Karen Wallace)

Iowa Legal Research: Secondary Sources (2011) (with John Edwards, Sara Lowe & Karen Wallace)

Appellate Briefs: Ethical and Professional Considerations (2012)

Email Communication: Ethical and Professional Considerations (2012)

Webinars, Podcasts, and Facebook Live Discussion Groups

Suffolk University Law School Podcast Series
Professionalism in E--Mail Communications (available on iTunes University Podcast Series)

Stetson College of Law Webinar: Outcomes and Assessment in Legal Education
Invited Panelist, October 2010
Developing Student Learning Outcomes

LEG. COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD, Spring 2016
Facebook Live Moderator for discussion of Lucy Jewell, *Old School Rhetoric and New School Cognitive Science: The Enduring Power of Logocentric Categories*, 13 LEG. COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD

AALS Section on Teaching Methods Discussion Group, Spring 2017

Team-Based Learning in Legal Writing

Presentations

Central Region Legal Research and Writing Conference
Kansas City, MO, September 24, 1999

Common Rule Structures
Rule Synthesis from a Series of Opinions

Lorman Continuing Legal Education Conference
Des Moines, IA, February 20, 2001

Internet Research

Eighth Circuit Appellate Practice Institute
Little Rock, AK, May 18, 2001

Unpublished Decisions and Citation Restrictions

Southeastern Regional Research and Writing Conference
St. Petersburg, FL, September 8, 2001

Training Teaching Assistants

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Albuquerque, NM, March 7--8, 2003

"We therefore hold . . ." Evaluating a Rule from a Case

Central Region Legal Research and Writing Conference
St. Louis, MO, September 13, 2003

Unpublished Decisions
Choosing Topics for Scholarship

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference
Seattle, WA, July 21--24, 2004

Effective Ways to Teach Legal Research
Incorporating Ethics and Professionalism into the Legal Writing Curriculum

Iowa Trial Lawyers Association
Des Moines, Iowa, February 18, 2005

Persuasive Techniques in Advocacy

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
Chicago, IL, July 23, 2005

Standards for Promotion and Retention of Legal Writing Faculty

Central Region Legal Research and Writing Biennial Conference
Indianapolis, IN, September 22--24, 2005

Panel: *Too Much, Too Little, or 'Just Write': What is the 'Right' Approach to Critiquing Student Drafts?*

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference

Atlanta, Georgia, June 9, 2006

Panel: *RESPECT: What It Means to Me and How to Get It*

Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada, March 9, 2007

Presentation to Students: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*

Presentation to Law Faculty: *Teaching Professionalism to the Google Generation* (co--presented with Lisa Penland)

Carolinas Legal Writing Consortium

Winston---Salem, North Carolina, May 2007

Law Faculty Presentation: *Teaching Professionalism to the Google Generation* (co--presented with Lisa Penland)

Iowa's Youth Training Core for Character, Institute for Character Development

Des Moines, Iowa, June 2007

Presentation to Students: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication* (co---presented with Lisa Penland)

Duke University School of Law, First Year Law Student Orientation

Durham, North Carolina, August 2007

Student Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication* (co---presented with Lisa Penland)

Wake Forest University Law School

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, September 2007

Student Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*

Central Region Legal Research and Writing Conference

Kansas City, MO, September 2007

Law Faculty Presentation: *Conducting Effective Student Conferences*

Note: This presentation featured a video that I prepared to illustrate some of the extreme conference scenarios.

Midwest Region Clinical Law Conference

Des Moines, Iowa, September 2007

Attorney Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication* (co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

National Youth Leadership Conference

Des Moines, Iowa, September 2007

Presentation to Students: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication* (co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Marquette University Law School

Milwaukee, WI, October 2007

Student Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

National Fraternal Law Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2007

Attorney Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Adams Academy, Drake University
Des Moines, Iowa, February 2008

Presentation to undergraduate college students: *The Real World: College – Making Ethical Decisions About Electronic Communications*
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Florida Coastal College of Law
Jacksonville, Florida, March 2008

Student Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Iowa Association of Student Council Advisors
Des Moines, Iowa, April 2008

Presentation to High School Educators: *The Real World: High School --- Making Ethical Decisions About Electronic Communications*
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Iowa Bar Association, Bridge the Gap
Des Moines, Iowa, May 2008

Ethical Issues of Facebook, MySpace, and the Internet
(co---presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2008

Faculty Presentation: *Professionalism in Electronic Communication*
(co-presented with Professor Lisa Penland)

A Dialogue About Persuasion in Legal Writing and Lawyering
Camden, New Jersey, September 2008

Ethos: Exploring Credibility in the First-Year Curriculum

Polk County Model Court Training
Des Moines, Iowa, December 2008

Ethics in Electronic Communication: Metadata and Blogs

Polk County Women Attorneys
Des Moines, Iowa March 2009

Persuasive Techniques in Advocacy – Ethos, Pathos, and Logos

Iowa Bar Association Annual Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa June 2009

Ethics and Professionalism in Electronic Communication

Iowa Judges Annual Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa October 2009

Professional Electronic Communication – A Perspective for the Bench

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference

Marco Island, Florida June 2010

Beyond Teaching: Developing Your Professional Identity

Iowa Association of Worker's Compensation Attorneys

Des Moines, Iowa October 2010

Current Developments in Professional Responsibility

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

San Francisco, California 2011

Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

Persuasion: Ethos

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C. 2012

Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

Professionalism in Electronic Communication (with Lisa Penland)

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, ALWD Visiting Scholar

- *Malleability as a Threshold Concept in Legal Education* (presentation to full faculty)
- *Team Based Learning in the Legal Writing Curriculum* (presentation to legal writing faculty)
- *Curriculum Mapping* (discussion with Curriculum Committee)

University of Oregon School of Law, LWI One---Day Workshop 2014

Team---Based Learning in the Legal Writing Curriculum: A Primer for Pioneers

Polk County Women Attorneys and the Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys

Define Your Own Success (panel presentation)

University of Oregon School of Law, Spring 2015

Curriculum Mapping (presentation to full faculty)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

New York, NY 2016

Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

Reimagining the Curriculum to Address Student Needs and Bench and Bar Demands

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting
New York, NY 2016

AALS Arc of the Career Program

Impossible Realities, Infinite Loops and Movable Staircases: The Impact of Institutional Marginalization on the Tricky, Unpredictable, and Inconsistent Trajectory of the Non-Tenured Track Career

Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute
Portland, Oregon, 2016

Plenary Presentation, Professional Status Committee

University of Oregon School of Law, Galen Distinguished Guest in Legal Writing
Eugene, OR, October 2016

- *Threshold Concepts in Legal Education* (presentation to full law faculty)
- *Law Review Article Workshop* (presentation to students)
- *Team-Based Learning* (presentation to undergraduate faculty)

Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference
Chicago, IL, September 2016

Social Justice Begins at Home: The Pursuit of Full Citizenship for All Members of the Legal Academy (panel)

AALS Section on Teaching Methods Webinar
April, 2017

Team-Based Learning

Empire State Legal Writing Conference
New York, NY, May 2017

Hinting at a Storyline (panel)

Iowa Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee Annual Symposium
Des Moines, IA, June 2017

Writing Better Briefs

Applied Legal Storytelling Biennial Conference
Washington, DC, July 2017

Distraction: A Story About Outcomes

Wake Forest University School of Law, ALWD Visiting Scholar

- *Malleability as a Threshold Concept in Legal Education*
- *Distraction: A Story About Outcomes*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA, January 2018

Section on Teaching Methods

Team-Based Learning 101: Application Exercises

Iowa Bar Association
Des Moines, Iowa, February 2018
The Future of Agency Deference

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Denver, Co, March 2018
Team-Based Learning

Gender Sidelining Symposium
San Diego, CA, April 2018
Paper Presentation: Gauzy Allegory and the Construction of Gender

Threshold Concepts Biennial Conference
Oxford, Ohio, June 2018
Threshold Concepts in Legal Education

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference
Milwaukee, WI, July 2018
Converting to Tenure: Stories of Success
Group Wise: The Power of Teams
Protecting and Improving LRW Status on Law School Faculties

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, August 2018
Discussion Group: Connecting Through Scholarship
Connecting Teaching and Learning: Maximizing Formative Assessment
Discussion Group: Connecting to the Future -- What's Ahead for Writing and Law?

UMKC Law School
Kansas City, MO, October 2018
Gauzy Allegory and the Construction of Gender

Marquette University School of Law
Milwaukee, WI, October 2018
Team-Based Learning Faculty Workshop

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA, January 2019
Building Bridges Across Curricular and Status Lines: Gender Inequity throughout the Legal Academy

William & Mary Journal of Race, Gender and Social Justice Annual Symposium
Williamsburg, VA, February 2019
Gauzy Allegory and the Construction of Gender

Wake Forest University Law School Law & Emotions Symposium
Winston Salem, NC, February 2019

*Two Sides of the Coin—Exploring Dyadic Emotions in
Immigration and Alienage Jurisprudence*

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law Visiting Lecture
Sacramento, CA, March 2019

Gauzy Allegory and the Construction of Gender

19th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference

Las Vegas, NV, March 2019

Fostering Professional Identity Development with Team-Based Learning

ALWD Biennial Conference

Boston, MA, May 2019

Co-Chair, Leadership Academy

*Developing Leadership Skills and Enhancing Inclusivity with Team-Based
Learning*

Keynote Speaker Breakout Session Leader

LWI One-Day Workshop

Iowa City, IA, December 2020

Team-Based Learning (with Danielle Shelton)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C., January 2020

Discussion Group: *Time-Turning, Invisibility, and Other Magic Mentoring
Tricks*

Discussion Group: *The Multi-Generational Teaching of Legal Writing*

LWI One-Day Workshop

University of South Dakota (online), December 2021

*Activating Student Engagement in an Online Environment with Team-Based
Learning* (with Joy E. Herr-Cardillo and Danielle Shelton)

Law and Society Association 2021 Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL (online)

Panel Presentation: *Menstruation, Law & Society: Obstacles and Opportunities
for Reform*

Association of American Law Schools Section on the Empirical Study of Legal
Education and the Legal Profession (online)

Workshop Panelist: *Q&A for Beginner Empiricists*

ALWD Biennial Conference

University of Michigan Law School (online), June 2021

Panel Presentation: *Steering the Future of the Discipline: Articulating the Threshold Concepts of Legal Writing*

Elon University Center for Engaged Learning 2021 Conference on Engaged Learning

Elon University (online), July 2021

Panel Presentation: *Towards Trustworthiness in Writing Beyond the University*

Eighth Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling

Mercer University (online), July 2021

Panel Presentation: *Is Storytelling a Threshold Concept in Law?*

Presentation: *Reconstructing the Curse: Revising the Narrative on Menstruation*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference

July 2021

Discussion Group Presentation: *Cultural Self Awareness and Professional Identity*

Discussion Group Presentation: *Discipline Building: Scholarship and Status in the Legal Academy*

Central States Legal Writing Conference

UMKC, October 2021

Efficacy and Efficiency - Making Writing Feedback Stick (with Danielle Shelton)

LWI One-Day Workshop

Stetson University College of Law (online), December 2021

Comprehensive Assessment: The Readiness Assurance Process

LWI One-Day Workshop

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (online), December 2021

Rethinking Leadership: An LRW Perspective on Institutional Hierarchies (Plenary panel)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C., January 2022 (online)

Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

Infusing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion into the Law School Curriculum (with Erin Lain and Danielle Shelton)

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C., January 2022 (online)
Section on Women and Legal Education
Equality, Intersectionality, and Status in the Legal Academy

Law and Society Association 2021 Annual Meeting
Lisbon, Portugal (online)
Paper Presentation: Rhetorical Analysis of #MeToo and Implications for
Asylum

Service:

Awards:

Madelyn Levitt Service Award, Drake University
University of Iowa College of Law Alumni Service Award

Legal Writing Institute

Immediate Past President, 2014-2016
President, 2012---2014
President---Elect, 2010---2012
Board of Directors, 2008---2016
Co-Chair, Professional Status Committee, 2015-present
Administrative Options Committee, 2016-2018
Committee Member, Feminist Scholars Workshop 2016
Co-Chair, 2008 Annual Conference
The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, Assistant Editor, 2005

Association of Legal Writing Directors:

Editorial Board, Legal Communication and Rhetoric: J. ALWD, 2008-2019
Co-Chair - ABA Task Force, 2015-2016
ABA Task Force, 2008---present
Co-Chair - Leadership Committee, 2017-2019
Leadership Committee, 2019-2021

Association of American Law Schools Teaching Methods Section

Chair, 2010
Secretary, 2009
Treasurer, 2008

Association of American Law Schools Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section

Chair, Poster Selection Committee, 2009
Chair, Media Committee, 2008---2010
Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2009
Mentor - New Scholars Showcase - 2017-2018

Association of American Law Schools Section on Balance in Legal Education

Executive Committee 2019-2020
Co-Chair, Other Programming 2019-2020

Association of American Law Schools Section on Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession

Committee on Special Initiatives, 2021

Journal of Legal Education Editorial Board

Board Member 2020-2024

Iowa State Bar Association

Chair, Professionalism Committee, 2009--2010

Professionalism Committee, 2010--present

Drake University

- Chair, Gambrell Committee, 2008 (successful Gambrell Award recognition)
- ABA Self Study Committee, 2004
- ABA Self Study Committee, 2011---2012
- Curriculum Committee, 2007
- Technology Committee, 2003-2005, 2006-2010, 2012-2014
- Non-JD Alternatives Committee, 2013
- Legal Writing Hiring Committee, 2003
- Honor Board Committee, 2005-2007
- Administrator, Drake Law School Writing Competition, 2004-2011
- Assessment Committee, 2015
- Ad Hoc Committee on the First-Year Curriculum, 2015
- Dean's Search Committee, 2015
- Faculty Senate Representative, Senate Executive Committee, 2016-2019
- Chair, Assessment Committee, 2016-2018
- Faculty Committee (elected), 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- Equity and Inclusion Committee, 2018-2019, 2020-2021
- Admissions Committee, 2021-2022
- Tenure and Promotion Committee (elected), 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- Faculty Misconduct Policy Task Force, 2018 (appointed by Provost)
- Baum Guiding Coalition
- Center for Public Democracy Committee

Other Service

Board of Directors, The Homestead
Visiting Master, C. Edwin Moore Inn of the American Inns of Court
John Stoddard Cancer Center Superbowl Rally committee member, 2006-2014

Education and Legal Experience

Education

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa
Juris Doctor May 1992, With High Distinction

Order of the Coif
Senior Note & Comment Editor *Iowa Law Review*
Van Oosterhout Moot Court
West Publishing Award for Academic Achievement

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
B.A. 1989, *Summa Cum Laude*
Phi Beta Kappa

Legal Experience

Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, Akron, Ohio
Associate, 1992-1996.

Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston, Texas
Summer Law Clerk, 1991

Vinson & Elkins, Houston, Texas
Summer Law Clerk, 1991

Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, Winston---Salem, North Carolina
Summer Law Clerk, 1989