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Curriculum Vitae
University of Cincinnati College of Law
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Current Position

Associate Professor of Practice
University of Cincinnati, College of Law

- Current Courses: Lawyering I, Legal Research and Writing; Lawyering II, Advocacy; Third Year Intensive Practical Lawyering (Litigation Focus); Pre-Trial Litigation, and Civil Procedure I.
Additional Teaching Interests: Education Law, Special Education Law, Legal Ethics, Law and History
- University Service: Law School Representative to the University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate; Member of the College of Law's Committee on Committees (Elected 2013-14 and 2014-15), Faculty Research and Development Committee, Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, and Student Petitions and Scholastic Review Committee; Member of Faculty Advisory Committee to the *Intellectual Property and Computer Law Journal*; Writing Tutor for the Ohio Innocence Project; Law School Representative on the University of Cincinnati Council of Nationally Competitive Awards.
- National Service: Member of the AALS Program Committee for Legal Research and Writing, 2011 and 2013
- Research Interests: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Legal Writing and Statutory Interpretation; Intersections between Historical Research and Legal Research.

Publications

"The 17th Century Meets the Internet: Using a Historian's Approach to Evaluating Documents as a Guide to 21st Century Online Legal Research," LEGAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: JALWD, VOLUME 9, 2012.

"Lawyers' Briefs and Motions: The Story Behind the Story" (Article manuscript in progress).

Presentations

"Lawyers' Briefs and Motions: The Story Behind the Story" (Legal Writing Institute, 2014 Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upcoming, July 2014.)

"Bringing the Outside In: GLAD House and First Year Legal Writing" (Bringing the Outside In: Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum," Drexel Law School in Philadelphia, upcoming, June 2014.)

“Mythos and the Law: How Popular Understandings of Social/Narrative Constructs such as the ‘Arctic Frontier,’ the ‘Yeoman Farmer,’ and the ‘Union Boss’ are woven into Legislation and Judicial Opinions – and why Effective Lawyers Should Pay Close Attention.” (4th Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, July 2013, City University Law School, London, England).

“The Pre-Trial Process: An Overview.” (Summer 2013 Institute for the Global Practice of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio).

“Writing Across the Curriculum.” (Presented with Verna Williams on May 22nd, as part of the 2013 Summer Faculty Workshop Series).

“Repackaging the Predictive Memo: New Formatting Ideas for the Legal Environment of the 2010s.” (Presented on April 20, 2013 at the Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Albany Law School).

“Effective Use of Case Law in Written Advocacy” (Presented to the Law Student Summer Colloquium at Renmin Daxue, Renmin University of China, Law School, June 2012).

“Introduction to Written Advocacy in American Law” (Presented to Students and Faculty at National Taiwan University, School of Law, Taipei Campus, July 2012).

“Statutory Interpretation Through the Lens of the IDEA” (Presented at Georgetown University Law Center, Capital Area legal Writing Conference, March 2012).

“General SLOs for 1Ls” (Presented with Emily Houh as part of the University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Faculty Workshop Series, April 2012).

“History and the Internet” (Presented as part of the 2011 University of Cincinnati, College of Law Summer Faculty Workshop).

“Emails, Narrative, and *A Midwife’s Tale*: What Historical Methodology can Teach us about the Story of the Case” (Presented at the 3rd Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, July 2011, University of Denver).

“Interpreting the Internet through the Eyes of a Historian: What Lawyers (and Law Professors) can Learn from the Research Techniques of Historians” (Presented at the 2011 Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Mercer College of Law).

“The Writing Exposes the Thinking: Making Explicit Connections Between 1L Doctrinal Classes and Legal Writing.” (Presented at the 2011 Central States Regional Conference, September 2011, John Marshall School of Law).

Awards

Recipient of the 2010-2011 Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching – May 2011, University of Cincinnati, College of Law.

Recipient of a 2013 Schott Summer Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, College of Law.

Recipient of a 2012 Schott Summer Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, College of Law.

Recipient of a 2011 Schott Summer Research Grant, University of Cincinnati, College of Law.

Named to Ohio Super Lawyers in Commercial Litigation, "Rising Stars," 2009.

Professional Legal Experience

Frost Brown Todd LLC, Cincinnati, Ohio; 2004 – 2009

- Member of the Complex Business Litigation practice group. Significant experience in all aspects of antitrust, business torts, unfair competition, shareholder derivative suits, and class action litigation, including oral arguments, motion practice, discovery, case management, and settlement negotiations. Experience in numerous state and federal courts throughout Ohio, as well as Kentucky, California, Florida, Oregon, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, and South Carolina. Secondary member of advertising and media law practice group; secondary member of banking and securities group.
- Member of Frost Brown Todd's recruiting committee; member of women's initiative steering committee; member of associate women's professional development group; formal mentor to several junior associates and summer associates; active participant in numerous pro bono representations, including a successful constitutional challenge in Kentucky involving the rights of a resident alien and a 6th circuit immigration appeal.

Education

JD – University of Cincinnati, 2004.

- Notes and Comments Editor of the Cincinnati Law Review; numerous academic awards, honors, and scholarships; Dean's list all semesters; participant in the volunteer tenant information, tax preparation, and community tutoring programs; research assistant for professors Ingrid Wuerth, Donna Nagy, and Rafael Gely; Legal Extern for Judge Sandra Beckwith, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, September 2003 – April 2004.

ABD – History, Indiana University, Bloomington 1996.

- Major Field: Colonial Latin American History; Minor Field: Native American History. Recipient of numerous departmental awards and research grants.
- Written and Oral PhD exams passed with distinction.

MA – History, Indiana University, 1993. Major Field, Colonial Latin American History.

BA – History and Political Science, Highest Departmental Honors, Miami University, 1987.

Prior Work Experience

Project Manager, National Geographic Society, Book Division; Washington, DC. 2000 – 2001.

- Worked with authors and project assistants on editing and research for travel and history books. Projects included books and/or chapters devoted to Alaska, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Virginia, and Maryland.

Visiting Professor, University of Cincinnati, Department of History; 1997 – 2000.

- Taught introductory and advanced undergraduate courses in Pre-Columbian American history, Colonial Latin American history, 20th Century Mexican history, and Colonial United States history.

Associate Instructor, Indiana University, Department of History; Bloomington, Indiana. 1991 – 1995.

- Taught courses in Colonial United States history and 20th Century World history.
- Editor of Latin American History Newsletter.
- Taught correspondence courses in Latin American history to individuals incarcerated in Indiana state prisons.

Community Involvement

- Member of the Cincinnati Bar Association Women Lawyer's Committee and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees; member of the Ohio and American Bar Associations.
- Presenter of CLE programs on Pretrial Practice and Legal Writing.
- Member of the GLADD House Executive Board; 2007 – present.
- Member of the Attorney Steering Committee for VLP: Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor; 2004-2009.
- Volunteer, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati; 2003 – present.
- Volunteer, Children's Hospital; 1998 – present.
- Member of Cincinnati Public Schools Architectural Revitalization Planning Committee; 2004-2005.
- Member of Fairview German Language School GEBAS Board; 2002 – 2004.