

## Curriculum Vita

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Lawyering Process Professor  
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### Education

Ph.D. University of Denver, 2004. Education.  
J.D. University of San Francisco, 1989. Law.  
B.M.E. University of Colorado, Boulder, 1982. Music Education.

### Professional Experience

2008-present Lawyering Process Professor, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver  
  
2005-2008 Adjunct Professor, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.  
  
2002-present Adjunct Professor, Morgridge College of Education, University of Denver.  
  
1998-2004 Lecturer at Law, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.  
  
1997-2008 Library Instruction Coordinator, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.  
  
1992-1997 Westlaw Account Executive, West Publishing Corporation, Denver, Colorado.  
  
1990-1992 CD-ROM Sales Specialist, West Publishing Corporation, Denver, Colorado.  
  
1989-1990 Law Clerk, Bankruptcy Department, Wendel, Rosen, Black, Dean & Levitan, Oakland, California.  
  
1985-1989 Paralegal, Litigation Department, Wendel, Rosen, Black, Dean & Levitan, Oakland, California.  
  
1982-1985 Teacher of Vocal Music, Social Studies, and Language Arts, North Arvada Junior High School, Arvada, Colorado.

### Teaching Fields

Legal Research and Lawyering Skills  
Teaching and Learning with Technology  
Curriculum Development and Assessment

### Courses: College of Law

[Advanced Legal Research](#)  
Lawyering Process

### Courses: College of Education

[Teaching with Technology](#)  
[Instructional Design and Web Development for Educators](#)  
[Development of Technology Enhanced Educational Environments](#)  
[Technology Leadership](#)  
Technology in Assessment  
[Teacher Game Institute 2: Game Development Pedagogy](#)  
[Blended Learning Seminar](#)

## Research Interests

Legal Research and Lawyering Skills  
Teaching and Learning with Technology  
Learning Theory  
Pedagogy of Computer Game Development  
Technology Curriculum for K-12 Teachers  
Technology Professional Development for University Faculty

## Research

### [Pixels, Programming, Play & Pedagogy](#)

**P4Games:** Humane Game Development for students and teachers is funded by the National Science Foundation.

## Article

Austin, D. (2003). [Educating the lawyers of tomorrow using e-curriculum](#). Jurist Lessons from the Web.

## Dissertation

Austin, D. (2004). [New literacies: Are Colorado teacher education programs preparing pre-service teachers to use technology in their learning environments?](#)

## Invited Presentations

Austin, D. (2008). Education policy and its impact on innovation in pedagogy. Panelist on Law and Public Education Forum. [Sturm College of Law](#). Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2007). 21st century pedagogy: Innovate in your practice. Keynote Speech to District Faculty to open 2007-2008 school year. [Turner School District](#). Beloit, WI.

Austin, D. (2007). Connecting with digital kids. Presentation at Brain Basics Convention 2007, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2003). The lawyer's approach to legal research. Presentation to Loislaw National Sales Staff, Loislaw 2003 National Sales Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Austin, D. (2003). Legal research and the integration of internet resources. Presentation to the National Conference of State Legislatures at their Legal Services Annual Professional Development Meeting, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2002). Legal research primer. Presentation to Loislaw Regional Sales Staff, 2002 Loislaw Western Regional Meeting, Dallas, TX.

## Presentations

Austin, D. (2008). Legal research for the clinics. Presentation to Environmental Law Clinic, University of Denver. Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2007). Legal research for the clinics. Presentation to Civil Rights Clinic, University of Denver. Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2007). Legal research for the clinics. Presentation to Civil Litigation Clinic, University of Denver. Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2006). Conducting basic legal research. Presentation to Social Justice Action Group, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2006). Internet to enhance curriculum development and delivery of k-12 education. Presentation to Aesthetic Education Institute of Colorado, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2005). Conducting basic legal research. Presentation to Social Justice Action Group, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2005). Internet to enhance curriculum development and delivery of k-12 education. Presentation to Aesthetic Education Institute of Colorado in Summit County, Frisco, CO.

Austin, D. (2005). Technology curriculum for Colorado's pre-service teachers. Presentation to Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Austin, D. (2004). New literacies: Are Colorado teacher education programs preparing pre-service teachers to use technology in their learning environments? Presentation to Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Austin, D. (2004). Conducting basic legal research. Presentation to Social Justice Action Group, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2003). Cyber-advanced legal research: Educating the lawyers of tomorrow. Program presented at American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Austin, D. (2002). Using technology to connect with our students. Poster session given at American Association for Higher Education National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Austin, D. (1999). Researching in Colorado statutes - An introduction for the non-legal librarian. Presentation given at the Southwestern Association of Law Librarians and Colorado Association for Law Librarians Joint Conference, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (1998). Basic legal research. Presentation given at the Colorado Association for Law Librarians Legal Institute, Denver, CO.

### **Guest Lectures**

Austin, D. (2007). Using electronic resources to conduct a literature review. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2006). Using electronic resources to conduct a literature review. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2005). Introduction to digital noesis and Paul Levinson. Department of Mass Communications & Journalism Studies, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2004). Arts in education resources on the Internet. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2004). Using electronic resources to conduct a literature review. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

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Austin, D. (2002). Using electronic resources to conduct a literature review. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Austin, D. (2001). Curriculum resources on the Internet. College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

#### **Award**

William T. Driscoll Master Educator Award. University of Denver, May, 2001.

#### **Grants**

National Science Foundation: ITEST Program. [Pixels, Programming, Play and Pedagogy](#). \$1.2 million. September, 2006. (with S. Leutenegger - PI, R. Fajardo, and A. Andrews).

Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Denver. Preparing Colorado's Teachers for Technological Literacy. \$17,266. January, 2004. (with B. Uhrmacher).

#### **Service**

DU VIP Program Summer Link to College - Web Design Seminar and Guest Lecturer  
Member of Business Advisory Counsel at Martin Luther King Jr. Early College

#### **Organizational Memberships**

[American Educational Research Association](#)

[Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education](#)

[International Society for Technology in Education](#)

[Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education](#)