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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Director of the Academic Achievement Program

Professor of the Practice

Associate Professor of the Practice

August 2019-present

July 2024-present

August 2019-June 2024

- Direct the Academic Achievement Program, including teaching Intermediate Legal Reasoning class; meeting individually with first-year and upper-level J.D. students and students in part-time professional J.D. program; preparing and teaching in 1L Orientation and DU Ascent program.

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY

Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Director of Academic Success and Instructor of Legal Research and Writing,

July 2017-June 2019

July 2012-June 2017

August 2009-June 2012

- Taught first-year legal writing class, including preparation of class materials; assisted in administering legal writing program; prepared and taught academic success classes; planned and implemented new programs, including writing and grammar workshops, bar preparation classes, and diversity pipeline program; served on College of Law and University committees.

Coyne, Schultz, Becker & Bauer, S.C., Madison, WI

Associate Attorney

January 2006-July 2009

- Wrote trial and appellate court briefs, motions, and other court documents; researched and wrote memos on civil law issues; conducted depositions; drafted discovery requests and responses; appeared at hearings.

Defense Language Institute, English Language Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX

Instructor of English as a Second Language

January 2002-July 2003

- Taught English grammar, writing, and speaking at all levels to international military officers.
- Twice selected to serve as trainer and mentor for new teachers as part of pre-service training.

Korea University, Institute of Foreign Language Studies, Seoul, South Korea

Visiting Professor of English as a Second Language

September 1998-August 2001

- Taught English academic writing, journalism, creative writing, speaking, and culture courses.
- Served on Academic Standards Committee for English language classes.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

J.D., May 2006

- Managing editor, *Wisconsin International Law Journal*
- Teaching assistant for first-year legal research and writing program
- Writing tutor for international Masters of Legal Institutions program

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

M.A., Applied Linguistics/TESOL, June 1998

M.A., Slavic Languages and Literature, April 1996

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

B.A., Journalism and History (double major), May 1986

Graduated with Distinction

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- *AccessLex PLEDGE Bootcamp*, Washington, D.C. (April-May 2026), participant
- *AASE by the Numbers: A Look at the Results of the 2025 AASE Institutional and Individual Surveys*, AASE 2025 Conference, Boston, Massachusetts (May 2025), co-presenter with AASE Assessment Committee
- *Yes, You Belong Here: Promoting a Sense of Belonging Through Pre-Orientation Programs*, NALSAP 2023 Conference, Denver, Colorado (June 2023), panel organizer and moderator
- *AASE by the Numbers: A Look at the Results of the 2023 AASE Institutional and Individual Surveys*, AASE 2023 Conference, Santa Clara, California (May 2023), co-presenter with AASE Assessment Committee
- *AASE 2021 Short Survey Results*, AASE 2021 Virtual Conference (May 2021), co-presenter with AASE Assessment Committee
- *Incorporating Ideas from Applied Linguistics and English Education into the Legal Writing Classroom*, LWI Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (July 2018), panelist
- *Different Organizational Structures for Different Types of Legal Tests and Arguments*, CLE Session, LWI Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (July 2018), presenter
- *Current Research in Contrastive Rhetoric: What Does it Mean for the Legal Writing Classroom?* Global Legal Writing Skills Committee Webinar (May 20, 2017), presenter
- *What Applied Linguistics Research Can Tell Us About Teaching Legal Writing to Non-Native Speakers*, LWI Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon (July 2016), presenter
- *Collaborating on Scholarship through Peer Support Systems*, LWI One-Day Workshop, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus (December 2015), co-presenter
- *CREAC in the Real World*, LWI Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson University, Gulfport FL (April 2014), presenter
- ALWD Teaching Workshop, Stetson University, Gulfport FL (April 2014)
- *Technology in the Classroom*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington (December 2013), co-presenter
- LWI Writers' Workshop, Delavan, Wisconsin (July 2013), participant
- *The Sun Shines Bright on Our New Kentucky LRW Program*, ALWD Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee (June 2013), co-presenter
- *We Are Family: Effective Ways to Integrate the Legal Research & Writing Components of a First-Year LRW Course Even When Taught Separately*, ALWD Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee (June 2013), co-presenter
- *Teaching to Foreign Students: Plagiarism*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing (December 2012), presenter
- *Teaching Legal Writing to International and ESL Students: Plagiarism*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka (December 2012), presenter
- *Plagiarism Detection Programs: How Good Are They?* Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert (June 2012), co-presenter
- *Current Trends in ESL Writing Theory*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas (March 2011), presenter
- *Effective Student Conferences*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference, Dayton (December 2010), presenter
- Developing Ideas Conference, Lexington (April 2010), discussion leader

PUBLICATIONS

- *Contrastive Analysis and Contrastive Rhetoric in the Legal Writing Classroom*, 49 New Mexico Law Review 35 (2019)
- *Language Changes, But Should Legal Writing Change With It?* Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 81 (Nov. 2017)
- *Do Real Lawyers Use CREAC?* Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 80 (May 2016)
- *CREAC in the Real World*, 63 Cleveland State Law Review 567 (2015)
- Book Review: *Storytelling for Lawyers*, The Second Draft 28 (Fall 2015)
- *Helping International Students Avoid the Plagiarism Minefield: Suggestions from a Second Language*

Teacher and Writer, 23 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research & Writing 37 (2014)

- *In Other Words... When and How to Quote and Paraphrase*, Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 78 (Nov. 2014)
- *When is Copying OK in Legal Writing?* Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 77 (May 2013)
- *Checklists: Not Just for Pilots Anymore*, Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 75 (Nov. 2011)
- *The Perils of Hyperbole*, Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 75 (May 2011)
- *Commas and Colons and Semicolons, Oh My!*, Ky. Bar Ass'n Bench & Bar 74 (Nov. 2010)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Academic Support Professionals
- Legal Writing Institute

SERVICE

- Association of Academic Support Educators Assessment Committee (co-chair, 2022-2024, 2026-present; member, 2020-2022, 2024-2026)
- Association of Academic Support Educators Conference Planning Committee (member, 2025-present)
- *The Second Draft*, editorial board (Fall 2014-Fall 2018)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Spirit of AASE Award (2026)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Predictors of law school success
- Assessment
- Academic support pedagogy
- Learning theory

FREE-TIME INTERESTS

- Writing, children's literature, baking, mountain dulcimer