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EXPERIENCE

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

South Royalton, Vermont, 1997-present

Director, Legal Writing Program, 2008-present

Associate Director, Legal Writing Program, 2003-08

Assistant Director, Legal Writing Program, 1999-2003

Professor of Law, 2005-present

Associate Professor of Legal Writing, 2003-05

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, 1997-2003

Courses taught: Appellate Advocacy; Dispute Resolution; Legal Writing I;
Legal Writing II; Sexual Orientation and the Law;
Constitutional Law (2016-present)

Faculty Advisor to the Alliance (VLS's LGBTQ student group) (1997-present)

Faculty Advisor to the Social Justice Scholars (2015-present)

Faculty Advisor to the National Moot Court Team (1997-99, 2005-09)

Faculty Advisor to the National Baseball Arbitration Team (2013-present)

Faculty Advisor to the Space Law Moot Court Team (2019)

Committees: Diversity Committee (1997-2007)

Admissions Committee (1999-2001)

Appointments Committee (2003-05, 2017-18)

Merit Compensation Committee (2006)

Judicial Clerkship Committee (2010-13) (chair, 2013-16)

Assessments Committee (2018)

Curriculum Committee (2009-present) (chair, 2014-present)

Dean's Advisory Committee (2016-present) (elected by faculty)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (2002-04) (elected by faculty)

Faculty Service Award (2014) (Faculty-wide award presented by the Student Bar Association for exceptional service)

President's Distinguished Service Award (2020) (Presented by the Legal Writing Institute's Board of Directors)

National Legal Writing Committee Work:

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research
Nominating Committee (2008-10)
Awards Committee (2009-10, 2018-present)
Chair, Pink Ink Committee (2011-12), Co-chair (2012-13)
Nominating Committee (2020-present)

Association of Legal Writing Directors
Program Committee, Biennial Conference (2010, 2016, and 2018)
Scholarship Grants Committee (2010-12)
Co-Chair, Scholarship Grants Committee (2012-17)
Blackwell Reception Committee (2020-21)
Distinguished Speakers Committee (2021-present)

Legal Writing Institute
Upper Level Writing Committee (2010-11)
Faces of LWI Committee (2014-16)
Co-Chair, Awards Committee (2016-20)
Distinguished Speakers Committee (2019-21)

EXPERIENCE (Non-VLS)

MIDDLETON & TIMME

Anchorage, Alaska

Associate

1996-97

ALASKA SUPREME COURT

Anchorage, Alaska

Law Clerk to Chief Justice Allen T. Compton

1995-96

PALAU SUPREME COURT

Koror, Palau

Senior Court Counsel

1993-95

Special Advisor to Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong

1997-2007

ALASKA SUPREME COURT

Anchorage, Alaska

Law Clerk to Justice Edmond W. Burke

1992-93
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW
Eugene, Oregon
Instructor, Legal Research and Writing
1988-92

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Saint Louis, Missouri
Instructor, Legal Research and Writing
1987-88

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES
New Orleans, Louisiana
Staff Attorney
1986-87

ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT
Anchorage, Alaska
Law Clerk to Judge Rene Gonzalez
1985-86

EDUCATION

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL
J.D. 1985
Concannon Programme of International Law, London Law Centre (1983-84)
Intern, Center for Constitutional Studies (1983); Summer Associate, Harter,
Secrest, & Emery, Rochester, NY (1984); Grade Point Average 3.31

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
B.A. in History 1982
Honors work: *Zebinah Eastman and the Midwest Abolitionist Movement*

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Louisiana (1987)
Oregon (1990)
Alaska (1996)
United States Supreme Court (1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Assessing the Legal Writing Style of Amy Coney Barrett, 46 Vermont Bar J. ____ (upcoming Fall 2021)

Justice Beth Robinson: A Paragon of Good Legal Writing, 45 Vermont Bar J. 24 (2019)

Assessing the Legal Writing Style of Brett Kavanaugh, 44 Vermont Bar J. 30 (2018)

Is Neil Gorsuch a Role Model for Legal Writing? Yes and No, 43 Vermont Bar J. 27 (2017)

Welcome to Our Gender-Neutral Future, 42 Vermont Bar J. 36 (2016)

The Connection Between Writing Effective Briefs and Remaining Fully Human, 41 Vermont Bar J. 21 (2015) (co-authored with Stephen Reynes)

Sweat the Small Stuff, 40 Vermont Bar J. 37 (2014)

Credibility in Advocacy: Humility as the First Step, 39 Vermont Bar J. 22 (2013)

Spiralling Into Control: Appreciating the Groundbreaking Legal Writing Pedagogy of Professor Mary S. Lawrence, 91 Oregon L. Rev. Online 1 (2012)

May It Please the Classroom: Using Pending United States Supreme Court Cases to Teach Appellate Advocacy and Persuasive Writing, 12 The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing 99 (2009)

We've Heard this Before: The Legacy of Interracial Marriage Bans and the Implications for Today's Marriage Equality Debates, 34 Vt. L. Rev. 277 (2009)

Controversial Issues in the Legal Writing Classroom: Risks and Rewards, 16 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 12 (2007)

Civil Union: A Reappraisal, in *Defending Same-Sex Marriage* (Mark Strasser, ed.) (Praeger 2007)

Same-Sex Marriage, Civil Unions, Workplace Discrimination, Same-Sex Harassment, Romer v. Evans, entries in the online encyclopedia, www.glbtc.com (2004)

Vermont Civil Unions: A Success Story, in *Marriage and Same-Sex Unions, A Debate* (Lynn Wardle, David Coolidge, and Mark Strasser, eds.) (2003)

In Praise of Civil Unions, 30 Capital L. Rev. 315 (2002)

Vermont Civil Unions: The New Language of Marriage, 25 Vt. L. Rev. 15 (2000) (Lead article in Symposium on *Baker v. State*, Vermont's same-sex marriage case)

Making History in Vermont, The Loquitur, Vol.15, No. 2, at 12 (Spring 2000)

PRESENTATIONS

Becoming Centered—and a Better Advocate—Through Humility
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
University of Denver Law School
Denver, Colorado
March 2018

Joint Venture: The Negotiation and Drafting Workshop at Vermont Law School
(with Brian Porto)
New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference
Boston University Law School
Boston, Massachusetts
October 2016

The Limits of Advocacy: Our Responsibilities
When Incorporating Social Justice into Legal Writing
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference
Portland, Oregon
July 2016

Toward a Gender-Inclusive Campus
Presentation to the Diversity Committee
Vermont Law School
November 2015

Where Do You Go After Reaching the Summit?:
LGBT Advocacy After Obergefell
Alliance Conference
Vermont Law School
October 2015

The Death of Class Actions: Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez
and Other Important Class-Action Cases in This Year's Term
Constitution Day
Vermont Law School
September 2015

Legends of Legal Writing (Moderator)
(Panel Discussion with Marjorie Rombauer, Ralph Brill, and Mary Lawrence)
Northwest Legal Writing Conference
University of Oregon Law School
Eugene, Oregon
April 2015

Effective Brief Writing
(With Brian Porto)
American Bar Association
Section on Family Law
2014 Fall Conference
Stowe, Vermont
October 2014

May It Please The Classroom: Using Pending Supreme Court Cases to Teach Persuasive Writing and Appellate Advocacy
Western Regional Legal Writing Conference
Stanford Law School
Palo Alto, CA
September 2014

Subject-Matter Specialties in Legal Writing: A Three-Dimensional Approach To Legal Writing Pedagogy
(With Professor Susan Thrower, DePaul University School of Law and Professor Lance Long, Stetson University College of Law)
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 2014

“Circling Back”: Integrating Essential Analytical and Communication Skills Through a Spiral Legal Writing Curriculum
(With Professor Susan Provenzano, Northwestern University School of Law)
Southeastern Legal Writing Conference
Stetson Law School
Gulfport, Florida
April 2014

*First for a Reason:
The Continued Vitality of the First Amendment in Supreme Court Jurisprudence*
Godnick Adult Center Lecture Series
Rutland, Vermont
February 2014

Victory! The Future of Marriage Equality after Windsor v. United States
Summer Pride Festival at Chandler Hall
Randolph, Vermont
July 2013

Panelist and Workshop Leader
AALS Workshop for New Legal Writing Teachers
Washington, D.C.
June 2013

Same-Sex Marriage Reaches the Supreme Court: A Community Forum
Vermont Law School
March 2013

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award to Mary Lawrence
AALS Annual Meeting
Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research
Washington, D.C.
January 2013

Credibility in Advocacy: Humility as the First Step
Berkeley Law School, Boalt Hall
Berkeley, California
December 2012

Unfinished Business: The Military's Treatment of Transgender Service Members
Vermont Law School
November 2012

Diversity at Vermont Law School: An LGBTQI Perspective
Vermont Law School
October 2012

*Participant in the International Community, or Police Officer to the World?:
Prosecuting Human Rights Violations under the Alien Tort Statute*
Vermont Law School
September 2012

Finding Nemo (and his Anemone): The Symbiosis of Teaching and Scholarship
Western Regional Legal Writing Conference
University of Oregon School of Law
Eugene, Oregon
August 2012

*There is No Finish Line: Getting Students to Embrace
the Legal Process as a Never Ending Journey*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law
Tempe, Arizona
March 2012

Career Paths in LGBT Civil Rights Law
Dartmouth Law Journal Panel on Public Law
Hanover, New Hampshire
February 2012

Don't Ask/Don't Tell Is No More!
Panel/Celebration
Vermont Law School
September 2011

*The Feedback Loop: How Teaching Informs Scholarship
and Scholarship Informs Teaching*
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
Pacific McGeorge Law School
Sacramento, California
June 2011

Panelist, *Symposium on Feminist Legal Theory*
Southeast Legal Writing Conference
Mercer Law School
Macon, Georgia
April 2011

*Bringing the United States Supreme Court Bar to a New England Village:
Vermont Law School's Annual Appellate Advocacy Panel*
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
University of Nevada-Las Vegas Law School
Las Vegas, Nevada
March 2011

*The Letter or the Spirit of the Law? Differing Approaches to
Second-Parent Adoption Among Courts in the United States*
Cross-Border Conference on LGBT Civil Rights
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec
November 2010

Lost In Translation: The Limits of Metaphor in Legal Writing
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
University of Arizona Law School
Tucson, Arizona
March 2010

In Defense of Vermont Law School's Position on Military Recruiting
Solomon Amendment Panel Discussion
Vermont Law School 2010
*Finding a New and Dynamic Framework for Legal Writing Assignments
in the Apprenticeship Tradition*
Southeast Legal Writing Conference
Stetson University Law School
Gulfport, Florida
September 2009

*Recycling a Master: Lessons from Mary Lawrence's Groundbreaking
Legal Writing Pedagogy*
Northwest Legal Writing Conference
Lewis and Clark Law School
Portland, Oregon
August 2009

Credibility in Persuasive Writing: Humility as the First Step
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School
Kansas City, Missouri
July 2009

*We've Heard This Before: The Legacy of Interracial Marriage Bans and the Implications for
Today's Marriage Equality Debates*
Dartmouth College Law Day Symposium
Hanover, New Hampshire
April 2009

Testimony on Marriage Equality Bill
Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee
Vermont House Judiciary Committee
Montpelier, Vermont
February/March 2009

Centering Sexual Orientation in the Legal Writing Curriculum
AALS Annual Meeting
Section on Legal Research, Legal Writing, and Moot Court
San Diego, California
January 2009

Interstate Recognition of Civil Union and Same-Sex Marriage
National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Convention
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 2008

Meet the New Boss:
Reflections On The Growing Trend Towards Directorless Legal Writing Programs
New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Annual Conference
Vermont Law School
December 2007

The Legal And Social Differences Between Marriage and Civil Union
Testimony before the Vermont Commission on Family Recognition
Vermont Law School 2007

May It Please The Classroom: Using Pending Supreme Court Cases to Teach Persuasive Writing and Appellate Advocacy
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
Denver, Colorado
June 2007

Civil Union: A Reappraisal
Forum for International Scholars
Woodstock, Vermont
September 2006

The Future of Gay Rights
Harvard University
Institute of Politics
Cambridge, Massachusetts
December 2005

When Rights Collide: God and Gays in the Workplace
Sermon, Unitarian Church
Woodstock, Vermont
November 2005

Be Careful the Bedfellows You Keep: Gay Marriage and the Gay Right
Vermont Law School
September 2005

Appellate Advocacy at Vermont Law School
New England Legal Writing Consortium Conference
Suffolk University School of Law
Boston, Massachusetts
December 2003

Civil Unions and “Stigma”
Conference on Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Union
Capital University Law School
Columbus, Ohio
March 2001

Testimony on Civil Union Bill
Vermont House Judiciary Committee
Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee
Montpelier, Vermont
January/March 2000

Hot Topics in Sexual Orientation and the Law
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts
April 1999

Brause v. State: Alaska’s Same-Sex Marriage Case
Freedom to Marry Conference
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, Massachusetts
February 1999

REFERENCES

Professor Stephanie Willbanks
Vermont Law School
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Professor Philip Meyer
(Former Director of the Legal Writing Program)
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I can provide names/numbers of legal-writing professors at other schools if you would like feedback on my reputation in the national legal-writing academy.