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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: ACADEMIC**

#### **Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana.**

##### *Faculty Associate in Law and Social Policy (2008–present)*

Affiliated Scholar, researching and writing on issues of law and society, with an emphasis on international law, human rights and humanitarian intervention, critical methodologies, and social theory.

##### *Associate Professor (2004–2007)*

Taught property law, immigration law, and international human rights law courses; advised first-year law students; member of the curriculum committee.

##### *Visiting Scholar, University of British Columbia, Law Faculty, Centre for Feminist Legal Studies:*

Researched and wrote on issues of international human rights and immigration law. Spring 2007.

*Visiting Associate Professor, Notre Dame Law School:* Taught immigration law to second- and third-year law students. Fall 2005, 2006.

*International Human Rights Summer Program, Chile and Argentina:* Taught in inaugural year of summer program and subsequently with focus on the law, history, and cultures of human rights in Chile and Argentina. Summer 2007, 2010.

*The Conversations Project:* Developed and co-chaired an interdisciplinary and collaborative university program to foster discussion of current political and social issues.

#### **University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.**

##### *Lecturer (2011–present)*

Teaching courses in Crime & Society and Crime & Justice for the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts.

#### **American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.**

##### *Practitioner-in-Residence (2001–2004)*

Taught in international human rights law clinic, including co-teaching seminar component and individually supervising casework of students; taught tort law to first-year students; developed course materials and taught seminar on gender, culture and international human rights to J.D. and LL.M. students; member of Planning Committee for conference marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project.

*Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law:* Co-taught course on Human Rights Practice: Skills, Ethics and Values in Advocacy in summer program for students and practitioners.

##### *Workshop on International Human Rights in the Legal Academy: Education, Service and Advocacy:*

Co-organized and co-chaired workshop for faculty and staff participating in advocacy work within the academic community through clinical programs in human rights and human rights centers.

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**Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe, Arizona.**

*Legal Writing Professor* (2000–2001)

Taught required year-long course in Legal Method and Writing for first-year law students.

**Civic Education Project, Bucharest, Romania; Bratislava, Slovakia.**

*Lecturer* (1993–1995)

Taught international law courses to law students in Romania (UNEX University, Bucharest) and graduate students in Slovakia (Comenius University, Bratislava) for the Civic Education Project, a non-profit organization based at Yale University; organized regional seminar.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: OTHER LEGAL WORK**

**Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

*Executive Officer* (1997–1999)

Head of Office for the Secretariat of the Human Rights Chamber, a human rights court established under the Dayton Peace Agreement; on contract with the U.S. Department of State. Primary responsibilities: liaised with inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, and governments and their embassies; monitored human rights developments; prepared annual budgets, executive and administrative plans and policies; assisted in development of strategy for human rights mechanisms in Bosnia; and managed the Secretariat, including overall supervision of staff of thirty and direct supervision of senior staff in Sarajevo and Banja Luka offices.

**Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

*Associate* (1996–1997, 2000)

Coordinated various aspects of legal and factual research and other support for complex civil litigation; supervised attorneys and legal assistants; and assisted in extensive pretrial discovery work.

**Legal Research Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

*Research Associate* (1995–1996, 1999–2000)

Researched civil and criminal law and wrote briefs and memoranda on behalf of legal and corporate clients nationally. Projects included petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

*Project Attorney* (1992–1995)

Supervised and trained volunteers and interns, conducted legal and field research, and prepared reports. Major projects: prepared recommendations to prevent human rights abuses in Kosovo; analyzed information for the U.N. and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; investigated domestic violence in Romania and Albania; reported on violence against women in Haiti; participated in the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, Regional Preparatory Conference, and NGO Forum.

**Hon. Gary Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals, St. Paul, Minnesota.**

*Law Clerk* (Summer 1992, 1994)

Researched and drafted memoranda regarding various state law issues.

**Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Barrow, Alaska.**

*Staff Attorney* (1991–1992)

Provided legal services to low-income residents of the North Slope, including seven Inuit villages; caseload included Native Alaskan land ownership and use, family and poverty law issues.

**Lord Day & Lord, Barrett Smith, New York, New York.**

*Associate* (1989–1991)

Researched and drafted legal motions, discovery, briefs and memoranda in complex commercial litigation.

## **EDUCATION**

**University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, British Columbia.

*Ph.D., Department of Sociology.* (2007–2012)

*Dissertation: (Re)Writing the Rule of Law: Text and Expertise in Humanitarian Intervention* (an Institutional Ethnography of human rights practices in inter-governmental field missions).

*Teaching and Other Research:* Lecturer – Crime and Society, Crime and Justice; Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Sociology, Qualitative Methods; Research Assistant – Dr. Renisa Mawani (developing Minor program in Law and Society).

*Comprehensive Exams:* Law, Crime and Social Control; Advanced Research Methods.

*Honors and Awards:* Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (2008-2011); UBC Graduate Entrance Scholarship (2007); UBC Four-Year Fellowship (2008-2011).

**University of Wisconsin Law School**, Madison, Wisconsin.

*J.D., Cum Laude.* (1986–1989)

*Wisconsin International Law Journal*, Note and Comment Editor; Internship, Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb, U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin; Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing Program.

**Valparaiso University**, Valparaiso, Indiana.

*B.A., With Distinction.* (1983–1986) Major in Journalism; Political Science minor.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Academic Publications:***

- *What Do Human Rights Lawyers Do? Examining Practice and Expertise in the Field*, \_\_ BUFFALO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW \_\_ (forthcoming 2013).
- *Lessons from the Local: Rurality and Domestic Violence Practice in Africa and the United States* in COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: LESSONS FROM EFFORTS WORLDWIDE (L. Goodmark and R. Goel, eds.) (co-authored with J. Bond, under contract at Oxford University Press).
- *Having the Last Word: Human Rights Reporting (Re)Imagined through Critical Qualitative Methodology*, QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY 36(2): 209-225 (2013).
- *Is International Law Really Law? Theorizing the Multi-Dimensionality of Law*, 44 AKRON LAW REVIEW 333 (2011).
- *Hybrid Courts: Examining Hybridity through a Post-Colonial Lens*, 28 BOSTON UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 1 (2010).
- *Book Review: The Work of Global Justice: Human Rights as Practices* (Fuyuki Kurasawa), CANADIAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY 34(1): 207-209 (2009).
- *Open or Closed: Balancing Border Policy with Human Rights*, 96 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 197 (2007), reprinted 29 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW 103 (2008).
- *Whose Law Is It Anyway? The Cultural Legitimacy of International Human Rights in the United States*, 73 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 669 (2006).
- *Models Wanted: The Search for an Effective Response to Human Trafficking*, 40 STANFORD JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 1 (2004).
- “*Why a Feminist Law Journal*” – *Lessons About Autonomy and Integration from International Human Rights, Law Journals and the World of Golf*, 12 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF GENDER & LAW 565 (2003) (symposium).

**Other Professional Publications:**

- *Another Violence Against Women: The Lack of Accountability in Haiti*, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (1995).
- *Lifting the Last Curtain: A Report on Domestic Violence in Romania*, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (1995) (with members of the Minnesota Advocates Domestic Violence in Eastern Europe Project).
- *The Minnesota Plan: Recommendations for Preventing Gross Human Rights Violations in Kosovo*, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (1993) (with members of the Minnesota Advocates Working Group on Kosovo).

**Reviewer:** Journal of International Law and International Relations (Can.); Canadian Review of Sociology (Can.); Law and Society Review (U.S.); Journal of Philosophy, Science and Law (U.S.); The International Journal of Human Rights (U.K.); Culture, Health and Sexuality (U.K.); Routledge-Cavendish (U.K.); Australian Institute of Criminology (Aus.).

**Presentations, Workshops, and Other Professional Activities:**

- Chair, *Human Rights Across the World*, Law on the Edge, Joint Conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law & Society Association of Australia & New Zealand, Vancouver, BC, July 2013.
- “Law in the ‘field’” Human Rights in Humanitarian Intervention,” *Human Rights Across the World*, Law on the Edge, Joint Conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law & Society Association of Australia & New Zealand, Vancouver, BC, July 2013.
- Consultant, *Human Rights Fact-Finding Project on Labor and Employment Conditions for Women Workers*, Washington and Lee School of Law and Women’s Legal Aid Centre of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, March 2012.
- Reader, *Author Meets Reader – United Nations Reform: Heading North or South* (Spencer Zifcak), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 28, 2010.
- Chair/Discussant, *Assessing Perspectives on Immigration*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 2010.
- “(Re)Establishing the Rule of Law: Human Rights Intervention as Law-Making,” *Law and Society Speaker Series*, University of British Columbia, November 12, 2009.
- “Human Rights Fact-Finding: What Might Critical Qualitative Methods Contribute?,” *From Symbolism to Substance: Engaging with Human Rights Methodologies*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 30, 2009.
- “Shared Methodologies? Critical Practices in Law and Sociology,” *Methodological Advances in Law and Society*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, May 29, 2009.
- Commentator, *No Easy Fix: Global Responses to Internal Wars and Crimes against Humanity* (Patricia Marchak), Academic Launch, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, September 5, 2008.
- “Feminist Practices in Transnational Work: Collaborative Human Rights Fact-finding in Namibia,” *Human Rights, Cultural Diversity, and Gender Equality*, Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 30, 2008.
- Discussant, *Roundtable on Transnational Feminism(s): Common Differences in Law, Theory, and Practice*, Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 30, 2008.
- Consultant, *Human Rights Fact-Finding Project on HIV-AIDS in Prison*, University of Wyoming Law School and Legal Assistance Centre of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia, March 2008.
- Discussant, *Law and Society Roundtable*, University of British Columbia, December 6, 2007.

- “Culture of Compliance: The Role of Domestic Courts in International Human Rights,” *Centre for Feminist Legal Studies Lecture Series*, University of British Columbia, February 15, 2007.
- “Duty, Honor and Whatever: The Role of the Military Today,” *The Conversations Project*, Valparaiso University, January 30, 2006.
- Discussant, *Roundtable Discussion on Women and Migration*, International Law Weekend 2005, American Branch of the International Law Association, New York, New York, October 22, 2005.
- Group Leader, *Workshop on Clinical Legal Education*, Association of American Law Schools, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2003.
- Member, *Working Group on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Legal Implementation Index*, American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative, Washington, DC, August 2001 and December 2002.
- “The Right to Health: The Role of Gender and Culture,” *The Right to Health in the Inter-American Legal System*, College of the Americas and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington, DC, May 23, 2002.

## **COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- **International Women’s Rights Project**, Director and Advisory Partner, Victoria, British Columbia (2013–present)
- **Law and Society Association**, Member (2012–present)
- **International Law Association**, American Branch (ABILA), Feminism & International Law Committee (2005–2011)
- **North Vancouver School District**, North Vancouver, British Columbia, School Volunteer (2007–2012)
- **Election Protection Project**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Poll monitor (November 2004)
- **District of Columbia Bar**, Washington, DC, Co-Chair, Immigration and Human Rights Committee, International Law Section (2002–2004)
- **Children’s Law Center**, St. Paul, Minnesota, Researcher (1995–1996)
- **Mediation Center**, St. Paul, Minnesota, Mediator (1992–1993)
- **Lawyers Committee for Human Rights**, New York, New York, Pro Bono Attorney (1990–1991)

**U.S. Citizen, Canadian Citizen  
Admitted to Practice in New York and Wisconsin**