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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: ACADEMIC**

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

*Faculty Associate in Law and Social Policy* 2008 - present

Researching issues of law and society, with an emphasis on international law, human rights and humanitarian intervention, critical methodologies, and social theory; teaching in the International Human Rights Summer Program in Chile and Argentina; pursuing doctoral studies in sociology at the University of British Columbia (Ph. D. Candidate).

*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 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, Fall 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, Summer 2010.

*The Conversations Project:* Developed and co-chaired an interdisciplinary and collaborative university program to foster discussion of current political and social issues. November 2004-2007.

#### **American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.** 2001 - 2004

##### *Practitioner-in-Residence*

Taught in international human rights law clinic, including co-teaching seminar component and individually supervising casework of students on cases involving asylum and other human rights issues; taught tort law to eighty first-year students as part of an "integrated" section, working co-operatively with other professors teaching in the first-year curriculum (Fall 2003); also developed course materials and taught seminar on gender, culture and international human rights to J.D. and LL.M. students (Spring 2002, 2003).

*Conference on Feminism and Legal Theory:* Participated as member of Planning Committee for conference marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project. March 2004.

*Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law:* Co-taught course on Human Rights Practice: Skills, Ethics and Values in Advocacy for summer program for J.D. and LL.M. students and human rights practitioners. Summer 2002.

*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. May 2002.

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**Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe, Arizona.** 2000 - 2001

*Legal Writing Professor*

Taught required year-long course in Legal Method and Writing that trains first-year law students to perform basic legal skills, including case analysis, statutory analysis, manual and computerized legal research, citation, and objective and persuasive legal writing.

**Civic Education Project, Bucharest, Romania; Bratislava, Slovakia.** 1993 - 1995

*Lecturer, UNEX University, Bucharest, Romania; Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.*

Developed and taught courses to university law students in Romania and to graduate students in foreign relations in Slovakia for the Civic Education Project, a non-profit organization at Yale University; organized regional seminar on issues affecting women in Central and Eastern Europe; and assisted in educational reform projects. Courses taught: Human Rights Law, International Trade, Public International Law.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: OTHER LEGAL WORK**

**Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.** 1997 - 1999

*Executive Officer*

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; directed the overall work of staff in Sarajevo and Banja Luka offices. Primary areas of responsibility: liaison work with international and national intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and governments and their embassies; monitoring human rights developments; participating in seminars, conferences, and training related to human rights and human rights institutions; preparing annual budgets, executive and administrative plans and policies; assisting in development of strategy for human rights mechanisms in Bosnia; and managing the Secretariat, including overall supervision of staff of thirty and direct supervision of senior staff.

**Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, Minneapolis, Minnesota.** 1996 - 1997, 2000

*Associate*

Coordinated various aspects of legal and factual research and other support for complex civil litigation; researched legal issues and drafted legal motions, briefs and memoranda; supervised attorneys and legal assistants; and assisted in extensive pretrial discovery work.

**Legal Research Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.** 1995 - 1996, 1999 - 2000

*Research Associate*

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; multi-jurisdictional surveys of state laws on antitrust and consumer protection; and business and consumer legal guidebooks.

**Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, Minnesota.** 1992 - 1995

*Project Attorney*

Supervised and trained volunteers and interns, coordinated and conducted legal and field research, and prepared reports. Also participated in training a delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women, attended the Beijing Conference and the Regional Preparatory Conference, and led a workshop at the NGO Forum. Projects included: preparing recommendations to prevent human rights abuses in Kosovo; analyzing information for use by the United Nations Commission of Experts and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; investigating domestic violence in Romania and Albania; and reporting on governmental accountability for violence against women in Haiti during and after the coup regime.

**Hon. Gary Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals, St. Paul, Minnesota.** Summers 1992, 1994

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### *Law Clerk*

Researched and drafted memoranda regarding various state law issues, including family law, employment law, federal and state constitutional matters, and civil and criminal procedure.

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

1991 - 1992

#### *Staff Attorney*

Provided legal services to low-income residents of the North Slope, including seven Inuit villages; supervised support staff and interns; managed full caseload involving Native Alaskan land ownership and use, family and poverty law issues; provided community education.

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

1989 - 1991

#### *Associate*

Researched various legal issues with primary focus on corporate and commercial law; drafted legal motions, briefs and memoranda; participated in extensive discovery work in complex commercial litigation.

## EDUCATION

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

2007 - present

*Department of Sociology, Ph.D. Candidate (Degree expected 2011).*

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).

Sessional Lecturer: Crime and Society; Research Assistant, Prof. Renisa Mawani (developing Minor program in Law and Society); Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Sociology, Qualitative Methods.

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

Dissertation Proposal: (Re)Establishing the Rule of Law: Human Rights Intervention as Law-Making.

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

1986 - 1989

*J.D., Cum Laude.*

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

### **Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.**

1983 - 1986

*B.A., With Distinction.* Major in Journalism; Political Science minor. Completed 4-year program in 3 years.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### ***Legal Publications:***

- *Is International Law Really Law? Theorizing the Multi-Dimensionality of Law*, 44 *Akron Law Review* \_\_\_\_ (2010) (forthcoming).
- *Hybrid Courts: Examining Hybridity through a Post-Colonial Lens*, 28 *Boston University International Law Journal* 1 (2010).
- *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 Publications:**

- Book Review: *The Work of Global Justice: Human Rights as Practices* (Fuyuki Kurasawa), Canadian Journal of Sociology 34(1) (Winter 2009).
- *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).

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

- 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.
- *Comments on No Easy Fix: Global Responses to Internal Wars and Crimes against Humanity*, 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 Panel, Placing Law, Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 30, 2008.
- *Roundtable Discussion on Transnational Feminism(s): Common Differences in Law, Theory, and Practice*, Placing Law, Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec, May 30, 2008.
- Co-Supervisor, *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.
- *Law and Society Roundtable*, University of British Columbia, December 6, 2007.
- *Culture of Compliance: Considering 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.
- *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.
- *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.

**Reviewer:** Canadian Review of Sociology (Can.); Journal of Philosophy, Science and Law (U.S.); Culture, Health and

Sexuality (U.K.); Routledge-Cavendish (U.K.).

**COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- **International Law Association**, American Branch (ABILA), Feminism & International Law Committee (2005-present)
- **Carson Graham Secondary School**, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Volunteer (2007-2009)
- **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)

**Admitted to Practice in New York and Wisconsin.**