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Education

University of Maryland College Park, School of Public Policy

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy and Public Policy, anticipated completion 2009

University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

2004 Summer Workshop

Poverty in America: Empirical Trends and Theoretical Explanations

The American University Washington College of Law

Juris Doctor, May 1995

- The American University Journal of Gender & the Law, Member, 1993 – 1994, Editorial Board Member, 1994 – 1995
- Yale Law School, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Student Attorney, Summer 1994
- Legal Methods Dean's Fellow, 1994 – 1995
- Public Interest Law Clinic, Student Attorney, 1993 – 1994
- U.S. Department of Labor, Law Clerk, Summer 1993
- Haitian Refugee Asylum Project, Miami, Refugee Advocate, Winter Break, 1992

Michigan State University

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities, June 1992

- Chairperson, Associated Students of Michigan State University, 1991 – 1992
- Principal organizer, Habitat for Humanity service trips, Into the Street community volunteer project, various student empowerment initiatives, and Michigan Student Party (state-wide political party)

Professional

The John Marshall Law School

Associate Professor of Law

August 2007 – Present

Courses Taught: Constitutional Law I (individual rights) and II (structure and governance); Legal Skills

Service: Curriculum Committee (2007 - present); Family Law Moot Court coach (2008); Selection and Appointments Committee (present)

University of Maryland School of Law

July 2001 – July 2007

*Law School Assistant Professor (7/01 to 6/06),
Associate Professor (7/06 to present), and
Associate Director of Legal Writing (7/01 to present)*

Courses Taught: International Trade and Global Poverty Seminar and Clinic; Constitutional Law; Introduction to Torts; Post-Conviction and Civil Rights Clinic; Social Welfare Policy and Law; Negotiation; Pre-Trial Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy; Legal Analysis and Writing

Service: Admissions Committee (2006 – present); Administrative Committee (2004 – 2006); Faculty Advisor and Coach, ADR Group (2003 – present); Legal Writing Program Review Committee (2003 – 2004); Academic Achievement Committee (2001 – 2003)

Administration: Design curriculum, and hire, train, and supervise over 20 adjuncts each year for required Pre-Trial and Appellate Advocacy courses

George Washington University Law School

July 1999 – July 2001

*Associate Professorial Lecturer in Law and
Associate Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program*

Courses Taught: Legal Research and Writing; Appellate Advocacy; Client Interviewing and Counseling

Service: Chair, Faculty-Student Pro Bono Subcommittee (2000 – 2001); AIDS Law Project Pro Bono Initiative (2000 – 2001)

Administration: Assisted director in administering required LRW and Appellate Advocacy courses and in hiring and supervising 40 adjuncts each year

Peace Corps

February 1996 – July 1999

*Assistant General Counsel (Inter-America and Pacific Region) and
Agency Ethics Officer*

Advised agency and director on policy, programmatic, and legal issues, primarily relating to the Inter-America and Pacific Region and government ethics; assisted in inter-agency and inter-governmental relations; represented agency in litigation, including government contract disputes, public employment disputes, and other cases (e.g., *Polsdorfer v. Gearan*, 1996 WL 451051 (D.D.C. 1996), 335 U.S.App.D.C. 319 (D.C. Cir. 1996) (First Amendment case))

Other Professional

United States Court of International Trade

November 2005 - Present

Pro Bono Counsel in Trade Adjustment Assistance Appeals

Bar-Bri Bar Review

January 2004 – Present

Lecturer, Maryland Essays, Constitutional Law

District of Columbia Superior Court, Multi-Door Program

December 1996 – 2003

Family Mediator and Mentor

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Volunteer Attorney

1996 – 2003

American University Washington College of Law

Adjunct Instructor, Legal Methods Program

August 1996 – May 1999

Law Review and Journal Articles

Displaced Workers and Their Search for Support in a Broken Bureaucracy, 40 Clearinghouse Rev. J. of Poverty L. & Pol'y 107 (2008)

Reconstructing the Constitutional Case Against Mandatory Welfare Home Visits, 42 Clearinghouse Rev. J. of Poverty L. & Pol'y 42 (2008)

Welfare Reform in a Global Economy, 11 U. Iowa J. Gender, Race & Justice 209 (2008)

The Faces of Open Courts and the Civil Right to Counsel, 37 U. Balt. L. Rev. 21 (2007)

The Right to Counsel on Appeal: Civil Douglas, 15 Temple Pol. & Civ. Rights L. Rev. 603 (2006)

Sidestepping Lassiter on the Path to Civil Gideon: Civil Douglas, 40 Clearinghouse Rev. J. of Poverty L. & Pol'y 217 (2006)

Teaching Legal Research and Writing with Actual Legal Work: Extending Clinical Education into the First Year, 12 Clinical L. Rev. 441 (2006) (with Michael A. Millemann)

Toward a More Expansive Welfare Devolution Debate, 9 Lewis & Clark L. Rev. 311 (2005)

Other Articles

Developmental Learning Theory in the First Year: From Regression to Progression, <http://law.gsu.edu/FutureOfLegalEducationConference/Papers/Schwinn.pdf> (2008) (unpublished manuscript presented at the International Future of Legal Education Conference, Atlanta, 2008)

Law Reform in the First Year, In Practice, Vol. VII, No. 1 (2006)

Clinic Collaborations and Creating the Law, The Second Draft, Vol. 19, No. 1 (2004)

Enhancing Law Classes with Pro Bono, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference Proceedings (Section on Pro Bono and Public Service), January 2001

Workbook

Basic Legal Research Workbook, First Edition (Aspen 2002), Second Edition (Aspen 2004), and Third Edition (Aspen 2007) (all with teacher's manuals) (all with Amy E. Sloan)

Selected Editorials and Media

Civil Unions: Separate and Unequal, Maryland Daily Record, July 6, 2007 (editorial)

Assisted Suicide for Maryland Death Penalty, Maryland Daily Record, Dec. 29, 2006 (editorial)

Fine-Slicing Racial Classification, Maryland Daily Record, Dec. 8, 2006 (editorial)

The Right Answer to the Wrong Question, Maryland Daily Record, Nov. 24, 2006 (editorial)

City's Bail Hearings and Reviews Violate Indigents' Fundamental Rights, Maryland Daily Record, Nov. 17, 2006 (editorial)

Flaw Found in Maryland Sex Offender Law, Baltimore Sun, Nov. 16, 2006, pp. B1, B5 (quote)

The Political Manipulation of Fundamental Rights, Maryland Daily Record, Nov. 10, 2006 (editorial)

Repairing our Electoral Process, Maryland Daily Record, Nov. 3, 2006 (editorial)

The Best Justice Money Can Buy, Maryland Daily Record, Oct. 13, 2006 (editorial)

Just Grant the Petitions, Maryland Daily Record, Oct. 6, 2006 (editorial)

The Corrosive Void of the Civil Right to Counsel, Maryland Daily Record, Sep. 22, 2006 (editorial)

The Primaries' Other Culpable Party, Maryland Daily Record, Sep. 15, 2006 (editorial)

The Price of Open Government, Maryland Daily Record, Sep. 7, 2006 (editorial)

Maryland's Democracy-Enhancing Constitution, Maryland Daily Record, Aug. 18, 2006 (editorial)

Wal-Mart Exploits Loose Law, Maryland Daily Record, Aug. 11, 2006 (editorial)

Maryland Courts Should Ignore New York's Same-Sex Decision, Maryland Daily Record, July 28, 2006 (editorial)

Clarify Maryland Law on Police Misconduct, Maryland Daily Record, April 28, 2006 (editorial)

Police Held Negligent, But Not Liable in Speed Chase, Washington Post, p. T3 (May 25, 2006) (quote)

Awards and Honors

Clinical Legal Education Association Award for Excellence, 2005 (faculty co-supervisor (with Michael Millemann) on post-conviction case involving a petitioner's claim of actual innocence after 31 years in prison; sentence ultimately commuted by governor; story archived at npr.org, All Things Considered, December 15, 2004)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Diversity Recognition Award, University of Maryland at Baltimore, 2005 (faculty co-supervisor (with Michael Millemann and Renee Hutchins) on post-conviction case, described above)

Service Award for Pro Bono Work (5 years) with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

University-Wide Bender Teaching Award, George Washington University, Fall 2001

Who's Who in American Law, 1998 – present; Who's Who in America, 1999 – present

Professional Affiliations and Activities

Board of Advisors, Maryland Public Interest Law Project (student-managed non-profit designed to support law student public interest work), Fall 2005 – Spring 2007

Board Member (2003 – present) and Treasurer (2003 – 2007), Community Law in Action (youth empowerment and advocacy non-profit), 2003 – Fall 2007

Association of Legal Writing Directors, Web-Site Committee Chair and Webmaster, 2002 – 2006

Chair, Newsletter Committee, Association of American Law Schools Section on Pro Bono and Public Service, 2001 – 2005

Bar Memberships

Michigan State Bar, 1995 – present

United States Court of International Trade, 2005 – present

United States Supreme Court, 2005 – present

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2006 – present

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2007 – present

Selected Presentations

Developmental Learning Theory in the First Year: From Regression to Progression, International Future of Legal Education Conference, Atlanta, GA (February 2008)

Connecting Global and Domestic Poverty in Theory and Practice, AALS Workshop on Clinical Legal Education, New Orleans, LA (June 2007)

Strategies to Achieve a Civil Right to Counsel, U. Balt. L. Rev. Symposium, Civil Gideon in Maryland and Beyond, Baltimore, MD (April 2007)

Welfare Reform in a Global Economy, U. Iowa J. Gender, Race & Justice Symposium, One Act, Ten Years, and Thousands of Families: Welfare Reform in Contemporary America, Iowa City, Iowa (October 2006)

Theory and Models of Actual Legal Work in the First Year, AALS Teaching Intentionally Conference, Vancouver, BC (June 2006)

Civil *Douglas*, Edward V. Sparer Symposium on Civil *Gideon*, Philadelphia, PA (March 2006)

Extending Clinic into the First Year, Expanding the Clinical Experience Panel, Sixth International Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA (October 2005)

Theory and Practice of Live Client Problems, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Seattle, WA (July 2004)

Bridging the Gap Between Clinic and Legal Writing, AALS Section on Clinical Education Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (May 2004)

Adjunct Quality Control, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Windsor, ON (July 2003)

Bringing the Courts to School and Taking the Schools to Court: Court Visits in the Law Curriculum, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Windsor, ON (July 2003) (with Susan Hankin)

Teaching Advocacy with the Court of Appeals: Incorporating Real Arguments into the Curriculum, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2003

Incorporating Social Justice Issues into Research and Writing Classes, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2002 (with Susan Hankin)

Using Live-Client Problems in Legal Writing Classes, Midwestern Regional Legal Writing Conference, Chicago, IL (December 2001)

Enhancing Law Classes with Pro Bono, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (January 2001)

Working in the Public Interest, Panel Facilitator, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless and Kirkland & Ellis, Washington, DC (June 2000)

Personal

Married, Sandra Gutek; two children, Caroline (6 years) and Andrew (3 years); interests include distance running, piano, and guitar.