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LEGAL

EXPERIENCE

Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston Salem, NC

7/2020-Present

Associate Professor of Legal Writing

Teach first-year and upper-level writing courses. Serve on assigned law school committees and review student law review notes and comments.

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC

Director of Legal Writing

8/05-6/2020

Coordinated the Legal Writing Program, consisting of at least four basic and advanced writing courses, which included hiring, training, and supervising all legal writing instructors (full-time and adjunct) and writing specialists (J.D. and English, PhD., respectively), and addressing questions and concerns about the Writing Program. Served as team-lead for one of four first-year writing teams, which entailed composing the syllabus and assignments, and ensuring the accuracy of the team's grades. Taught first-year writing courses, upper-level writing courses, and coordinated Directed Research projects. Advised assigned student advisees. Served on the Curriculum Committee, Student Performance Enhancement Committee, and Admissions Committees.

North Carolina Court of Appeals, Office of Staff Counsel, Raleigh, NC

Staff Attorney

4/98-8/05

Drafted proposed opinions containing a statement of relevant facts, an analysis of applicable legal precedents, and resolutions of the issues presented. Reviewed petitions for prerogative writs and motions for temporary stay. Provided petition panel with memorandum summarizing the facts and parties' arguments, analyzing the merits of the petitions and motions and recommending an appropriate disposition.

North Carolina Court of Appeals, Raleigh, NC

Judicial Clerk

8/95-4/98

- Judge Patricia Timmons-Goodson (retired)

- Judge Clifton E. Johnson (deceased)

Researched and drafted memoranda and court opinions in a variety of areas of the law. Drafted court orders in response to motions submitted for the court's attention.

North Carolina Resource Center, Durham, NC

Student Intern

5/94 - 7/95

Researched and submitted memoranda regarding the merits of various issues in capital cases. Assisted lead attorneys in mitigation investigation for appellate level proceedings. Compiled lists of persons to be interviewed for possible insight into an inmate's past. Subsequently locating and interviewing these people and submitting memoranda to lead attorneys detailing the information obtained during these meetings. Prepared transcript digests of multi-volumed capital cases.

EDUCATION

North Carolina Central University School of Law

Durham, North Carolina

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1995

Class Rank: 8/64

Honors and Activities:

Board of Governor's Scholar

Dean's List

Chairperson, NCCU Moot Court Board

Staff Member, *North Carolina Central Law Journal*

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 1991

Honors and Activities:

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholar
of the College
Dean's List
Tutor, Academic Skills Program

PUBLICATIONS Book (co-author), *North Carolina Legal Research* (Carolina Academic Press 3d ed.) (2019).

Article, *Linguistic Profiling and Accent Bias: It All Depends on Who's Listening and Assessing*, ____
Brooklyn L. Rev. ____ (2023)

Article, *The Heirs' Property Problem: Racial Caste Origins and systemic Effects in the Black
Community*, ____ CUNY L. Rev. ____ (2023).

Article, *How Are We Doing: DEI and the Legal Profession* (Work in Progress).

Article, *Trauma, Teaching Strategies, & Effects on Student Learning* (Work in Progress).

Article, *The Indelible Mark of Plagiarism: Why is it so Difficult to Make it Stop?*, 41 U. Ark. Little Rock
L. Rev. 1 (2018).

Article, *Grading Rubrics: Their Creation and Their Many Benefits to Professors and Students*, 38
N.C. Cent. L. Rev. 41 (2014).

Essay, *Teaching in the Midst of Trauma*, ____ J. Legal Writing Inst. ____ (2023).

Essay, *The Summer that Covid-19 Made*, 50 Wake Forest Jurist 24 (2020).

Essay, *Why Many Law Schools are Better Prepared than Anticipated for the Proposed ABA Standards*
302 (2011), [http://www.americanbar.org/publications/syllabus_home/volume_43_2011-
2012/winter_2011-2012/why_many_law_schoolsarebetterpreparedthananticipatedforthepropos.html](http://www.americanbar.org/publications/syllabus_home/volume_43_2011-2012/winter_2011-2012/why_many_law_schoolsarebetterpreparedthananticipatedforthepropos.html).

Book Review, *If Only We Could . . . Make It Stick . . .*, 14 Legal Comm. & Rhetoric, *JALWD* 141 (Fall
2017) (reviewing Peter C. Brown, Henry L. Roediger III & Mark A. McDaniel, *Make It Stick: The
Science of Successful Learning* (2014)).

Book Review, *Upon Considering. . . The Seven Deadly Sins of Legal Writing*, 19 N.C. Bar J. 24 (Spring
2014) (reviewing Theodore L. Blumberg, *The Seven Deadly Sins* (2008)).

Video, *About Plagiarism*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ou6mGRC5iw&feature=youtu.be>
(April 2014).

MEDIA CREDITS Quoted in Stephanie Francis Ward, ABA Journal, As the pandemic drags on, law professors are making
changes, [https://www.abajournal.com/web/article/as-pandemic-drags-on-how-are-law-professors
changing-ways-they-help](https://www.abajournal.com/web/article/as-pandemic-drags-on-how-are-law-professors-changing-ways-they-help) (Jan. 18, 2022).

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association
American Association of Law Schools, LWRR Section,
-Executive Committee, 2020-21
-Member, 2018-Present
Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)
-Board Member, 2017-2020
-Diversity Committee, Chair, 2022-Present
-Bylaws Committee, Chair, 2016-17, 2020-2022
-Bylaws Committee, Member, 2015-16
Legal Writing Institute (LWI)
-President's Award Recipient, 2020

- Monograph Series, Board of Editors, 2014-2022
- Plagiarism Committee, Chair, 2010-12 and Member, 2008-10, 2012-14
- Diversity Initiatives Committee, Member, 2013-Present
- Awards Committee, Chair, 2018-2022, and Member, 2016-18

North Carolina State Bar

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS Chairperson, 2015 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference Executive Planning Committee, NCCU School of Law (March 2015)

Co-organizer, 2011 North & South Carolina Legal Research and Writing Colloquium, NCCU School of Law (May 2011)

Chairperson, Steering Committee, 2021, Writing as Resistance (WAR), Legal Writing Professors of Color Writing Retreat

Member, 2017-2020, Writing as Resistance (WAR), Legal Writing Professors of Color Writing Retreat

Organizer, WAR Mini-Writing Retreat, Boca Raton, FL (July 2019)

Panelist, 2022 AALS Annual Meeting, "Teaching in the Midst of Trauma," New York, NY (January 2022)

Panelist and Moderator, 2021 ALWD Biennial Conference, "Balance in the Age of Covid-19," University of Michigan (virtual) (June 2021)

Discussant, 2020 AALS, Multigenerational Teaching of Legal Writing, Washington, DC (January 2020)

Discussant and Moderator, 2020 SEALS Conference, Faculty Status: Unpacking Our Past and Envisioning Our Future, Fort Lauderdale, FL (August 2020)

Panelist, 2019 SEALS Conference, "Rekindling Common Sense," Boca Raton, FL (July 2019)

Discussant, 2019 SEALS Conference, Works In Progress Review, Boca Raton, FL (July 2019)

Panelist, 2019 ALWD Biennial Conference, Advancing Adjuncts and Transitioning Adjunct-Based Models, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA (May 2019)

Panelist, 2018 SEALS Conference, "Redefining Status: Intersections of Diversity and Status in the Legal Academy" Miami, FL (August 2018)

Discussant and Moderator, 2018 SEALS Conference, "Promoting Inclusion and Equity: Connecting Disciplines, Legal Education, and the Legal Profession," Miami, FL (August 2018)

Panelist, LWI Sixteenth Biennial Conference 2014, "Tackling Institutional "isms" in LWI," Philadelphia, PA (June 2014)

Panelist, 2014 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, "From Law School Faculty to Administrator and Back," Houston, TX (February 2014)

Panelist, ¡Adelante! Moving Forward program, workshop sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association Minority in the Profession Committee and the Latino Affairs Committee, Cary, NC (February 2014)

Panelist, LWI One-Day Workshop, "New Opportunities in Research and Writing Instruction," UNC School of Law (December 2012)

Moderator and Panelist, LWI Fifteenth Biennial Conference 2012, "Plagiarism Detection Programs: How Good Are They?," Palm Desert, CA (May 2012)

Panelist, LWI One-Day Workshop, "Methods for Grading and Conferencing," Wake Forest University School of Law (December 2010)

Presenter, Biennial North & South Carolina Legal Research & Writing Colloquium, "What a Difference a Year Makes in the Life of a Legal Writing Professor," Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, NC (June 2021)

Presenter, LWI Seventeenth Biennial Conference 2016, "Easing the Burn," Portland, OR (July 2016)

Presenter, North Carolina Law School Consortium Diversity Law Day, "Maximizing your Undergraduate Classes," Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC (February 2018)

Presenter, North Carolina Law School Consortium Diversity Law Day, "Maximizing your Undergraduate Classes," Campbell University Law School, Raleigh, NC (February 2017)

Presenter, CLEO North Carolina Diversity Law Day, "Legal Writing," Southern Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC (February 2016)

Presenter, Public Law for Public Lawyers, sponsored by the North Carolina Institute of Government "Legal Writing Tricks of the Trade," N.C. Legislative Office Building (November 2015)

Presenter, N.C. Bar Association Minority Focus Workshop, “The heART of Legal Writing: The Analysis,” NC Bar Center (April 2012)
Co-Presenter, SEALL Annual Meeting, “Teaching Legal Writing at NCCU School of Law,” Columbia, SC (April 2011)
Presenter, National BALSAs Academic Retreat, “Effective Legal Writing,” NCCU School of Law (April 2009)
Presenter, CLEO Conference, NCCU School of Law (March 2009)

Presenter, LWI Biennial Conference 2008, “Grading: Using Spreadsheets and Rubrics,” Indianapolis, IN (July 2008)

Attendee, 15th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat, Howard University School of Law (virtual) (June 2021)
Attendee, 16th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat, Boston University School of Law (June 2022)
Attendee, LEXIS NEXIS Legal Research & Writing Summit, Miami, FL (December 2009)
Attendee, Biennial North & South Carolina Legal Research & Writing Colloquium (2009-Present)

**OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Instructor, CLE, Law People USA, “A Primer on Appellate Brief Writing” (January 2022)
Instructor, CLE, Law People USA, “Assembling a Record on Appeal” (February 2021)

Focus Group Participant, ABA Legal Education Roundtables on Library Standards (January 2023)

Faculty Co-Advisor, NCCU Law Review (July 2013-June 2020)

Writing Instructor, Performance Based Admissions Program (PBAP), North Carolina Central University School of Law (Summer 2006-Summer 2020)

Copy Editor, North Carolina Central University School of Law Development Publications (2009-2014)

Peer Reviewer, *Legal Communications & Rhetoric: JALWD* (September 2017)

Member, Student Readiness Team, Chief Justice Roberts Moot Court Competition (Spring 2009)

Instructor, NCCU Moot Court Board Training, “Five Steps to Effective Brief Writing” (November 2008)

Instructor, BPLI Journal Training, “Let’s get out the Shovel and Start the SPADING” (2008-09)

Respondent, U.S. News & World Report Peer Assessment Survey of Legal Writing Program (November 2008, 2015, 2016, 2017)