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### **CURRENT APPOINTMENT**

**Wake Forest University School of Law**, Winston-Salem, NC

*Associate Professor* (tenure-track appointment)

July 2020 – present

*Affiliate*, Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability

*Courses*: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing (JD and Foreign LLM students)

### **ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Houston Law Center**, Houston, TX

*Adjunct Professor, Animal Law*

Summer 2021

*Director, Lawyering Skills and Strategies*

June 2017 – June 2020

*Clinical Associate Professor*

July 2016 – May 2020

(promoted to *Clinical Professor* May 2020)

*Courses*: Lawyering Skills and Strategies; Animal Law; Food, Agriculture, and the Environment

**University of Akron School of Law**, Akron, OH

*Associate Professor of Legal Writing*

June 2014 – June 2016

(early promotion)

*Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*

August 2010 – May 2014

*Courses*: Legal Research & Writing, Judicial Opinion Drafting, Environmental Law, Animal Law

*Honors*: ALWD Teaching Grant (2012)

### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

**The Honorable John A. Woodcock, Jr.**

2009 – 2010

United States District Court, District of Maine, Bangor, Maine

**The Honorable Andrew M. Mead**

2008 – 2009

Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Bangor Maine

**The Hons. Michaela Murphy, Kevin Cuddy, William R. Anderson,**

**E. Allen Hunter, Joseph M. Jabar, and Jeffery L. Hjelm**

2007 – 2008

Maine Superior Judicial Court, Bangor, Maine

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Montana**

**School of Law**, Missoula, MT

**J.D., 2007**

*Honors:* Highest grade in Environmental Law

*Activities:* Environmental Law Moot Court Team

Research Assistant for Professor Robert G. Natelson (Constitutional Law)

*Fellowships:* Equal Justice Works Summer Corps

Montana Public Interest Law Coalition

### **Yale University**

**School of Forestry and Environmental Studies**, New Haven, CT

**M.E.S., 2000**

*Honors:* H.B. and J.S. Nicholas Fellowship for the study of science at Yale University

*Activities:* Yale Geology Department Teaching Assistant

The Urban Resources Initiative Intern

### **Vassar College**, Poughkeepsie, NY

**B.A., Geology, 1998**

*Honors:* Phi Beta Kappa

Departmental and General Honors

*Activities:* Field Hockey ('94, '95)

Cross-Country ('97) All-Academic NCAA Division III ('97)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

OUR PLASTIC PROBLEM AND HOW TO SOLVE IT (Cambridge University Press) (forthcoming March 2022).

Editor, FROM FARM TO FORK: PERSPECTIVES IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, (University of Akron Press, 2016) (chapters by Molly Anderson, Mary Angelo, Jill Clark, Jason Czarnecki, Oran Hesterman, John Ikerd, Shoshana Inwood, Saru Jayaraman, Jane Kolodinsky, Caitlin Marquis, Marion Nestle, Susan Schneider, and Josh Slotnick).

- Reviewed by Carrie Scrufari in 7(3) J. AGRIC., FOOD SYS., & CMTY. DEV. 221–222 (2017); Charles Francis in AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYS. (2019).

### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

*Greenish* (work in progress)

- Analysis of the greenwashing of “organic” and “recycled”
- Competitively selected for AALS 2019 Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law, and Agriculture & Food Law Sections joint works in progress workshop.

*Regulating Food Waste*, 48 TEX. ENVTL L. J. 239 (Fall 2018).

- Competitively selected for the 2015 Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship at Columbia University Law School.
- Cited in Kate O’Neil, *Waste* (Polity 2019).

*Private Governance and Animal Welfare*, 9 GEO. WASH. J. ENERGY & ENVTL. L. 21 (Spring 2018).

*A Park for Everyone: The National Park Service in Urban America*, 56.1 NAT. RES. J. 1 (2016).

*The Farm Bill: A Wicked Problem Seeking a Systematic Solution*, 25 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POL'Y F. 389 (2015).

*The Farmer In Chief: Obama's Local Food Legacy*, 93 OR. L. REV. 91 (2014).

*A Mild Winter: The Status of Environmental Preliminary Injunctions*, 37 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 155 (2013)

- Discussed in Douglas Laycock and Richard L. Hansen, *Modern American Remedies: Cases and Materials*, 2018 Supplement (Wolters Kluwer 2018).

*The Endangered Species Act: A New Avenue for Climate Change Litigation?* 29 PUB. LAND & RES. L. REV. 24 (2008).

- Cited in Michael Gerrard, ed., *Mastering Legal Matters: Navigating Climate Change—Its Impacts and Effects on Green Buildings and Trading Programs* (LexisNexis 2019).

## SHORTER ARTICLES

*Plastic Pollution Litigation*, 36 NAT. RES. & ENV'T 41 (Summer 2021) (with Samantha Hamilton and Amanda Thompson).

- Top ten downloaded article on SSRN's Environmental Law & Policy eJournal, Sustainability Law & Policy eJournal, Environmental Justice & Sustainability eJournal (Oct. 2021).

*The Power of the Pack: How to Claim Your Individual Power and Unite Your Pack*, 1 Proceedings 3 (Summer 2021) (with Matthew Cordon, Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Cassandra Hill, and Suzanne Rowe)

*Our Plastic Problem*, 33 NAT. RES. & ENV'T 45 (Spring 2019).

- Most downloaded article on SSRN's Food Law and Policy eJournal (Feb. and March 2019).
- Second most downloaded article on SSRN's Environmental Law and Policy eJournal (Feb. and March 2019).

*Hydroponics: The End of Organic?*, 33 NAT. RES. & ENV'T 36 (Summer 2018).

*Using Animal Law to Teach Legal Research*, 30(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 50 (Fall 2017).

*The E-Comment: A Simple Exercise for Public Law Courses*, 24 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING RES. & WRITING 8 (2016).

*Stand Out From the Crowd: Drafting Persuasive Administrative Comments in an Era of "Notice and Spam"* 43 RUTGERS L. REC. 133 (2016).

*Training the Superstar Associate: Teaching Workplace Professionalism in Legal Writing Courses*, 23 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING RES. & WRITING 53 (Fall 2014) (with Elizabeth Shaver).

*They Know Their Colors: Using Color-Coded Comments to Facilitate Revisions*, THE LAW TEACHER 6 (Fall 2014).

*From Awkward Law Student to Articulate Attorney: Teaching the Oral Research Report*, 27(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 6 (Fall 2013/Winter 2014).

*The Joy of Collaboration: Reflections on Teaching with Others*, THE LAW TEACHER (Fall 2013) (with Elizabeth Shaver and Richard Strong).

*It's Not All Statistics: Demystifying Empirical Research*, 27(1) THE SECOND DRAFT 24 (Summer 2013).

*Motions in Motion: Teaching Advanced Legal Writing through Collaboration*, 21 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 119 (2013) (with Elizabeth Shaver and Richard Strong).

## OP-EDS AND ESSAYS

*Chemical Recycling: It's not what you think*, The Hill (October 20, 2021) (<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/577589-chemical-recycling-its-not-what-you-think>)

*Moving From Awareness to Action on Plastic Pollution*, The Hill (July 5, 2021) (<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/561539-moving-from-awareness-to-action-on-plastic-pollution>)

*Local Food Saves the Day (Again)*, Resilience (June 25, 2021) (with John Ikerd and Michael Reilly) (<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2021-06-25/local-food-saves-the-day-again/>)

*We need a global leader on plastics. Could it be Biden?* GRIST (Nov. 23, 2020) (available at <https://grist.org/fix/global-leader-plastics-biden/>)

*Addressing the Microplastics Problem: Litigation, Legislation, and You*, THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION: THE YOUNG LAWYER (October 2020) (available at [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/young\\_lawyers/publications/tyl/topics/environmental-law/addressing-microplastics-problem-legislation-litigation-and-you/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/young_lawyers/publications/tyl/topics/environmental-law/addressing-microplastics-problem-legislation-litigation-and-you/))

*Plastic Pollution is an Environmental Justice Issue*, BLOOMBERG: INSIGHT (July 14, 2020) (available at <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/environment-and-energy/insight-plastic-pollution-is-an-environmental-justice-issue>).

*The Match Between COVID-19 and Plastic Bans*, THE REGULATORY REVIEW (May 14, 2020) (available at <https://www.theregreview.org/2020/05/11/morath-match-between-covid-19-plastic-bags/>).

- Top contributor essay for 2020
- <https://www.theregreview.org/2020/12/28/top-contributor-essays-2020/>

*Buyer should beware of organic labels on nonfood products*, THE CONVERSATION (January 3, 2020) (available at <https://theconversation.com/buyers-should-beware-of-organic-labels-on-nonfood-products-128838>).

*How an Old Law Is Helping Fight New Plastic Problems*, THE REVELATOR (November 18, 2019) (available at <https://therevelator.org/clean-water-plastic/>).

*Individual Action, Collective Change: Six Ways Individuals Can Create Environmental Change*, HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. ONLINE (October 10, 2019) (available <https://harvardlpr.com/2019/10/10/individual-action-collective-change-six-ways-individuals-can-create-environmental-change/>).

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Regulation by Proxy: How the USDA Relies on Public, Nonprofit, and For-Profit Intermediaries to Oversee Organic Food in the U.S.* by David P. Carter, JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SYSTEMS, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (2020).

Review of *A Short and Happy Guide to Legal Writing* by Deborah L. Borman, LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (2020).

*Legal Persuasion: A Rhetorical Approach to the Science* by Linda L. Berger and Kathryn M. Stanchi, LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (2018) (with Lori Johnson).

## PRESENTATIONS

*Regulatory and legal avenues for addressing microplastics*, North Carolina Microplastics Forum sponsored by the North Carolina Coastal Federation (July 15, 2021).

*Regulating Organic*, 2021 Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute Works-in-Progress session (June 2021).

*Our Plastic Problem*, Scholarship Exchange with University of Richmond (January 2021).

*Together We Thrive: How an Advisory Council Can Help You, Your Students, and Your Legal Community*

- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown University Law School (July 2020) (with Whitney Heard) (September 2020).

*The Road Less Traveled: The Policy Memo*

- Work-In-Progress, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (with Jessica Mantel and Lauren Simpson) (July 2020).

*Partnering with Practice: Bringing Practitioners into Your Classroom to Make Law Practice Real*

- Discussion Group, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (July 2020).

*The Power of the Pack: How to Claim Your Individual Power and Unite Your Pack*

- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona (March 2020) (panel presentation) (canceled because of COVID-19).

*Finding their Voices: Student Participation in Live Lawmaking*

- AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section, Washington D.C. (January 2020) (panel presentation).

*Organic 2.0 (now Greenish)*

- The Second Annual Conference on Food Law and Policy, Georgia State University Center for Law (December 2019).
- AALS Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law, and Agriculture & Food Law Sections joint works in progress workshop, New Orleans, LA (January 2019).

*Creating Student Leaders*

- ALWD Biennial Conference, Suffolk University School of Law (May 2019) (panel organizer).

*The Road Less Traveled: The Policy Memo*

- Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Writing Connections WIP, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 2020)
- LWI One-Day Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law (December 2018) (co-presenter).

*Persuasive Comment-Writing: Connecting the Administrative Process and Policy Advocacy*

- Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Fort Lauderdale, FL (August 2018) (panel presentation).

*Animal Welfare and Private Governance*

- AALS Animal Law Section, San Diego, CA (January 2018) (panel presentation).
- Vermont Law School 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium on Environmental Law (September 2017).
- 2017 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Symposium: Private Environmental Governance, George Washington University Law School (March 2017).

*Quizzes in the Classroom*

- LWI One-Day Workshop, Tulane University Law School (co-presenter) (December 2016).

*Different [Key]strokes for Different Folks: Preparing Practice-Ready Millennials to Confront the Demands of Online Legal Research*

- LWI One-Day Workshop, University of Texas (co-presenter) (December 2016).

*Changing Laws or Changing Hearts: How the Food Movement is doing both*

- Yale Food System Symposium (September 2016).

*LWR Professors at the Podium: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Teaching Doctrinal Courses*

- LWI Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon (July 2016) (panel presentation).

*Informal Regulation, Individual Behavior, and Modern Environmental Law*

- New Directions in Environmental Law, Yale Law School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (February 2016) (panel organizer).

*Regulating Food Waste*

- Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship, Columbia Law School (May 2015).

*Advocacy Applied: The E-Comment Exercise*

- Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law (April 2015).

*The Farm Bill: A Wicked Problem Seeking a Systemic Solution*

- Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Carrots & Sticks: Moving the U.S. National Food System Toward a Sustainable Future (January 2015).

- Fifth Annual Colloquium of Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School (October 2014).

*Promoting Professionalism, Preparedness, and Polish: Videos That Enable a Law Student to Become a Valued Junior Associate*

- Fourth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, The University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (March 2014) (co-presenter).

*The Farmer-In-Chief: Obama's Local Food Legacy*

- Wayne State-Akron University Faculty Exchange (February 2014).
- Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Dayton School of Law (June 2013).

*Motions in Motion: Incorporating the Carnegie Apprenticeships into a Legal Drafting Course*

- Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, Washburn University School of Law (June 2013) (co-presenter).
- New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Regional Conference, Concord, New Hampshire (December 2011) (co-presenter).

*Color Coding Comments to Facilitate Revisions*

- The Third Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference, Duquesne University School of Law (March 2013).

*A Mild Winter: The Status of Environmental Preliminary Injunctions*

- Third Annual Colloquium of Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School (October 2012).

*To Give and Receive: Using Student Feedback to Enhance Scholarship*

- Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law (August 2012).

*You Write Like a Girl: Do Gender Differences Exist in Persuasive Legal Writing*

- LWI Biennial Conference (May 2012) (poster presentation).

*The Mini E-Mail Memo*

- AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, Washington, D.C. (January 2012).
- New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Regional Conference, Concord, New Hampshire (December 2011).

*Teaching Legal Writing*

- LWI One-Day Workshop, Columbus, Ohio (December 2011).

## **WEBINARS, WORKSHOPS, CLEs, AND MEDIA REQUESTS**

*Will Biden Tackle Single-Use Plastics?*

- Interview for FootPrint article on Biden's plastic policy (January 2021)  
<https://foodprint.org/blog/single-use-plastics/>

*Save Our Seas Act 2.0*

- Briefcase, Houston Public Radio (February 2020).

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2020/02/04/359379/save-our-seas-act-2-0/>

*Writing a Law School Scholarly Article*

- Law to Fact Podcast (January 28, 2020).  
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/138309/2596900-writing-a-law-school-scholarly-article>

*Using the MPT to Teach Legal Writing to Foreign Students*

- Webinar, LWI Global Legal Writing Skills Committee (April 2019).

*Single-Use Plastics*

- Briefcase, Houston Public Radio (October 2018).  
<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2018/10/10/307388/briefcase-single-use-plastics/>.

*Inside the Most Important Battle in Congress You Aren't Paying Attention To*

- Interview for Vice Media (July 16, 2018).  
[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/j5n8yk/farm-bill-battle-senate-house-explained](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/j5n8yk/farm-bill-battle-senate-house-explained)

*Animal Law*

- Briefcase, Houston Public Radio (December 2017)  
<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2017/12/27/258517/briefcase-animal-law/>.

*The Scholarship Submission Process*

- Webinar, LWI Scholarship Development & Outreach Committee (May 2017).

*Drafting Persuasive Administrative Comments: E-Commenting*

- LWI Writing Workshop, Port Ludlow, Washington (July 2015).

*Animal Law Workshop*

- Fair Shakes Legal Services, Akron, Ohio (April 2015).

*Introduction to Animal Law*

- Guest speaker, Psychology of Prejudice and Power Seminar, Mount Union University, Alliance, Ohio (April 2105).

*The Paralegal's Role in the Appellate Process*

- Lorman Legal Services Webinar (August 2013).

*Appellate Brief Writing*

- Trumbull County Bar Association CLE (October 2012).

*Gender Differences in Legal Writing*

- Women in Law CLE, Akron Bar Association, Akron, Ohio (October 2011).

*Building Legal Writing Skills*

- Community Legal Aid Foundation CLE, Rootstown, Ohio (December 2010).



## **LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

### **Wake Forest University School of Law**

Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2020 – 2021

*Institutional Service:* Campus Garden Advisory Team, 2021

### **University of Houston Law Center**

Admissions Committee & Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2016-2017

Diversity and Inclusion Committee & Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2017-2018

Outcomes and Assessments Committee, 2017 – 2020

Bar Prep Committee, 2019 – 2020

1L Faculty Mentor

Pre-law Pipeline Summer Instructor

Faculty Advisory to the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

1L Orientation Presenter

### **University of Akron School of Law**

Library Committee, 2010-2012

Disciplinary Committee, 2012-2016

Dean Search Committee, 2013-2014

Chair, Building Committee, 2014-2015

Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016

*Institutional Service:* Faculty Senate, 2012-2016

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **American Association of Law Schools (AALS)**

- *Animal Law Section:* Executive Committee, 2018 – ; Chair 2021
- *Agricultural and Food Law Section:* Secretary, 2019 – ; Chair-elect 2022
- *Legal Writing, Research, and Reasoning Section:* Nominations Committee, Co-chair, 2016-2017 & Member, 2017-2018, 2019-2020; Awards Committee, 2021

### **Legal Writing Institute (LWI)**

- *Sirico Scholars' Workshop*, Governing Board, 2020 –
- *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, Board of Editors, 2016 – ; Managing Editor, 2019-2021; Associate Editor, 2012-2106
- Teaching Resources & Development Committee, 2014-2015
- Co-Chair, Scholarship Grants Committee (joint with ALWD), 2016 –

### **Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)**

- Leadership & Development Committee, 2021
- ALWD 2019 Biennial Conference Program Committee
- Scholars Workshop and Visiting Scholars Committee, 2014-2015
- Publications Committee, 2014-2015

External reviewer, Promotion: University of Kentucky, Fall 2019

Peer-Reviewer, *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology*, May 2018

Brief Judge, National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption, 2011-2016;

*Scribes* Brief-Writing Award, 2015

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

Interviewer, Vassar College Alumnae/i Interview Program, 2012-2016

Class Agent, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 2017 –

Board Member, Laurel School Alumnae Association, Shaker Heights, OH, 2012 – 2016

Board Member, Countryside Conservancy Board of Trustees, Akron, OH, 2013 – 2016

Board Member, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Houston, TX, 2018 – 2020

## **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Participant, ALWD Leadership Academy, Suffolk University School of Law, May 2019

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Independent Legal Writing Consultant**, Houston, TX 2019 – present  
*Writing tutor for patent agent and attorneys at Womble Bond Dickinson*

**U.S. Attorney's Office**, Missoula, MT 2006 – 2007  
*Intern through law school clinic*

**The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland**, Cleveland, OH Summer 2006  
*Summer Associate in Housing Unit*

**Parent-Infant Center**, Philadelphia, PA 2003 – 2004  
*Director of School-Aged Programs*

**Baldwin School**, Bryn Mawr, PA 2002 – 2003  
*Physical Science & Environmental Science Teacher, Field Hockey and Track Coach*

**Friends' Central School**, Wynnewood, PA 2000 – 2002  
*Physical Science & Chemistry Teacher, Field Hockey, Cross-Country, and Track Coach*

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Ohio and Maine (currently inactive)

## **PERSONAL**

Six-time marathon finisher: Green Mountain Marathon (1996); Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Winter Marathon (1998, Second Female Overall, Boston Qualifying Time); Vermont City Marathon (1999); Philadelphia Marathon (2001); Houston Marathon (2018, 2019)

Trail runner, novice yogi, outdoor enthusiast