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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Top 10% of SSRN authors (total new downloads as of August 2018)

2023 University-wide Faculty Excellence Award (Detroit Mercy)

2023 James T. Barnes Sr. Memorial Faculty Scholar Award (Detroit Mercy Law)

## ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

### **Professor of Law**

*University of Detroit Mercy School of Law*

Previous Academic Positions: Associate Professor of Law (2018-2023) tenure (2020)  
Assistant Professor of Law (2015-2018)  
Associate Professor of Legal Writing and Analysis (2013-2015)  
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing and Analysis (2004-2013)  
Full-time Instructor (2000-2004)

Courses: Public International Law  
International Institutions & the Use of Force in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Comparative Legal Writing & Research I & II (Canadian & American)  
International Advocacy & Advanced Advocacy seminars

**Interim Assistant Dean of International Programs (2013-2014)**  
**Curriculum Director (2010-2013)**

Responsible for various aspects of the School's dual J.D. program with University of Windsor Faculty of Law (Windsor, Ontario, Canada)

Developed the School's two-year Advanced Standing J.D. for international students

Monitored the School's French Scholar Exchange Program with Université d'Auvergne Clermont (Clermont Ferrand, France)

Member of team that created the School's dual-degree program with Tecnológico de Monterrey (Monterrey, Nuevo León, México)

**Assistant Dean of Academic Initiatives (2006-2009)**  
**Director of External Academic Initiatives (2005-2006)**

Charged with implementation of the School's new curriculum, which included the Law Firm Program and clinical and global distribution requirements. In 2009, the School was named one of the top ten most innovative law schools in the United States by *The National Jurist*.

## SCHOLARSHIP

I am a political scientist with degrees from American and Canadian law schools. My scholarship addresses sovereignty, cooperation, and institutional integrity at the international and domestic levels. I also have a keen interest in legal education and pedagogy.

*American Federalism: Our Saving Grace or the Seed of Our Disunion?* (Work in progress)

*Urban Water in the United States: Impacts of Infrastructure, Environmental Injustice, and Cooperative Federalism*, in OBSERVATORIO DEL CICLO DEL AGUA 2023/ WATER CYCLE OBSERVATORY 2023 (Thomson Reuters Aranzadi 2024).

INTERNATIONAL LAW IN CONTEXT (Carolina Academic Press 2023).

Corresponding website & teachers' manual: [www.ilicone.com](http://www.ilicone.com)

*Cultivating the International Criminal Court's Legitimacy and Use of Constructivism to Prepare for Head-of-State Aggression Prosecutions*, in THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT 617 (International Nuremberg Principles Academy 2021).

*'Outing' Otherization: A Means to Enable Cooperation in a Post-Truth Era*, 58:3 WASHBURN L. J. 609 (2019).

*Prosecuting the Crime of Aggression as a Complement: A Framework to Promote the ICC's Legitimacy in the Context of Head-of-State Prosecutions*, 51:2 GEO. WASH. INT'L. L. REV. 231 (2019).

*Sanctuary Lost? Exposing the Reality of the "Sanctuary-City" Debate and Liberal States-Rights' Litigation*, 63:2 WAYNE L. REV. 155 (2018).

SSRN Top Ten Download List for September, October & November 2017

*An American Reset—Safe Water & a Workable Model of Federalism*, 27 DUKE ENVTL. L. & POL'Y F. 51 (2016).  
SSRN Top Ten Download List for September, October & November 2016

*Achieving the American Bar Association's Pedagogy Mandate*, 14 CONN. PUB. INT. L.J. 139 (2014).  
SSRN Top Ten Download List for September, October & November 2014

*The Methodology of Persuasion: A Process-Based Approach to Legal Writing*, 13 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. 159 (2007) (co-authored with Michelle Streicher).

## SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, *International Court of Justice and the Case of South Africa v. Israel*  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (student-sponsored panel) (2024)

*Comparing American Federalism: Saving Grace or Seeds of Disunion?*  
Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law  
Chicago, Illinois (2023)

*Countermeasures & the Security Council Veto*

Law Review Symposium, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law  
Detroit, Michigan (2023)

*The Comparative Law Classroom*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting  
San Diego, California (2023)

*The Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Threats to the International Order*

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Current Events in the Law Series  
Detroit, Michigan (2022)

*Developing an Inclusive and Culturally Proficient Community Using ‘Communities of Practice’*

University of Michigan Law School, Association of Legal Writing Directors Annual Conference  
Ann Arbor, Michigan (2021)

*American Federalism & The Pandemic: Saving Our Saving Grace*

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Constitution Day Panel  
Detroit, Michigan (2020)

*Pedagogy Hallmarks in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Casebook*

Institute for Law Teaching & Learning Writers’ Workshop  
Topeka, Kansas (2019)

*Cooperation in a Post-Truth Era*

Washburn University School of Law, *Washburn Law Journal* Symposium  
Topeka, Kansas (2018)

*Cultural Competency as a Core Lawyering “Skill”*

Marquette University Law School, Legal Writing Institute’s Biennial Conference  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2018)

*Head-of-State Prosecutions in the ICC: A Framework to Promote International Justice*

University of Richmond School of Law, Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum  
Richmond, Virginia (2018)

*Sanctuary Lost? Evaluating the Consequences of Liberal States’ Rights*

Legal Writing Institute Writers’ Workshop  
Washington, D.C. (2017)

*What U.S. Law Professors Should Know About Legal Research in Canada & Mexico –It’s Not Just NAFTA*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting  
San Francisco, California (2017)

*An American Reset: Safe Water & a Workable Model of Federalism*

Washburn University School of Law, Junior Legal Writing Scholars’ Workshop  
Topeka, Kansas (2016)

*Using Underlying Assumptions & Purposeful Teaching to Promote International Student Learning*  
Northwestern University School of Law & John Marshall Law School, Global Legal Skills Conference X  
Chicago, Illinois (2015)

*Exceeding the ABA's New Accreditation Requirements to Meet the Needs of Current Students and the Communities They Will Serve* (roundtable forum)  
Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference  
Las Vegas, Nevada (2014)

*Meaningful Legal Education Reform: A Framework to Improve Teaching Effectiveness*  
University of Kansas School of Law, Association of Legal Writing Directors Scholars' Forum  
Lawrence, Kansas (2013)

*Plenary Speaker--Empowerment Teaching: The Intersection and Impact of Learning Theories*  
Marquette University Law School, Association of Legal Writing Directors Innovative Teaching Workshop  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2013) (Invited speaker)

*Empowerment Teaching & Metacognition: Putting Modern Learning Theories to Work*  
American University College of Law, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference  
Washington, D.C. (2013)

*Metacognition: Preparing Students to Prepare to Practice*  
Willamette University College of Law, Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop  
Salem, Oregon (2012)

*Joint Degree Program Curriculum Design & Successful Student Transitions*  
John Marshall Law School, Global Legal Skills Conference VI  
Chicago, Illinois (2011)

*Exploring Alternative LL.M. Programs: Executive, Mixed Delivery, & Dual Degrees (Non-U.S. & Cross-Discipline)*  
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting  
San Francisco, California (2011) (Invited speaker)

*Empowerment Teaching & Persuasive Writing* (poster presentation)  
Legal Writing Institute's Biennial Conference  
Marco Island, Florida (2010)

*Common Law Lawyers Reason, But Do We Make Sense (To Our Civilian Law Counterparts):  
How to Argue by Analogy in a Common Law Context*  
Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey, Global Legal Skills Conference V  
Monterrey, Mexico (2009)

## [ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES](#)

Moderator, *Normative Development & American Bar Association Standard 303*  
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (2024)

Speaker, *Leadership & Mentorship Program Design*  
Colleague Development Days, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan (2023)

Member of Detroit Mercy Law School Delegation to Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de La Habana Havana, Cuba (2023)

Moderator, *Disabilities: An Often-Overlooked Diversity Dimension in our Classrooms*  
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (2023)

Speaker, *The Mission of Belonging: Incorporating Jesuit & Mercy Values into the DEIB Space*  
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Michigan (2022)

Moderator, *Contemporary Scholarly Methods & Works-In-Progress Session*  
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (2022)(virtual)

Guest Lecturer, *International Criminal Court & the Crime of Aggression*  
University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (2021)(virtual)

Consultant, *Implementation of Problem-Based Learning: Engagement, Training, & Structural Supports*  
Lazarski University, Warsaw, Poland (2021)(virtual)

Moderator, *Creating a Law School Culture that Promote Student Well-Being*  
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting Washington D.C. (2020)

Radio Appearance, WDET, Detroit Today with Stephen Henderson  
*When Being "American" Becomes Divisive* (August 7, 2019)

Board of Editorial Advisors  
Bryan A. Garner, *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (4th ed., West 2018)

Deputy Editor, American Bar Association Section of International Law, 2017 International Law Year in Review: Angela E. Springate et al., *Canada in International Legal Developments in Review 2017*, 52 ABA/SIL YIR (n.s.) 535 (2018)

Moderator, *Sanctuary Cities, Federalism & States' Rights*  
University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, Detroit, Michigan (2018)

*Client Interview Training: A Reflection on the "Quantum Shift" in Legal Education*  
Mich. B.J., Dec. 2017, at 42  
SSRN Top Ten List December 2017

Great Lakes Law Blog, *Safe Water & A Workable Model of Federalism* (November 2016)

Deputy Editor, American Bar Association Section of International Law, 2014 International Law Year in Review: James D. Carlson et al., *National Security Law in International Legal Developments in Review 2014*, 49 ABA/SIL YIR (n.s.) 373 (2015)

Conference Site Chair, *Reaching, Teaching, and Employing Today's Evolving Law Student*  
Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop (2014) with University of Windsor Faculty of Law

*The Globalization of Legal Education*, Mich. B.J., Nov. 2013, at 40 (with Andrew Moore & Margaret Costello)

Board of Editorial Advisors

Bryan A. Garner, *The Redbook: A Manual on Legal Style* (3rd ed., West 2013)

*Plain English Writing Skills for Legal Services Providers*

Committee on Regional Training Webinar (2013) (Invited speaker)

Conference Chair, *Law & Legal Education in the Americas: Comparative Perspectives*

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (2013)

With the University of Windsor Faculty of Law & Tecnológico de Monterrey

*Managing, Meeting & Exceeding Law School Community Expectations in Renovation*

American Bar Association, Bricks, Bytes & Continuous Renovations Conference

San Diego, California (2012) (Invited speaker)

Deputy Editor, American Bar Association Section of International Law, 2010 International Law Year in Review: Sandra Walker et al., *Regional and Comparative Law: Canada in International Legal Developments in Review 2010*, 45 ABA/SIL YIR (n.s.) 471 (2011)

Deputy Editor, American Bar Association Section of International Law, 2009 International Law Year in Review: Diego Parravicini et al., *International Investment and Development in International Legal Developments in Review 2009*, 44 ABA/SIL YIR (n.s.) 283 (2010)

## LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chair, Section on Law of the Americas, Association of American Law Schools

(2023-present, Executive Committee 2020-22, Chair 2019-20, Chair-Elect 2018-19, Secretary 2017-18)

(Formerly known as the Section on North American Cooperation)

Executive Committee, Section on Comparative Law, Association of American Law Schools  
(2023-present)

Executive Committee, Section on International Law, Association of American Law Schools  
(2024-present)

Member, Global Lawyering Committee, Legal Writing Institute

(2022-present, *Ex officio* 2016-18, Co-chairperson 2014-16, Member 2012-14)

(Formerly known as the Global Legal Writing Skills Committee)

Organized webinar series for professors teaching international students, which was awarded the 2015 Global Legal Skills Conference award for Outstanding Programming in Support of Global Legal Skills Education

Co-Chair, Program Committee, Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research (2021-2023, member 2019-21)

Member, Discipline Building Committee (Scholarship Development), Legal Writing Institute (2020-22)

Member, State Bar of Michigan (passed July 1996 Bar), International Law Section

## LEADERSHIP & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chairperson, Professional Development Committee (2019-present)

Identify materials and organize programs to support professors and the implementation of the School's 2020 anti-racism statement, including the following workshops: *Promoting Cultural Proficiency*, *Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Classroom*, and *The Mission of Belonging: Incorporating Jesuit & Mercy Values into the DEIB Space*. Currently working on Dialogue Series and training sessions to address generative AI in the classroom.

Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2023-present)

Member, University Faculty Development Team (2022-present, Secretary 2022-23)

Member, University Faculty Recognition Award Selection Committee (2024-present)

Faculty Advisor, Law Students Without Borders (2022-present)

Faculty Advisor, Hispanic & Latino Law Students Association (2023-present)

Mentor, Bar Support Program (2020-present)

Member, Mission & Identify Committee (2022-23, Chairperson 2017-19, Member 2016-17)

Member, Curriculum Committee (2021-22, Co-Chairperson 2020-21)

Member, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Search Committee (2022)

Secretary, University Assessment Team (2020-22, Member 2017-20)

Member, Assessment Taskforce (2021-22)

Member, Law School Dean Search Committee (2020-21)

Member, Curriculum, Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee (2006-17, 2018-19)

Learning Outcomes & Assessment Subcommittee Leader

International/Global Law Section Leader, Law School Course Sequencing Project & Report

Facilities Section Leader, American Bar Association Self Study & Law School Strategic Plan

Member, Canadian & American Dual J.D. Admissions Committee (2014-16, 2017-18)

Co-Chairperson, Canadian & American Dual J.D. Curriculum Committee (2010-14)

Developed alternative curriculum paths to expand and diversify the program of legal education

Created faculty incentives package to expand comparative law program offerings

Monitored curriculum delivery and student engagement

#### Chairperson, Building Renovation Taskforce (2007-12)

Led design, implementation, and communications from the Law School's perspective and was the Law School's representative to the University and external actors during all phases of the historic Dowling Hall and Kresge Law Library renovations

#### Chairperson, International Programs Committee (2008-15)

Created and implemented a long-term Strategic Plan for international programs

#### Faculty Advisor & Coach, Jessup International Law Moot Court Teams (U.S. Midwest Super Regional)

2011 Quarterfinalist team and Memorials (written briefs) award

2010 Semifinalist team and Memorials award

2009 Finalist team and Memorials award

World Cup participants

2008 Semifinalist team and Memorials award

2007 Participant team

2006 Finalist team and Memorials award

#### Chairperson, Faculty Moot Court Committee (2000-05)

Reorganized student group and internal competitions to increase academic rigor

Wrote organization bylaws

Created external team member selection and placement process

#### Creator & Faculty Director, State of Michigan Moot Court Competition (2000-04)

Created and administered the only state-wide moot court competition

Raised funds for student scholarships and awards

### LITIGATION EXPERIENCE AS LICENSED ATTORNEY

#### **Litigation Associate (1998-2000)**

Dib & Fagan, P.C. Detroit and Royal Oak, Michigan

Conducted all aspects of trial and appellate litigation at the firm, which specializes in employment, tort reform, and civil rights cases

#### **Litigation Associate (1997)**

Oakley & Oakley, P.C. Romulus, Michigan

Conducted all aspects of civil trial litigation

Represented firm in pro bono community projects (e.g., drafted constituent documents for the Romulus Boys & Girls Club Chapter)

#### **Federal Judicial Law Clerk (1996-97)**

Honorable Virginia M. Morgan, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan



## ACADEMIC DEGREES & AWARDS

### **University of Toronto Faculty of Law**

Master of Laws/LL.M. (2017)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Commuted to Canada each week as full-time student with all A's while maintaining household and full-time employment in the United States

Thesis supervised by Professor David Schneiderman--*Sanctuary Lost? Exposing the Reality of the "Sanctuary-City" Debate & Liberal States-Rights' Litigation*

### **University of Detroit Mercy School of Law**

Juris Doctor (1996 at age 23)

Detroit, Michigan

National Order of Barristers

Best Oralist, Niagara Moot Court Competition, Canada-United States Law Institute

Best Oralist, G Mennen Williams Moot Court Competition

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oralist, Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition

Member, Jessup International Law Moot Court team

Member, Moot Court Board of Directors

Research Assistant, Professor Frederic Jouhet

Intern, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Urban Law Clinic, Michigan 32 A District Court

Law Clerk, Charfoos & Christensen, P.C.

Law Clerk, Schouman & Igoe

### **Michigan State University**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/Pre-Law (1993 at age 20)

East Lansing, Michigan

Welcome Speaker, 1992 U.S. Presidential Debate at Michigan State University (Bush, Clinton, Perot)

Chairperson, ASMSU Academic Assembly (academic wing of student government)

Student Liaison, MSU Board of Trustees (non-voting member, participated in all public meetings)

President's Outstanding Senior Award recipient

Executive Board Member, Phi Mu sorority

## SPECIAL COURSEWORK & TRAINING

### **Annual Collegium Colloquy**

College of the Holy Cross (upcoming June 2024)

### **Ignatian Spiritual Exercises**

University of Detroit Mercy (2023-24)

### **National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity**

Ongoing participation in webinars and training sessions

**National Institute for Inter-Group Dialogue**

University of Michigan (June 2022)

**Amplifying Women's Wisdom Seminar (Study of Catherine McAuley & Sisters of Mercy)**

Office of Mission Integration, University of Detroit Mercy (2021-22)

**Overseas Study, Michigan State University at the University of London**

London, England, United Kingdom (Summer 1993)

Independent Research Project: *British Policy Toward the Former Yugoslavia*