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EDUCATION

LL.M. Harvard Law School (1976)
J.D. Boston University School of Law (1972)
A.B. Rutgers University (Classics and philosophy, 1969)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fulbright senior lecturer, taught mediation, promoted San (Bushmen) education, University of Botswana (2009-2010).
- Visiting Professor, Chapman University School of Law (2007-2008).
- Adjunct professor, USC Gould School of Law (Spring, 2007).
- Mediator, private (since 1992) and volunteer mediator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Los Angeles (2006).
- Liaison, American Bar Assoc., Central Eurasian and European Rule of Law Program, Khujand, Tajikistan, 2004-2005.
- Greater Boston Legal Services, domestic violence & immigration litigation, 2004.
- Delegate, Global Exchange, Afghanistan, faculty candidate, Univ. Kabul, 2004.
- Visiting Scholar, East Asian Legal Studies, Harvard Law School, spring, 2002.
- Fulbright Lecturer and Visiting Professor of Law, Wuhan University, China, 1998-2000.
- Visiting Scholar, Washington University School of Law, 1997-98.
- Distinguished Visiting Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, 1995-97 (historically Black university).
- Graduate fellowship, Classics Dept., University of Texas and Ohio State University, 1993-95. Mastered Greek and Latin Prose Composition; (translated Emily Dickinson into very bad Latin).
- Founder and director, Mountain Mediation, Charleston, West Virginia, 1992-93.
- Corporate Law practice with Jackson & Kelly, Charleston, West Virginia, 1990-92.
- Distinguished Visiting Professor, West Virginia University College of Law, 1989-90 (on leave from Pace University).
- Visiting Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1988-89 (on leave from Pace University).
- Fellow, Society for the Humanities, and Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature, 1982-84 (on leave from Pace University).
- Professor of Law, Pace University School of Law, 1982-90 (tenured);
- Bar Examination advisor, NY State Bar Examiners, 1981.
- Adjunct professor, Dept. of Political Science, State Univ. of N.Y. Purchase, Spring,

1981.

- Associate Professor, Pace University School of Law, 1978-82.
- Assistant Professor, Rutgers University School of Law (Camden), 1976-78.
- Assistant Professor, Syracuse University College of Law, 1974-76.
- Fellow, Program in Law and the Humanities, Harvard University, 1973-74.
- Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Connecticut, 1972-73.

PRO BONO (sample of current and past activities)

- Fulbright Organization, Univ. Arizona, Lecture on Teaching Law with the Fulbright Program, 2023
- League of Women Voters, Tucson, Speaker on Reproductive Rights, Oct, 2022
<https://youtu.be/mqp2q3Bmytg>
- Lecturer, Arizona State Prison, 2019
- Docent, Getty Villa, Los Angeles
- Public Interest Co-Chair, *Harvard Law School Association of LA*
- Co-founder and Board of Governors, *Law and Humanities Institute*, NY
- Advisor and member, *Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute* (nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the knowledge of and inspiring lifelong learning about Latin, Greek and ancient civilization for elementary schools)
- - Volunteer with Sparkprogram.org, mentor to inner-city LA middle school students.
- Board member, Pico Youth and Family Center, Santa Monica (anti-gang initiative).
- Adviser, Judicial Exchange Committee, Massachusetts Judges Conference.
- Volunteer, Civil Liberties Task Force, American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.
- Tutor, Cambridge, MA, Rindge High School Volunteers.
- Volunteer attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York.
- Volunteer teaching of ancient Greek to elementary school students (NY, WV)
- Volunteer Lecturer on Law, Sing-Sing Prison Paralegal Training Program, (voted Most Valuable Professor by inmates).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, Connecticut, and West Virginia (Member, Pima County Bar Association)

ACADEMIC GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

- H.L. Mencken Award for essay, "Seditious Libel," in R. Curry, ed., *Freedom at Risk* (1989).
- NEH Summer Fellowships: UC, Irvine; UC Santa Cruz; Florence, Italy; and Northwestern Univ.

- University Fellowships at Harvard, Cornell, and University of Texas.
- Grant recipient, *American Council of Learned Societies*.
- American Association of University Women Fellowship.
- Articles Editor, *Boston University Law Review*.
- Phi Beta Kappa.

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

- "What to do with a law degree: 10,000 things you may have overlooked," *sedition.substack.com* (Sept. 2024).
- "Franz Kafka as Asteroid," *sedition.substack.com* (Sept. 2024)
- "Hungry for China," *sedition.substack.com* (Sept. 2024)
- "Where Are They Now? Wuhan Law Students 25 years Later," June 29, 2023
<https://www.jurist.org/commentary/2023/06/where-are-they-now-koffler/>
- *Confucian Trials* (book manuscript about teaching American law in Wuhan, China, in progress).
- "As Law Firms Go Global, Demand for LL.M. Degrees Mushrooms," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Sept. 15, 2006, p. 6.
- "Teaching Law in China," *Massachusetts Bar Association Lawyers Journal*, Aug. 2004, pp. 12-13.
- "Questions are Clouding the Night Sky in Afghanistan," *Focus*, Sunday Telegram (Worcester, MA), July 25, 2004, C4.
- Editorial, "Build Bridges," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Apr. 19, 2001, p. B7 (on Hainan Island incident).
- China Correspondent's Report, <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/world/chinacor1.htm> (2000)
- Review Essay, "Three Looking Glasses for Law and Literature," *10 Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* 69-88 (1998).
- "Mediation: A Simple Reform for Resolving Health Care Disputes," *6 West Virginia Lawyer* 25 (October, 1992).
- "A Scene of Professional Deceit," *10 Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* 95 (1992).
- Book Review, L. Kallen, *Corporate Welfare: The Mega Bankruptcies of the 80's and 90's*, 21 *Bankruptcy Court Decisions*, p. A7 (March 14, 1991).
- "The Feminine Presence in *Billy Budd*," *1 Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* 1 (1990).
- Book Review, "Forged Alliance: Law and Literature," *89 Columbia Law Review* 1374 (1989).
- Book Review, "Posner in Paradise," *10 Cardozo Law Review* 2099 (1989).
- "Seditious Libel - An Ominous Revival," in Richard O. Curry, ed., *Freedom at Risk* 140 (1988).
- Co-Author, Vol. III. *New York Practice Guide – Business and Commercial* (1987).
- Book Review, "Reflections on Detente: Law and Literature," *62 Texas Law Review* 1157 (1984).

- "The New Seditious Libel," 69 *Cornell Law Review* 816 (1984) (with B. Gershman).
- "The Bankruptcy Clause and Exemption Laws: A Reexamination of the Doctrine of Geographic Uniformity," 58 *New York University Law Review* 22 (1983).
- "Terror and Mutilation in the Golden Age," 5 *Human Rights Quarterly* 116 (1983).
- "*Fleurs du Mal*: Literary Stultification in the Law," 5 *American Legal Studies Association Forum* 23 (1981).
- Book Review, "Constitutional Catarrh," 1 *Pace Law Review* 403 (1981).
- "Some Contributions of Edward I to the Capitalist Transformation of England," 3 *Research in Law and Sociology* 107 (1980).
- "Capital in Hell: Dante's Lesson on Usury," 32 *Rutgers Law Review* 608 (1979).
- Book Review: *Law and the Rise of Capitalism*, 59 *Boston University Law Review* 423 (1979).
- Book Review, "Reflections on Law, Capitalism and Legal History," 3 *American Legal Studies Association Forum* 67 (No. 3, Dec. 1978).
- "The Assimilation of Law and Literature: An Approach to Metanoia," 3 *American Legal Studies Association Forum* 5 (No. 1, May 1978).
- "Dionysus in Bankruptcy Land," 7 *Rutgers-Camden Law Review* 665 (1976).

PRESENTATIONS

- "Guantanamo, Torture, and Constitutional Decay," Cape Town University, South Africa (April, 2010)
- "Guantanamo and Academic Obligation," University of Botswana (June, 2010).
- "Chinese Women's Writing and the 'Empire of Force,'" Hull University, England, May, 2008.
- "Of Penal Colonies, Kafka and Guantanamo," Swansea University (UK) Conference on Law and Literature, July, 2007.
- "Mediation and International Commercial Arbitration in China," Boston Bar Assoc. (2004).
- "The Theory of Human Nature and the American Constitution," Lecture to first-year students, Harvard Law School (2003).
- "Contemporary Law Study in China," International Law Society, Boston University (2002).
- "Notes on the Fulbright Program - Teaching Law in China," St. Louis Ethical Society (2001).
- "Themes of Justice and the Law in Charles Dickens," English Department, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China (2000).
- "Ideas of Human Nature and the American Constitution," Keynote Presentation, China Fulbright Conference, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China (1999).
- "Law and Literature in the Legal Academy," and "Metaphors of Limited Power," lectures at Xiamen University, Xiamen, China (1999).
- "Bankruptcy and the Limits of Contract Law" and "Impeachment and the U.S. Constitution," lectures at Dongbei University of Economics and Finance, Dalian, China

(1999).

- "Crisis in the Legal Academy – Turning to Humanities," Wuhan University, Wuhan, China (1998).
- "Dickens, Dirt and Decency," Law and Humanities International Conference, University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall (1996).
- Commentator, Law and Literature Conference, University of Georgia School of Law (1995).
- "Mediation Practice for Law Graduates," West Virginia University Law School (1993).
- "Health Care and Mediation," Law and Medicine Committee, West Virginia State Bar (1992).
- "Toxic Bankruptcies," Continuing Legal Education, Charleston, West Virginia (1990).
- "Fraudulent Conveyance Law and the Leveraged Buy-Out," Continuing Legal Education, Austin, Texas (1989).
- "The First Amendment under Political Repression," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C. (1989).
- "A Rhetoric of Violence, Symposium on Plato's Gorgias," University of Iowa Law School (1989).
- "Injustice as Disease: Dickens and Plato," Annual Dickens Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz (1988).
- "Plato on Correct Language," International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Notre Dame University (1988).
- "The 'Feminine in Man' and Billy Budd," Law and Humanities Institute, Washington & Lee University (1987).
- "Raskolnikov and the Criminal Mentality," University of Oklahoma Law School (1985).
- "Dostoevsky for Lawyers," Law and Society Association, Denver (1983).
- "Elizabethan Punishments for Poverty," Conference on Law and Terror, Brandeis University (1982).
- "The Usury Problem in Elizabethan England," Critical Legal Studies Conference, Harvard University (1982).
- "Shylock as Native Son," American Legal Studies Association, Cincinnati (1982).
- "Flowers of Evil - Judicial Metaphors and Hardness of Heart," American Legal Studies Association, Harvard University (1980).
- "Dante, Lucre and Law," Conference on Critical Legal Studies, San Francisco (1979).
- "Plato on Power: Naming as Legislating," Modern Language Association, New York (1979).
- "Edward I and Early Capital Formation," American Legal History Society, Philadelphia, (1978).

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French, conversational Italian; have studied at various levels German, Latin, ancient Greek (and literatures); Arabic, Chinese and Russian; currently learning Spanish.

PERSONAL

Favorite activities include hiking, camping, reading, writing, music, piano, travel.