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Teaching and Administrative Experience

Roger Williams University School of Law

Clinical Professor of Law, 2022-present

Director of Clinical Externships, 2021-present

Director, Feinstein Center for Pro Bono & Experiential Education, July 2013 - present

Director, Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, January 2001 – July 2013

Coordinate the Externship Program overall. Design and teach the Social Justice Lawyering Seminar and Clinical Public Interest Externship Program. Co-taught *Race and the Foundations of American Law* for three semesters; Co-facilitate ASB Program for approximately 90 students in 35 placements.

Boston College Law School

Clinical Staff Attorney, August 1999-May 2000

Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project (1999-2000):

Co-taught and supervised students representing delinquent girls committed to Department of Youth Services in civil matters including special education appeals, parole revocation hearings, extensions of commitment; and other matters resulting from incarceration. Supervised students providing community legal education for families at the Gardner Elementary School.

Rutgers University School of Law-Camden

Clinical Staff Attorney, August 1998 – July 1999

Civil Practice Clinic (1998-99): Developed school-based legal services clinic in grammar school (Leap Academy Charter School). Opened legal services clinic in January 1999, for representation of parents in civil cases. Taught in Elder Law Clinic and Criminal Externship Program.

Columbia University School of Law

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor, July 1995 – June 1998

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor from Practice, February 1995 – July 1995

Prisoners and Families Clinic: Co-designed interdisciplinary clinical offering focusing on the intersection of family law, criminal law, and prisoners' rights. Collaborated with incarcerated women at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and clinic students to design and develop interactive workshops for incarcerated mothers concerning parental rights, foster care, custody and visitation issues. Represented incarcerated parents in custody, visitation, and parole matters.

Criminal Defense Seminar/Externship: Designed new externship offering with Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. Taught weekly seminar.

Family Advocacy Clinic: Supervised law students representing parents and kinship foster parents of children in foster care. Supervised administrative hearings and litigation in family court.

Education

New York University School of Law

Juris Doctor, 1986

New York University School of Social Work

Master of Social Work, 1985

Yale University

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude with Distinction in American Studies, 1981

Publications

Professional Development Planning (with Neha Lall, chapter 2), Learning from Practice: A Text for Experiential Legal Education (Freeman et al; 4th Edition, Forthcoming 2027)

Charting Your Path to Success (with Nancy Stuart, chapter 2), in Learning from Practice: A Text for Experiential Legal Education (Wortham et al; 3rd Edition. 2016)

Learning How to Learn: Carnegie's Third Apprenticeship, 18 Clinical Law Review 101 (2011)

Don't Do It Alone: A Community-Based, Collaborative Approach to Pro Bono, 23 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 323 (2010) (with Suzanne Harrington-Steppen, Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, and Eliza Vorenberg)

Practice Experience

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

New York, NY

Team Leader, 1993-1995; Staff Attorney, 1990-1993

Managed and supervised interdisciplinary criminal defense team at innovative community-based public defender office. Conducted all phases of litigation, including early intervention, investigation, arraignments, motion practice, negotiations, hearings, and trials. Created office policy as member of senior management team. Redesigned intake procedures and team management structures to improve client services. Provided ongoing skills training to staff lawyers and interns.

The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division

New York, NY

Trial Attorney, 1986-1990

Provided legal representation to children and adolescents in juvenile delinquency, neglect, abuse, and termination of parental rights proceedings. Handled all aspects of litigation.

Lawyers for Children

New York, NY

Consultant/Trainer, 1990; Legal Intern, 1986

Co-designed and taught a six-session training program on family court procedure and litigation in neglect, abuse, and termination of parental rights cases. Advocated for children voluntarily placed in foster care.

Selected Trainings & Presentations (I was a panelist with co-presenters for all below)

Reinventing the Mid-Semester Meeting to Empower, Energize, and Inspire, Externships 13 Conference (October 2026)

Decentering Whiteness in Teaching about Bias: The Need for a National Curriculum for Students and Supervisors, Externships 12 Conference (October 2024)

Creating Community Through Connection: Enhancing the Externship Experience, AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (May 2024)

Sharing Community and Mistakes with our Teaching Colleagues, Penn State Dickinson's Anti Racism Development Institute's Inaugural Convening (October 2023),

Beyond Checking the Box: Delivering Meaningful Instruction on "Bias, Cross Cultural Competency, and Racism" Under ABA Standard 303(c); AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (April 2023)

Helping Our Students Be the Change Through Their Three Spheres of Innate Strengths, Responsibility, and Accountability, New England Clinical Conference (March 2023)

One Good Teaching Idea Deserves Another, Externships 11 Conference (October 2022 – Virtual)

Connecting the Dots: Why Meaning Matters and How Externships Can Help Students Find it; AALS Clinical Teaching conference 2022

Antiracism Audit of Externships: How to Rebuild our Programs into Antiracist Models, AALS Clinical Teaching Virtual Conference (July 2020)

Anti-Bias Teaching and Supervision: Practices that Foster Respect and Belonging for Students in Clinics and Externships – A Roundtable Discussion, AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (May 2019)

Not In It for the Money -- Public Interest Careers, Debt, and Loan Repayment, Conference of New England Association of Pre-Law Advisors (2019)

Externship Innovations: Exploring New Models for Externships, New England Clinical Conference (October 2018)

The Mindful Supervisor: Working with our Supervising Attorneys to Ensure a High-Quality Experience, Externships 8 (March 2016)

Persuasive Presentations in Informal Settings: Helping Students Recognize What Matters to Them and Their Audience, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2015)

Full-Time Immersion Field Placement Programs: Different Animal or Just More of a Good Thing? Externships 7 (February 2014)

Introduction of Dr. Kathy Boudin, 30 Years of Child and Family Advocacy at Columbia Law School (April 2013)

Mid-Semester Evaluations: An Adaptable Tool Kit for Any Program, Externships 6 (March 2012)

Supervising the Supervisors: What is the Law School's role? (AALS Clinical Conference, April 2012)

Law School Pro Bono Projects: Responding Effectively to Different Program Structures, NALP/PSLawNet Public Service Mini Conference (October 2010)

Externships, Mid-Semester Meetings, Professional Identity and Formative Assessment, New York University School of Law Clinical Law Review Workshop (October 2010)

Silos in the Academy: Competing Conceptions of Experiential Education, Experiential Education Renaissance Roundtable, University of Minnesota Law School (April 2010)

Externships and the Mid-Semester Meeting: Nurturing the Supervisory Relationship, Externships 5 (March 2010) (Work-in-Progress)

The Public Interest Job Search, NALP/PSLawNet Public Service Mini Conference (October 2009)

Reconceptualizing Professionalism: A Relationship-Centered Model of Supervision, New England Clinicians Workshop (with Professor Susan Brooks, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Drexel Law) (December 2008)

The Pro Bono Collaborative: Building Bridges Between Law Firms, Low-Income Communities, and Law Students, Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration, Research Conference on Access to Civil Justice, NYU School of Law (November 2008) (presented with co-authors)

Reconceptualizing Professionalism: A Relationship-Centered Model of Supervision, New York University School of Law Clinical Law Review Workshop (with Professor Susan Brooks) (October 2008)

Finding Relevance in Seminars for Students in Diverse Field Placements, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2008)

Designing Seminars for Students in Diverse Field Placements, Externships 4 (February 2008)

The Role of Law Schools in Fostering Commitment to Pro Bono Publico, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, Conference on Pro Bono in Law Schools (October 2007)

Challenging Assumptions in the Externship Context, AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (May 2007)

Supervising Law Students, Continuing Legal Education Training Session for local legal services lawyers and public defenders (May 2007) (collaborated with training directors of Rhode Island Legal Services and Rhode Island Public Defender)

Other Professional Activities:

National Advisory Committee, Equal Justice Works (2008-2010)

Advisory Board Member, Pro Bono Collaborative, RWU School of Law (September 2007 – 2022)

Board Member, Rhode Island Family Advocacy Project (May, 2003 – May, 2007)

Board of Directors, Women in Transition (May, 2002 – December, 2005)

Columbia Law School Public Interest Law Foundation: faculty representative, 1996-1998

NYC Family Court Advisory Committee for Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 1st Department, 1996 - 98

Bar Admission and Professional Certifications:

Bar, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Admitted in 1999 Bar,

New York, Admitted in 1986

Bar, Illinois, Admitted in 1986

Certification in Social Work, New York, 1986