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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., English (American Literature), University of Texas, August 1977. Dissertation:
“Benjamin Franklin and the Mad Monks of Medmenham”
M.A., English, Texas State University, August 1970. Thesis: “Eudora Welty: The Theme of
Isolation”
B.S., English, Southwest Texas State University, May 1968

TEACHING POSITIONS:

2009-2010	Ralph Brill Chair Distinguished Visiting Professor, Chicago-Kent School of Law
1982-2011	Senior Lecturer, Legal Writing, School of Law, University of Texas at Austin, Texas. Director, UT Law International Programs. Co-Advisor, Graduate Legal Stud & Fellowships. Director: Summer Outreach Programs. <i>Courses:</i> Advanced Legal Writing, Editing for Editors, Thesis Writing for LLM, Introduction to U.S. Law, Legal Research and Writing, Negotiations and Drafting (team-taught), Real Estate Transactions and Drafting (team-taught). Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, University of Alabama 2000; Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas, 2006; Consultant, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 1999; Visiting Professor, St. Louis University School of Law 1996, 1998
1978-82	Lecturer/Instructor, English Department, University of Texas at Austin; State Director, Ready Writing, University Interscholastic League, Austin (1987-92)
1968-88	Lecturer, Academic Thesis and Dissertation Writing, Fulbright Commission for International Studies, Austin; Adjunct Lecturer, English Department, St. Edward's University, Austin; Visiting Instructor, City Colleges of Chicago, Wuerzburg, West Germany; Instructor, McMurry College, Abilene, Texas; Instructor, San Antonio College (Lackland and Randolph Air Force Base campuses, and St. Philip's College); Teaching Assistant, Southwest Texas State University; Teacher, Roosevelt High School, San Antonio

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Don't Go Into the Library (fiction: children's tales, submitted to agents)
Tommy and Sarah (novel for pre-teen readers in progress)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Legal Writing with Style (with Karin Mika) (Captive Audience Publishing 2015)
Prison Grievances (La Carcel Queja), Spanish version (Captive Audience Press 2015)
Prison Grievances: when to write, how to write (Captive Audience Press 2013, 2014)
Guide to Legal Writing Style (Little, Brown 1995) (2nd ed. Aspen Press 2000) (4th ed. 2007 with accompanying interactive CD) (with Karin Mika 5th ed. Wolters Kluwer 2011 with 'robust' internet exercises)
Expert Legal Writing (University of Texas Press 1995) (reprinted chapters in 9 Scribes Journal of Legal Writing 2003-04)
Ready Writing Handbook (Monograph) Austin, Texas: University Interscholastic League, Division of Continuing Education (1988) (Co-author, Jim Kinneavy); 2nd edition, 1990

Websites

Federal Judiciary Center instructional pages for Class-Action Notices.
www.fjc.gov/classactionnotices
Law School Plagiarism and Teaching Materials.
www.lwionline.org/plagiarism
(reprinted examples included in Writing and Analysis in Law (5th ed.) Shapo, Walter, and Fajans)
www.legalwritingwithstyle.com
www.legaleditorsink.com
www.prisongrievances.com
Designed, edited website for Spivy, Griggs law firm, Austin 2013

Photographs

Action shot, Making it Through the Day—and Night, Ray Farabee, 2008
Portrait, Sarah Jones, Harlingen News, March 6, 2003
Portrait, Carolyn Graglia, "Full-time Homemakers of the Year," Soaring Eagles, fall 2002
"Indigena Shoes," 7 Hispanic J. of L. & Policy 56 (with poem)
"Emerging Sphinx," Austin American-Statesman (March 25, 2001) (accompanying article)
"Jay, A Paper-Making Town," "Local Union Hall," The Betrayal of Local 14 (Julius Getman), 1998
"Open/Closed," Daily Texan, summer 1998

Poems

"In the Time of Shoes and Butterflies," 7 Hispanic J. of L. & Policy 56 (with photo)
"Avenue Writers," Pecan Press, Austin (November 1992) p. 10

Songs

“Stuck in the Middle with You,” 11 *Legal Writing J.* (2005), p.395 (words only, plenary introduction)

Short Stories

“A Texas Death,” *English in Texas*, fall/winter 2000, p.63

Book Chapters

“Bringing Social Justice into Your Classroom: Allowing Students to Personalize Their Writing Assignments.” *The Media Method: Teaching Law with Popular Culture*, ed. Christine Corsos (Carolina Academic Press, 2017), 463.

“Writing Style in Section 1983 Filings,” *Prison Education: Section 1983*, ed. Michael Werth (forthcoming: Freebird Publishing 2018].

Articles

<https://www.salon.com/2019/06/15/why-are-books-banned-in-prison-sex-drugs-and-a-critique-of-systematic-oppression/>

“Your Story,” 24 *CONTACT* (July/Aug 2019)

“Rhetorical Evil and the Prison Litigation Reform Act,” *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD* (fall 2018) at 47

“Mail and Publications in the News,” 23 *CONTACT* (Oct. 2018) at 3

“Censorship!” 23 *CONTACT* (April 2018)

“Rubber-stamp grievance responses,” 22 *CONTACT* (July/August 2017) at

“Writing Better Jury Instructions” [review] *The Scrivener* (Winter 2016) at 6

“The Relationship Between Reading and Inmate Education,” 21, *CONTACT* (July 2016) at 3

“Writing to Persuade,” 21 *CONTACT* (April 2016) at 2-3

“Grievances and Class-Action Lawsuits,” 20 *CONTACT* (Jan 2015) at 6-7

“Official Reasons for Being Turned Down,” 19 *CONTACT* (Jan 2014) at 3

“Grievances: Pro and Con,” 18 *CONTACT* 5 (May 2013) at 3

“The Rules of Grievances,” 17 *CONTACT* (Nov 2013) at 3

“Majority of Class Action Publication Notices Fail to Satisfy Rule 23 Requirements,” 30 *Texas Review of Litigation*, 54 (2011). (reprinted, revised, in *Class Action Litigation Report*, Bureau of National Affairs, Vol. --, No. __ (2001) .pp.xx

“Law School Teaching Innovation/Tips” (1-13), Texas Southern University Division of Academic Affairs and Research, 2009-2010

“Why Ratings/Rankings?” *Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section Newsletter* (Spring 2005) at 3

“Hidden Payoffs from Visiting Professorships,” 18 *The Second Draft* 14 (2004)

“Creating the Federal Judicial Center’s New Illustrative ‘Model’ Plain Language Action Notices,” 13 *Class Actions & Derivative Suits* 10 (Spring 2003) (with Todd Hilsee)

“A Challenge from the Future: Legal Writing, 2009,” 9 *Legal Writing: J. of L. W. Institute* 111 (2003)

“The Federal Judiciary Center’s Model Plain Language Class Action Notices: A New Tool for Practitioners and the Judiciary,” 4 *Bureau of National Affairs* 182 (March 2003) (with Todd Hilsee)

- “Teaching Student Editors to Edit, 9 Perspectives 124 (2001)
- “The Nuts and Bolts of Article Selection and Criteria,” 30 Stetson L. Rev. 437 (Fall 2000)
- “People, traffic jams, minarets, donkeys—Cairo!” Austin American-Statesman (March 25, 2001)
- “Writing Guru ~~Discourses~~ Speaks,” 6 Texas Paralegal Journal 25 (2000)
- “Good Practice Gives Prompt Feedback, Seven Principles of Higher Education,” 49.2 Journal of Legal Education, 418 (1999)
- “Failure to Teach: Due Process and Law School Plagiarism,” 49.1 Journal of Legal Education, 236 (1999)
- “‘Mister’ Indeed!,” 10 UIL Leaguer (October 1999)
- “Confusion and Conflict about Plagiarism in Law Schools and Law Practice,” Perspectives on Plagiarism and Intellectual Property in a Postmodern World, ed. Lisa Buranen & Alice Roy. State University of New York Press, 1999
- “Doctrine of the Last Antecedent: The Mystifying Morass of Ambiguous Modifiers,” 1 Journal of Legal Writing, 81 (1996); reprinted in 40 Texas Journal of Business Law (Fall 2004), 199.
- “*U.S. News & World Report*, Notices: “Legal Writing Programs,” Perspectives, Spring 1995
- “Writing Exercise is Exercise,” Texas Bar Journal (November 1994)
- “Power Editing,” Texas Bar Journal (March 1994)
- “Quick Tricks for Organization,” Texas Bar Journal (April 1993)
- “I Use Them! Law School Portfolios,” Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research, Association of American Law Schools (April 1993)
- “That Sophisticated Semicolon,” Texas Bar Journal (November 1992)
- “Beware of Ambiguous Modifiers,” Texas Bar Journal (September 1992)
- “Jurors, Not Serfs,” Texas Lawyer (July 6, 1992)
- “A Reference Library for Drafters,” Texas Bar Journal (June 1992)
- “Cast Your Vote: Doctrine of the Last Antecedent,” The Second Draft (April 1992)
- “Teaching Advice from a Professional Writer,” (review) The Second Draft (April 1992)
- “The Craft of Successful Drafting,” Texas Bar Journal (December 1991)
- “The Secret Arguments Against Plain English,” The Second Draft (October 1991)
- “Punctuating with Commas,” Texas Bar Journal (June 1991)
- “What's New in Rhetoric: Writing Centers,” The Second Draft (June 1991)
- “Writing's A Touchy Subject,” Texas Bar Journal (May 1991)
- “Deliberate Sentence Structure,” Texas Bar Journal (February 1991)
- “The Premature Deaths of Writing Instructors,” Integrated Legal Research (Winter 1990-91)
- “Grammar Rules Versus Suggestions,” Texas Bar Journal (December 1990)
- “Sophisticated Language: Allusions and Word Play,” Texas Bar Journal (June 1990)
- “What's Happening in Rhetoric?” The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute (April 1990)
- “Can Legal Writing Be Saved?” Texas Bar Journal (November 1989)
- “Emulating the Pro's Prose: Stylistic Consciousness,” Texas Bar Journal (May 1989); reprinted in 81 Mich. B.J. 42 (Dec. 2002); Scribes J. of L. Writing 2003-04, 195
- “Compound Adjectives and Noun Strings,” Texas Bar Journal (March 1989)
- “First Aid for Sentences, Part III: Of Marshmallows,” Texas Bar Journal (December 1988)
- “First Aid for Sentences, Part II: Left-Handed Sentences,” Texas Bar Journal (October 1988)
- “First Aid for Sentences, Part I: The Long Sentence,” Texas Bar Journal (September 1988)

- “Reference Books for Legal Writers,” Texas Bar Journal (July 1988)
- “Attorneys and Writer's Block,” Texas Bar Journal (June 1988)
- “Coordination and Subordination: Defining Relationships,” Texas Bar Journal (April 1988)
- “Words and Their Meanings,” Texas Bar Journal (December 1987) [reprinted in In Res: Law Library Publications (January 1988)]
- “Clip-and-Save Writing Guides,” Texas Bar Journal (November 1987)
- “Help or Hinder: Partners Affect Associates' Writing,” Texas Bar Journal (October 1987)
- “Quotation Marks? She Queried. Or, The Arbitrary Rules Surrounding Quotation Marks,” Texas Bar Journal (April 1987)
- “The Success—and Failure—of IRAC,” Texas Bar Journal (February 1987)
- “A Case Against Case Names: Examination of the Structure of Legal Sentences,” Texas Bar Journal (January 1987)
- “Let's Test Your Basics,” Texas Bar Journal (November 1986)
- “Re-Vision Before Editing,” Texas Bar Journal (September 1986) [reprinted in Law Office Economics Section Newsletter, The Florida Bar, October 1987]
- “Cycle of Discontent: Lawyers and Judges,” Texas Bar Journal (July 1986) [reprinted as “Legal ‘Double-Talk’ Confusing?” in Oklahoma County Bar Association's Briefcase (August 1986)]
- “Comma, Comma, and Comma,” Texas Bar Journal (June 1986) [reprinted in THE TEXANA, Professional Secretaries International, September 1986]
- “Trouble Spots: Salutations and ‘Prosecutrix’,” Texas Bar Journal (May 1986)
- “Organization and the Deductive Thrust,” Texas Bar Journal (March 1986)
- “Focus on Density,” Texas Bar Journal (February 1986)
- “Sex and the Singular Pronoun,” Texas Bar Journal (January 1986)
- “Min(d)ing the Field: Appellate Judges Speak Out,” Texas Bar Journal (December 1985)
- “Trouble Spots: ‘That/Which’ and ‘Only’,” Texas Bar Journal (October 1985)
- “Jargon 2: Just When You Thought It Was Safe,” Texas Bar Journal (July 1985)
- “Jargon: Manure, Margarine, and Moderation,” Texas Bar Journal (April 1985)
- “Writing Like a Lawyer,” Texas Bar Journal (March 1985)
- reprinted in Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing (West, January 1993)
- Editing Workbook for Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Seminars for practicing attorneys, 1983-88, published by Law School, University of Texas
- Editing Workbook for Opinion Writers, Continuing Legal Education Seminars for Judges, 1984-86, published by Law School, University of Texas
- Editing Workbook for Students, co-author with Fred Asnes, 1984, published by Law School, University of Texas
- “Alsatian Architecture in Medina County,” Texas Buildings (Encino Press, 1979)
- Book reviews for Abilene Reporter-News, 1975-82
- News/feature articles in Abilenian, 1977-82

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:

- University of Ottawa, 2017
- Georgetown School of Law, 2015
- University of Ottawa, 2015
- University of District of Columbia, 2013
- Qatar University,

Valpariaso University School of Law, 2010
Chicago-Kent Law School (faculty, students), 2010
John Marshall School of Law, 2010
Cleveland State University School of Law (faculty), 2009
Tulane Law School (writing faculty), 2002
Thurgood Marshall School of Law (faculty), Texas Southern University, 2001, 2002
Texas Tech School of Law, Lubbock (writing faculty), 1999
St. Mary's Law School (editorial board), 2004
Law School (faculty), The Catholic University of America, 1999
Pre-Law Program: University of Texas at El Paso, 1998-2007
Pan American University, Brownsville, 2001-2007
University of Texas in San Antonio, 2002-2007
Prairie View A & M, 2004-2007
Huston Tillotson, 2001-2006
Founder, Editor's Ink: Professional Writing Consultants, 1987-present

Advocacy, Inc. (lawyers for disabled), Austin, 1994
Arnold, White and Durkee (intellectual property law firm), Houston, 1988, 1994
Baker & Hostetler, Houston (EEOC notice for class action) 2003
Boudreaux, Leonard, and Hammond (law firm), La Cantera, Tx 2004
Bracewell & Patterson (law firm), Houston, 1984-1988, 1996
Bracewell & Patterson (law and regulatory), Austin, 1988
Bracewell & Patterson (law firm), Washington, D.C., 1991
Brown & Maroney (law firm), Austin, 1989
Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys, Breckenridge, Colorado, 1998
City of Austin Legal Department, Austin, 1996; 2002; 2005
City of San Antonio Legal Department, San Antonio 2003, 2004
Cooper Industries (Fortune 500 company, contract drafting), Houston, 1993
Cox & Smith (law firm), San Antonio, 1989
Ft. Worth Paralegal Association, 1992, 1994, 1997
General Services Commission, Austin, 1997
Groce, Locke & Hebron (law firm), San Antonio, 1989-1992
Haynes and Boone (law firm), Dallas, 1988
Hoover, Bax & Shearer (law firm), Houston, 1989
Internal Revenue Service, nationally televised seminar (Gift & Estate Tax), Washington, D.C.,
2001; Texas economists, Houston, 2001
Jenkins & Gilchrist, Dallas, 2005
Locke, Liddell & Sapp, Dallas and Houston, 2001, 2002, 2003
Mayer, Brown & Platt (law firm), Houston, 1993, 1994, 1995
McCauley, MacDonald, Love & Devin (law firm), Dallas, 1992
McKinsey & Company (attorneys), Dallas, 2001
National Advocacy Center, Department of Justice, Charlotte, South Carolina, 2001, 2002
National Judicial College (administrative law for regulatory agencies), Jefferson City, Missouri,
1995
Special Education Administrative Law Judges, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2010
Tarrant County Appellate Section, Ft. Worth, 1997

Texas Center for the Judiciary: College for New Judges, Austin, December 2004; Texas College for Judicial Studies 2009

Texas Eastern Transmission Company: Legal Section, Houston, 1988

Travis County Clerkship Program, Austin 1997

Panhandle Eastern Petroleum Company: Legal Division, Del Lago, Texas, 1993

Phillips Petroleum Company: International Consortium of Attorneys, Del Lago, Texas, 1989

Real Estate Section, Texas State Bar Association, brokers forms, 1993

Shannon, Gracy, Ratliff & Miller (law firm), Ft. Worth, 1985

Small, Craig & Werkenthin (law firm), Austin, 1985-1995

StarEnterprises (oil company), Houston, 1993

Vinson & Elkins (law firm), Houston, 1996

CASA, American Bar Association: briefing attorneys of the supreme and appellate courts, 1998

Office of State Hearings Examiners, Texas Administrative Law Judges, 1997

Lower Colorado River Authority (engineers and attorneys), Austin 2001

National Advanced Paralegal Exam, Kansas City, 2001

State Comptroller of Public Accounting: all Administrative Law Judges and all Attorneys, Austin, 1988; 1989; 1990

State Department of Banking: all administrators, field examiners, staff, 1992 and 1997; Special Hearings, 1993

Texas Association of School Boards, Austin, 1993

Texas Bar Association, New Attorneys, Houston, 2006, 2007

Texas Bar Association, Administrative Law Division, 1990

Texas Bar Association, Advanced Business Bankruptcy, 2002

Texas Center for the Judiciary, College for New Judges, 2000, 2009, 2010

Texas Employment Commission: Administrative Law Judges and Hearings Officers, Austin, 1988; Special Hearings Staff for Texas Payday Law, 1992

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission: scientists, computer specialists, investigators, 1999; engineers (logic) 2001

Texas Railroad Commission: all attorneys, 1989

Texas Senate Staff, 1990, 1992, 1997, 1998

Texas Workers Compensation, attorneys, 1997; attorneys, 2000

Public Utility Commission: all Administrative Law Judges and all General Counsel, Austin, 1988; 1989; 1990; 1991; 1993; supervisors for testimony 1994; testimony writing 1996; persuasive writing 1996; testimony writing 1997

Public Utility Commission: all economists, engineers, and Certified Public Accountants, 1989, 1994, 1996

Office of the Attorney General of Texas: Attorneys, Austin, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997; Appellate Drafting, 1993; staff, 1997

Office of Court Administration, Austin, Texas, 1986-1988

Office of General Counsel, University of Texas, 1989

Tarrant County Women's Bar Association, Ft. Worth, 1987, 1991

Texas Supreme Court: Clerks, Austin, 1986

Supreme Court of Wyoming, Cheyenne: Judges, Briefing Attorneys, and Staff, 1998

First Court of Appeals, Houston: Appellate Judges and Briefing Attorneys, 1986

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas: attorneys and staff, Houston, Texas 1995

United States Bankruptcy Trustees, Department of Justice, Columbia, South Carolina, 2001, 2002
Legal Writing Seminars for Practicing Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education, School of Law, University of Texas, 1983-1989
Opinion Writing Seminars for the Judiciary, Continuing Legal Education, School of Law, University of Texas, 1984-1989
Mid-Management Writing Seminars, School of Law, University of Texas, 1984-1990
Minority Opportunity Program pilot project, writing skills, School of Law, University of Texas, 1989-present
Legal Writing Seminar for Provisional Students, School of Law, University of Texas, 1986
Ready-Writing Seminars for University Interscholastic League, University of Texas, 1987-1992

Expert (Language) Witness:

trial brief on oil and gas contract, fall 1987
affidavit, trial brief, and trial on Department of Public Safety's warning for Driving-While-Intoxicated (DWI) charge, fall/spring 1988; fall 1989
trial brief on patent, 1988
affidavit and trial on libel and slander, 1988-90
affidavit and trial on court order before Railroad Commission, 1989
opinion on deed restriction, 1988
affidavit on bank document, 1989
affidavit covering Texas Constitution's requirement for Supreme Court candidacy, Texas Supreme Court, 1990
opinion on real estate agreement, 1990
opinion on employment commission letter, Ohio Attorney General, 1990
opinion on letter of intent, 1990
affidavit on employment application, 1991
affidavit on mineral deed, 1991
affidavit on hold-harmless agreement, 1991
opinion on insurance board statute, 1991
opinion on real estate agreement, 1992
affidavit on medical insurance coverage, 1992
opinions on medical insurance coverage (3), 1992
opinion on statute, 1992
opinion on life insurance policy, 1993
affidavit on health insurance coverage, 1993
opinion on securities bond, 1993
trial about securities exchange form, 1993
evaluation of expert testimony, insurance, 1994
opinion and trial, plagiarism and professional quality of writing, 1996
opinion and trial, federal statute interpretation, 1996
opinion on contract language, 2000
opinion slander and libel, 2000
opinion on real estate provision, 2001
opinion on contract language, 2001
trial on state constitution and redistricting, 2001

opinion on bankruptcy opinion, 2003
opinion on contract language, 2003
opinion on telecommunications contract, 2003
opinion on Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 2003
opinion on general agreement of indemnity, 2003
opinion on court order, 2003
evaluation of bond contract, 2003
opinion on divorce decree, 2003
opinion on indemnification obligation, 2005
opinion on cash collateral language in bankruptcy, 2006
affidavit on trustee bankruptcy order, 2007
opinion on indemnity clause on commercial lease, 2009
opinion on divorce provision, 2010
opinion on contract for notification centers, 2010
letter affidavit on law school plagiarism, 2010
opinion on special provisions, trust, 2011
opinion on employment contract, 2011
opinion and affidavit contract, 2012
language for jury trial, 2012, 2013
opinion on oil and gas supplemental lease, 2015
opinion, affidavit on defamation of attorney, 2015
opinion, expressions and punctuation in gaming, 2016
opinion, civil claims, 2016
affidavit and testimony on contract, 2017
amicus expert on class-action notices, 2017
opinion, Texas statute, 2018

EDITING EXPERIENCE:

Book: Incomprehensible! A Study of Comprehension Asymmetries and the Law (Prof. Wendy Wagner), Cambridge U Press, 2018
Manuscript Editor, Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness, (Prof. Brian Shannon), State Bar of Texas, 2019
Brochures for Texas Civil Rights Project (rewriting and envisioning attorney materials), Veterans' Benefits, 2013
Manuscript reviewer, Teachers College Record: The Voice of Scholarship, 2002-2004
Editor, The Second Draft (national newsletter for teachers of legal research and drafting), 1991-1994
Manuscript Editor, Texas Association of Lawyers and Artists. Insurance: A User-Friendly Guide for the Arts, 1990
Manuscript Editor, 6 Journal of Legal Writing, 2000-2001
Manuscript Editor, Knowles Publishing Company:
Premises Liability (National), (Branton and Lovett), 1989
Premises Liability (Texas), (Branton and Lovett), 1989
Damages (supplement), (Branton and Lovett), 1989
Automobiles (National), (Branton and Lovett), 1989

Manuscript Editor, Oxford University Press. As We Forgive Our Debtors (Sullivan, Warren, and Westbrook), 1987-1988
Manuscript Editor, Rose Monograph Series, Oxford University Press. Illegal Aliens: New Undocumented Legal Class? (David Heer), 1988
Manuscript Editor, University of Texas Press. In the Company of Scholars: The struggle for the soul of higher education (Julius Getman), 1989, 1990
Appellate brief (defamation), 2000
Employment class-action notice (Houston), 2002
Marine Preservation Association and Marine Services Resource Center, Service Agreement, 1994
Texas Marketable Title Act, State Bar of Texas: Real Estate Section, 1990
Texas Real Estate Title Examinations Standards, State Bar of Texas, 1990
Phillips Petroleum Company, "Take a Few Minutes ..." brochure; "Warning and Safety Information Bulletin," 1990-1991
Editor of "Focus On Writing," column on legal writing for the Texas Bar Journal, 1984-1992
Columnist for "Rhetoric Review," Second Draft (Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute) 1988-1995

LECTURES and CONFERENCE TALKS:

"Creating Readable Seminar Papers," School of Law, University of Texas, 2017
"Writing to Save the World," university-wide speech, Ottawa University, Ottawa, Canada 2017
"Laughing over Comma Splices? Yes, You Can Use Humor (but should you?)" Midwest LWI Conference, Indianapolis, September 2017
"Behind Bars and Ignored, Storytelling Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2017
"What Can Citizens Do About Mass Incarceration?" Rotary Club, Kyle, Texas, November 2016
"Incorporating Social Justice into Law Classrooms," Legal Writing Institute, Portland, Oregon, June 2016
"Journalism Flubs and Advertising Errors: Why Our Students Misunderstand the Importance of Proofreading," Legal Writing Institute, Portland, Oregon, July 2016
"Promoted! Professional Writing for Professional Advancement," American Jail Association 35th Annual Conference, Austin, May 2016
"The Heart and Social Justice," Unitarian Universalist Church, Austin, Texas, Jan. 2016
"Advantages of Storytelling for Social Justice Issues," Storytelling Conference, Legal Writing Institute, Seattle University, July 16, 2015
"Social Justice in Legal Writing after Law School," "Creating Op Eds for Social Justice," "How to Respond to Student Writing," "Student Tutors: Providing Effective Feedback," University of Ottawa, March 2015
Semester Plenary: "Responding to Prison Grievances and the Moot Court/Brief Problems," Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., 2015
"Citizen Responsibilities within the Prison Industrial Complex," Northeast Kawanis Club, Feb. 28, 2014, Austin, Texas
"Social Work within the Context of Mass Incarceration," University of Texas classes in School of Social Work, Feb. 24-25, 2014
"Myths and Realities of Grievances," 5th National Prisoners' Family Conference, Dallas, Feb. 20, 2014
"Constitution and Amendments for Prisoners," School of Law, University of Texas, Oct. 28,

- 2013
- “Teaching Real Writing for Real Audiences,” Legal Research and Writing Fellows, Tulane Law School, Oct. 31, 2013
 - “Social Justice and Real Audiences,” Criminal Justice League, University of Minnesota, Oct. 25, 2013
 - “Strong Resume, Strong Applications,” Texas Leadership Pipeline Conference, Hispanic Scholarship Consortium, St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas 2013
 - “Creating Professional Documents,” Texas State University graduate paralegal program, 2013
 - “Making the Resume Count,” Texas State University Career Day, 2013
 - “Judicial Writing,” Texas Judicial College, Austin, 2013
 - “Helping Inmates, Helping Prison Authorities, Helping Courts with Prison Grievances,” Texas Inmate Families Association, Beaumont, Tx; Dallas, Tx; San Antonio, Tx; Austin, Tx 2013
 - “What is a Church’s Responsibility to the Prisons?” Hyde Park Christian Church, 2013
 - “Teaching Students Through Media,” legal writing faculty, School of Law, University of Texas, 2013
 - “Social Justice and the Classroom,” Legal Writing Institute, American University School of Law, 2013
 - “Using a Novel Approach to Law School Clinics,” School of Law, University of District of Columbia, 2013
 - “Reforming our Prisons,” Final Friday meeting, Houston, 2012
 - “Why I Wrote,” interview, Inside Nation video, 2013
 - “Teaching Your Loved One about Grievances,” national Prisoner Family’s Conference, Houston, 2013
 - “Grammar, Punctuation, and Paralegal Practice,” Texas State University graduate school, 2010
 - Plenary:** Using Social Justice to Teach Students Writing, Legal Writing Institute, Ft. Worth School of Law, 2010
 - “Teaching Basic Writing within the Substantive Content,” Legal Writing Institute, Washington, D.C., 2012
 - “Plagiarism and the Death Penalty,” Legal Writing Institute, Washington, D.C., March 2011
 - Scholar-in-Residence Public Lecture, Valparaiso University School of Law, 2010
 - “Adding Social Justice to the Rhetoric Curriculum,” University of Nevada Las Vegas, 2010
 - Keynote:** “Let It Be,” National Conference of Law Reviews, Ft. Worth, 2010
 - “Prison Litigation Reform Act and its Consequences,” Chicago-Kent School of Law, 2010
 - “Staying on Top: Keeping the Attorney and Associates in Practice for Legal Practice,” CLE Cleveland, 2009
 - “Editing Professionals’ Prose before You Graduate,” law reviews at Cleveland State University, 2009
 - “Developing Legal Writing Scholarship,” Central States Legal Writing Conference, Indianapolis, 2005
 - “Evolution of Rhetoric about Disproportional Sentencing,” Law Culture & Humanities Conference, Austin, 2005
 - “From the Mire to the Stars, Possibilities in Legal Writing,” Appellate Practice Session, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, OK, November 2004
 - “Five-Minute Investigations into Legal Controversy Created through Ambiguity,” National Law Teaching Institute, Spokane, WA, 2004

- “Specialty Journals as Refuge from Law Reviews,” National Conference of Law Reviews, San Antonio, 2004
- “Should I Edit That? Style and Rules for Student Editors,” National Conference of Law Reviews, San Antonio, 2004
- “Moral, Normative, and Substantive Modalities for the Inclusion of Attribution,” Rocky Mountain Region Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, 2004
- “The Importance of, and Methods for Defining, Plagiarism and Teaching and Implementing Plagiarism Policies,” Section on Libraries and Technology, American Association of Law Schools, Atlanta, 2004
- “Preparing Professional Writers,” Texas Council of Teachers of English, Richardson, Texas, 2003
- Plenary**, “Past, Present, Future: The Institute of Legal Writing,” National Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2002
- “Paradigms of Logic in Legal Writing,” The Institute of Legal Writing, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2002
- Plenary**, “Teacher, Colleague, Mentor, Scholar: Multitasking as Professional Writing Faculty,” Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson University, Florida, 2001
- “Can the World’s Law Faculties Work Together?” Law and Society, Budapest, Hungary, 2001
- “Specialty Journals” and “Editing Tips,” National Conference of Law Reviews, University of Baltimore, 2001
- Plenary**, “Setting Legal Writing Goals: Programmatic, Professional, and Personal,” Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, 2001
- “Article Selection and Criteria,” “Editing Professionals’ Prose,” and “Specialty Journals,” National Conference of Law Reviews, St. Petersburg, Florida, 2000
- “Civilizing Legal Writing,” Alabama Bar Association, state-wide teleconference, Tuscaloosa, 2000
- “Polishing Legal Prose,” Alabama Bar Association, state-wide teleconference, Tuscaloosa, 2000
- “Correcting Error, Suggesting Style,” Central Region Legal Writing Skills Conference, Kansas City, MO, 1999
- “Kids, Why Aren’t They More Like We Were . . .” Education Section, Maryland Bar Association, Ocean City, 1999
- “Passive Resistance and Ghandi,” Society for Public Policy, Washington, D.C., 1999
- “The Importance of Feedback for Law Students,” Institute for Law Teaching, Gonzaga Law School, Spokane, 1998
- “People of the Americas versus the School of the Americas: U.S. Support of Central and South American Armies Who Kill,” The 1998 Conference on Values in Higher Education, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1998 (with Desiree LeClercq)
- “Businesses Need Us: Valuing Writing and Reading in the Business Context,” Texas Council of Teachers of English, San Antonio, 1998
- “Can We Teach Writing and Remain (Sane) Professionals?” Ohio State University Law School, 1997
- “A Civilized Discussion About Legal Writing,” Administrative Law Judges of the State Office of Administrative Hearings, Austin, 1997
- “Moral Issues Surrounding Plagiarism within Law Schools,” Society of Values in Higher Education, Farmington, Maine, 1997
- “Paralegal Prose is Professional Prose,” Capitol Area Paralegal Association, Austin, 1997

- “Creating Plagiarism Policies for Law Schools,” Institute of Legal Writing, Seattle, 1996
- “Reflection Produces Changes in Pedagogy,” National Council of Teachers of English, Albuquerque, 1996
- “Ambiguities from Both the Bench and Bar,” Travis County Bench/Bar Conference IV, Woodlands, 1996
- “Ambiguities Go To Court: A Warning,” National Conference of State Legislatures, Seattle, 1995
- Plenary**, “Diamonds on the Soles of Our Shoes,” National Institute for Legal Writing, Chicago, 1994
- “Advanced Legal Writing Courses: Politics and Syllabus,” National Institute for Legal Writing, Chicago, 1994
- “Legal Writing: You've Gotta Love It,” National Organization of Lawyers for Education Associations, Santa Fe, 1994
- “Getting Published Through Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Courses,” National Council of Teachers of English, Scottsdale, 1994
- “Portfolios: A Bridge to Professionalism,” National Council of Teachers of English, Indianapolis, 1994
- “Subliminal Messages Within Legal Writing,” Summer Scholars Program, State Bar of Texas, 1993
- “Persuasive Elements in Writing,” College of the State Bar of Texas, Austin, 1993
- “To the Best of Our Knowledge . . . And Other Writing Problems,” Alamo Title Insurance of Texas, Owners and managers Seminar, San Antonio, 1992
- “Persuasive Writing for Practitioners,” American Bar Association National Conference, 1992
- “Teaching Grammar vs. Style,” Legal Writing Institute, Puget Sound, 1992
- “Consulting within Law Firms” (panel); “Student Conferences: Pre Conference Advice” (panel); Plain English Debate (panel moderator), Legal Writing Institute, Puget Sound, 1992
- “Why We Need to Work on Legal Writing,” Amarillo Bar Association, Amarillo, 1992
- “Writing in the Real World,” Texas Council of Teachers of English, annual convention, San Antonio, 1992
- “Too Much/Too Little: Preparing TAs to Review Writing,” 3rd National Conference on the Training and Employment of Teaching Assistants, Austin, 1991
- “Nuts and Bolts for Legal Assistants,” Capital Area Paralegal Association, Austin, 1991
- “The Craft of Successful Drafting,” Advanced Business Law Seminar, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, 1991
- “Overcoming the Barriers,” Hispanic National Bar Association, San Antonio, 1991
- “Aristotle's Phaedra and Intellectual Pandering,” Senior Fellows Program, University of Texas at Austin, 1991
- “What's In a Title? (And Helping Readers Find It),” Texas Land Title Association, Dallas, 1991
- “Developing Effective Writing Skills: What Miss Fitzditch Couldn't Tell You,” National Association for Law Placement, Naples, Florida, 1991; Austin Area Recruiters, 1991; Dallas Association of Placement Officers, 1991
- “Drafting With Style and Grace: Terms of Art and Clarity of Expression,” Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, San Antonio, 1990
- “Academic Support Programs at The University of Texas School of Law,” National Conference on Minority Bar Passage, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, 1990

- “Packing Summary Judgments with Power,” Intellectual Property Law Issues, Houston Bar Association, 1990
- “Everything Old Is New Again,” Annual Criminal Law Update, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, Padre Island, 1990
- “How to Remain Sane under Insane Pressures,” National Legal Writing Institute, Summer Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1990
- “Psychology and Pedagogy for Legal Writing Consultants,” panel, National Legal Writing Institute, Summer Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1990
- “Clear Writing at the Legislature: The words that haunt us,” National Conference of State Legislatures, Austin, 1990
- “Professional Occupation—Professional Writing?” Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Austin chapter, 1990
- “Reads Like a Good Book: Using literary devices to improve non-fiction writing,” Interscholastic League Press Conference, 1990
- “A Thematic Approach to Law and Literature,” School of Law, University of Indiana, Bloomington, 1990
- “Drafting With Style and Grace,” Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas, 1990
- “Help or Hinder: Supervisors Affect Associates' Writing,” Groce, Locke & Hebdon, 1990; Bracewell & Patterson, 1989
- “Learn to Write Legal,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, 1989
- “Mysteries of Words and Their Use,” Paralegal Division, State Bar of Texas, 1988
- “Secretaries and Language,” Office of the State Comptroller, 1988 School of Law, 1989
- “Legal Writing: Vitalizing the Familiar,” Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Galveston, Texas, 1988
- “Helping Students Edit Student Papers,” National Legal Writing Institute Summer Conference, University of Puget Sound; Tacoma, Washington, 1988
- “Persuasive versus Informative Writing,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, 1989
- “Preparing to Write: Prewriting Strategies,” University Interscholastic League Superconferences for Ready Writers and Sponsors, 1987-1992
- “Realities of Teaching Composition,” (video), University Interscholastic League, 1988
- “Motivating Writers,” Scholastic Directors' Seminar, El Paso Independent School District, El Paso, 1988
- “Captain of Castroville,” Texas Folklore Society, 1977
- “Hasidism,” “Chaim Potok and the Hasidic Jew,” “Thomas Jefferson and a Universal Religion,” Abilene churches and fellowships, 1976-78
- “Benjamin Franklin and the English Court,” Rotary Club, Abilene, 1977

RADIO INTERVIEWS

- NPR South Dakota (Doctrine of the Last Antecedent and S.D. Supreme Court) [broadcast in Feb 2017 after decision rendered]
- KPFT, "The Prison Show," Houston, Feb 22; monthly, continuing
- KABF, "It Could Be You," Little Rock, Arkansas, Feb. 2013
- KAZI, "Iron Striking Iron," Austin, May, 2014; June 2015; Oct. 2016

AWARDS, HONORS, SPONSORSHIPS:

Golden Pen Award, award honoring outstanding national legal writer, 2018

Prison Grievances: Seven Books that Every American Prisoner and Criminal Law

Attorney Should Own, <http://prisonbooks.info/2014/02/08/seven-books-every-american-prisoner-and-criminal-attorney-should-own>

Capital Area Council of Governments: Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, 2012-

Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Texas State University, 2012-2015

National Council of Teachers of English, 2011 National Intellectual Freedom Award, editor.

Report on Prison Book Censorship in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Scholar, Scholars & Advocates in Residence Program, Valparaiso University School of Law, 2010

Distinguished Liberal Arts Graduate, Texas State University, 2010

Life-time Achievement Award, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Legal

Research, Analysis and Writing, Washington, D.C. January 2006

University Faculty participant, University-wide Humanities Institute, 2004-5

Travis County Bar Association nominee, Liberty Bell Award from the State Bar of Texas 2003

\$100,000 grant, class-action notices in law suits, 2001

Distinguished Alumnus 1997, Southwest Texas State University

"Person of Stature" Distinguished Membership, Directors of Legal Writing, 1997-

Outstanding Professor, Chicano Law Student Association, 1992

Knight of the Unicorn Quest, Lake Superior State College National Award (first-time

recognition by language "watchdogs" for establishing a nontraditional writing program for law students) 1986

Graduate Fellowship, American Association of University Women, 1977

Ambassador, Texas Folklife Festival, 1977, 1978

Outstanding Young Woman in America, nominated by AAUW, 1977

Committees: Advisor, Graduate Legal Study & Fellowships; International Programs Committee; Minority Student Affairs; Admissions

Sponsor: Law school: Women and the Law Journal (Board of Directors), Black Law Journal, Women's Law Caucus, Minority Clerkship Program, Minority Opportunity Program, Assault and Flattery, Hispanic Bar Journal (Board of Directors)

Other: Campbell Elementary School "Rising Young Star" writers' program; McMurry Student Government, Black Student Fellowship, Foreign Student Organization, Theta Chi Sorority, Sigma Tau Delta

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Judicial rhetoric; plagiarism; prisoner litigation; plain-English revision of class-action notices; English as a Second Language (ESL); writing across the curriculum: business, technical, and professional writing; teaching pedagogy; the politics of race; elements of persuasion; writing for non-fiction publications; American literature; Southern and Gothic literature and folklore; folklore for children; ready-writing competition

REFERENCES

Broadus Spivey, attorney, 48 East Avenue, Austin, Texas 512-4746061

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Jennifer Ershabek, president, Texas Inmate Families Association 512-6365341

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Texas State University, 2012-2015; Awards Committee, 2012-2015

Liaison: Huston Tillotson College Honors Program in Public Affairs

Liaison: Texas Senate's State-wide Pre-law Program

Society for Values in Higher Education, 1998-

Editorial Board, Journal of Legal Education, American Bar Association, 2003-2006

Chair, Teaching Methods Section, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) 2000; 1999 Executive committee

Chair, International Legal Exchange Section, American Association of Law Schools (AALS), 2004; Executive Committee; Co-Editor, International Law Section Newsletter, 2003

Member: Delta Kappa Gamma, Sigma Tau Delta, AAUP, AAUW, AALS, American Folklore Association, Texas Folklore Association

Texas Bar Journal Committee, State Bar of Texas, 1989-1994, 1997, 1999-present; Editorial Board, 2001-2004

Board of Directors, University of Texas International Alumni Advancement Program, 2000-2002

Board of Directors, Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts, 1990-1995

Institute of Legal Writing, Board of Directors, 1993-1996, 1997-1999; Chairman, National Plagiarism Definition Committee; National Program Chair 1996-1998

Editorial Board, Journal of Legal Writing, v. 9-12

Chair of panel "Teaching Law," Law, Culture & Humanities, Austin 2005

Board of Directors, Casa Marienella (temporary shelter for immigrants), 1999-present

Board of Directors, Master of Arts in Technical Writing Program, Southwest Texas State University, 1999-present

Austin Chamber of Commerce, 1990-1992

Scribes: The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects, 1990-present

Women's Faculty Organization Law School representative, 1988-1990

National Council of Teachers of English, 1990-present; Alternatives to Grading Committee, 1994-present; NCTE Public Doublespeak Committee, 1997, and journal board, *Quarterly Review of Doublespeak*

Texas Council of the Teachers of English, 1990-present; State of the Profession Committee, 1992-1994

Lee Elementary School, Librarian, 1987-1988

Hyde Park Christian Church, Chairman of the Board of Directors, 1993-5; Chairman of Trustees, 1995-7; Deacon, 1989-91; Librarian, 1989-1991; adult Sunday School teacher, 1988-1991

Volunteer: Hutto Detention Center for Women, 2014-; Travis County Jail, 1988-1990; Genesis Youth Program 1996-1999 ; Casa Marienella (Central/South American refugees) 1995-, Texas Civil Rights Project 1993-; KUT (National Public Radio) 1996-; Legal Aid of Central Texas, 1998-.