

JOANNE SWEENEY

EDUCATION:

Queen Mary University of London

PhD in Law, December 2009

Dissertation Title: The Rationality of Constitutional Change: Combining Rational Choice Theory with Culture to Explain the Creation and Implementation of the United Kingdom's Human Rights Act 1998

University of Southern California Law School

Juris Doctor, May 2002

Honors: Order of the Coif, Southern California Law Review Staff

Activities: Intern for U.S. Attorneys' Office (Civil Division); Research Assistant for Professors Ronald Garet and Jennifer Arlen; *The Law Street Journal* (law school newspaper) Editor-in-Chief; Public Interest Law Fraternity Member

University of California at Irvine

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, Criminology, Law & Society; June 1999

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, Psychology & Social Behavior, June 1999

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's List; Campuswide Honors Program; Regents Scholar; National Merit Scholar; William M. Monroe Award for Excellence in Field Study; Boeing Management Group Scholar

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE AND JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP:

University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Louisville, KY

2024-present: Associate Dean of Intellectual Life

- Assist junior faculty through the promotion and tenure process, including acquiring external scholarship evaluations and mentoring junior faculty regarding scholarly works in progress and teaching techniques.
- Plan and host faculty workshops and scholarly discussions, including bringing in speakers to discuss their research or pedagogical approaches.
- Develop and maintain junior faculty scholarly exchanges with nearby law schools.
- Improve and clarify policies and guidelines to formalize promotion and tenure process.
- Oversee administration of student research assistants and awarding of summer research grants.

2021-2024: Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

- Assessed curricular needs and proposed changes to curriculum and academic standards, including hiring adjunct faculty to expand curricular offerings.
- Met with alumni and other community leaders regarding needs of law school and profession to advocate for funding for programs such as the Human Rights Advocacy Program and the Law School clinics. Gathered data to ensure that curriculum meets the needs of local employers.
- Oversaw curriculum for law school, including scheduling classes and exams, supervising enrollment, and ensuring curricular compliance with accrediting bodies.
- Managed Academic Affairs events and hiring budgets, as well as the budgets of the Law Review and Moot Court Boards.
- Managed exam administration by ensuring that all materials, exam software, accommodation spaces, and anonymous grading numbers are ready for the exam period. Resolve student issues during exams.
- Represented law school's concerns to central administration with regards to academic and other faculty-related matters.
- Oversaw data collection and reporting for accreditation to the ABA and SACSCOC.
- Notable achievements:
 - Revamped Academic Success Program to create Foundational Skills Lab for first-year students that directly ties into first-year doctrinal class, upper-level MPT workshops for bottom quartile students, and a hybrid Bar Exam Skills class in partnership with AccessLex.
 - Created Professional Identity program for first-year students, consisting of monthly meetings that cover topics such as public service, wellness, and cultural competency, and then expanded it to 1-credit Professional Identity Formation class that I now teach.

- Created proposal and implemented an overhaul of the first-year and required curriculum to be more in line with local employers' hiring needs and the subjects and skills tested on the NextGen Bar.
- Co-created annual Breonna Taylor Lecture on Structural Inequality with Professor Cedric Powell. Planned inaugural lecture, including the creation of the Darryl T. Owens Community Service Award.
- Worked with University to add the Law School to the University's student success software that actively tracks student attendance and performance so that students in distress may be identified early and counselled. Contributed to grant application for funding to add Law School to existing software license.
- Proposed and secured faculty approval to change class ranking system, increase threshold for academic probation and update class curve policy to mitigate grade inflation.
- Increased interdisciplinary and international opportunities for students by revamping existing 3+3 programs with other departments, cross-listing more courses (including International Service-Learning courses), and formalizing process to create international exchanges for both students and faculty.
- Oversaw return to fully in-person classes and exams as Covid-19 restrictions eased, including meeting with students, staff and faculty groups to address concerns regarding safety procedures.
- Formalized multiple academic processes to ensure consistency in administration and better communication with students, faculty and staff, including exam procedures and accommodations for students with disabilities, graduation audits for third-year students and registration advising for first-year students, and enrollment for courses that require faculty permission or prerequisites.
- Created Faculty Handbook and updated student handbook, including sending policies to academic standards for review so that practices are more in line with ABA and University requirements, as well as existing Law School practices.

2019-2022 Coordinator of Lawyering Skills

- Worked with law librarians to created one-credit Upper-Level Writing and Research class to be used in conjunction with a seminar, law journal, or independent study that teaches students how to write an academic research paper. Applied for and received ALWD Teaching Grant to hire students to test the course in advance of its implementation.
- Coordinated with other Lawyering Skills Professors regarding major assignments as well as teaching techniques.
- Oversaw the First Year Oral Arguments for the entire first-year class, including reaching out to alumni and local practitioners to get volunteer judges.
- Mentored junior faculty in both scholarship and pedagogy.
- Acted as representative of behalf of Legal Writing Professors in communications with faculty, staff and students.

2020: Interim Associate Dean of Student Affairs

- Assisted in planning and implementation of transition to online classes during Covid-19 pandemic.
- Represented student concerns to faculty and administration.
- Held regular meetings with student leaders and individual students.
- Oversaw Honor Council and enforcement of Honor Code.

2011-present: Professor of Law

- Teach a variety of courses at the law school including Lawyering Skills, Comparative Human Rights, Writing for Practice, First Amendment Law, and Professional Identity Formation.
- Design courses, including creating student learning outcomes, and formative and summative assessments.
- Lead student discussions and present lectures in both online and in-person classes.
- Create and present problem questions and exercises for students to answer in class; assess student writing and oral assignments for legal accuracy, clarity, persuasiveness and ability to properly use

legal authorities.

- Meet repeatedly with students to clarify doctrine and improve their writing and research skills.
- Also taught Student Enrichment Program (2015-2020) a two-week intensive bridge program for incoming 1Ls identified as needing more academic support, and KLEO (2021), a similar program for students from diverse backgrounds.

University of Turku

Turku, Finland

2019: Fulbright Teaching Award Scholar

May 2012: Visiting Lecturer

- Taught seminars on Comparative Constitutional Law and Freedom of Expression to Finnish and Erasmus students.
- Lectured and led discussions on a wide variety of topics, bringing in the history and culture of multiple countries.
- Provided one-on-one feedback to students on final paper drafts and gave feedback on student presentations.
- Met with other professors and gave lectures on current research as well as skills pedagogy, oral advocacy, and other teaching techniques.

University of Leeds

Leeds, UK

July 2014: Visiting Researcher

- Conducted research on the impact of media reports about the Human Rights Act 1998 on public perception.
- Met with faculty to discuss research projects and potential collaborations.
- Reviewed existing literature and newspaper articles and interviewed human rights scholars and a former member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Yeditepe University

Istanbul, Turkey

May 2011: Visiting Lecturer

- Taught course on European Convention on Human Rights to members of the Turkish judiciary
- Aided discussion between judges regarding impact of ECHR on Turkish law.

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

New Orleans, LA

2009-2011: Westerfield Fellow

- Taught Legal Research and Writing and Moot Court to civil law and common law students.
- Designed and led a seminar on topics in comparative constitutional law, including assigning relevant reading materials and approving paper topics.
- Met with colleagues and supervisors to evaluate students' progress and effectiveness of class topics and assignments.

Queen Mary University of London

London, UK

2007-2009: Part-time Instructor – Writing Skills and Public Law

Part-time Lecturer – U.S. Constitutional Law

- Conducted tutorial sessions in Public Law topics including UK government structure and constitutional concepts to stimulate student debate and discussion.
- Chaired legal writing seminars and graded student essays and exams for writing skill and comprehension of constitutional topics.
- Gave lectures on United States' Constitutional Law with an international and comparative emphasis.

The Honorable Ferdinand F. Fernandez

Pasadena, CA

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2002-2003: Law Clerk

- Drafted bench and chambers memoranda summarizing relevant law and facts, which were circulated to other judges.
- Researched, drafted and presented unpublished Ninth Circuit opinions to a judicial panel for approval and publication.
- Reviewed case records and conducted legal research in support of drafted memoranda and opinions.

- Discussed cases and legal issues with judge and other legal clerks.
- Participated in oral arguments, including advising judge on a wide range of substantive areas of criminal and civil law.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- *Free Speech and Incitement in the 21st Century*, co-editor of edited volume with Eric Kasper, also co-wrote preface and conclusion, and wrote book chapter entitled “Placing Incitement in a Modern Context” (2025 SUNY Press, recipient of a grant from the Institute for Humane Studies and the John Templeton Foundation).
- *From Hatpins to Pepper Spray: The Law’s Troubling Response to Women’s Self-help Measures* (work in progress).
- *Gendered Workplace Cyberharassment* (work in progress).
- *#MeToo as Legal Storytelling*, 20 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 65 (2024) (peer reviewed).
- *Reflecting on 20 Years of Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD*, 20 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 1 (2023) (co-authored with Linda L. Berger and Ruth Anne Robbins).
- *Social Media Vigilantism*, 88 BROOK. L. REV. 1175 (2023).
- *Freedom of Expression: A Practical Evolution*, book chapter in THE JURISPRUDENTIAL LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG (2022).
- *Commentary for State v. Rusk*, book chapter in FEMINIST JUDGEMENTS: CRIMINAL LAW CASES REWRITTEN (2022).
- *The #MeToo Movement in Comparative Perspective*, 29 J. Gen. Soc. Pol’y & L. 33 (2020).
- *“Brock Turner is Not a Rapist”: Rape Myths and Character Letters in Sexual Assault Cases*, 89 UMKC L. Rev. 121 (2020).
- *Jespersen v. Harrah’s Operating Co.* (with Angela Onwuachi-Willig), book chapter in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION REWRITTEN (2020).
- *The Language of Love v. Beshear: Balancing Client Needs and Advocacy Goals When Creating a Civil Rights Case Narrative*, (with Dan Canon) 17 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 129 (2020).
- *Incitement in the Era of Trump and Unite the Right*, 47 CAP. U. L. REV. 585 (2019).
- *Using Pop Culture to Teach Legal Research and Writing* (with Stephen Parks), book chapter in TEACHING LAW WITH POP CULTURE (Carolina Academic Press, 2019).
- *“lol no one likes you”: Protecting Critical Comments on Government Officials’ Social Media Posts Under the Right to Petition*, 2018 WIS. L. REV. 73.
- *Gendered Violence and Victim-blaming: The Law’s Troubling Response to Cyber-harassment and Revenge Pornography*, 8 INT’L J. TECHNOETHICS 18 (2017) (peer reviewed).
- *Sexting as ‘Sexual Behavior’ Under Rape Shield Laws* (with John Slack), 11 INT’L J. OF CYBER CRIM. 246 (2017) (peer reviewed).
- *Breaking Through Gridlock to Protect Human Rights: The Case for a Congressional Human Rights Committee*, 54 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 21 (2017).
- *Trapped in Public: Regulating Street and Cyber-harassment under the Captive Audience Doctrine*, 17 NEV. L. J. 651 (2017) (Symposium Issue).
- *Coordinating Legal Writing with Professional Development through Lectures and In-Class Exercises*, 29 THE SECOND DRAFT 20 (2016) (peer reviewed).
- *Indefinite Detention and Antiterrorism Laws: Balancing Security and Human Rights*, 34 PACE L. REV. 1190 (2014).
- *Undead Statutes: The Evolution, Persistence and Continuing Harm of Adultery and Fornication Criminal Laws*, 46 LOYOLA U. CHI. L.J. 127 (2014).
- *Sexting and Freedom of Expression: A Comparative Approach*, 102 KY. L.J. 103 (2013).
- *Creating a More Dangerous Branch: How the United Kingdom’s Human Rights Act Has Empowered the Judiciary and Changed the Way the British Government Creates Laws*, 21 MICH. ST. INT’L L. REV. 301 (2013).

- *Game On: Using Interactive Games to Promote Clearer Prose*, THE LEARNING CURVE (Winter 2013) (with Tammy Pettinato).
- *Getting Past Procrastination*, BENCH & BAR MAGAZINE (January 2012).
- *Emotional Editing*, 20 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 109 (2012).
- *Do Sexting Prosecutions Violate Teenagers' Constitutional Rights?*, 43 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 951 (2011).
- *The United Kingdom's Human Rights Act: Using its Past to Predict its Future*, 12 LOY. J. PUB. INT. L. 39 (2010).
- *The FLSA in the Virtual Office: How to Employers Can Ensure They Have Fully Compensated Their Non-exempt Employees in the Age of the Blackberry*, (with Jessica Linehan) XXVII CORPORATE COUNSEL R. 2 (2008).
- *Judicial Reasoning under the UK Human Rights Act*, (publication review) [2008] Public Law 406.
- *The Price of Frivolity: A Longitudinal Study of California Appellate Sanctions*, (with Benjamin Shatz) 28 WHITTIER L.R. 1087 (2007).
- *Filling in the Gaps: The Scope of Administrative Agencies' Power to Enact Regulations*, 27 WHITTIER L. R. 621 (2006).

CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Presentations

Athens Institute 23rd International Conference on Law Paper Presented: "A New Call for Cyberharassment Regulation in the Age of Generative AI."	July 13, 2025
Law and Society Annual Meeting Paper Presented: "Gendered Workplace Cyberharassment"	May 22, 2025
Law and Society Annual Meeting Paper Presented: "From Hatpins to Pepper Spray"	June 9, 2024
The Jurisprudential Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg Paper Presented: "Freedom of Expression"	Sept. 22, 2023
Ninth Applied Legal Storytelling Conference Paper Presented: "#MeToo, Traditional Rhetoric, and Legal Storytelling"	July 28, 2023
Northwestern Tech Journal Symposium Panel: "Online Content Moderation: Processes and Policies"	Feb. 15, 2022
Seventh Biennial Conference on Legal Storytelling Paper Presented: "#MeToo as Legal Storytelling"	July 15, 2021
Family Law Teachers Conference Paper Presented: "Social Media Vigilantism"	June 21, 2021
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Roundtable: "Menstruation, Law & Society: Obstacles and Opportunities for Reform"	May 27, 2021
Course on Women's Rights and Gender Equality – Nova School of Law (Lisbon, Portugal) Presentation: "Feminist Legal Theory"	May 24, 2021
Menard Center for Constitutional Studies at UW-Eau Claire Panel: "Fight Like Hell": Incitement in the 21 st Century"	March 2, 2021
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Paper presented: "The #Metoo Movement in Comparative Perspective"	May 29, 2020

COSELL XIV Paper presented: "Cyber Workplace Harassment"	October 11, 2019
SPEED Lecture Series (Nova University, Lisbon, Portugal) Paper presented: "#MeToo Movement: Legal Perspectives"	May 22, 2019
Sociology Days 2019 Annual Conference (Turku, Finland) Paper presented: "Comparative MeToo Movements in the United States and Finland"	March 29, 2019
Legal Geography Symposium (Turku, Finland) Paper presented: "Freedom of Expression and Street Harassment: A Comparative Approach"	March 26, 2019
Arctic Center International Women's Day Lecture (Rovaniemi, Finland) Paper presented: "Comparative #MeToo Movements in the United States and Finland"	March 8, 2019
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Paper presented: "'he was always the sweetest to everyone': Rape Myths and Character Letters in Sexual Assault Cases"	June 8, 2018
Central States Law Schools Association Conference Paper presented: "'lol no one likes you': Protecting Critical Comments on Government Officials' Social Media Posts Under the Right to Petition"	October 6, 2017
Sixth Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling Paper presented: "The Language of <i>Love v. Beshear</i> : Balancing Client Needs and Advocacy Goals When Creating a Civil Rights Case Narrative"	July 11, 2017
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Paper presented: "The Language of <i>Love v. Beshear</i> : Balancing Client Needs and Advocacy Goals When Creating a Civil Rights Case Narrative" (with Dan Canon)	June 23, 2017
Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference Paper presented: "From Catcalling to Gamergate to Revenge Porn: Can (and Should) the Law Prevent Intimidation of Women in Public Places?"	June 6, 2017
5th Annual Symposium on Constitutional Law Paper presented: "From Catcalling to Gamergate to Revenge Porn: Can (and Should) the Law Prevent Intimidation of Women in Public Places?"	October 20, 2016
Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium Paper presented: "Transforming Civil Rights into Human Rights: The UK's Joint Committee on Human Rights as a Model for an American Human Rights Committee"	August 12, 2016
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Paper presented: "From Catcalling to Gamergate to Revenge Porn: Can (and Should) Law Prevent Intimidation of Women in Public Places?"	June 3, 2016
Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium Paper presented: "The Human Rights Act as a 'Villains' Charter: A Discourse Analysis of Media Portrayals of the United Kingdom's Human Rights Act"	July 22, 2015
Regional Works-in-Progress Workshop Paper presented: "Measuring the Effectiveness of the Joint Committee on Human Rights"	July 14, 2015

AALS Mid-year Meeting: Workshop on Next Generation Issues on Sex, Gender and the Law	June 25, 2015
Paper presented: "Our Photos, Ourselves: Who 'Owns' a Woman's Body When She is Seen by the Public?"	
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	May 29, 2015
Paper presented: "The Human Rights Act 1998: How a British Media Narrative Created a Villains' Charter"	
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 19, 2015
Paper presented: "The Changing Effectiveness of the Joint Committee on Human Rights"	
Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium	August 8, 2014
Paper presented: "The Human Rights Act and Public Perception"	
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	May 30, 2014
Paper presented: "The Unexpected Impact of Criminal Fornication Laws in the Modern Age"	
Developing Ideas Conference	May 21, 2014
Paper presented: "The Human Rights Act 1998 – A Villains' Charter?"	
Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium	Nov. 1, 2013
Paper presented: "Anti-Terrorism and Indefinite Detention in the US and UK"	
Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium	July 17, 2013
Paper presented: "Anti-Terrorism and Indefinite Detention in the US and UK"	
Emerging Family Law Scholars	June 5, 2013
Paper presented: "The State's Historical Interest in Adultery"	
Developing Ideas Conference	May 10, 2013
Paper Presented: "The History and Impact of Adultery and Fornication Criminal Statutes"	
Younger Comparativists Conference	April 19, 2013
Paper presented: "Sexting and Freedom of Expression in the US and UK"	
AALS Annual Meeting – International Human Rights Section	January 6, 2013
Paper presented: "Balancing Anti-terrorism Laws and Human Rights in the United States and United Kingdom"	
Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference	October 20, 2012
Paper presented: "The Unexpected Impact of Criminal Fornication Laws in the Modern Age"	
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting	August 3, 2012
Paper presented: "Measuring the Effectiveness of the United Kingdom's Joint Committee on Human Rights"	
First Amendment Discussion Forum	June 13-14, 2012
Paper presented: "Technology Matters: Child Pornography, Sexting and Freedom of Expression in the United States and United Kingdom"	
Emerging Legal Scholarship: The Teaching Fellows Inaugural Conference	March 25, 2011
Paper presented: "Do Sexting Prosecutions Violate Teenagers' Constitutional Rights?"	
Emerging Legal Scholarship: The Westerfield Fellows Inaugural Workshops	March 23, 2010
Paper presented: "The Blueprint of a Successful Human Rights Movement"	

Annual Conference for the Association for Law, Culture and Humanities

April 4, 2009

Paper presented: "The Creation of the Human Rights Act 1998:

How 'Rational Choices' are Affected by Culture"

Queen Mary Department of Law PhD Workshop

March 20, 2009

Paper presented: "The History of the Human Rights Act, 1998"

Pedagogy Presentations**AALS Section on Balance and Well-Being Summer Speed Share Series**

June 18, 2025

Presentation: Positive Psychology and Creating Culture

AALS Annual Meeting

Jan. 9, 2025

Presentation: Maintaining Balance in Troubled Times

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference

June 19, 2024

Presentation: "Incorporating Foreign Law into the LRW Classroom"

AALS Section on Balance and Well-Being Summer Speed Share Series

June 25, 2024

Presentation: "Professional Identity in the LRW Classroom"

Global Legal Skills Conference

Aug. 1, 2023

Presentation: "Professional Identity and Cultural Competency
in the First-Year Curriculum" (with Heend Sheth and Kelly Meurer)**Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference**

July 21-23, 2022

Presentation: "Positive Psychology in the LRW Classroom"

Panel: "Paths to Institutional Leadership"

Panel: "The Benefits and Joys and Writing Scholarship for a Practitioner Audience"

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Meeting

June 17, 2021

Presentation: "Creating an Upper-Level Research and Writing Lab"

LWI One-Day Conference

December 11, 2020

Presentation: "A Director-less Approach to Collaboration During a Pandemic"
(with Sara Ochs and Shavonnie Carthens)**Global Legal Skills Conference**

December 14, 2019

Paper presented: "Does this Text Spark Joy? The KonMari Method of
Legal Editing"**Faculty Development Speaker Series (Nova Southeastern University)**

September 26, 2019

Presentation: "Writing and Skills as the Touchstones of the
Law School Curriculum"**Legal Writing Institute Biennial Meeting**

July 13, 2018

Presentation: "Creating a Professional Identity in the 1L Curriculum"

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference

June 5, 2015

Presentation: "The Legal Writer as Detective: Explaining
Legal Analysis Through Sherlock Holmes's Denouement"**Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference**

June 30, 2014

Presentation: "Using International Law to Illustrate Core Concepts
in Legal Writing and Research"**Association of Legal Writing Professors Biennial Conference**

June 27, 2013

Paper presented: "Balancing Collaboration and Independence"
(with Mary Algero)**Law and Education in the Americas: A Comparative Perspective**

June 22, 2013

Paper presented: "Using International Law to Explain Basic Legal Concepts"

Empire States Legal Writing Conference

June 23, 2012

Paper presented: "Fun with(out) BIG Words"

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Representative for University of Louisville at ACC Academic Leadership Network – 2022-23
- Student Champion – 2021, 2022, 2023
- 2022 Find Your Fit Champion
- Faculty Favorite – 2020-21, 2017-18, 2016-17
- 2020 University of Louisville Distinguished Teaching Award
- Fulbright Teaching Award in Turku Finland – Spring 2019
- 2017 Alumni Council Distinguished Teaching Award

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Notable Law School Service

- Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2021-23, 2024-25)
- Academic Standards/Probation & Reinstatement Committee (Chair, 2021-24, Member, 2024-25)
- Appointments Committee (Co-chair, 2022-23)
- Dean Search Committee (Co-chair, 2021)
- International Committee (Chair, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, Member, 2023-25).
- Diversity Committee (2019-20)
- Co-Director of Human Rights Advocacy Program (2017-2019, 2020-2022)
- Strategic Planning Committee (2013-14, 2014-15)
- Faculty advisor for Kentucky Intrastate Mock Trial team, National Mock Trial team (2018-present)
- Faculty advisor for Law Review (2023-present)
- Faculty Advisor for Student Bar Foundation (2017-2023)
- Faculty Advisor for Student Bar Association (2018-2022)
- Faculty Advisor for Moot Court Board (2012-2020)
- Faculty Advisor for Journal of Law and Education (2015-2020)
- Member of Dean's Advisory Council (2016-2019)

University Service

- Unit Curriculum Committee Collective Member (2024-present)
- Leadership, Equity and Diversity Committee Member (2023-present)
- Delphi Center Faculty Advisory Board (2024-present)
- Institutional Effectiveness Advisory Collaborative Academic/Community Engagement Committee (2021-present)
- Digital Transformation Leadership and Implementation Steering Group (2021-present)
- COVID ASP & Coordinating Committee (2021-2023)
- University of Louisville Faculty Senate (2016-18)
- University of Louisville Graduate Council (2016-18)

Legal Writing Institutional Service

- ALWD Guide Taskforce (2023-present)
- LWI Peer Mentor (2024-present)
- LWI Global Legal Studies (2022-present)
- JALWD Co-Editor-in-Chief (2018-2022)
- JALWD Associate Editor (2016-2018)
- Peer Reviewer for *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*

Other Service

- Member of Global Legal Classroom, group of legal academics creating an online international law course for law schools in the US and abroad

- Kentucky Women Lawyers Alliance Board Member and Fundraising Chair
- The Chamber Theatre Board – Secretary and Fundraising Chair
- Editor and founder of *I Taught the Law*, a Medium.com publication
- Reviewer for Fulbright Foundation
- Contributor to University of Louisville Human Trafficking Research Initiative
- Legal Aid Apprentice Advisory Board Member (2014-2016)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

LWI One-Day Workshop

December 2, 2023

Organized one-day workshop focusing on the theme of “Adapting to change.” Worked with Lawyering Skills Coordinator, Events Coordinator, Lawyering Skills faculty at UofL, LWI committee members, and presenting scholars to plan the event, including catering and hotel arrangements.

“The Law Goes Pop!” Symposium

October 6, 2023

Came up with theme and selected panelists and keynote speaker for half-day symposium discussing the interplay between law and pop culture. Received ALWD Distinguished Speaker Series grant to bring in keynote speaker, chose themes and moderator questions for panels, organized site for symposium and reception. Assisted with designing program and marketing materials, including an original artwork created by a faculty member/political cartoonist. Hosted keynote speaker during her visit, including overseeing travel arrangements and organizing events with faculty.

Annual Breonna Taylor Lecture on Structural Inequality

April 10, 2022

Co-created annual lecture honoring Breonna Taylor. Selected inaugural lecturer and public service award recipient. Assisted in designing public service award, program, and marketing materials. Selected site for lecture and reception, oversaw registration, and ran the event on the day.

Motherhood and the Law Virtual Symposium

April 9, 2021

Organized virtual symposium focusing on issues mothers in the legal profession face. Recruited speakers and panelists, as well as sponsors. Worked with communications to create promotional materials including a distinctive logo. Symposium was open to the public and recorded.

LWI One-Day Workshop

Dec. 11, 2020

Organized virtual one-day workshop focusing on the theme of “Looking Forward: New Teaching Strategies for the Future – Innovations for 2021 and Beyond.” Coordinated with Lawyering Skills faculty at UofL, LWI committee members, and presenting scholars.

COSELL XV

October 9-10, 2020

Co-organized annual employment and labor law conference featuring works in progress from scholars across the United States and abroad. Co-created budget and schedule, and adapted conference format to take place virtually due to the Covid pandemic, including overseeing use of virtual technology for panel discussions, awards ceremony, and social gatherings and organizing delivery of speaker and award recipient gifts. Advised student volunteers, including law review members for related law review symposium.

What Were You Wearing Art Exhibit

November 10, 2018

Spearheaded creation of What Were You Wearing? art installation at the University of Louisville in the Brandeis School of Law library and the Student Activities Center. Coordinated with multiple student groups including Women’s Law Caucus and Human Rights Advocacy Program to acquire clothes for exhibit and properly display them in multiple locations. Organized reception for opening of exhibit, including acquiring guest speaker and coordinating information tables from university and local organizations. Managed budget, solicited donations from alumni and the law school’s Diversity Committee. Conducted an advertising campaign including local television media, print, and radio. More information about the exhibit can be found here: <http://louisville.edu/law/news/louisville-law-hosts-art-exhibit-to-raise-awareness-about-sexual-assault>.

LWI One-Day Workshop

Dec. 8, 2021

Organized one-day workshop focusing on the theme of “Have Mercy: Showing Empathy for your Audience,” which encompassed having empathy for our students and our communities, as well as teaching our students to do the same in their writing and future work. Coordinated with Lawyering Skills faculty at

UofL, LWI committee members, and presenting scholars to organize topics and oversee logistics of hosting travelling scholars.

From #MeToo to #NowWhat:

February 9, 2018

The Role of Law in Responding to the #metoo Social Media Campaign

Organized a half-day symposium as part of mentor grant to discuss the legal response (and lack thereof) to sexual assault and harassment in the context of the #metoo movement. The symposium included two panels, opening remarks by the Kentucky Attorney General, and my mentor as the keynote speaker.

Central States' Legal Writing Conference

September 17, 2017

Organized a round table discussion entitled "Best Practices in Coordinating Legal Writing and Research within the 1L Curriculum." Discussion focused on how legal writing professors can work with their casebook colleagues to integrate skills across the curriculum using shared vocabulary and overlapping skills exercises, among other techniques.

Getting Inside *Obergefell*:

April 16, 2016

Marriage Equality's Implications for Kentucky Law

Organized half-day workshop to discuss impact of marriage equality on various aspects of Kentucky law including tax, family, and trusts and estates. Contacted guest speakers, obtained CLE credit, kept event running smoothly on the day. Managed budget

Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium

July 22, 2015

Acted as point-person, ensured technology worked smoothly for virtual workshop where junior scholars gave feedback to each other on previously circulated papers.

2013 Southeastern Association of Law Schools

August 8, 2013

Organized and chaired a discussion group for New Scholars Committee entitled "Self-Promotion in the Model of Abraham Lincoln – not P.T. Barnum,"

29th Annual Carl A. Warns, Jr. Labor & Employment Law Institute

June 21-22, 2012

Organized and moderated a panel entitled "Writing and Arguing a Winning Employment Brief." The panel included Professor Judith Fischer and Judge Jane Brandsetter Stranch of the Sixth Circuit.

Emerging Legal Scholarship: The Teaching Fellows Inaugural Conference

March 25, 2011

Expanded Westerfield Fellows workshop to include teaching Fellows from Tulane University and Louisiana State University. Coordinated with Legal Writing Directors and Fellows from all three universities to create a full-day conference where all Fellows presented their research to faculty and students from all three universities.

Emerging Legal Scholarship: The Westerfield Fellows Inaugural Workshops

March 23, 2010

Created an annual workshop for Westerfield Fellows to present their research to Loyola Law School's faculty and students.

Queen Mary Department of Law PhD Workshop

March 20, 2009

Organized a series of monthly workshops beginning in March 2009 for Department of Law PhD students to present their research to their peers and faculty.

MEDIA AND BLOG PUBLICATIONS:

- *Gendered Burnout*, I TAUGHT THE LAW (Nov. 4, 2024).
- *Conspiracy Theories about Hurricane Helene: Protected False Speech*, I TAUGHT THE LAW (Oct. 10, 2024).
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