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**EXPERIENCE**

**VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW, Villanova, PA**  
Professor of Law – August 2007 to Present  
Associate Dean for Faculty Research – November 2010 to May 2013  
Associate/Assistant/Visiting Assistant Professor of Law – October 2000 to July 2007  
Courses and research interests include criminal procedure, sentencing, and corporate and white-collar crime.

**XIAMEN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Xiamen, Fujian, China**  
Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer in Law – August 2008 to July 2009

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA**  
Lecturer in Criminology, Graduate Department of Criminology – August 2006 to May 2011

**TORCHLIGHT LAW GROUP, LLC, Gladwyne, PA**  
Member – May 2015 to October 2016  
Civil representation in low bono and pro bono freedom of information litigation.

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Chicago, IL**  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division – October 1996 to October 2000

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR., Washington, DC**  
**IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE HONORABLE DAVID H. SOUTER**  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Law Clerk – August 1995 to August 1996

**JENNER AND BLOCK, Chicago, IL**  
Litigation Associate - September 1993 to July 1995

**THE HONORABLE PHYLLIS A. KRAVITCH, Atlanta, GA**  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit  
Law Clerk – August 1992 to July 1993

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES**

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED STANDARD JURY INSTRUCTIONS  
(CRIMINAL)**  
Chair – April 2016 to Present

**FEDERAL SENTENCING REPORTER**  
Serve as one of the Managing Editors – January 2008 to Present  
Served as one of the Editors – October 2000 to January 2008  
Published by the University of California Press for the Vera Institute of Justice

**UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION  
CRIMINAL RECORDS ACCURACY (DRAFTING COMMITTEE)**  
Reporter – October 2014 to Present

**THE DAVID F. AND CONSTANCE B. GIRARD-DICARLO CENTER FOR ETHICS,  
INTEGRITY & COMPLIANCE, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY CHARLES WIDGER  
SCHOOL OF LAW**

Faculty Director – October 2014 to Present

**AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE**

Elected Member – March 2010 to Present

Liaison from the National Association of Sentencing Commissions to the ALI  
Model Penal Code: Sentencing Project – May 2003 to May 2017

**VILLANOVA SENTENCING WORKSHOP,  
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Director – May 2002 to Present

**PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON SENTENCING**

Chair – December 2012 to December 2015

Vice Chair – March 2012 to November 2012

Member – January 2002 to December 2015

Served as a Gubernatorial appointee on state commission with mandate to foster  
effective, humane and rational sentencing, resentencing and parole policies.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKGROUP, PA COMMISSION ON SENTENCING**

Chair – August 2014 to June 2016

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT REFORM INITIATIVE,  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Advisory Committee Member – March 2010 to (approx.) May 2014

Advise the Supreme Court Initiative on reform of the criminal courts in Philadelphia.

**MATTHEW J. RYAN LAW & PUBLIC POLICY FORUM,  
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Director – June 2006 to December 2014

**CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY LAW  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW**

19th Annual National Security Law Institute

for Professors and Government Practitioners

Participant – June 2011

**J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

Distinguished Lecturer in Law – August 2008 to July 2009

Xiamen University School of Law, Xiamen, Fujian, China

**SELECTED  
PUBLICATIONS**

*Five Questions for the Next Thirty Years of Federal Sentencing*, 81 FEDERAL PROBATION 23 (2017).

*Commissions at the Core*, 30 FED. SENT. REP. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2017).

THE USE OF RISK ASSESSMENT AT SENTENCING: IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY (2016) (with Jordan M. Hyatt).

*Society Must Not Forget Those It Incarcerates*, PHILA. INQUIRER (Dec. 26, 2016) (Op-ed).

CRIMINAL RECORDS ACCURACY ACT: DISCUSSION DRAFT, UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION (2016) (with Jordan M. Hyatt)

CRIMINAL RECORDS ACCURACY ACT: DISCUSSION DRAFT, UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION (2015) (with Jordan M. Hyatt)

*United States Sentencing Guidelines* in MARVIN G. PICKHOLZ ET AL., SECURITIES CRIMES (2d ed. 2013) (and 2014 update).

*Sentencing's Wild Ride Continues*, 26 FED. SENT. REP. 283 (2014) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*At Issue: Should Mandatory Sentences Be Abolished?*, 24 CQ RESEARCHER 41 (2014) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*A Catalyst for Justice*, 25 FED. SENT. REP. 151 (2013).

*New Data and New Questions: TRAC's Contribution to Federal Sentencing*, 25 FED. SENT. REP. 1 (2012) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*Reform in Motion: The Promise and Perils of Incorporating Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis into Pennsylvania Sentencing*, 49 DUQ. L. REV. 707 (2011) (with Jordan M. Hyatt and Mark H. Bergstrom).

*Two Worlds*, 23 FED. SENT. REP. 311 (2011).

*The Adventure Continues*, 22 FED. SENT. REP. 295 (2010).

*Sentencing Beyond Our Borders*, 22 FED. SENT. REP. 201 (2010).

*Revolution or Evolution: Recent Developments in American Federal Criminal Sentencing*, 12 WASEDA PROCEEDINGS OF COMPARATIVE LAW 83 (2009).

*Shaping Modern Sentencing: Three Giants*, 21 FED. SENT. REP. 227 (2009) (with Marc L. Miller).

*The Next Era of Sentencing Reform . . . Revisited*, 21 FED. SENT. REP. 203 (2009) (with Mark Bergstrom, Frank Dermody, and Jordan Hyatt).

*Prosecutors and Evidence-based Sentencing: Rewards, Risks, and Responsibilities*, 1 CHAPMAN J. CRIM. JUST. 27 (2009).

*Bush Can Fix Crack Disparities*, DALLAS MORNING NEWS (FEB. 25, 2008) (Op-ed) (with Marc L. Miller).

*Statement of Steven L. Chanenson Before the United States Sentencing Commission Regarding Retroactivity of Crack Guidelines Amendments*, 20 FED. SENT. REP. 146 (2007).

*Cocaine Policy in Transition*, 19 FED. SENT. REP. 291 (2007) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*Will Information Spur Post-Modern Sentencing Reforms?*, 19 FED. SENT. REP. 219 (2007) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*Booker On Crack*, 15 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 551 (2006).

*The Real (Sentencing) World: State Sentencing in the Post-Blakely Era*, 4 OHIO STATE J. CRIM. L. 27 (2006) (with Douglas A. Berman).

*Perjury or Subornation of Perjury; Bribery of Witness: Model Sentencing Guidelines § 2J1*, 18 FED. SENT. REP. 359 (2006).

*Obstruction of Justice: Model Sentencing Guidelines § 2J2*, 18 FED. SENT. REP. 361 (2006).

*Reaffirming the Rule of Law*, PHILA. INQUIRER (Sept. 26, 2006) (Op-ed) (with Abraham J. Gafni).

*Write On!*, 115 YALE L. J. POCKET PART 146 (2006).

*Evolution and Denial: State Sentencing after Blakely*, 18 FED. SENT. REP. 1 (2005) (with Daniel F. Wilhelm).

*Guidance from Above and Beyond*, 58 STAN. L. REV. 175 (2005).

*The Next Era of Sentencing Reform*, 54 EMORY L. J. 377 (2005).

*Norval Morris* in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES (Sage Publications, 2005) (with Marc L. Miller).

*Get the Facts, Jack! Empirical Research and the Changing Constitutional Landscape of Consent Searches*, 71 TENN. L. REV. 399 (2004).

*Hoist with their Own Petard?*, 17 FED. SENT. REP. 20 (2004).

*In Pennsylvania, the Sentencing Remains the Same*, PITT. POST-GAZETTE (June 30, 2004) (Op-ed) (with Frank Dermody).

*The Foggy Road for Evaluating Punitive Damages: Lifting the Haze from the BMW/State Farm Guideposts*, 37 U. MICH. J. L. REFORM 441 (2004) (with John Y. Gotanda).

*Sentencing and Data: The Not-So-Odd Couple*, 16 FED. SENT. REP. 1 (2003).

*The Return of Hammurabi*, 26 PLW 390 (2003) (Op-Ed).

*Pardon Power and Sentencing Policy*, 13 FED. SENT. REP. 119 (2001) (with Daniel J. Freed).

*Consistently Inconsistent: Circuit Rulings on the Guidelines in 1994*, 7 FED. SENT. REP. 224 (1995). Served as Guest Editor of annual Sentencing Guidelines review issue.

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS**

Moderator, *Ethics, Integrity and Civility (or the lack thereof) in Media*, The David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity and Compliance, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (October 2017).

*Using the Criminal Jury Instructions to Your Best Advantage*, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Symposium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (June 2017).

*Actuarial Risk Assessment: Opportunities & Challenges at Sentencing*, Temple University School of Law (October 2016) (with Jordan M. Hyatt).

*Commission at the Core*, Richard P. Kern Memorial Lecture, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2016)

*Legal Ethics in Action: An Initial Attempt to Bring GVV to an American Law School*, International Legal Ethics Conference VII (July 2016).

*The Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission – What Were Those People Thinking When They Created The Sentencing Guidelines?*, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Criminal Law Symposium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (June 2016).

*Risk Assessment at Sentencing*, Defender Association of Philadelphia (June 2016) (with Mark H. Bergstrom).

*The New Science Behind Sentencing*, Philadelphia Bar Association (February 2016) (with Mark H. Bergstrom and Bradley S. Bridge).

*Election Reflections*, Villanova Law Democrats, Villanova Law School (February 2016).

*Pennsylvania Sentencing: Past, Present and Future*, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (November 2015).

*Giving Voice to Values – A Legal Perspective*, Villanova Law School (November 2015).

*Sentencing and Corrections: Our Options are Still Limited*, Norman J. Shachoy Law Review Symposium, Villanova University School of Law (September 2015).

*Sentencing at the Center*, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2015).

*Sentencing Overview and Update*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (June 2015) (with Mark H. Bergstrom).

*American Sentencing and Corrections: A System on the Brink*, Kriminal Forsorgen (Danish Prison and Probation Service), Copenhagen, Denmark (June 2015).

*Escaping the Box: Exploring Strategies for Teaching Ethics in Law Schools*, Bentley Global Business Ethics Symposium & Teaching Workshop, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark (June 2015).

*Federal Drug Policy: Prospects for Reform*, Washington, D.C. Public Policy Society, Villanova University (April 2015).

*The Clemency Curmudgeon*, Reviewing Clemency in a Time of Change, University of St. Thomas School of Law (April 2015).

*Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing Overview, Halt & Reform?: Death Penalty & Criminal Sentencing Guidelines Reform*, Widener University School of Law (April 2015) (with Mark H. Bergstrom).

*Ethics, Integrity and Compliance*, Pepper Hamilton Annual Antitrust Developments Update CLE Event (December 2014).

*Pennsylvania Sentencing: Striking a Different Balance*, Symposium on Economic Crime, The United States Sentencing Commission (September 2013).

*Evidence-Based Sentencing from 30,000 Feet*, National Sentencing Policy Institute, The Federal Judicial Center, the Criminal Law Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the United States Sentencing Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (October 2012).

*Sentencing in Pennsylvania*, Appellate Courts Conference, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (June 2012).

*Should the Past Be Prologue?*, Sentence Commutations and the Executive Pardon Power, University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN (April 2012).

*Judicial Decision-Making: Views from Three Chairs*, Fourth Annual Sentencing and Reentry Institute, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section (October 2011).

*Overview: Pennsylvania Criminal Justice System and Legislative Reform*, Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Roundtable: Costs and Benefits of Risk Assessment, Penn State University and the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (May 2011).

*News We Can Use: Prosecutors and Sentencing*, Federal Criminal Cases in the Post-Booker Era: Process vs. Outcomes, University of California at Irvine (February 2011).

*Death Penalty in America: An Overview*, Execution and Exegesis: Capital Punishment from the Bible to Today, Gratz College (December 2010).

*A Brief Introduction to American Sentencing Procedures*, Study Tour on Sentencing Procedures for Experts from the People's Republic of China, New York University School of Law (conference co-sponsored by NYU Law School's US-Asia Law Institute, the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, and US AID) (October 2010).

*A Market for Sentencing*, Judicial Discretion: A Look Back and a Look Forward Five Years After *Booker*, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (held at the Federal Judicial Center) (February 2010).

*Prosecutors as Sentencers: Lessons from Pennsylvania*, Examining Modern Approaches

to Prosecutorial Discretion, Temple University Beasley School of Law (October 2009).

Moderator, *Sentencing: We've Got Nothing But Time*, The Fourth Annual National Institute on Securities Fraud, American Bar Association (October 2009).

*Death Penalty in the United States: An Overview*, Xinjiang University Law School, Urumqi, China (May 2009).

*Inside the Supreme Court: A Clerk's-eye View of the Supreme Court of the United States*, Xinjiang University Law School, Urumqi, China (May 2009).

*Revolution or Evolution: Recent Developments in American Federal Criminal Sentencing*, Monash University School of Law, Clayton, Victoria, Australia (April 2009).

*Revolution or Evolution: Recent Developments in American Federal Criminal Sentencing*, Waseda Institute of Comparative Law, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan (April 2009).

*The Role of Information and Citizen Participation in Sentencing*, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, Tokyo, Japan (April 2009).

*Crack Cocaine in America: More Than Two Decades After the Moral Panic*, Sir TL Yang Society Individual, the Community and the Law Lecture, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China (March 2009).

*Inside the Supreme Court: A Clerk's-eye View of the Supreme Court of the United States*, American Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong, China (March 2009).

*Death Penalty in the United States: An Overview*, Harbin Institute of Technology Law School, Harbin, China (January 2009).

*Inside the Supreme Court: A Clerk's-eye View of the Supreme Court of the United States*, Harbin Institute of Technology Law School, Harbin, China (January 2009).

*Punishment in Contemporary American Society*, Xiamen University, People's Republic of China (January 2009).

*Selected Issues in American Sentencing*, South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, China (December 2008).

*Selected Issues in American Sentencing*, Seoul National University Law School, Seoul, South Korea (December 2008).

*American Sentencing: Issues and Options*, Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office, Seoul, South Korea (December 2008).

*Prosecutors and Evidence Based Sentencing: Rewards, Risks and Responsibilities*, Evidence Based Sentencing: The New Frontier in Sentencing Policy and Practice, Chapman University School of Law (August 2008).

Moderator, *Sentencing Guidelines' Third Dimension: Offender Risk of Re-offense and Prison Populations*, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2008).

Co-moderator and panel co-organizer, *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants*, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2008).

*Sentencing Overview*, National Workshop for District Judges II, Federal Judicial Center (July 2008).

*Crack Cocaine Retroactivity*, Seventeenth Annual Federal Sentencing Guidelines Seminar, Co-Sponsored by the U.S. Sentencing Commission and the Federal Bar Association (Tampa Bay chapter) (May 2008).

*Sentencing Overview*, National Workshop for District Judges I, Federal Judicial Center (March 2008).

*Sentencing Overview*, Orientation Seminar for Newly Appointed District Judges, Federal Judicial Center (February 2008).

Invited Witness, Hearing on the potential retroactivity of federal sentencing guidelines concerning crack cocaine, United States Sentencing Commission (November 2007).

*First Among Equals: Judges and Sentencing Commissions*, The Stanford Executive Sessions on Sentencing and Corrections, Stanford Law School (September 2007).

*Reflections on the Model Penal Code Revisions*, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2007).

*Innovative Uses of Data in Sentencing Policy*, New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform (July 2007).

*State Sentencing Systems*, California Judicial Symposium on Public Safety, Sentencing, and Corrections, Administrative Office of the Courts, State of California (June 2007).

*Many Voices, One Clear Vision: Finding the Future in Sentencing and Supervision*, Back-end Sentencing Conference, Stanford Law School (November 2006).

Plenary Speaker, Policy Shaping: Sentencing Information Exchange, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2006).

Moderator, *You Be the Judge!*, Annual Judicial Conference, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (July 2006).

*Developments in Sentencing*, Criminology Day, University of Pennsylvania Department of Criminology (April 2006).

*Building a Better Mousetrap: More Thoughts on Post-Booker Sentencing*, Sentencing Workshop for Federal Defenders, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Atlanta, GA (March 2006).



Moderator, Justice and Criminal Law Panel, Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Conference, Baylor Law School. (March 2006).

*Booker on Crack: Magic Bullet, Mirage or Muddle?*, Cornell Law School, CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY Symposium (November 2005).

*Guidance from Above and Beyond*, University of Kansas Law School (October 2005).

*Booker Battles*, National Association of Sentencing Commissions, Annual Conference (August 2005).

*Pennsylvania Sentencing*, Criminal Law Update, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Annual Meeting (July 2005).

*Free the Data*, Fourteenth Annual Federal Sentencing Guidelines Seminar, Co-Sponsored by the U.S. Sentencing Commission and the Federal Bar Association (Tampa Bay chapter) (May 2005).

*Pennsylvania Sentencing, Blakely and Booker: Lessons from the States*, Briefing for U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Staff, Organized by The Vera Institute of Justice and The Constitution Project (January 2005).

*Alternative Sentences During the Uncertainty*, The Future of American Sentencing: A National Roundtable on *Blakely*, Stanford Law School (October 2004).

*Like Oil and Water*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Ann. Meeting (March 2004).

*Invited Witness*, The American Bar Association Justice Kennedy Commission. Presented a statement at the initial hearings of the Commission. (November 2003).

## EDUCATION

**THE LAW SCHOOL, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, Chicago, IL  
Juris Doctor with Honors, June 1992  
Comment Editor, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW  
Joseph Henry Beale Prize for Outstanding Legal Research and Writing

**WHARTON SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**, Philadelphia, PA  
Master of Science *Magna Cum Laude* in Criminology, May 1988

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**, Philadelphia, PA  
Bachelor of Arts *Magna Cum Laude* in Economics, December 1987  
Harry S. Truman Scholar  
Dean's List

**SELECTED  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

**HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, Washington, DC**

Truman Scholar – 1986

Member, Regional Selection Panel, Finalist Selection Committee, and/or Finalist Appeals Panel – Intermittent 2000 to 2017

Dedicated as a living memorial to our 33<sup>rd</sup> President, the Truman Scholarship Foundation administers the Truman Scholars program. These highly competitive, merit-based scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students who want to go to graduate school in preparation for a career in public service, which is broadly defined.

Recipient, Judge Joseph Stevens, Jr. Public Service Award – June 2005

The Judge Stevens award, which was presented by Justice Clarence Thomas in a ceremony at the United States Supreme Court, recognizes a Truman Scholar for outstanding public service in the field of law.

**MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, RADNOR, PA**

Member, Board of Trustees – 2014 to 2017

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, RADNOR, PA**

Member, Alliance for Safe Kids – 2011 to 2014

**JEVS HUMAN SERVICES, Philadelphia, PA**

Member, Board of Directors – September 2004 to 2010

Member, Public Policy Committee – September 2004 to 2010

JEVS Human Services is a non-profit, nonsectarian social service agency with a multi-million dollar annual budget. JEVS Human Services provides a broad range of services – from health and rehabilitation to skills training and job placement – that help people from all walks of life across the Greater Philadelphia community achieve their personal and employment goals.

**SELECTED**

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

**SELECTED**

**PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS**

American Bar Association

American Bar Foundation, Elected Fellow

American Law Institute, Elected Member

Delaware County Bar Association