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EXPERIENCE

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania

Asst. Dean for Library and Information Services and Asst. Prof. of Law January, 2020 – Present
Director of the Law Library and Assistant Professor of Law July, 2018 – December, 2019

- Manage Law Library budgets, operations, and personnel
- Engage in strategic library planning
- Implement new and emerging law library service models and technologies
- Oversee the Legal Research curriculum
- Teach law and technology classes based in experiential learning pedagogy
- Engage in scholarship pertaining to law, technology, and access to justice

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York

Associate Director for Administration, Law Library 2014-2018

- Serve as member of the Law Library's administrative group to advise the Law Library Director
- Assist in the management of administrative operations, including budget preparation and administration, long- and short-term strategic planning, facilities management, space planning, technology initiatives, and large collection development decisions
- Formulate policy and procedure
- Supervise librarians and library staff
- Conduct hiring
- Create, implement, and monitor library programs and services
- Build and support library relations with the Law School, the University, external library consortia, and professional organizations
- Teach the research portion of first year Lawyering course as well as advanced, for-credit legal research courses for JDs, and a substantive law Summer College course for high schoolers

Director, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law, Legal Research Clinic 2014-2018

- Manage clinic operations including outreach, budgeting, and clinical case rounds
- Instruct students in interviewing clients, conducting advanced legal and empirical research, interpreting and analyzing the law, exercising legal judgment, counseling clients with ethics and professionalism, and conducting the business of law
- Supervise a Teaching Fellow and Program Coordinator
- Provide students with practical, real world experience
- Provide the community with pro bono legal services

Assistant Director for Access Services, Lecturer in Law, Law Library 2012 – 2014

- Served as member of Law Library's administrative group to advise the Law Library Director
- Continued to perform the duties set forth below

Head of Access Services, Lecturer in Law, Law Library

2010-2012

- Managed the daily operations of the Access Services department, including circulation, reserves, document delivery, and stacks operations
- Supervised Access Services staff members
- Conducted public relations activities for the Law Library
- Continued to perform the duties set forth below

Research Attorney, Lecturer in Law, Law Library

2008- 2010

- Served as personal library liaison to several faculty members and law school organizations
- Provided reference services to the law school and university communities
- Instructed J.D. and L.L.M. students in first year Lawyering courses, advanced legal research courses, and other specialized topics including Foreign and International Legal Research
- Taught Continuing Legal Education topics in legal research to Cornell Law Alumni
- Served on university, national, and international library and research committees

Ithaca College School of Business, Ithaca, New York

Adjunct Faculty

2003–2014

- Legal Research Seminar: Provided instruction in basic and advanced legal research, including how to locate primary and secondary legal materials via the use of print and electronic sources, and how to integrate research results into formal legal memoranda with proper Bluebook citations
- Real Estate Law: Provided instruction in fundamental concepts of the law of real property, including real estate contracts, liens, leases, mortgages, deeds, zoning and other limitations on land use, and such specialized topics as real estate implications of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Legal Environment of Business I: Provided instruction in the American legal system and the legal environment in which businesses operate. Topics included the judicial process, criminal law, tort law and negligence theory, product liability, constitutional law, and contract law, with an emphasis on the application of legal concepts to solve problems

Fair Housing Council of Central New York, Inc., Syracuse, New York

Nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and predatory lending

Deputy Director

Thaler & Thaler, Ithaca, New York

Associate Attorney

Albanese Law Office, Ithaca, New York

Associate Attorney

Mannion & Copani, Syracuse, New York

Associate Attorney

EDUCATION

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York
Juris Doctor; *Cum Laude*

- Justinian Honorary Law Society
- Syracuse Journal of Legislation and Policy

Syracuse University School of Information Studies, Syracuse, New York
Master of Library Science, *Cum Laude*

Wells College, Aurora, New York
Bachelor of Arts in English, *Magna Cum Laude*

PUBLICATIONS

UELMA Preservation Group, *Preservation of Electronic Legal Materials*, co-author (April, 2018) available at: <https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Preservation-of-Electronic-Legal-Materials-White-Paper.pdf>

Negligence Purpose, Elements, and Evidence: The Role of Foreseeability in the Law of Each State.

Chapters: Delaware and Connecticut. Publisher: Balloon Press, New York: N.Y. (2018).

The Rise of Experiential Legal Research Education, Trends Interactive: A Dialog on Law Libraries and Technology (September 12, 2016) available at:

<https://www.wshein.com/blog/2016/09/the-rise-of-experiential-legal-research-instruction/>

Reflections on the 2015 AALL Management Institute: Turning Outward, 19 Spectrum 10 (July 2015).

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in New York, 87 New York State Bar Association Journal 44 (January 2015).

Book Review (2010) *Human Rights and Their Limits* by Wiktor Osiatynski (Cambridge University Press, 2009) *Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books*, *Journal of the Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries*, vol. 3, p. 147.

Book Review (2009) *The Prohibition of Propaganda for War in International Law* by Michael G. Kearney (Oxford University Press, 2007), *International Journal of Legal Information*, vol. 37, no. 2, p. 251.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Artificial Intelligence and the Law, co-presenter, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2020.

Bringing Legal Research to Rural Communities, co-presenter, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2020.

Is the Future of Legal Writing Bright or Bleak? The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Skills Education and the Practice of Law, co-presenter, Legal Writing Institute Workshop, Rutgers Law School, December 2019.

Using Technology to Track and Assess Student Learning Outcomes and Associated Performance Criteria, co-presenter, Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, July 2019.

Training the Lawyers of Tomorrow Through the Clinics of Today: Three Models for Practical Library Services in Clinical Law School Settings and Beyond, co-presenter, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2018.

Making a Difference Through Legal Research Instruction, speaker, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, April 2017.

Cornell Legal Research Clinic Offers Free Law Advice to the Community, radio interview with Cayuga Radio Group, December 2, 2016.

Finding Time: Lean Six Sigma, workshop co-instructor, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2016.

Public Interest Law Career Symposium, panelist, Cornell Law School, January 2016.

Lean Process Improvement at Cornell Law Library, co-presenter, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, October 2015.

Meet Your Decision Maker: How Law Librarians Have Formed Relationships with Policymakers for Advocacy Gains, panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2015.

How the Cloud and Metadata are Changing the Practice of Law, co-presenter, Onondaga County Bar Association CLE, February 2015.

Using the Internet to Conduct Free Legal Research, co-presenter, Onondaga County Bar Association CLE, February 2015.

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act: What it is and Why it Matters, co-presenter, Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, October 2014.

Using the Internet to do Legal Research at No Cost, presenter, Tompkins County Bar Association CLE, October 2011.

Greater Than the Sum of its Parts: Global Cooperation in Making the World's Laws Accessible, moderator, Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, March 2011.

Navigating Your Way to the Classroom: Law Librarians Teaching New Law School Classes, co-presenter, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, July 2010.

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Velocity Advisory Group Executive Coaching	2019 - Present
American Association of Law Libraries Management Institute	March, 2015
Cornell University Executive Harold D. Craft Leadership Program	April, 2013
Cornell University Supervisor Development Certificate Program	Summer, 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Law Libraries	2008 – Present
Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association	2018 - Present
New York State Bar Association	2000 - Present
American Bar Association	2014 - Present
American Association of Law Schools Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education	2008 - Present
Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York	2008-2018
American Society of International Law	2010 - 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

One Book Villanova Committee	2019 – Present
Government Relations Committee of the American Assoc. of Law Libraries <i>Vice Chair</i>	2018 – Present
Open Government Subcommittee, <i>Member</i>	July, 2020 - Present
Awards Committee, <i>Member</i>	
Pennsylvania Delegation, <i>Member</i>	
Meet with Congressional representatives to advocate for federal legislative priorities supporting access to, and preservation of, legal information	
American Association of Law Libraries, <i>Budget Subject Matter Expert</i>	2019 - Present
Develop instructional eLearning content for association members	
Joint AALS/AALL Academic Law Library Task Force, <i>Team Leader</i>	Jan. 2020 – June 2020
U.S. News & World Report survey for Law School Rankings Proposed updated questions pertaining to law libraries	
Focus Group for the US DOJ Office of Information Policy, <i>Invited Member</i>	Oct. 2019 - Nov. 2019
Reviewed FOIA website and forms	

Government Relations Committee, *Chair* 2014 - 2018
Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, *President* 2016 - 2017

8th Annual Boulder Conference on Legal Information, Scholarship and Teaching, *Fellow* 2016

Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians Fundraising Committee, *Member* 2010 - 2013
American Association of Law Libraries
2011 Recipient of the Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award

International Legal Research Interest Group, *Founder and Co-Chair* 2010 - 2013
American Society of International Law

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Books Through Bars, Philadelphia, PA 2020 - Present
Book sorter and packer

Hazard Library Association Board of Trustees, Poplar Ridge, NY
Treasurer 2014 – 2017
Trustee 2011 – 2017

BAR ADMISSION

New York 2000 - Present