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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE - ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Positions held:**

- Professor of Legal Writing 2006 to Present
- Assistant Dean for Academic Success 2010 to 2015
- Director of the Academic Support Program (formerly Coordinator) 2005 to 2010
- Assistant Director of the Writing Center (Acting Director for Fall 2006) 2004 to 2010
- Assistant Legal Writing Professor (formerly LW Instructor) 1994 to 2006

**Courses taught:**

- Scholarly Research and Writing 2018 to Present
- Legal Writing I (Fall) and II (Spring) 1994 to Present
- Drafting: Contracts 2011 to Present
- Advance Scholarly Res. And Writing: Int'l and Comparative Law Spr. 2024
- Drafting: Litigation Documents & Contracts 2003 to 2020
- Legal Writing Advanced 2016
- Contracts I (Summer Institute) 2007 to 2014
- Legal Analysis Practicum (for first-year students in ASP) 2011
- Agency Practicum (for second-year students in ASP) 2011
- Co-taught LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers: LRW 2008 to 2009
- Co-taught Introduction to Law and Legal Profession 2001 to 2005
- Ron Brown Pipeline Program, Lecturer on Contracts, Contract Drafting, LW 1999 to 2021

**Advisory Positions:**

- Faculty Advisor to EDNY Federal Bar Assoc. Chapter, SJU Student Div. 2015 to Present
- Annually co-coordinate FBA Student Scholars Program 2021 to Present
- Faculty Advisor to *New York International Law Review (Interim 2017-'18)* 2018 to 2019
- Faculty Co-Advisor to Moot Court Honor Society 1995 to 2001

## OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Adelphi University, Garden City, NY** Fall 2024  
• *Adjunct Professor*, Art and Craft of Writing (English Department)

**Odesa I.I.Mechnikov National University, Ukraine** Mar. 2024  
• Lecture on Drafting Contracts (virtual – single class)

**Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, Odesa, Ukraine** Feb. 2023  
• Lecture on Drafting Contracts (virtual – single class)

**SJU Study Abroad Program, Rome, Italy** (2-week course) June 2022  
• Drafting: Contracts at St. John’s Law School (2 weeks)

**Beijing Jiaotong University, in Beijing, China** (3-week courses) May 2018  
• Contracts at BJTU Law School  
• Brief Writing at BJTU Undergraduate School

**Fordham University’s College of Liberal Studies, Bronx, NY**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor – Undergraduate School* 1993 to 1998  
Constitutional Law: Religion and Morality  
Law in Literature and Film (co-taught)  
Trial Advocacy; Legal Principles in Everyday Life; Legal Writing  
Supreme Court Cases in a Historical  
Context (co-taught); Women and the Law

**The New School for Social Research, New York, NY**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor*, taught Women and the Law – undergraduate. 1994

**Briarcliffe College, Lynbrook, NY**  
*Adjunct Instructor* taught Legal Research and Writing to para-professionals. 1994

## JOURNALS AND ICOSA BOARD SERVICE

- *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* (peer-reviewed)  
Editor in Chief 2022 to 2024  
Assistant Editor in Chief 2020 to 2022  
Editorial Board Member 2017 to 2022  
2024 to present
- Member, Board of Directors, International Cultic Studies Assoc. 2023 - present
- Advisory Board Member, *International Journal of Coercion, Abuse, and Manipulation* (formerly *International J. of Cultic Studies*) (peer-reviewed) 2010 to present

- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the Legal Writing Inst.* (peer-reviewed) 2008 to 2012
- Chair Scholarship Committee for ASP/LSAC website: lawschoolasp.org 2010 to 2012
- Advisory Board Member, Legal Writing eJournal, LWI 2010 to present

### **LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE ('LWI') SERVICE**

- Secretary ('08 -'10) & Member, LWI Board of Directors 2008 to 2012
- Co-Founder & Site Chair of One-Day Workshops 2009
- LWI Board Liaison for LWI Moot Court Committee 2008 to 2010
- LWI Board Liaison for LWI Professional Development Committee 2008 to 2010
- Chair, LWI Scholarship Outreach Committee 2006 to 2008

### **ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS ('AALS') SERVICE**

#### **Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research**

- Executive Committee Member 2016
- Program Chair 2015

#### **Section on Academic Support**

- Section Chair (two 1-year terms) 2010 to 2012
- Planning Committee, One-Day Workshop at AALS Annual Conf. 2011 to 2012
- Program Committee 2009 to 2015
- Treasurer 2009 to 2010
- Board Member 2006 to 2008
- Program Chair for Annual Meeting 2006 to 2008

#### **Section on Teaching Methods**

- Program Chair 2005 to 2006

### **ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL WRITING DIRECTORS ('ALWD') SERVICE**

- Program Committee for Biennial Conference 2020 to 2021
- Scholarship Grants Committee 2019 to 2020
- Media Sub-Committee for Biennial Conference 2018 to 2019
- ALWD Teaching Grants Committee Member 2017 to 2018

### **OTHER BOARD SERVICE**

- Co-Founder & Steering Planning Committee, Biennial Empire State Legal Writing Conferences. Held:  
Hofstra (2010),\* St. John's (2011) (Site Chair),\*  
SUNY Buffalo (2012), Albany (2013),\* Syracuse (2015),  
New York Law School (2017, 2019,\* 2021\*), Fordham (2024). 2010 to Present

\*Co-led and Participant in ALWD Scholars' Forums and Workshops

- Education and the Law Comm., Assoc. of the Bar of the City of New York 1995 to 2001  
*Secretary and Adjunct Member*  
Law-related education program with Project Legal Outreach and (late) Hon. Judith Kaye, spanning 18 NYC public schools, reaching 3000 middle-school students and providing legal training to teachers.

## **DISTINCTIONS**

- Senior Vincentian Research Fellow 2021 to Present
- Vincentian Research Fellow 2019 to 2021
- Institute for Law Teaching and Learning distinguished “*Teaching Law Students Through Individual Learning Styles*” in online newsletter. Nov. 2009
- Recipient, Faculty Outstanding Achievement Medal May 2005  
Awarded by Office of the President, St. John’s University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

TAKEN NO MORE: PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN AGAINST TRAFFICKERS AND CULTS (forthcoming Bloomsbury 2025).

PERSUASIVE ADVOCACY IN ACTION: A WORKBOOK FOR LAW STUDENTS, with Laura Graham (Carolina Academic Press 2025).

TEACHING CONTRACT DRAFTING, appearing in the Elgar Guides to Teaching series (Edward Elgar 2023).

BECOMING A LEGAL WRITER: A WORKBOOK WITH EXPLANATIONS TO DEVELOP OBJECTIVE LEGAL ANALYSIS AND WRITING SKILLS, with Christine Coughlin & Sandy Patrick (Carolina Academic Press 2019); second edition (forthcoming 2025).

### **On-line Formative Assessments**

INTERACTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING LESSONS: PERSUASIVE WRITING – WRITING PERSUASIVELY FOR DIFFERENT AUDIENCES & PURPOSES. Three 50-minute self-directed PowerPoint exercises for students (West Academic 2022) (accessible at <https://www.westacademic.com/Modular-Legal-Research-Writing-Persuasive-Writing-Persuasively-Boyle-Laisure-9781685610548>). Topics of modules:

1. LEGISLATION DRAFTING & JUDICIAL OPINIONS
2. PERSUASIVE WRITING: DEMAND LETTERS & BRIEFS
3. OBJECTIVE WRITING: CORRESPONDENCE – EMAIL, CLIENT LETTERS, OPINION LETTERS

INTERACTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING LESSONS: PERSUASIVE WRITING – TRANSACTIONAL WRITING. Two 50-minute self-directed PowerPoint exercises for students. (West Academic 2022) (accessible at <https://www.westacademic.com/Modular-Legal-Research-Writing-Persuasive-Writing-Transactional-Writing-Boyle-Laisure-9781685610555>). Topics of modules:

1. CORPORATE V. LITIGATION, REPRESENTATIONS & MODIFIERS
2. COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY

CORE KNOWLEDGE online platform with formative assessment self-directed exercises for students, complementing BECOMING A LEGAL WRITER workbook (Carolina Academic Press Fall 2021).

CONNECTED QUIZZING: CONTRACT DRAFTING, A FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT 125 Multiple Choice Questions (Wolters Kluwer 2020).

### **Articles**

*Merging the Bench, Bar, and Law Schools: How a Student Scholars Program Achieves Professional Identity Through Scholarly Writing, Mentorship, and Presentation*, with Joan Foley & Troy Kessler, 93(1) UMKC L. REV. 1-33 (2024).

*Having Fun While Learning: Pedagogical Techniques for Teaching Contract Drafting*, Vol. 25, Special Report, TENN. J. BUS. L. 751-68 (2024) (transcribed conference proceedings from 60-minute presentation).

*Undoing Undue Influence: How the Doctrine Can Avoid Judicial Subjectivity by Omitting the Vulnerability Element*, 47(1) AM. J. TRIAL ADVOC. 23-64 (Fall 2023) (solicited).

*Human Trafficking, Cults, & Coercion: The Use of Drugs as a Tool*, 5 INT’L J. COERCION, ABUSE, & MANIPULATION 6-8 (2023) (peer-reviewed).

*Swimming with Broad Strokes: Publishing and Presenting Beyond the LW Discipline*, with Stephen Paskey, 29(2) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. AND WRITING 77-81 (2022) (peer-reviewed).

*Preventing Predatory Alienation by High-Control Groups: The Application of Human Trafficking Laws to Groups Popularly Known as ‘Cults,’ and Proposed Changes to Laws Regarding Federal Immigration, State Child Marriage, & Undue Influence*, 1(2) INT’L J. COERCION, ABUSE, & MANIPULATION 27-40 (2021) (peer-reviewed).

*Employing Trafficking Laws to Capture Elusive Leaders of Destructive Cults*, 17 OR. REV. INT’L L. 205-58 (2016), reprinted in 9 INT’L J. CULTIC STUD. 1 (2018) (peer-reviewed).

*Should Laptops Be Banned? Providing a Robust Classroom Learning Experience Within Limits*, 20(1) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 8-13 (Fall 2011) (peer-reviewed).

*Law Students Are Different from the General Population: Empirical Findings Regarding Learning Styles*, with Jeffrey Minneti & Andrea Honigsfeld, 17(3) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 153-60 (2009) (peer-reviewed).

*Suggestions on How to Conduct Empirical Research: A Behind-the-Scenes View*, with Joanne Ingham, 15(3) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 176-79 (2007) (peer-reviewed).

*Generation X in Law School: How These Law Students Are Different from Those Who Teach Them*, with Joanne Ingham, 56 J. LEGAL EDUC. 281-95 (2006) (peer-reviewed).

*Contract Drafting Courses for Upper-Level Students: Teaching Tips*, 14(2) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 87-91 (Winter 2006) (peer-reviewed).

*Law Students with Attention Deficit Disorder: How to Reach Them, How to Teach Them*, 39(2) J. MARSHALL L. REV. 349-383 (2006).

*Applying Learning Styles Theory in the Workplace: How to Maximize Learning-Styles Strengths to Improve Work Performance in Law Practice*, 79 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 97-125 (2005).

*Employing Active-Learning Techniques and Metacognition in Law School: Shifting Energy from Professor to Student*, 81 U. DET. MERCY L. REV. 1-30 (2003).

*Presenting a New Instructional Tool for Teaching Law-Related Courses: A Contract Activity Package for Motivated and Independent Learners*, with Karen Russo & Rose Frances Lefkowitz, 38:1 GONZAGA L. REV. 1-31 (2002-2003).

*Providing Structure to Law Students – Introducing the Programmed Learning Sequence as an Instructional Tool*, with Lynne Dolle, 8 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. 59-146 (2002) (peer-reviewed).

*Current Status of Federal Law Concerning Violent Crimes Against Women and Children: Implications for Cult Victims*, 1(1) CULTIC STUD. REV. 65-89 (2002) (peer-reviewed).

*How Children in Cults May Use Emancipation Laws to Free Themselves*, 16(1) CULTIC STUD. J. 1-32 (1999) (peer-reviewed).

*Teaching Law Students Through Individual Learning Styles*, with Rita Dunn, 62 ALB. L. REV. 213-55 (1998).

*Women, the Law, and Cults: Three Avenues of Legal Recourse – New Rape Laws, VAWA, and Anti-Stalking Laws*, 15(1) CULTIC STUD. J. 1-32 (1998) (peer-reviewed).

## **Book Chapters**

*“The Times They are a Changin’”*: *Lessons Imparted from the 1960s Civil Rights Movement and the Current-Day Climate Movement*, in *GENERATIONAL POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES* (Univ. Mich. Press, Sally Friedman & David Schultz eds., 2024) (solicited). Subject of two **Podcast interviews** dropped December 2024 and January 2023.

*Human Trafficking and Cults*, in *HUMAN TRAFFICKING: EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES AND APPLICATIONS* ch. 11 (Lawyers & Judges Publishing Co., Nora M. Cronin & Kimberly A. Ellis eds., 2017).

Co-author, *Teaching the Newly Essential Knowledge, Skills, and Values in a Changing World*, in *BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES: TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION IN A CHANGING WORLD*, Chapt. 6 (Lexis 2015).

*How Learning-Style Treatments Contributed to Helping Low-Performing Law Students Gain a Positive Verdict with Personal Conviction*, in 6(2) *INSIGHTS ON LEARNING DISABILITIES: FROM PREVAILING THEORIES TO VALIDATED PRACTICES* 29 (an International Journal Published by Learning Disabilities Worldwide) (2009) (solicited).

*How Schools, Parents, and Courts Can Respond to Federal Law and Improve Classroom Teaching for At-Risk Students*, in *DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS*, by RITA DUNN & ANDREA HONIGSFELD (2009) (solicited).

*A Blueprint for a Truly Innovative Law School*, in *WHAT IF ...: A GUIDE TO IMPROVING EDUCATION* (R. Dunn & S.A. Griggs, eds., 2007) (solicited).

*Impact of Learning Styles and Law School Teaching*, in *SYNTHESIS OF THE DUNN AND DUNN LEARNING-STYLE MODEL RESEARCH: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND WHAT?* (St. John’s Univ. Center for Study of Learning & Teaching) (R. Dunn & S.A. Griggs, eds., 2007) (solicited).

*Research on Learning Style and Legal Writing*, in *SYNTHESIS OF THE DUNN AND DUNN LEARNING-STYLE MODEL RESEARCH: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND WHAT?* (St. John’s Univ. Center for Study of Learning & Teaching) (R. Dunn & S. A. Griggs, eds., 2007) (solicited).

*Bringing Learning Styles Instructional Strategies to Law School*, in *PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO USING LEARNING STYLES APPLICATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION* (R. Dunn & S.A. Griggs, eds., 2000) (solicited).

## **Essays**

*From the Editor in Chief* column, 31(1) *PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING* 3(Spring 2024) (peer-reviewed).

*The Beauty of Shorts: Ten Tips on Writing a Publishable Short Piece*, 4(1) *PROCEEDINGS: AN ONLINE JOURNAL OF LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS* 17 (2023) (peer-reviewed) (with Brooke J. Bowman).

*From the Editor in Chief* column, 30(2) *PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING* 62 (Fall 2023) (peer-reviewed).

*From the Editor in Chief* column, 30(1) PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 3 (Spring 2023) (peer-reviewed).

*Didn't I Cover This in Class: Low-Stakes Technique of Quizzing to the Rescue*, 27 LEGAL WRITING: J. LEGAL WRITING INST. 299 (2023) (peer-reviewed).

*Staying Safe: Observing Warning Signs of a Dangerous Liaison*, with Andrea Laisure, 8(3) ICSA TODAY 6 (2017).

*Erasing Boundaries: Inter-School Collaboration and its Pedagogical Opportunities*, AALS Newsletter, Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research, Spring 2014 (with Ian Gallacher, Amy Stein & David Thomson).

*The Legal Writing Institute: Celebrating 25 Years of Teaching & Scholarship – A Symposium of the Mercer Law Review*, 61 MERCER L. REV. 763, 782-801 (2010) (transcribed conference proceedings).

*How to Critique & Grade Contract Drafting Assignments*, 2009 TRANSACTIONS: TENN. J. BUS. L. 297 (2009) (transcribed conference proceedings).

*The Blind Leading the Blind: What if They're Not all Visual or Tactile Learners*, with James B. Levy, 22(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 6 (2008) (peer-reviewed).

*In Response to the Remarks by Lawrence H. Summers, Presenting Empirical Data on the Differences in Learning Styles Between Males and Females* (with Andrea Honigsfeld) 11(3) CARDOZO WOMEN'S L. J. 505-07 (2005).

### **Fiction**

Robin Boyle-Laisure, *Road Trip Through Georgia*, HALF AND ONE, an online literary publication (Dec. 25, 2024), <https://halfandone.com/road-trip-through-georgia/>

### **Book Reviews**

Review of: *Scarred: The True Story of How I Escaped NXIVM the Cult that Bound My Life*, by Sarah Edmondson, 1(2) INT'L J. COERCION, ABUSE, & MANIPULATION 98 (2021) (peer-reviewed).

Review of: *Cult Recovery: A Clinician's Guide to Working with Former Members and Family*, a collection of chapters written by mental health professionals (Lorna Goldberg, William Goldberg, Roseanne Henry & Michael Langone, eds.), 9:2 ICSA Today 16 (2018).

Review of: *Teaching Law by Design: Engaging Students from the Syllabus to the Final Exam* by Michael Hunter Schwartz, Sophie Sparrow & Gerald F. Hess, THE LAW TEACHER, Fall 2009 (peer-reviewed).



Review of: *Grandparent's Rights: What Every Grandparent Needs to Know* by Patricia Perkins Slorah, 3(3) CULTIC STUD. REVIEW (2004) (peer-reviewed) and at [www.culticstudiesreview.org](http://www.culticstudiesreview.org).

### **Legislative/Administrative History**

STUDIES IN COMMUNITY ACTION: A LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF WAR ON POVERTY PROGRAMS, along with A CHRONOLOGY AND BIBLIOGRAPHY, with Kathryn Lazar, Esq. & Laura Zeisel, Esq. (Community Serv. Admin, 1981).

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND LECTURES**

#### **International Conferences**

Workshop Presenter, *Advice for Parents, Caregivers, and Teenagers: Warning Signs of Toxic Groups*, International Cultic Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Barcelona, Spain. July 2024

Workshop Presenter (pre-recorded lecture with PP), *Human Trafficking, Cults, & Coercion*, International Cultic Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Montreal, Canada (virtual conference). July 2022

Keynote Speaker (pre-recorded lecture with PP), *Human Trafficking & Coercion*, Dec. 2021  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cultic Phenomenon Studies Workshop, 2021, Shanxi Univ., China.

Workshop Co-Presenter (remote), *Legal Developments in the US and Canada* July 2021  
International Cultic Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Montreal, Canada (with Hon. Donald Netolitzky & Lea Lavy) (virtual conference).

Workshop Presenter, *Combatting the Surreal: Human Trafficking, Child Marriage Laws, and Potential Legislation to Prevent Predatory Alienation by High-Control Groups*, International Cultic Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Univ. of Salford, Manchester, Eng. July 2019

Workshop Presenter, *Legal Theories: Overview and Potential Strategies*, July 2018  
International Cultic Studies Association Annual Conf., Philadelphia, PA.

Co-Presenter, *Human Trafficking Statutes in the U.S. and Warning Signs for Teachers, Health Care Professionals, and Parents*, International Cultic Studies Association Annual Conf., Bordeaux, France (with Andrea Laisure). July 2017

Paper Presented, *Employing Trafficking Laws to Capture Elusive Leaders of* Aug. 2015

*Destructive Cults*, Center for the Study of Cultic Groups & Religious Culture  
Beijing Union Univ. (paper read aloud by colleague) (invited).

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Learning Styles of Adult Populations from an International Perspective – Similarities and Differences*, Global Legal Skills Conf., Monterrey, Mexico (with Barbara Traub). Feb. 2008

Workshop Presenter, Annual Leadership Certification Institute: Teaching Students Through Their Individual Learning Styles, presented on subject of *Teaching Law School Students through Learning Styles*, NY, NY. (invited by Dr. Rita Dunn). 2007, 2004, 2002

### **National Conferences**

#### **Assoc. of Legal Writing Directors ('ALWD') Biennial Conferences**

Workshop Co-Presenter, *The Beauty of Shorts: Ten Tips on Writing a Publishable Short Piece*, ALWD Biennial Conf., Irvine, CA (with Brooke Bowman). July 2023

Discussant, *What's Legal Writing Got to Do With It?* ALWD Biennial Conf., Irvine, CA. July 2023

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Sharpen Your Pencils: Engagement, Inclusion, and Scaffolding*, ALWD Biennial Conf. (virtual) (with Christine Coughlin & Sandy Patrick). June 2021

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Designing Effective In-Class Exercises*, ALWD Biennial Conf., Minneapolis, MN (with Joel Atlas & Meredith Stange). July 2017

Workshop Presenter, *Using Computer Technology to Help Students with Diverse Learning Styles*, ALWD Biennial Conf., Chicago, IL. July 2005

#### **Assoc. of American Law Schools ('AALS') Annual Conferences**

Program Chair, Moderator, Panel: *What Every Law Professor Should Know About How Students Learn*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research, NY, NY (panel: Anne Mullins, Terrill Pollman & Carrie Sperling). Jan. 2016

Program Chair, Panel: *Reimagining the Curriculum to Address Student Needs and Bench and Bar Demands*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research, NY, NY (panel: Andrew Carter, Anne Ralph, Sara Rankin, Lawrence Rosenthal, Moderator: Melissa Weresh). Jan. 2016

Program Chair, Panel: *Best Practices for Supervising Seminar Papers and other* Jan. 2016

*Scholarly Writings*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research, NY, NY (panel: Andrea Armstrong, Darby Dickerson, Elizabeth Fajans, Nancy Soonpaa, Moderator: Kathryn Stanchi).

Program Chair, ALWD-LWI Joint Scholars & Scholarship Program on Feminist Jurisprudence, AALS Annual Conf., held at Fordham Law School, NY, NY (panel: Kathryn Stanchi & Linda Berger). Jan. 2016

Co-Presenter, *Erasing Boundaries: Inter-School Collaboration & Its Pedagogical Opportunities*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research, NY, NY (with Ian Gallacher, Amy Stein & David Thomson). Jan. 2014

Moderator & Planning Comm. Member, AALS Annual Conf., One-Day Workshop on Academic Support, Washington, D.C. (with Laure Zimet et al.) Jan. 2012

Moderator and Program Committee Participant, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Academic Support, New Orleans, LA. Jan. 2010

Workshop Moderator and Program Co-Chair, *Teaching to the Entire Class: Innovative and Effective Instruction to Engage Every Student*, AALS Annual Conf., Joint Program for Sections on Academic Support and on Teaching Methods, San Diego, CA. Jan. 2009

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Attractions and Distractions: Student Use of Laptop Computers in the Classroom*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Teaching Methods, NY, NY (with David Thomson, Amy Stein & Ian Gallacher). Jan. 2008

Workshop Moderator and Program Chair, *Working Together: How the Collaborative Efforts of Academic Support Professionals and Other Faculty Members Enhance Law Student Education*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Academic Support, NY, NY. Jan. 2008

Workshop Presenter, *The How-Tos & Whys: Exploring the Consequences of our Pedagogical Choices*, AALS Annual Conf., Section on Teaching Methods, Washington, D.C. (with Paula Franzese). Jan. 2006

### **Legal Writing Institute ('LWI') Biennial Conferences**

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Forging Pathways by Creating Opportunities for Student Engagement with the Bench & Bar*, LWI Biennial Conf., Indianapolis, IN (with Laura Graham) July 2024

Workshop Presenter, *Engaging Students' Creativity: Tapping Into Their Right Brain Functions to Enhance Learning*, LWI Biennial Conf., Washington, DC. July 2022

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Developing Synergies: How LRW and ASP Faculty Can Provide Early Intervention*, LWI Biennial Conf., Desert Springs, CA (with Kirk Burkhalter, Moderator & Gail Stern). June 2012

Workshop Co-Presenter, *A is for Think-Alouds, B is for (Fill-in) the Blank of a Mindmap and C is for Clickers*, LWI Biennial Conf., Marco Island, FL (with Michael Hunter Schwartz & Danton Berube). June 2010

Workshop Co-Presenter, *Teaching to Different Learning Styles in the LR&W Classroom*, LWI Biennial Conf., Indianapolis, IN (with Catherine Cameron & Jeffrey Minneti). July 2008

Workshop Co-presenter, *Suggestions on How to Conduct Empirical Research: Examples of Empirical Studies Conducted with Instructional Materials within Classrooms and Studies of Learning-Style Assessments on an Institution-Wide Basis*, LWI Biennial Conf., Atlanta, GA (with Joanne Ingham). June 2006

Workshop Presenter, *Teaching Law Students Through Their Individual Learning Styles*, LWI Biennial Conf., Seattle, WA. July 2004

### **Contract Drafting and Pedagogy Conferences**

Presenter, *Having Fun While Learning: Pedagogical Techniques for Teaching Contract Drafting*, Emory Univ. School of Law, Center for Transactional Law and Practice, Biennial Conf., Atlanta, GA. Oct. 2023

Co-Presenter, *Stetson's Virtual Legal Writing Conference: Legal Writing Scholarship: Empirical and Statistical Studies*, webinar hosted by Stetson Law School (with Kirsten Davis). Oct. 2011

Workshop Moderator, *Teaching Plenary*, Journal of LWI and Mercer Law Review Symposium, Macon, GA. Remarks transcribed at 61 Mercer L. Rev. 763, 782-801 (Spring 2010). Nov. 2009

Workshop Presenter, *How to Critique and Grade a Contract Drafting Assignment*, May 2008 Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills Conference, Emory Law School, GA (invited).

Workshop Presenter, *Teaching Contract Drafting to Upper-Level Students*, Teaching Contract Drafting Conference, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL. July 2005

### **Other National Conferences**

Workshop Presenter, *Exam Essays – Common Mistakes Among At-Risk Students*, LSAC Academic Assistance Topical Workshop on law students Oct. 2011

with learning disabilities, San Antonio, TX (invited).

LWI National Co-coordinator and Presenter, *Future Opportunities for Scholarship and Service*, One-Day Workshop for Adjunct Professors and New Legal Writing Professors, held at Brooklyn Law School, NY and in 13 other cities simultaneously. Dec. 2011

LWI National Co-coordinator, NYC Site Coordinator, and Moderator, One-Day Workshop for New Legal Writing Professors and Adjuncts, held at St. John's Univ. Manhattan campus and in 15 other cities simultaneously (national coordination of events with Mark Wojcik). Dec. 2010

LWI National Co-coordinator, NYC Site Coordinator, and Moderator, One-Day Workshop for Legal Writing Professors, held at St. John's Law School (Manhattan) and in Chicago (national coordination of events with Tracy McGaugh Norton and Mark Wojcik). Co-presented *Thinking Forward* panel (with Susan DeJarnatt, Kathryn Stanchi & Daniel Weddle). Dec. 2009

Panel Participant, *Cults and the Law: Practical Issues*, American Family Foundation Annual Conf., Newark, NJ (invited). May 2001

Featured Luncheon Speaker, *How Children May Use Emancipation Laws to Free Themselves from Cults*. Panel Participant, *Divorce and Custody Issues for Families in Cults*, American Family Foundation Annual Conf., Philadelphia, PA (invited). May 1998

Featured Luncheon Speaker, *Women & the Law: Where Do Abused Victims Stand?* May 1997 American Family Foundation Annual Conf., Philadelphia, PA (invited).

### **Regional Conferences**

Panelist, "*The Times They are a Changin'*": *Lessons Imparted from the 1960s Civil Rights Movements and the Current-Day Climate Movement*, Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conf., virtual pre-recorded session. (Sally Friedman, panel chair; Kevin Moffett, Discussant; with co-presenters Ashley Ross, Kenneth Moffett & Scott McLean) Nov. 2020

Presenter, *Litigating Against Cults: Avoiding Undue Influence Conundrum*, Harvard Medical School, Program in Psychiatry & the Law, Boston, Mass (Think Tank) (invited). Sept. 2019

Panel Discussant, *Policy Implications, Supporting Human Rights by Justifying Against Human Wrong*, Cults & Sex Trafficking Workshop, International Cultic Studies Association Regional Conf., Univ. of Southern California (invited). April 2016

### **LWI One-Day Workshops (Co-Founder)**

- Co-Presenter, Effective Use of Technology in Legal Writing Class,* Dec. 2019  
LWI One-Day Workshop, Rutgers Law School, Newark, NJ  
(with Kayonia Whetstone).
- Presenter, Teaching Scholarly Research and Writing: Peer Critiques,* Dec. 2018  
*Presentation, and Group Work,* LWI One- Day Workshop, Oregon School  
of Law, Eugene, OR.
- Presenter, Scholarship & Service,* LWI One-Day Workshop, New York Law Dec. 2012  
School, NY, NY.

### **Empire State LW Conferences (Co-Founder)**

- Workshop Presenter & Planning Committee Member, Designing Classroom* May 2024  
*Exercises for Experiential Engagement,* Empire State LW Conf.,  
Fordham Law School.
- Workshop Co-Presenter & Conference Co-Organizer, Swimming with* May 2021  
*Broad Strokes: Publishing and Presenting on Non-Legal Writing Topics,*  
Empire State LW Conf., New York Law School (remote)  
(with Stephen Paskey & Amy Widman).
- Conference Co-Organizer, Empire State LW Conf., New York Law School.* May 2019
- Conference Co-Organizer, Empire State LW Conf., New York Law School.* May 2017
- Presenter, Lessons Learned from Academic Support: Applying ASP to LW Courses,* May 2015  
Empire State LW Conf., Syracuse Univ. College of Law.
- Conference Co-Organizer, Empire State LW Conf., Albany Law School.* May 2013
- Workshop Presenter & Conference Co-Organizer, Nuts & Bolts of Developing* May 2012  
*& Placing Scholarship,* Empire State LW Conf., Univ. Buffalo School of Law,  
(with Ian Gallacher).
- Moderator & Site Chair, Empire State LW Conf., St. John's Univ. Schl of Law* May 2011  
(Manhattan campus)
- Conference Co-Organizer, Empire State LW Conf., Maurice A. Deane.* May 2010  
*School of Law at Hofstra Univ.*

### **ALWD Scholars' Forums & Workshops**

- Co-Leader, hosted by New York Law School (with Amy Stein) (virtual).* May 2021
- Co-Leader, held at New York Law School (with Heidi Brown).* May 2019

Participant ALWD Scholars' Workshop, Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR.	Dec. 2018
Co-Leader, held at Albany Law School (with Pamela Armstrong).	May 2013
Site Chair, St. John's Univ. Law School (Marilyn Walter & Lisa Eichhorn).	May 2011
Participant, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra Univ., NY.	May 2010

**Academic Support Program ('ASP') Regional Conferences**

Presenter, <i>Careful Close Reading of Statutes &amp; Cases</i> , NY Academic Support Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, NY.	April 2013
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Workshop Presenter, <i>Pros and Cons of a Non-Graded Legal Analysis Practicum</i> , NY Academic Support Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, NY.	April 2011
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Panel Moderator, <i>Our Place on the Continuum: Re-envisioning the Way We Prepare Law Students for Practice</i> , Practice Meets Pedagogy Conf., St. John's Law School, NY.	Dec. 2008
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Workshop Presenter, <i>The Relationship Between the Writing Center and Academic Support and Stress Management for Law Students</i> , NY Area Academic Support Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, NY.	Nov. 2006
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Workshop Presenter, <i>Learning Styles of Students in Academic Support</i> , N.E. Regional Academic Support Workshop, Roger Williams Law School, RI.	June 2006
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**Local Conferences & Forums**

Assembly Presenter, <i>Human Trafficking and Coercion</i> , Hicksville High School, Social Studies School Assembly.	Mar. 2022
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Co-Presenter, <i>Human Trafficking and Coercion Control Explained</i> , EDNY Federal Bar Association, SJU Student Chapter (with Patricia Kakalec & Aaron Halegua) (virtual).	Feb. 2022
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Presenter, <i>Human Trafficking and Coercion</i> , Garden City Community Church Forum, NY (virtual).	Feb. 2022
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Presenter, <i>Human Trafficking and Coercion</i> , The National Charity League, Garden City Chapter, NY (virtual).	Jan. 2022
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Presenter, <i>The Aftermath of the "Sex Cult" Trial</i> , Garden City Community Church Forum, Garden City, NY.	Nov. 2019
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Presenter, <i>Human Trafficking - Advice for Parents and Teens</i> , Garden City Community Church Forum, Garden City, NY.	May 2017
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Moderator, *The Common Thread of Undue Influence in Nefarious Relationships and the Challenges to Establishing Undue Influence in the Courtroom*, Federal Bar Assoc., EDNY chapter, Brooklyn courthouse, NY  
(panel: Paul Grosswald, Alan Schefflin & Stephanie Spanos). April 2017

Moderator, *Dangerous Liaisons: The Truth About Campus Predators, Toxic Relationships, and Commercial Exploitation of Teens*, Garden City Community Church Forum, Garden City, NY (panel: Maureen Griffo, Andrea Laisure & Stephanie Spanos). Oct. 2016

Presenter, *Cults and Human Trafficking*, Garden City Community Church Forum, Garden City, NY. Oct. 2015

Presenter, *From Middle School to Law School: Successful Programs for Urban Youth*, Ronald H. Brown Symposium, St. John's Law School, NY. Nov. 2009  
Remarks excerpted in 25 J.C.R. & Econ. Dev. 17-18 (2010).

Coordinator and Panel Participant, *Modern Day Cults: What You Need to Know* Long Island Counselor's Annual Conference, Dowling College, NY (with Herb Rosedale). Nov. 1998

Coordinator and Moderator, visits to SJU by Bronx High School for Law, Government and Justice. 1997-2013

Lecture Series Coordinator and Program Moderator, *Women and the Law*; three-part series on polemical issues pertaining to gender, New School for Social Research, NY, NY. (panelist: Professor Nadine Taub). 1995

Workshop Coordinator and Presenter, *Protectionist Policies in the Workplace: Issues Remaining after Johnson Controls*, Women in Technology Conference, Briarcliffe College, Lynbrook, NY (invited). June 1994

### **Faculty Colloquia**

Workshop Presenter, 5-5 (five-minute presentation for 5-page paper) – topic Asylum and developing paper on “particular social group.” Sept. 25, 2020

Co-Presenter, *The Great Divide: Differences in the Learning Styles of Faculty and First-Year Law Students* St. John's Law School, NY  
(with Elaine Mills & Joanne Ingham). Nov. 2004

### **Continuing Legal Education**

St. John's Univ. School of Law:

Co-Presenter with Charles D. Cole, Jr., *Contract Drafting* (Periodic) 2014 to 2020

Presenter, *How to Negotiate* 1998, 2000



Presenter, *How to Write Persuasively* 1999  
 Presenter, *Contract Drafting*, Practicing Law Institute, NY, NY 2011, Aug & Dec.  
 2012  
 Presenter, *Writing Persuasively and Effectively: A Legal Skills Seminar for New Attorneys*, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, NY. Dec. 1998

## COMMITTEE SERVICE

### SJU University Committees

- University Graduate Council 2017 to present
- President's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force 2019 to 2021
- Dissertation Committees for SJU Doctor of Education Degree Candidates:  
 Eileen Connor (2007-2009), Charles Leone (2006-2007), Patricia Reynolds (2006-2010), Rachelle Maltzman (2006-2008), Julie Levine (2006), Ameenah Ahad (2004-2006), Delores Febres (1999-2000).
- Collaborator and Dissertation Committee Member:  
 Karen Russo, Contract Activity Package, Dean's Award for Excellence 2001 to 2002  
 Rose Lefkowitz, Contract Activity Package 2001 to 2002  
 Lynne Dolle, Programmed Learning Sequence Manuals, Dean's Award 1998 to 2000

### Law School Committees Served

1997 to Present

Adjunct (2023- Present); Admissions (Elected & to Present); Teaching Learning & Assessment (2023 - Present). PAST: Academic Support (Chair); Advisory Placement; Diversity; Curriculum; *Ad Hoc* Introduction to Law; *Ad Hoc* Orientation; Rome Campus; Skills; Strategic Planning; Student/Faculty Liaison; *Ad Hoc* Summer Session.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

Law School Admission Council, Minority Recruitment Month, Annual \$1000 Grant 1997 to 2013

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

**Podcast Interview**, Freedom of Mind Resource Center, *Using the Law to Criminalize Cult Leaders*, Steven Hassan, Ph.D., Host (dropped Dec. 16, 2024), listen on [www.freedomofmind.com](http://www.freedomofmind.com) or [www.robinboylelaisure.com](http://www.robinboylelaisure.com).

**Podcast Interview**, History Behind News Program, Investigative History with Scholars, *What's Missing in our Political Movements Now*, Adel Aali, Esq., Host, listen on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#) (dropped Dec. 6, 2024).

**Webinar**, *Teaching Legal Research and Writing in 2023 Webinar – Core Knowledge for Lawyers*, with Eric Voigt & Alexa Chew (April 17, 2023) (Carolina Academic Press).

**Documentary Interview**, BRANDED & BRAINWASHED: INSIDE NXIVM (Streetcar Entertainment dropped on Tubi Channel January 25, 2023) (link: [Branded and Brainwashed: Inside NXIVM](#)) (appearances at these times: 7:29, 16:34, 25:24, 30:33, 59:11, 1:09:21, 1:20:29).

**Podcast Interview**, Legal Tenzer: Casual Conversations on Newsworthy Legal Topics, *Generational Comparisons: Civil Rights Movement and Current Day Climate Movement*, WEST ACADEMIC (dropped January 24, 2023). Here is the link to Leslie Tenzer's podcast: <https://subscription.westacademic.com/Book/Detail/27852>.

**News Article**, *Human Trafficking Awareness at HHS*, reporting on Human Trafficking and Coercion presentation at Hicksville High School, MID-ISLAND TIMES, April 1, 2022, p.12.

**Podcast Interview**, *NXIVM and Human Trafficking*, interviewed by host Dr. Steven Hassan (dropped Aug. 26, 2020). The link is on his website, [www.freedomofmind.com](http://www.freedomofmind.com), and the YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Robin+Boyle+Laisure](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Robin+Boyle+Laisure)

**News Article**, Edward Helmore, 'Everything was Just Lies': How Alleged Sex Cult NXIVM Deceived its Victims, THE GUARDIAN, New York, May 11, 2019 (<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/may/11/nxivm-trial-allison-mack-keith-raniere-cult-victims>).

**News Article**, *Trial of NXIVM Leader to Put Spotlight on Cult Prosecutions*, BROOKLYN COURTHOUSE NEWS, May 8, 2019 (<https://www.courthousenews.com/trial-of-nxivm-leader-to-put-spotlight-on-cult-prosecutions>).

**Television Segment Interview**, with Ross Tuttle, Series Producer, *Update on NXIVM Cult Case* for 112BK, BRIC TV, Brooklyn, NY. (June 21, 2018) (segment available on YouTube.com).

**News Article**, *Laptops in the Classroom*, THE NATIONAL JURIST, February 2009, at 16.

**News Article**, *Adopting a No-Laptop Policy*, THE NATIONAL JURIST, March 2008, at 22.

**News Article**, *Beyond the Socratic Method*, STUDENT LAWYER (ABA), Oct. 2007, at 19.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

(Formerly) Butler, Fitzgerald & Potter, P.C., New York, NY 1993 to 1994  
*Commercial Litigation and Bankruptcy Associate*

Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, New York, NY 1991 to 1993  
*Bankruptcy Associate*

(Late) Hon. Tina L. Brozman, U.S. Bankruptcy Court (SDNY) 1990 to 1991  
*Law Clerk*

(Formerly) Dewey Ballantine, New York, NY 1989 to 1990  
*Corporate Associate*

*Law Clerk* 1988 to 1989  
*Summer Associate* Summer 1988

(Formerly) Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz, New York, NY  
*Securities Litigation Law Clerk* 1986 to 1988  
*Securities Litigation Paralegal* 1985 to 1986

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

Consultant on Legal Writing, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, NY Summer 2006

Public Relations Specialist, (Formerly) England Strohl DeNegris, NY, NY 1984 to 1985

Public Affairs Northeast Director, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, NY, NY 1983 to 1984

Public Affairs Coordinator, (Formerly) Planned Parenthood of Dutchess-Ulster and (Formerly) Planned Parenthood of Orange-Sullivan, NY 1981 to 1983

*Researcher and Co-Author* of STUDIES IN COMMUNITY ACTION, 1980 to 1981  
 (Formerly) Law Offices of Lazar & Zeisel, Poughkeepsie, NY, serving as federal Grant Liaison.

**PRO BONO LEGAL ADVICE & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Represented Undocumented Minor in Immigration Proceedings** 2020-22  
 With mentorship by Safe Passage Project, NYC - secured work authorization and Social Security card; secured guardianship; deportation proceedings dismissed.

**Garden City Community Church, Garden City, NY**

- Council of Trustees; *Pro Bono* Legal Service  
 Chair 2021 to 2023  
 Member, Council of Trustees 2013-15, '19-'20, 2023 to present
- Finance and Administration Board  
 Chair 2019 to 2021  
 Member 2023 to present
- Chair, Board of Deacons 2013 to 2015
- President, Women's Auxiliary 2012 to 2015

**EDUCATION**

Adelphi University, Master in Fine Arts, Creative Writing Low-Residency Program Class of 2026

Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY  
J.D., *Fordham Law Review* May 1989

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY May 1980  
B.A., Urban Studies and Critical Theory  
Senior Thesis: *Critical Assessment of Land Use*

**Bar Admissions:**

- New York State Bar 1990
- Federal SDNY & EDNY 1992

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Learning-Styles Trainer, SJU Center for the Study of Learning and Teaching Styles 2003