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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Law and Political Science (1990 to 1999; tenure 1999), Associate Professor (1999 - to present), University of St. Thomas; Prelaw Program Director, University of St. Thomas (1993 to present); Director MPPA (rom 2020); Chair, Political Science Department, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas (2020 to 2022); Director of the Legal Studies Program, University of St. Thomas (1991-1999); partner (1978 - 1990 -Young & Associates; Hopkins, Low & Young; Fitzgerald, Staehely & Young); associate attorney - Woody & Rosen, Houston, Texas (1975-1977); law clerk to Honorable Ronald J. Blask, U.S. Magistrate (1973-1975); Adjunct professor of Law, South Texas College of Law.

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law
J.D. Jurisprudence
Houston, Texas - June 1975

University of St. Thomas
B.A. History
Houston, Texas - August 1970

Seminars – “Chairing the Academic Department - A Workshop for Division and Academic Chairs and Deans,” 1996; “Advanced Appellate Practice Course,” 1987; “Bolstering Your Communication Effectiveness,” 1989; “Writing to Win,” 1993; “Effective Legal Writing and Texas Motion Practice,” 1993; “Advanced Legal Drafting,” 1994; “Getting the Judge to Say Yes!,” 1995; “Tax for the Rest of Us,” 1996; “Advanced Legal Writing,” 1997; “UT Legal Writing & Rhetoric,” 1997; “National Institute of Trial Advocacy,” 1997; ”Exploring New Frontiers: How To Make Technology and the Internet Work for Your Law Practice,” 1998; “Advanced Trial Practice,” 2002; “How to Present and Exclude Evidence” 2004; Music and Entertainment Law (2005); Consumer Law Update (2008); Texas Coastal Conference 2009; Water for People and the Environment Conference (2010); 2010 Coastal Resilience Symposium.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***Political Science, Public Law
and Environmental Policy:***

- History of the Common Law
- Ancient Mexico
- The Marshall Court
- Secession and the Constitution
- Political History of Vietnam Protest
- Constitutional Politics Seminar
- Employment Law
- American Constitutional Law (I and II)
- Judicial Process
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Pirate Nests in the Americas

- Law & Society
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law & Policy
- Regulation and Protection of Coastal Wildlife
- Seminar on Post Ike Bolivar
- Introduction to American Jurisprudence
- Political Theory
- Federal Government
- State Government
- Federalism
- Corporations
- Legal Research and Writing
- Criminal Procedure

- Criminal Law
- Property
- Wills and Estates
- Contracts
- Urban Politics & Government

Law School (STCL)/MLMLA:

- Criminal Trial Advocacy
- Development of the Common Law
- Criminal Procedure

American History:

- US History to 1877

Physical Education:

- Surfing

SCHOLARSHIP

Articles, Essays, Presentations, Book Reviews, Panels and Amicus Briefs – with co-author Thomas Cox - *Island Undertow – Conflict and Greed in Galveston* (Morse & Lewis Publishing, 2014); September 2012 – *Texas Coastal Solutions Symposium* (sponsored by UST/Surfrider Foundation); April 2012 Western Social Science Association – Presentation with J.P. Faletta: “*Democratic Responsiveness and Public Policy: Proposition 9, The Texas Supreme Court, and the Future of the Open Beaches Act in the State of Texas;*” (Chapter) with Jon Taylor, “Reflections on: “Our Federalism Not Theirs” - A Rejoinder to Professor Neil McCabe,” in *Comparative Federalism in the Devolution Era* 327 (N.E. McCabe, ed. 2002); (Article) “The Poor Scholar v. the Able Debtor: Ploughing the Rough Ground of Due Process;” *Journal of Medieval History* (Vol. 26, No. 2, June 2000 pp. 175 - 188); (Article) “Reflections on: ‘Our Federalism Not Theirs’ - A Rejoinder to Professor Neil McCabe” *South Texas Law Review* (Comparative Federalism issue) 40 (1999), pp. 833 - 844; (Book Review) “J.H. Baker, *Monuments of Endlesse Labours: English Canonists and their Work 1300-1900;*” *The American Journal of Legal History* (Vol. XLIII, 1999 pp. 75 - 76); Texas Medieval Association, San Antonio, Texas, September, 1998: [Paper Presented with Janice Gordon-Kelter] “The Poor Scholar v. the Able Debtor: Ploughing the Rough Ground of Due Process;” The Museum of Printing History Lyceum, Houston, Texas, November, 1999: [Paper Presented with Janice Gordon-Kelter] “Victorian Blackmail”; Houston Legal Assistants Association, Houston, Texas 1993: [Lecture] “Uniform Minimal Education Standards for Legal Assistants;” UST, 1991: [Faculty Lecture] “Confidentiality of Student Records;” Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas, 1991: [Panel Member] “Amendment Four, Searches and Seizures;” University of Houston, Houston, Texas 1991 [Panel Member] “Should Philosophy be Taught in Law School?” [Guest Lecturer] – “Public Policy Making in the Context of the Human Genome Project” (1998).

Petitions for Certiorari and Briefs - Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court of Texas on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation in the case: *Severance v. Patterson* (2009); various briefs and petitions to the Supreme Court of the United States, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals for the State of Texas, the First, Eighth and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals for the State of Texas.

COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

Academic Committee (2019 to present); Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Council (2006-2009); Secretary Faculty Senate (2018); Benefits Committee (2008/2009); Faculty Leadership Subcommittee of the Senate (2007/2009); Academic Council on Strategic Planning (2008/2009); Catholic Intellectual Tradition Subcommittee of the Core Curriculum Reform Committee (2008); Arts and Sciences Chairs and Directors Committee (2008/2009); Faculty Awards Committee (2006/2007); Compensation Committee (2006/2009); Faculty Evaluation Liaison Committee (2006); Faculty Evaluation Committee (2005-2008); October 2008 - (author) Program Plan: Degree Completion, Adult Education, Collaborative Programs and Special Sessions at University of St. Thomas. August 2008 - (author) Degree Completion, Adult Education, Collaborative Programs and Special Sessions: Analysis and Suggestions for UST report to the President. 2007/2008 - Chair Governance Council - November 2007: (Primary author of committee report) Charter for Shared-governance Policy Formation Committee System University of St. Thomas - May 27, 2008. 2007/2008 - Chair of Speakers and Events Policy Committee (Primary author of committee report) University of St Thomas - Policy on Speakers and Events. 2006/2007 - Chair Governance Study Group October 2007: (Primary author of committee report) The Governance Study Group Report to the President. Panelist - KTRK; KTMB; AM 740 KTRH radio; Prelaw Advising Committee (chair); President’s Seminar Committee, UST (1999 - 2001); Curriculum Committee (1996-1998, 2001-2004, 2019 to present); Faculty Senate (1992-1994, 1997-1998, 2001-2004, 2006-2009); Art Committee (1991); Chair Grievance Committee (2006-2007); Co-sponsor - Fr. Michael Sheehan lecture, “The European Family: The Present State of the Question,” (1991); First-Year Experience Committee (1995); Dean’s Academic Council, UST (1997-1998); Intellectual Property Committee (1997-1998). *Study Abroad* - Professor, University of St. Thomas at Reading University, England, 1998; American Mock Trial Association regional and national competition (2006-present).

MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

(2006 to present) Supervisor responsible for directing the UST undergraduate mock trial team to compete in American Mock Trial Association tournaments. 2007 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2008 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2009 Houston AMTA Regional; 2009 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2010 Houston AMTA Regional; 2010 National Qualifying Round (St. Louis); 2011 Houston AMTA Regional; 2012 Houston AMTA Regional; 2012 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2013 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2013 AMTA National Qualifying

Round (Memphis); 2014 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2015 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2015 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2016 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2016 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2017 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2017 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2018 Dallas AMTA Regional; 2018 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); 2019 Houston AMTA Regional; 2019 AMTA National Qualifying Round (Memphis); (2020-2021 Covid-19 hiatus); 2022 AMTA Online Regional; 2023 Houston AMTA Regional

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Mock Trial Association; Surfrider Foundation; The Selden Society; Texas Medieval Association (inactive); bar of the Supreme Court of the United States; the State Bar of Texas; the federal bars of the Southern District of Texas, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.