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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, Maryland

*Professor of law (2007-present)*  
*Associate Professor of Law (1996 –2007)*  
*Assistant Professor of Law (1989-1996)*  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (1988-1989)*

#### Courses:

**Legal Theory and Practice courses:** Real Estate Transactions; Recovering Communities; Community Development; Community Greening; Property.

**Courses and seminars:** Real Estate Transactions; Urban Housing Seminar; Equality Jurisprudence Seminar; Property; Civil Procedure; Through Katrina's Window: Law, Policy and Practices of Community Recovery (2008).

**Clinical courses:** Community Economic Development Clinic; Family Investment Law Clinic; General Practice Summer Clinic; Mississippi Center for Justice Clinic.

**Honors:** *Public Servant of the Year*, University of Maryland Baltimore, October 2005

#### Service:

LEAD Initiative: Executive Committee, co-leader Democracy-Building Project, and director of the Client Council (2008 to present); various faculty committees including Curriculum Committee, Externship subcommittee (2005-present); Promotions Committee; Appointments Committee; Admissions Committee; New Faculty Working Group; Faculty Advisor, Independent Study Papers.

#### CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York

*Assistant Professor of Law (1984-1989)*

**Courses:** The Work of a Lawyer; Law and the Market Economy; Administrative Regulation.

**Service:** Curriculum Committee, Governance Committee, Simulation Coordinator.

#### GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.

*Clinical Fellow, LL.M. candidate, 1982-1984*

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**HARRISON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LAW**, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., 1982-1984. Represented low-income tenant associations and tenant cooperatives in acquisitions, conversions and related transactions under local habitability, rent control and condominium conversion laws.

**CENTER FOR AUTO SAFETY**, Washington, D.C.

*Staff Attorney* 1978-1982. Wrote briefs, conducted discovery, and argued motions in federal district court and administrative appeals before the D.C. Circuit, on behalf of the public interests in effective regulation of automotive safety regulation and fuel economy standards; prepared testimony for congressional and administrative hearings and Federal Trade Commission rulemakings.

**NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**, New York, New York

*Summer Associate* (1977). Prepared legal memoranda, complaints, and petitions for certiorari, in death penalty and school desegregation cases.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Book Chapters, peer-reviewed:**

Ch. 7, *Putting Community Equity in Community Development: Resident Equity Participation in Urban Redevelopment*, in AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (Ed. Robin Paul Malloy & Nestor Davidson) Ashgate Publishing Ltd., forthcoming 2009.

*In progress:*

Ch. 5, *Community Development Law & Practice*, in Daye, Kushner et al., HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. , Carolina Press, forthcoming 2010.

### **Law Review Articles:**

*Alinsky's Prescription: Democracy Alongside Law*, 42 JOHN MARSHALL L. REV. 101 (forthcoming 2009).

*To Attain "The Just Rewards of So Much Struggle": A Proposal for Local-Resident Equity Participation in Urban Revitalization*, 35 HOFSTRA L. Rev. 101 (2006).

*To Forge New Hammers of Justice: Deep-Six the Doing-Teaching Dichotomy and Embrace the Dialectic of "Doing Theory"*, 4 U. MD. L. J. RACE, RELIGION GENDER AND CLASS 301 (2004).

*Language Matters: Designing State and County Contracts for Services under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families*, 35 CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW 508-515 (2002) (with co-authors).

*Contractual Welfare: Non-Accountability and Diminished Democracy in Local Government Contracts for Welfare-to-Work Services*, 27 FORDHAM URBAN L. J. 1559 (2001).

*Reflections on the Practice of a Theory: Law, Teaching and Social Change*, 32 LOYOLA-LA L. Rev. 707 (1999).

*Religious Outlaws: Narratives of Legality and the Politics of Citizen Interpretation*, 62 TENN. L. REV. 899-996 (1995).

*Silence in the Court: Participation and Subordination of Poor Tenants' Voices in Legal Process*, 20 HOFSTRA L. R. 533-608 (1992).

*Reconstructing a Pedagogy of Responsibility*, 43 HASTINGS L.R. 1159-74 (1992).

*Legal Theory and Practice Development at the University of Maryland: One Teacher's Experience in Programmatic Context*, 42 WASH. U. J. OF URB. & CONTEMP. LAW 127-145 (1992).

*The CUNY Law Program: Integration of Doctrine, Practice and Theory in the Preparation of Lawyers*, 9 JOURNAL OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION 59-72 (Austr.) (1992).

*Clinical Law Programs of the University of Maryland School of Law*, 9 JOURNAL OF PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION 111-120 (Austr.) (1992).

Essays in BECOMING A LAWYER, DVORKIN, HIMMELSTEIN & LESNICK eds. (West Pub. Co. 1981).

### **Reprinted in Legal Texts:**

PROPERTY: LAND OWNERSHIP AND USE, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. CURTIS BERGER AND JOAN WILLIAMS, EDS (Aspen 1997), *Silence in the Court: Participation and Subordination of Poor Tenants' Voices in Legal Process*, 20 HOFSTRA L. R. 533-608 (1992) (excerpt).

POVERTY LAW, NICE AND TRUBEK EDS (West 1996): *Silence in the Court: Participation and Subordination of Poor Tenants' Voices in Legal Process*, 20 HOFSTRA L. R. 533-608 (1992) (excerpt).

A CLINICAL LAW ANTHOLOGY, BLOCH ET AL EDS (Anderson Pub Co 1997): *Reconstructing a Pedagogy of Responsibility*, 43 HASTINGS L.R. 1159-74 (1992) (excerpt).

**Research reported in A DREAM DEFERRED: A REPORT ON THE BARRIERS TO EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN MARYLAND**, Public Justice Center, Baltimore Maryland, September 1996.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Stable Housing for Seismic Economic Times: the Subprime Mortgage Meltdown Shows U.S. Need for Shared Equity Housing*, Poverty and Economic Mobility conference, American University School of Law, October 26, 2009.

*Stable Housing for Seismic Economic Times: Renewing Rental Housing at “This Defining Moment” in U.S. Affordable Housing Policy*, for Symposium, St Louis University Public Law Journal, Property Rights and Economic Stability: A Necessary Connection? February 2009.

*The Alinsky Prescription: Law Alongside Organizing*, for Symposium marking Alinsky 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, John Marshall Law Review, April 2009.

*Clients Counseling their Lawyers for [a] Change*, paper presented to the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver CO, May 2009.

*Recovering Communities: From Baltimore to Biloxi*, paper presented to the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver CO, May 2009.

*Community Equity Shares: Putting Community Equity into Community Redevelopment*, Affordable Housing Workshop, Boulder Colo., Center on Property, Society and Entrepreneurship of Syracuse University, October 14-16, 2008.

*The Legal Context for the Local Practice of Eminent Domain*, Panelist, In Our Backyard: Demolition, Relocation and Urban Renewal, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, December 8, 2005.

*Empowering Neighborhoods through Community Land Trusts*, Moderator, Community Law Center 2005 Annual Conference on Community Lawyering, September 13, 2005.

*Taming the Triad: Service, Skills and Social Justice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Clinic*, (with Michael Pinard and Doug Colbert), AALS Clinical Teachers Conference, San Diego, CA, May 2004.

*Urban Revitalization and the Faith Community*, Presenter, Community Development Systems Group, Goldsieber Foundation, Baltimore, Maryland, Summer 2002.

*Contractual Welfare: Non-Accountability and Diminished Democracy in Local Government Contracts for Welfare-to-Work Services*, Presenter, Panelist, Fordham Urban Law Journal, 10th Annual Symposium on Contemporary Urban Challenges: Redefining the Public Sector, New York, New York, February 2, 2001.

*Forging Accountability in TANF Work Services Contracts*, Presenter, Panelist, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, Conference: Welfare Reform at the Crossroads, Washington DC October 17, 1999.

*Promises to Keep: Citizen Intervention, the Paradigms of Contract, and TANF Accountability*, Legal Strategies for Surviving Welfare Reform, University of Pennsylvania Law School 18th Annual Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Conference: Welfare Reform, Philadelphia, PA. April 8-9, 1999.

*Reflections on Law, Teaching and Social Change*, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference, Power, Pedagogy & Praxis: Moving the Classroom to Action, *Plenary Presenter*, Weaving Praxis and Pedagogy, Los Angeles, CA October 15, 1998.

*Why and How I (Still) Seek to Engage my Students with the Values of Representing People who are Poor*, Group Leader, AALS Annual Meeting, Mini-Workshop on Professors in the Profession: Skills and Values in Legal Education, January 1995.

*Putting It All Together: The Maryland Legal Theory and Practice Program*, Bridging Theory, Doctrine and Practice, of the Maryland, D.C. and Virginia Women Law Professors Group, University of Richmond School of Law (with Karen Czapanskiy), March 15, 1994.

*Integrating Student Field Experiences with Learning in the Classroom Context*, AALS Annual Meeting, Program of the Standing Committee on Curriculum and Research, January 1994.

*Legal Theory and Practice: Maryland's Innovation on Mandatory Pro Bono Programs*, ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Law School Pro Bono Program, Baltimore, Maryland, April 15, 1993.

*Combating the Silencing Dynamics of Legal Process in Poor Peoples' Courts*, The Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, May 28-31, 1992.

*Making Theory Practical: Empathic Understandings of Poverty*, The Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, May 28-31, 1992.

*The Integration of Reality into Legal Education, in Theory and in Practice*, Presenter, Discussant, Symposium on the Theoretics of Practice, Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, January 30, 1992.

*'Legal Theory and Practice' Development at Maryland*, Case Study Presenter, Interuniversity Consortium on Poverty Law, Oxford, Mississippi, November 12, 1991.

*Maryland's Legal Theory & Practice Requirement*, Conference on The Justice Mission of American Law Schools, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, October 31, 1991.

*Teaching Students Who Learn Differently*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Clinical Legal Education, January 3, 1991.

*Legal Theory and Practice in the Maryland Law Curriculum; The CUNY Law Curriculum; and*

*Experiential Legal Education in the United States,*  
Colloquium: New Directions in Legal Education, The Law Foundation of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, June 1990.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Faculty Editor, THE AUTHORITY, a quarterly publication of the Housing Development Law Institute, Inc., Washington, D.C. (with Brenda Blom). 2006-present.

National Advisory Council, and Baltimore Advisory Council, Community Greens/an initiative of Ashoka Foundation: Innovators for the Public. 2008-present.

Women's Housing Coalition, *Board member, Emeritus* (1990-present)

Interuniversity Consortium on Poverty and Law (1989-1993)

Law & Society Association

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia, 1979  
United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit  
New York, 1986  
Maryland, 1990

#### **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, D.C. LL.M. 1986.

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, New York. J.D May 1978.

*Jane Marks Murphy Prize*

*COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW, Associate Editor*

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**, Columbia, South Carolina. B.A., History, 1975.

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**, Coventry, England. 1973.

**WASHINGTON COLLEGE**, Chestertown, Maryland. 1970-1972.