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EDUCATION

DUKE LAW SCHOOL, Durham, NC; J.D., 2000

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- Pro Bono Award for Class of 2000
- North Carolina Student Pro Bono Award for 2000
- *Alaska Law Review*, Editor
- Merit Scholarship

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Ph.D. in English, 1994

- Dissertation: *Stopping for Death: the Temporal Poetics of Dickinson, Beckett, and Stevens*
- Exams passed with High Honors
- Merit Scholarship

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, B.A. in English, 1988

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal Writing and Research, Torts, Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination; Federal Indian Law and Policy; Environment and Natural Resources; Administrative Law

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

PENN STATE LAW SCHOOL, PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITY PARK, State College, PA
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing (7/20-present)

Provide research and writing instruction as part of Penn State Law's legal research and writing program. Other teaching includes Torts, Federal Indian Law, and other courses.

VIRGINIA TECH (VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY), Blacksburg, VA
Instructor, English Department (9/96-5/98)

Provided instruction to undergraduate students in the following courses: English Composition, English Literature, and Literary Theory.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN
Instructor, English Department (9/94-5/95)
Graduate Teaching Fellow (9/90-5/94)

Provided instruction to undergraduate students in the following courses: English Composition, Poetry, Drama, and Contemporary Fiction.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT, Syracuse, NY

Law Clerk (8/00 – 8/01)

Chambers of Judge Rosemary Pooler

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, Washington, D.C.

- The John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement (2011) (highest award a civil service attorney may receive in DOJ in recognition of work on New Mexico Indian water rights settlements)
- Department of the Interior Special Recognition Award for work on Indian water rights (2007)
- Outstanding Performance Awards (2017-19, 2015, 2012-13, 2007-10, 2005)
- Attorney General's Honors Program (2000, Attorney General Janet Reno)

Trial Attorney (9/01 – 6/20)

Indian Resources Section

The Indian Resources Section is tasked with bringing affirmative litigation on behalf of American Indians and Tribes, as well as defending legislation and agency decisions designed to benefit Indian Tribes. Litigated cases in courts across the United States, including handling appeals before the Second and Ninth Circuits, and consulting closely with the U.S. Solicitor General's Office on Indian Law appellate matters before the U.S. Supreme Court. Involved in negotiating and crafting water settlement legislation language that was subsequently passed by Congress.

PUBLICATIONS

Enduring Recurrence: Samuel Beckett's Nihilistic Poetics, *ELH (English, Literature, History)* 63.4 (1996) 1047-1067

(Johns Hopkins University Press); accessible online via

<http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/elh/v063/63.4miskinis.html>

Exceeding Responsibilities: Politics, History, and the Hero in Wallace Stevens' War Poetry, *Wallace Stevens Journal* 20.2

(Fall 1996): 209-28 (Johns Hopkins University Press)

Book Review: Mimologics, *Style* 31.2 (June 1997) (Northern Illinois University); accessible online via

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-20615235.html>

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Civilizing the Commons: Extolling the Virtues of Private Property while Dispossessing the American Indian

BAR ADMISSION

- State of California (Active Member 2000 – present)