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EDUCATION & LICENSES

North Carolina Central School of Law, Durham, NC 2008

Juris Doctorate

Admitted to Practice of Law (Bar ID# 39902), North Carolina 2009

North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC 2008

Master of Library Sciences

Honors: Summa Cum Laude

North Carolina Public Library Certification (2017)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 2005

Bachelor of Arts in English

Minor: Secondary Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Professor, Wake Forest University, School of Law Present

Critical Academic Skills Enhancement and Applied Legal Concepts

Adjunct Lecturer, Paralegal Studies Certificate Program, 2018-2019

Mitchell Community College, Continuing Education

Library Faculty, Wake Forest University School of Law 2011 - 2018

Scholarly Writing for International Lawyers, Health and Medical Research for Lawyers (Online Course), Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research (J.D. & L.L.M)

Adjunct Assistant Professor – Charlotte School of Law 2008-2011

Professional Responsibility, Advanced Legal Research (Online Course)

Lawyering Process (Legal Research and Writing)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director Academic Excellence and Bar Support Program, 2023-present

Wake Forest School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC

Develops and implements the Academic Excellence and Bar Support Program designed to address the educational needs of students at Wake Forest School of Law, in collaboration with the offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Participates in one-on-one academic counseling and advising with Wakelaw students. Hire, trains and supports student workers who lead Academic Excellence Study Groups, within the structured study group program of AEP. Makes recommendations for new initiatives and enhancements to existing Academic Excellence practices. Collaborates with Law School

faculty to plan, design, and implement programming for students to enhance their academic performance and lawyering skills. Collects and manages resources related to academic success on Canvas. Analyzes student demographic data to customize programming and outreach efforts. Drafts reports regarding student performance for ABA reporting purposes. Reviews outcomes for continuous improvement in programming. Integrates diversity, equity and inclusion principles in all Academic Excellence planning, programs and practices. Teaches Academic Excellence courses to promote foundational development during the law school experience, specifically CASE (Critical Academic Skills Enhancement) and ALC (Applied Legal Concepts) Maintains relationships with alumni for inclusion in mentoring and other bar support programming. Launched pilot Alumni Bar Coach program to support current 3Ls and future graduates.

Mental Health First Aid Certification, 2024

Academic Coaching Training, 2025

Academic Excellence and Bar Support Program Adjunct Professor, 2020-2023

Wake Forest School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC

Assisted the then-leader of the development and implementation of the Academic Excellence and Bar Support Program designed to address the educational needs of students at Wake Forest School of Law, in collaboration with the offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Participated in one-on-one academic counseling and advising with Wakelaw students. Made recommendations for new initiatives and enhancements to existing Academic Excellence practices. Collaborated with Law School faculty to plan, design, and implement programming for students to enhance their academic performance and lawyering skills. Collected and managed resources related to academic success on both Canvas and a GoogleClassroom. Analyzed student demographic data to customize programming and outreach efforts. Integrated diversity, equity and inclusion principles in all Academic Excellence planning, programs and practices. Taught an Academic Excellence course to promote foundational development during the first year law school experience, specifically CASE (Critical Academic Skills Enhancement) . Maintained relationships with alumni for inclusion in mentoring and other bar support programming.

Montessori Lead Teacher, 2021-2023

Statesville Montessori School, Statesville, NC

Developed age-appropriate Montessori curriculum for Upper Elementary classroom setting. Taught multiple subjects using Montessori pedagogy. Managed full-time Teacher Assistant. Foster an inclusive learning environment with appropriate learning modifications to meet all learners' needs. Encouraged leadership skills, mindfulness, independence and personal accountability in and throughout daily curriculum. Created a curriculum rich in culturally diverse topics to provide awareness around sensitive topics, such as an appreciation of all religions and recognition of race-related issues.

Attorney at Law, 2018-2021

Crosswhite, Crosswhite, & Johnson, PLLC, Statesville, N.C.

Engaged with clients to facilitate and create estate planning and real estate transactions, Medicaid and long-term care planning, guardianships, and estate administration matters. Participated in court proceedings within the Clerk of Court's office, who has jurisdiction over Estate and Guardianship matters. Conducted title searches for deed work to transfer real property. Drafted and recorded deeds for property transfers involved in estate planning. Completed estate accountings for audit by the Iredell

County Clerk of Court. State-appointed counsel, also known as a Guardian ad Litem, for adult guardianship and incompetency proceedings. Direct involvement in the business of the firm, which included personnel management and retention, monthly and yearly budgeting, accounting and reconciliation, and marketing initiatives. Developed curriculum for community educational events on elder law issues at the Council of Aging of Iredell County, ACAP, Brookdale Assisted Living, and other locations available to the aging population of Statesville.

Library Faculty/Reference Librarian, 2011-2018

Wake Forest University, School of Law, Winston-Salem, N.C. | Professional Center Library

Worked closely with law school faculty to perform in-depth research on legal and non-legal topics, communicating results to patrons and developing customized library services for faculty. Created a student-based research system to enhance collaboration and efficiency. Involved in teaching and curriculum design, setting learning objectives and assessments for legal research courses, and developing online modules. Managed 10–15 student research assistants annually, overseeing 2,000+ hours of research projects. Participated in collection development, budget planning, and strategic decisions for the Law Library, including a major weeding project and collection reviews. Accepted participant in the American Association of Law Libraries Leadership Academy (April 2016)

Pro Bono Efforts:

Coordinated and managed the Pro Bono Prison Letter Outreach Program to respond to the need for legal information in prisons and jails across the state. This program is now wholly student-managed as a student organization. Students actively participate in this program to further their volunteer experience. This program has grown from merely providing legal information within the borders of North Carolina, to across the nation, and was recognized in The San Quentin News, http://sanquentinnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/SQN-Edition_January.pdf.

Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian, 2008-2011

Lead Reference Librarian, Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, N.C.

Subject Matter Concentrations: Employment Law

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER WORK (STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY)

- Leadership Team, Adult Children of Aging Parents, *Non-Profit Organization, Statesville, N.C., 2018-2020. *This chapter dissolved due to COVID.*
- Elected, Board of Directors Member, Statesville Chamber of Commerce, 2021
- Future5 Winner, Statesville Chamber of Commerce, 2019
- Girl Scout Troop Leader, Troop 13295, 2018 - present, Organizer and Volunteer Leader. Foster a positive learning environment to empower young girls to grow into strong community leaders.

PUBLICATIONS

- AccessLex, NextGen Bar Module Building Team, with Dean Tanya Marsh, 2024, Real Property
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- Christine Nero Coughlin, Sandy Patrick, Matthew Houston, and Elizabeth Johnson, *MODERN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP: A GUIDE TO PRODUCING AND PUBLISHING SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING*, (Carolina Academic Press 2020).
 - *SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THE LAW: A RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY SELECTIVELY ANNOTATING LEGAL LITERATURE THROUGH 2017* (forthcoming Spring 2018) (Contributing Editor for both the Criminal Law and Domestic Violence Chapters).
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, *A Case Study: Teaching Legal Research and Writing in a Fully-Integrated Way*, *THE SECOND DRAFT*, 31-36, Fall 2017, also available at https://www.lwionline.org/sites/default/files/2017-10/LWI_2017SecondDraft_FALL-VOL30-2_FINAL.pdf.
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, *How the North Carolina Supreme Court Severed Open Access to Data Necessary for Transparency and Government Accountability*, 7 *WAKE FOREST J. OF LAW AND POL'Y* 447 (2017).
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, *Accessing the Practical Obscurity of the "Green Screen" Terminal*, *SPECTRUM*, 42-45, May/June 2017. Also available at <http://epubs.aallnet.org/i/809949-aall-spectrum-may-june-2017-volume-21-number-5/37>.
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, Maribel Nash, and Dolly Knight, *Reference Desk*, *SPECTRUM*. Appointment as column co-writer for six issues published annually (2017).
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, *Accessing Jury Selection Data in a Pre-Digital Era*, 41 *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TRIAL ADVOCACY* 45 (2017). Note: This article was the winner of the NATIONAL AALL/LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS AWARD – OPEN DIVISION, 2017.
 - ALL-SIS Taskforce on Library Marketing and Outreach, *Marketing and Outreach in Law Libraries: A White Paper*, 105 *LAW L. J.* 525 (2013).
 - Liz McCurry Johnson, CALI (The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Lesson, *Healthcare Law Research: An Introduction*, available at <http://www.cali.org/user/381403>.

PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Co-Presenter, *The Doctrinal Dilemma, Coordinating Writing Assignments with Other 1L Courses*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop – Legal Writing: Passport to the Profession with Christine Nero Coughlin and Russell Gold, December 2017.
- Presenter, *Librarian As Author*, AALL Annual Meeting/Conference, July 2017.
- National Award Winner, AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers, Open Division, *The Practical Obscurity of the Green Screen Terminal: A Case Study on Accessing Jury Selection Data* (April 2017).
- Co-Presenter, *Medical Malpractice Claims Related to Cataract Surgery*, 34th Annual Eye Center Conference with Jenna Benson, M.D., April 2017.
- Presenter, *The Impact of the LexisNexis Risk Management v. A.O.C. Case on Public Records and Access to Information*, by invitation, Cornell Law Library, April 2017.
- Presenter, *The Impact of the LexisNexis Risk Management v. N.C. A.O.C. Decision on Policy Researchers*, SEAALL Annual Meeting (April 2017).
- Presenter, *The Organic Growth of a R.A. Pool* (Ignite Talk), Joint SWALL/ SEAALL Annual Meeting (April 2016).

- Jury Sunshine Project (Organization of 30 + field researchers, professionals, and students, in the collection of jury data on over 1,200 jury trials within the North Carolina Criminal Justice System from all 100 counties for a total of over 20,000 jury members and other applicable data points. Creation and manipulation of data for future public access and statistical analysis) (January 2013-2018).
- Participant, Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education, William Mitchell College of Law, (Sept. 2014).
- Presenter, Poster Presentation, *Let the Sunshine In: Access to Jury Data; Project Management and Faculty Services*, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting (July 2014).
- Grant Winner, *Flipping Your Classroom with Panopto*, WFU Provost's Summer Grants for Exploration of Educational Technology (STEP) (Summer 2014). Includes multiple on-campus presentations of exploratory findings.
- Presenter, *Open the Shades and Let the Sunshine In*, (Jury Sunshine Project) Southeastern Chapter of American Association of Law Libraries (April 5, 2014).
- Presenter, *Improving Course Website Design and Pairing Technology with Writing Assignments In Legal Research & Writing Classes*, Carolinas Legal Research and Writing Colloquium (May 17, 2013). Co-Presenting with Barbara Lentz (Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Professor, Wake Forest School of Law).
- Presenter, *"I shot the serif." Creating Effective and Attractive Marketing Materials for Your Library*, SEALL Annual Meeting (April 19, 2013). Co-presenting with Jordan Gilbertson (Reference Librarian, Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Law Library), and Deborah Elizabeth Schander (Reference/Student Services Librarian, Georgia State University College of Law).
- Presenter, *Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web*, (Sessions – *Searching like a Pro* and *Finding "Practice" Tools*), National Business Institute, Continuing Legal Education (February 28, 2013).
- Presenter, *Amping up Your Library Orientation*, AALL Annual Meeting (July 2012). Co-presenting with Kate Irwin-Smiler (Reference Librarian), Ashley Moye (Serials and Meta-data Librarian), and Shari Berkowitz (Law Firm Reference Librarian).
- Presenter, *Putting Your Feet to the Pavement: Strategies for Effectively Teaching Legal Research and Writing Starting on Day One*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2012). Co-presenting with Barbara Lentz, LAWR Faculty and Steve Garland, LAWR Faculty.

INTERNAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Support Educators, 2022 - present
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Annual Questionnaire Committee
 - Co-creator/Contributor, Upper-Level Writing Workshop Series, 2016 - 2018
 - Supervising Attorney, Prisoner Letters, Pro Bono & Outreach Projects, Wake Forest School of Law, 2011- 2018.
 - Co-creator, The Author's Studio Series (internal programming), 2013 – 2018.
 - Administrator/Contributor, Libguides, Wake Forest Professional Center Library, 2011- 2018
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- American Bar Association, 2009 -2018
 - North Carolina State Bar Association, 2009 - present
 - American Association of Law Libraries, 2006 – 2018, including the following positions: Reference Instruction and Patron Services – Special Interest Section, (RIPS-SIS) Executive Board Member-At-Large, 2010 – 2012; Reference Instruction and Patron Services – Special Interest Section, (RIPS-SIS) Webmaster, 2012-2016); Vice President/President-Elect, Gen X/Gen Y, 2011-2012; Chair, Gen X/Gen Y Caucus, 2012-2013 Note: This caucus is now a Special Interest Section; Member of the Taskforce on Library Outreach and Marketing, 2012-2013.
 - Special Libraries Association, 2006 -2009
 - Southeastern Chapter of American Association of Law Libraries, 2006 – 2018; Chair, Membership Committee, 2015-2017

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- Jeanna R. Shelton, Attorney at Law, Erin Patterson Law, PLLC | 409 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203 | (352) 223-4614
 - Mary Susan Lucas, Satellite Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit - Charlotte | 401 West Trade Street, 8th Floor, Charlotte NC 28202 | Mary_Susan_Lucas@ca4.uscourts.gov | (980) 378-5774
 - Christine Nero-Coughlin, Professor of Law, Wake Forest School of Law | 1834 Wake Forest Road, Winston Salem, NC 27109 | coughlcn@wfu.edu | (336) 758-5504
 - Aimee Durant, Attorney at Law, Senior Counsel, Southern Coalition for Social Justice | (203) 530-7564
 - Katelyn Ulrich, Upper Elementary Teacher | Statesville Montessori School | kfeu1986@gmail.com | (704) 902-4174
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