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Academic Experience:

Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Assistant Dean of Experiential Education, January 2020 -- present

Director of Clinical Legal Education, July 2008 – December 2019

Director of the Lyon Summer Program, 2023 and 2024

The Judge Earl E. Veron Endowed Professor

J. Nolan Singletary and Janice D. Singletary Professor of Professional Practice

Courses: Family Law Clinic (past)
 Family Mediation Clinic (past)
 Judicial Field Placement (past)
 Immigration Law Clinic (past)
 Parole & Reentry Clinic (Spring & Fall)
 Appellate Clinic (offered every 4th year)
 Public Interest Field Placement (Fall)
 Divorce & Child Custody Mediation Simulation (Fall)
 Interviewing and Counseling Simulation (Spring)
 Comparative Criminal Legal Systems (Lyon Summer Program)

Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

Clinical Professor of Law, July 2007 – June 2008

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, July 2001 – June 2007

Director, Chinese Law Summer Program, July 2005 – June 2008

*Faculty Co-Director, China Trial Advocacy Institute – Beijing, June 2006 –
June 2008*

Director/Co-Director, Judicial Externship Program, Fall 2002 – Spring 2006

Recognition: Dean's Fellow, 2004 – 2005
Trustee's Teaching Award, 2006

Courses: Civil Practice Clinic
 Advanced Clinic Experience
 Convicting the Innocent
 Lawyering Practice
 Judicial Externship
 Chinese Summer Law Program
 European Summer Law Program

Washington College of Law, American University
Practitioner-in-Residence, July 2000 – June 2001

Courses: Criminal Justice Clinic
Litigating the Criminal Conviction

Yale Law School

Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow, September 1997 – June 2000

Courses: Housing and Community Development Clinic
Advocacy for People with Disabilities Clinic
Landlord/Tenant Clinic
Capital Punishment Seminar in Advocacy
Immigration Legal Services
Seminar in Professional Responsibility (with Professor Robert Gordon)

Visiting, Guest, and Honorary Academic Appointments:

Shandong University School of Law (山东大学法学院), Weihai, China

Visiting Professor, Summers 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024
Course: Comparative Criminal Legal Systems (32 hour course)

Faculté de droit - Université Grenoble Alpes, Grenoble, France

Visiting Professor, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024
Course: Comparative Criminal Legal Systems (18 hour course)

Renmin University of China School of Law (中国人民大学法学院), Beijing, China

Research Fellow of the Research Center for Criminal Justice
Research Fellow of the Institute for United States Law

Qufu Normal University (曲阜师范大学), Rizhao, China

Adjunct Professor, School of Law

Publications:

“La qualification des jurés pour les affaires impliquant la peine capitale aux Etats-Unis: Problèmes et Solutions,” essay in *Peine de mort et droits de l’homme: Pour des standards internationaux de protection spécifiques aux personnes passibles de la peine de mort ou condamnées à mort*, published by Editions Pendone, 2023.

“Engaging Students in Systemic Change: The Role of Louisiana Law School Clinics in the State’s Criminal Justice Reform Movement,” Co-Authored with Katherine Mattes, 80 Louisiana Law Review 1 (2020)

“Under Pressure: Rethinking Externships in a Bleak Economy,” Co-Authored with Cynthia Baker, 17 Clinical Law Review 71 (2010)

“The Reformation of the Chinese Trial Model and the Training of Trial Skills,”
Co-Authored with Ding Xiangshun, Beijing University Human Rights Law
Review, Peking University Press (2008)

*“Addressing the Emergence of Advocacy in the Chinese Criminal Justice System: A
Collaboration Between a U.S. and Chinese Law School,”* Co-Authored with Ding
Xiangshun, 30 Fordham International Law Review, 356-373 (2007)

Teaching & Research Interests:

Clinical Pedagogy, Over-incarceration, Prison, Parole, Reentry, Family Mediation

Education:

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1993
Clinical Student: Tulane Criminal Law Clinic

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy/English (Minor), Magna Cum Laude, 1989
Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in English

Thesis: *“The Heuristic Use of Metaphor in Education”* (Philosophy)
“Life, Death, Language, Education, Malaise, and Walker Percy (English)

Grant Experience:

Project Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, United States Department of Justice to
establish a Wrongful Conviction Clinic at LSU
January 2021 – Present

Project Director, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Models for Change
for the LSU Juvenile Clinic
September 2010 – June 2012

Project Director, Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation Prisoner Reentry Initiative for
the LSU Parole Clinic
January 2016 -- December 2018

Project Director, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Grant; U.S.
Department of State for the China Trial Advocacy Institute in Beijing, China
June 2006 – June 2008

Professional/Legal Practice Experience:

Special Assistant, Public Defender of Indiana, September 1997 – July 2000

As a consultant, I provided direct representation to inmates on Indiana's death row in state post-conviction, appeal, and *certiorari* to the United States Supreme Court. During the course of this representation, I filed a Petition for *Certiorari* in *Coleman v. State* which was granted and the case was ultimately reversed and remanded to the Indiana Supreme Court. I was also appointed counsel to a death row inmate in federal *habeas* proceedings.

Public Defender of Indiana, Deputy Public Defender, July 1993 – August 1997

I provided direct representation in state post-conviction proceedings to prisoners incarcerated on Indiana's death row. I also supervised the summer clerkship program.

Professional Service:

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights – Louisiana State Advisory Committee,

Appointed Spring 2013 – 2017, *Committee Chair* 2017 – 2021,

Reappointed 2021 – 2025.

Louisiana Parole Project, Inc., Immediate Past-President and Founding Board Member

Association of American Law Schools, Member of 2020/2021 Clinical Conference Planning Committee

Louisiana State Bar Association, Member Access to Justice Committee and Diversity Committee, Chair of LGBTQ Subsection; Access to Justice Summer Leadership Fellow Committee (Present)

Clinical Legal Education Association, Member of the Southern Regional Clinical Conference Planning Committee (Present)

Louisiana Public Defender Board, Member (Past)

Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Board Member (Past)

Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana, Inc., Board Member (Past)

Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Service, Board Member (Past)

Society of American Law Teachers, Inc., Board Member and Officer (Past)

Bar Admissions:

Indiana #17412-49 by examination

Connecticut #415418 by examination

Louisiana #32539 by examination

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States District Courts for the Southern District of Indiana, Northern District of Indiana, Northern District of Ohio, and Connecticut