

SHERYL LEA BUSKE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I. Teaching, Publishing, and Presenting & Training

Teaching

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing & Research

Salem, Oregon
2021- present

Teaching: I teach first-year legal writing, and upper-level elective child law courses.

**WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**
Director of Legal Writing

Lexington, Virginia
2018-2021

Teaching: I taught first-year legal writing, and upper-level child and family law courses.

Administrative: My primary administrative duties are developing a new research and writing program and staffing, training and managing approximately twenty Instructors and Teaching Assistants.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC
Lecturer

Port Vila, Vanuatu
2012 – 2015

Teaching: I taught introductory legal systems courses, writing and analysis courses, and upper-level children's human rights courses for undergraduate and graduate students.

Administrative: My primary administrative duties were developing a new writing program to address deficiencies in students' prior education and English abilities, and to train and supervise other research and writing instructors.

KWAME NKRUMAH UNIV. OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
United States Fulbright Scholar

Kumasi, Ghana
2011 – 2012

As an American Fulbright Scholar, I was sponsored by the United States Department of State to teach and conduct research in Ghana for one academic year. During that year, I conducted research on the street girl population in Ghana, focusing on the young girls who work in the urban markets as headload porters. In addition, I taught an International Children's Rights Seminar. Finally, I worked in collaboration with my Ghanaian colleagues to redesign the research and writing program, as well as develop and launch the Moot Court and Clinical Law Programs.

CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW
Assistant Professor

Charlotte, North Carolina
2008 – 2011

Teaching: I taught a range of child and family law courses and children's human rights courses. I also developed and taught courses with an experiential component that included supervised student field work in various developing countries, including Tanzania, Ghana, South Africa, and Vanuatu.

Administrative: My primary administrative duties were serving as Chair of one of the international programs and developing courses that included international experiential opportunities for students. I also served as the Chair and Lead Trainer for several continuing education seminars for lawyers and other professionals on children's human rights issues.

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
Associate Director of Legal Writing

Chicago, Illinois
2000 – 2008

Teaching: I taught multiple required and upper-level elective research and writing courses and a range of child and family law courses.

Administrative: I served as the Associate Director of the research and writing department, staffing, training and managing approximately thirty Instructors and twenty Teaching Assistants. I was also responsible for developing teaching materials for first-year and upper-level students.

MAKUMIRA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
Visiting Professor (while on academic leave from DePaul)

Arusha, Tanzania
2007

Created and taught *Law of the Child*, an upper-level elective course with an interdisciplinary focus. Using the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, the *African Charter on the Rights of the Child* and applicable regional laws as the legal framework, the course focused on the background, motives, strategies and trends in the field of international children's human rights.

Teaching: I taught research and writing to first year law students.

Publishing

My research and writing reflect my interest in multi-disciplinary collaboration and comparative research.

Selected Publication Examples:

Prostitutes, Orphans & Entrepreneurs: The Effect of Public Perceptions of Ghana's Girl Child Kayayei on Public Policy, William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law (2014)
<http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/wmjowl/vol20/iss2/3/>

A Case Study in Tanzania: Police Round-Ups and Detention of Street Children as a Substitute for Care & Protection, South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business (2012) <http://scholarcommons.sc.edu/scjilb/vol8/iss1/4/>

Conduct Unbecoming: State Guardian's Consent to Foster Children's Early Enlistment in the Military is a Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Whittier Journal of Child & Family Advocacy (2011)
<https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/wjcfad10&div=14&id=&page=>

Foster Children and Pediatric Clinical Trials: Access Without Protection is Not Enough, Virginia Journal of Social Policy & Law (2007)
<https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/vaisplw14&div=18&id=&page=>

The Adoption and Safe Families Act and Teen-Parent Wards: A Misguided Game of Wait and See, Children's Legal Rights Journal (2006)
<http://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/clrj26&div=38&id=&page=>

Dubious Conceptions: The Politics of Teenage Pregnancy, DePaul Law Review (book review) (2002)

Note, Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, DePaul-LCA Journal of Art & Entertainment Law & Policy (1995)

Presenting & Training

Selected Presenting & Training Examples

Impacts of Incarceration: Implications of Detention on Women's Rights [Panelist, 5th Annual Lara D. Glass Symposium on Women's Rights, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia, October 2018]

Children's Rights in the Global Context [Trainer for Social Work students, Australian-Pacific Technical College, Vanuatu, February 2015]

Pigs and Children: The Customary Practice of Restitution in Vanuatu [International Conference: Combating Human Trafficking of Women & Children hosted by University of Delhi School of Law, New Delhi, India, February 2015]

Pigs and Children: The Customary Practice of Restitution in Vanuatu [XXth Int'l Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect World Forum, Nagoya, Japan, September 2014]

Child Rights and Customary Practices in Vanuatu [Trainer for Social Work students, Australian-Pacific Technical College, Vanuatu, September 2014]

Meeting the Educational Needs of Street Girl Mothers and Their Children in Ghana [Fifth International School Social Work Conference, Accra, Ghana, April 2012]

Sexual Violence in the Lives of Ghanaian Kayaye [Plenary Speaker, Second International Conference in Africa on Child Sexual Abuse, Accra, Ghana, March 2012]
Inter-Country Adoption: What if Good Intentions Are Not Enough? [International Forum for Child Welfare's 21st Annual World Forum, New York, November 2010]

Unhappily Ever After: What Happens When Inter-Country Adoption Goes Bad? [International Society of Family Law's Regional Conference – The Children's Convention at 21: The Rights of the Child Come of Age?, Derry, Northern Ireland, June 2010]

Ethical Aspects of Adoption Law [Adoption Law Continuing Legal Education Conference, Instructor, Charlotte, North Carolina, May 2010]

Perspectives on Inter-Country Adoption [Judicial Workshop, Bloemfontein, South Africa, July 2009]

Female Genital Mutilation: A Human Rights Violation [Continuing Legal Education Conference, Instructor, Tarangire, Tanzania, July 2009]

Making Everyone Accountable: American Legislative Responses to Sexual Abuse of Children [Plenary Speaker, The First International Conference in Africa on Child Sexual Abuse, Nairobi, Kenya, September 2007]

The Rewards and Challenges of Teaching LR&W in Specialized Sections [Co-Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Bi-Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2006]

The Changing Needs of Tanzania's Child Welfare System: A Discussion of My Recent Fieldwork [Public Interest Law Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 2006]

The Rewards and Challenges of Teaching LR&W in Specialized Sections [Co-Presenter, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 2005]

Alternative Legal Careers [Panelist, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's Legal Career Day, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005]

The Rewards and Challenges of Teaching LR&W in Specialized Sections [Co-Presenter, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, March 2005]

Beyond the Red Pencil: Alternative to Traditional Grading Approaches [Co-Presenter, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 2003]

Alternatives to Lectures [Co-Presenter, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Chicago, Illinois, December 2001]

The Agony & The Ecstasy: Using Portfolios for Writing Assessment [Co-Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Bi-Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, July 2000]

II. Practice of Law

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES Chicago, Illinois
Regional Counsel 1996 - 1999

Represented the State Guardian in all phases of state child protection proceedings, including trials and related hearings, administrative hearings, and interdisciplinary staffings regarding Agency decisions; acted as liaison between Agency legal staff and social work staff and submitted weekly and monthly reports to the Chief Counsel on emerging issues and problematic cases; assigned to multiple calendars and responsible for a caseload of approximately 5000 children.

EDUCATION

The University of the South Pacific

Port Vila, Vanuatu

PhD Candidate

Thesis: The Use of Children as a Form of Reconciliation and Compensation

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law

Chicago, Illinois

LL.M., 2006

Thesis: De-institutionalization and Alternative Care in Tanzania

DePaul University College of Law

Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, 1996

DePaul University

Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts, 1993, with Honors

LICENSES, MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Licenses:

State Bar of Illinois, USA

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, USA

Certifications:

State of Texas, Conflict Resolution – Negotiation and Mediation

Memberships:

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect

Legal Writing Institute

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Affiliations:

Fellow, Ghana Institute of Advanced Legal Studies