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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1972
 Order of the Coif (top 10%)

Wesleyan University, B.A. (Philosophy), 1968

EMPLOYMENT

Suffolk University Law School

2020-Present	Research Professor & Dean Emeritus
1999-2020	Professor of Law
1999-2007	Dean

Boston College Law School

1980-1999	Assistant, Associate and Professor of Law
1990	Acting Dean
1986-1990	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
1975-1979	Director, Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau

University of Chicago Law School

1972-1975	Supervising Attorney and Clinical Fellow, Mandel Legal Aid Clinic
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LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Courses: Currently Co-Teach Constitutional Justice in Schools as part of the Marshall Brennan Program :

Previously Taught Constitutional Law, Supreme Court Seminar, Mediation, Negotiation, Civil Procedure and Civil Litigation Clinic

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Suffolk University Law School

Dean (1999-2007). Responsible for general oversight of academic program, administrative departments, budget, university relations, alumni activities and institutional advancement. During deanship, the Law School received national recognition for its clinical education and legal research & writing programs, established a Center for Law & Public Service, created graduate and international programs, increased selectivity in admissions, improved graduates' bar passage rate, and enhanced the diversity of the student body and faculty.

Law School and University Service (as Professor – 2007 to 2020). Chaired or co-chaired Law School committees on Appointments, Curriculum, Clinical Programs, and Legal Writing; served on committees on Academic Support, Admissions, ABA Self-Study, Diversity, and Faculty Review. Served on University Diversity Task Force. Coordinated the Masterman Speaker Series and was faculty advisor to Suffolk University Law Review.

Boston College Law School

Acting Dean (Fall, 1990) and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (1986-1990). Administered Law School academic program and collaborated with other deans on general Law School administration. Served as chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee, chaired Accreditation Self-Study, coordinated ABA/AALS Accreditation Site Visit and hosted alumni and development events.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Case Studies in Mediation (Co-authored with Dean Yongan Liao and Professor Benwu Qin, Xiangtan School of Law, China; published in Mandarin) (2014)

Affirmative Action Survives Fisher (Sort of), but What About Schuette?, 1 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. ONLINE 65, <http://www.suffolklawreview.org/Schuette-Smith> (2013)

Teaching Videos in Mediation Training, posted on Social Science Research Network: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2136170 (2012)

The Librarian's Risk of Irrelevance (in the Eyes of the Law School Dean), 95 LAW LIBRARY J. 421 (2003)

Uncoupling the "Centrist Bloc": An Empirical Analysis of the Thesis of a Dominant, Moderate Bloc on the U.S. Supreme Court, 62 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 443 (Fall 1994).

Testing the Patterns, 1 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL MAGAZINE 33 (1993).

Justice Souter Joins the Rehnquist Court: An Empirical Study of Supreme Court Voting patterns, 41 KANSAS LAW REVIEW 11 (1992).

Pennhurst v. Halderman: The Eleventh Amendment, Erie and Pendent State Law Claims, 34 BUFFALO LAW REVIEW, 227 (1985).

Full Faith and Credit and Section 1983: A Reappraisal, 63 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 59 (1984).

1984 Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law, Chapter on Civil Procedure, 31 ANNUAL SURVEY OF MASSACHUSETTS LAW 235-254.

PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

“Federal Preemption & State Regulation of Immigration” (Flashpoints in Federalism Panel, Advanced Legal Studies Program), February 17, 2012

“Reflections on Mediation Training in China” (Panel on Culture & Conflict, Community Dispute Settlement Center), April 10, 2012

“Constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act” (Boston-Area Alumni Association of the University of Chicago), May 24, 2012

Mediation Trainer, Sino-American Mediation Training Conference (Xiangtan University Law School, Hunan Province, China), June 25-29, 2012

“Fisher v. University of Texas: The Supreme Court Revisits Affirmative Action” (Massachusetts Attorney General’s Institute), July 18, 2012

“Community Mediation” (Presentation to delegation of Chinese government officials and educators), September 10, 2012

“Same-Sex Marriage and the U.S. Supreme Court” (Suffolk University Law School Alumni Reunion Program), September 28, 2012

Mediation Trainer, Community Mediation Techniques, MetroWest Mediation Services, October 12, 2012

Moderator, Panel on “Mediation Practice” (U. Massachusetts/Boston Conference on Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas), October 20, 2012

Mediation Trainer, Child Support Issues in Divorce Mediation (Community Dispute Settlement Center), April 30, 2013

“Will Affirmative Action Survive Fisher v. University of Texas and Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action?” (Presentation at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Institute), June 10, 2013

“Constitutional Law & the Supreme Court: A Review and a Preview” (Presentation to Annual Convention of Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers), October 18, 2013

Moderator, Panel on “Responding to Hate On the Internet: The Law and Its Limits” (Suffolk University Law School & Anti-Defamation League), November 4, 2013

Mediation Trainer, Child Support Issues in Divorce Mediation (Community Dispute Settlement Center), May 7, 2014

“The First Amendment: The Supreme Court & Local Government” (Presentation to Annual Convention of Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers), October 17, 2014

“Using Teaching Videos in Mediation Training” (Presentation to delegation of Korean government officials and law school professors), February 20, 2015

“Child Support & Alimony Issues in Divorce Mediation” (MetroWest Mediation Services), April 7, 2015

Mediation Trainer, Child Support Issues in Divorce Mediation (Community Dispute Settlement Center), May 7, 2015

“Free Speech and Religious Accommodation: Implications of the Supreme Court’s 2015 Decisions for Municipalities and Municipal Lawyers” (Presentation to Annual Convention of Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association), September 19, 2015

“First Amendment, True Threats & Rap Music Lyrics, (Panel on Elonis v. U.S., Suffolk University Law School), October 8, 2015

Mediation Trainer, Child Support Issues in Divorce Mediation (Community Dispute Settlement Center), May 9, 2016

“Lawyers & the Rule of Law in Times of Change”, (Panel on anticipated developments in the Trump administration, Suffolk University Law School), January 18, 2017

“The Supreme Court and the Evolving First Amendment” (Presentation to Annual Convention of Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association), September 15, 2017

Mediation Trainer, New Massachusetts’ Child Support Guidelines (MetroWest Mediation Services), September 28, 2017

“Impact Litigation in the Trump Era” (Panel presentation to the Government Lawyers Forum and the Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Section of the Boston Bar Association), March 5, 2018

“Developments in Constitutional Law” (Presentation at the 2018 Municipal Law Conference, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education) March 7, 2018

“Mediation of Financial Issues in Divorce: Child Support, Alimony and Division of Property” (Community Dispute Settlement Center), May 10, 2018

“Constitutional Law & the Trump Supreme Court” (Presentation to Annual Convention of Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association), September 22, 2018

“Impeachment 101: The Legal Framework for Impeachment” (Panel presentation, Suffolk University Law School), November 5, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights under Law. Member of the Board of Directors (2000 to present); Chair, Board Affairs Committee.

MetroWest Mediation Services, Inc. President of the Board of Directors of community mediation program (member of board since 1992).

Greater Boston Legal Services. Member of the Corporation (2008 to present).

Program Advisory Committee, Community Mediation Center. Appointed to state-wide advisory committee for state funding for community mediation programs in Massachusetts (2012 to 2017).

The Second Step. Member of the Board of Directors of residential and social service program for survivors of domestic violence (2004 to 2016).

Mediation Trainer, Sino-American Mediation Training. Mediation training for lawyers, judges and law professors at Xiangtan University Law School (October 2011 & June 2012).

Mediator and Mediation Trainer. Volunteer mediator and trainer in community mediation programs in Cambridge, Framingham and Worcester, and a peer mediation program at Newton North High School.

Pipeline for Civic Leadership. Member of the Steering Committee, sponsoring event to connect professionals of color with non-profit organizations seeking volunteers and board members (2010).

Boston Bar Association Council. Member of the Council, the governing board of the Boston Bar Association (1999 – 2004).

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee. Appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (2000 to 2008).

American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, appointed member of Curriculum Committee (2001 – 2006).

Tenure and Promotion Reviews. Prepared evaluations of articles for Promotions Committees at S.U.N.Y. Buffalo School of Law, Vanderbilt Law School and Southern Methodist University Law School.

ABA Accreditation Site Evaluation Team. Participated in site visits and prepared evaluations as part of the ABA/AALS accreditation of the University of Michigan Law School and the University of San Diego Law School.

Interviews regarding the Supreme Court, including high profile decisions, end of term assessments, previews of upcoming terms, the retirements of Justice Souter, Justice Stevens, Justice White, Justice Blackmun, and the appointments of Justice Kagan, Justice Sotomayor, Justice Thomas, Justice Ginsburg and Justice Breyer, broadcast by C-Span, New England Cable News (NECN), Fox News, WCVB, WGBH, WBZ radio, Channel 56 television, and published by the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Newsday*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Detroit Free Press*, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Arizona Republic*, *Sacramento Bee* and other newspapers.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Distinguished Service Award. Alumni Association of Boston College Law School at its Law Day Dinner, May 2000.

Founder's Medal. Awarded at Boston College Law School's Commencement Ceremony, May 2001.

Community Peacemaker Award, Community Dispute Settlement Center at its annual dinner, November 2005.

Centennial Award. Black Law Students Association of Suffolk University Law School, at its annual dinner, April 2007.

Alexander Cella Memorial Award. Suffolk University Law Review at its annual dinner, March 2007, and at the graduation awards ceremony, May, 2018.

Robert H. Smith Centennial Scholarship. Established and funded by members of the Dean's Advisory Committee, distinguished alumni of Suffolk University Law School, June, 2007.

Lorraine Cove Spirit of Suffolk Award. Selected by students in the graduating Class of 2012 for “dedication and passion for Suffolk University Law School”, May, 2012.

Suffolk University Heritage Medallion. Awarded to former members of the faculty and administration to commemorate their distinguished service to the University. April, 2022.