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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

ADRIAN COLLEGE

Director, George Romney Institute for Law and Public Policy (2010-2013, 2014, 2020-)
Professor of Criminal Justice & Jurisprudence (with tenure) (2018-)
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice & Jurisprudence (with tenure) (2012-2018)
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Jurisprudence (2009-2012)
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (2008-2009)

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO COLLEGE OF LAW

Prestige Faculty (2025-)
Faculty Adviser, Joint Master of Arts Criminal Justice/*Juris Doctor* Program (2025-)
Lecturer in Law (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024)

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL THOUGHT & LEADERSHIP

Faculty Fellow for Civil Liberties (2024-)

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

Affiliate Professor of Law (2022, 2023-2024, 2025)
Adjunct Professor of Law (2012, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

Affiliate Professor of Law (2022-2023)
Adjunct Professor of Law (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2021-2022)

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Associate Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Political Science (Summer: 2011)

Assistant Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Political Science (Summer: 2007)

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2007-2008)

Adjunct Instructor of Communications (2004-2010)

Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice (2008)

Adjunct Instructor, Community Working Classics Program (2005-2006)

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (2003-2006)

LEWIS AND CLARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Summer: 2000)

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

(FORMERLY BELLEVILLE AREA COLLEGE)

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy (Spring: 1999)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Free Speech Absolutism: Why the Constitution of the United States Makes Free Speech its Most Important Right. Ethics Press (2026). (Adapted from previously published materials.)

The Supreme Court's Actual Innocence Problem: How the Supreme Court of the United States Has Failed to Reduce Wrongful Convictions. Ethics Press (2025). (Adapted from previously published materials.)

Articles as Contributing Writer for *Discourse Magazine* (Published by the Mercatus Institute at George Mason University)

Lies in the Land of Confusion, DISCOURSE MAG. (August 26, 2025); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/lies-in-the-land-of-confusion>

Obscenity and Free Speech: An Awkward Coexistence, DISCOURSE MAG. (June 11, 2025); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/obscenity-and-free-speech-an-awkward>

What It Means to Be a Free Speech Absolutist, DISCOURSE MAG. February 19, 2025); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/what-it-means-to-be-a-free-speech>.

Siding With Junk Science Over Justice, DISCOURSE MAG. (November 8, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/siding-with-junk-science-over-justice>.

The Federal Bureau of Entrapment, DISCOURSE MAG. (September 18, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/the-federal-bureau-of-entrapment>.

The Death Penalty’s Fundamental Flaw, DISCOURSE MAG. (June 27, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/the-death-penaltys-fundamental-flaw>.

January 6 and America’s Slippery Slope on Free Speech, DISCOURSE MAG. (April 29, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/january-6-and-americas-slippery-slope>.

A College Free Speech Crisis: Highway to the (Intellectual) Danger Zone, DISCOURSE MAG. (March 12, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/a-college-free-speech-crisis-highway>. Adapted from “Our Emersonian First Amendment,” published on the Grand Valley State University Koeze Business Ethics Initiative website and from written testimony submitted to the Ohio House of Representatives’ Higher Education Committee, and from the Teaching Philosophy the author submitted to Adrian College.

A College Free Speech Crisis: The Supreme Court’s Big Hand in the Campus Free Speech Crisis, DISCOURSE MAG. (January 24, 2024); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/a-college-free-speech-crisis-the-d63>. Adapted from Our Emersonian *First Amendment* and Written Testimony for the Ohio House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education on the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act (H.B. No 151), listed below.

A College Free Speech Crisis: The Challenge of Complicit Administrators, DISCOURSE MAG. (November 16, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/a-college-free-speech-crisis-the>; Adapted from *Our Emersonian First Amendment* and Written Testimony for the Ohio House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education on the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act (H.B. No 151), listed below.

A College Free Speech Crisis: When Safety Becomes Dangerous, DISCOURSE MAG. (October 16, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/p/a-college-free-speech-crisis-when>; Adapted from *Our Emersonian First Amendment* and Written Testimony for the Ohio House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education on the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act (H.B. No 151), listed below.

From Finality to Fallibility, DISCOURSE MAG. (September 13, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2023/09/13/from-finality-to-fallibility/>

Forensic Science Failures, DISCOURSE MAG. (July 10, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2023/04/10/innocence-is-not-enough-without-good-counsel/>

Innocence Is Not Enough Without Good Counsel, DISCOURSE MAG. (Apr. 10, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2023/04/10/innocence->

is-not-enough-without-good-counsel/

Prosecutors Shouldn't Be Above the Law, DISCOURSE MAG. (February 13, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2023/02/13/prosecutors-shouldnt-be-above-the-law/>

Snitches Get...Rewards, DISCOURSE MAG. (January 17, 2023); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2023/01/17/snitches-get-rewards/>

The Supreme Court Can Substantially Reduce the Number of False Confessions, DISCOURSE MAG. (December 1, 2022); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2022/12/01/the-supreme-court-can-substantially-reduce-the-number-of-false-confessions/>

The Supreme Court is Doing Nothing to Reduce Wrongful Convictions: Eyewitness Misidentification is the Leading Cause of Wrongful Convictions. Yet the Supreme Court is Doing Nothing to Solve the Problem. DISCOURSE MAG. (October 11, 2022); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2022/10/11/the-supreme-court-is-doing-nothing-to-reduce-wrongful-convictions/>

The Supreme Court's Actual Innocence Problem, DISCOURSE MAG. (September 29, 2022); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/culture-and-society/2022/09/29/the-supreme-courts-actual-innocence-problem/>.

A First Amendment Giant Offers a Way Out of Our Free Speech Crisis, DISCOURSE MAG. (April 14, 2022); <https://www.discoursemagazine.com/ideas/2022/04/14/a-first-amendment-giant-offers-a-way-out-of-our-free-speech-crisis/>
Revised and Abridged version of *Our Emersonian First Amendment*, listed below.

Other Publications

Written Testimony for the Ohio House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education on the Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act (H.B. No 151). June 14, 2023. Available at <https://ohiohouse.gov/committees/higher-education/bills/hb151>.

The Furman Filtration Problem: Why the Death Penalty Will Always be a Cruel and Unusual Punishment, *The University of Toledo Law Review*, 53 U. Tol. L. Rev. 407 (2022).

Our Emersonian First Amendment, Grand Valley State University Koeze Business Ethics Initiative (Jan. 13, 2022), <https://www.gvsu.edu/seidman/ethics/module-news-view.htm?siteModuleId=9C6681B1-92E9-F4F1-7B4DF17EDBE5D2DC&storyId=5165E280-0A92-DF0C-602FB8F4F642B401>.

Flowers and False Promises: What to Expect After the Supreme Court's Latest Ruling on Race and Jury Selection, MONOGRAPH SERIES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND AFFILIATES, 897 (2020).

The Second Amendment Hustle, 77 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 45. (2020).

Putting Scalia in Perspective, co-authored with David Gesspass and Meredith Osborne, 73 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 245 (2016).

More than Just the Last Gay Marriage Case, 72 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 55. (2015)

Moral Panic over Sex Offenses Results in Cruel and Self-defeating Overpunishment, Collateral Consequences Resource Center (Jan. 16, 2015), <http://ccresourcecenter.org/2015/01/16/moral-panic-sex-offenses-results-cruel-self-defeating-overpunishment/>; Excerpted from the preface to 71 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. No. 3

Gay Marriage is a Fundamental Right, 70 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 137 (2013).

Racism by Degrees: Fisher v. University of Texas and the Fate of Diversity in American Education, MONOGRAPH SERIES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND AFFILIATES, 1305 (2013).

Thomas I. Emerson: Brave During the Scare, 69 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 146 (2012).

The National Defense Authorization Act: Battlefield Earth, 68 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 247 (2011).

Mega-Corporatism and the Authoritarian State, 67 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 125 (2010).

On The Torture Lawyers, 66 GUILD PRAC. No. 1 (2009) (Used as Preface).

Red Cloud's Mark: When Peace Treaties Become Weapons of Mass Destruction, MONOGRAPH SERIES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND AFFILIATES, 997 (2011).

The Marshall Trilogy and the Constitutional Dehumanization of American Indians, 65 GUILD PRAC. 207 (2008) Republished: 21 Indigenous Policy Journal No. 3 (2010).

On White Scholars Teaching Federal Indian Law, 65 GUILD PRAC. 204 (2008). Republished: MONOGRAPH SERIES, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND AFFILIATES, 282 (2011).

A Perfect Peace Too Horrible to Contemplate: Justice Holmes and the Perpetual Conviction of Eugene Victor Debs, 63 GUILD PRAC. 135 (2006).

BOOK REVIEW: *Freedom for the Thought That We Hate: A Biography of the First Amendment* by Anthony Lewis. 66 Nat'l Law. Guild Rev. 176 (2009).

EDITORSHIPS

Articles Editor, *National Lawyers Guild Review* (2019-2020)

Editor-in-Chief, *National Lawyers Guild Review* (formerly *Guild Practitioner*) (2010-2019)

Authored or co-authored preface to every issue

Editor-in-Chief, *Guild Practitioner*, National Lawyers Guild Journal of Theory and Practice (2009-2010)

Authored preface to every issue

Interim Editor-in-Chief, *Guild Practitioner*, National Lawyers Guild Journal of Theory and Practice (2009)

Authored preface to every issue

Editorial Board Member, *Guild Practitioner*, National Lawyers Guild Journal of Theory and Practice (2008-2009)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“Combating I.C.E. Abuses: How the Supreme Court Enables Outrageous Government Conduct.” Presenter. University of Toledo College of Law. Sponsored by The National Lawyers Guild, The Student Bar Association, and four other organizations. March 4, 2026.

“The Supreme Court and Wrongful Convictions.” Presenter. The Ohio State University. Sponsored by the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society. December 4, 2025.

“Actually Innocent.” University of Toledo College of Law. Presenter. October 7, 2025.

Wrongful Conviction Day Panel. Panel discussant. Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project. October 2, 2025. (Forthcoming.)

Book Talk: The Supreme Court’s Actual Innocence Problem. Interviewee. University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. September 11, 2025.

Book Talk: The Supreme Court’s Actual Innocence Problem. Presenter. Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project. July 10, 2025.

“Finding The Best Way to Kill: America’s Failed Search for a Humane Death Penalty.” Presenter. University of Toledo College of Law. Sponsored by the Criminal Law Society. February 26, 2025. (SBA Award for best presentation/panel during the 2024-25 academic year.)

“The Insurrection Clause: Is Trump Disqualified.” Debater. Wayne State University Law School. Sponsored by the Federalist Society. April 1, 2024.

“The Supreme Court’s Actual Innocence Problem.” Presenter. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. March 22, 2024.

“Does Free Speech Need Limits?” Debater. Grand Valley State University. Seidman College of Business. Koeze Business Ethics Initiative. October 14, 2022.

“Constitutional Rights and Liberties: What is Left After COVID-19?” Debater. Sponsored by the Toledo Chapter of the Federalist Society. April 28, 2022.

“Capital Punishment: Does the Death Penalty Violate the Eighth Amendment?” Debater. University of Toledo College of Law. Sponsored by the Federalist Society and the National Lawyers Guild. October 12, 2021.

“Social Media, Free Speech, and the Disinformation Age: Against Paperless Book Burning and Toward an Emersonian Vision of Radically Free Online Speech.” Presenter. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Grand Valley State University Koeze Business Ethics Initiative Speakers Series. April 9, 2021.

“Flowers and False Promises” (On Racist Jury Selection in Criminal Cases). Presenter. National Association of African American Studies Annual Conference. February 18, 2020.

“Is Everything Criminal?” Debater. University of Toledo College of Law. Sponsored by the Criminal Law Society and the Federalist Society. February 13, 2020.

“Assault Weapons Ban, or Assault on the Second Amendment?” Debater. University of Toledo College of Law. Sponsored by the Federalist Society. November 6, 2019.

“Debating the Constitution.” Debater. Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library (Sponsored by The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University), September 14, 2017.

“Community Forum to Discuss Police Use of Force.” Panel discussant. Adrian College Institute for Ethics, Adrian College. March 31, 2015.

“Ethics, Constitutional Law, and the Hobby Lobby Case.” Presenter. Koeze Business Ethics Initiative Event, Grand Valley State University, September 30, 2014.

“Blinding the All-seeing Eye: Reclaiming the Right to Privacy in the Digital Age.”
Presenter. Business Ethics Center, Grand Valley State University, March 24, 2014.

“Radical History of Working Together: The *National Lawyers Guild Review*’s 75th Anniversary Issue.” Panel Discussant. Inter-generational Roundtable at the National Lawyers Guild Annual Convention, October, 25, 2013.

“The History of Marriage Equality before the United States Supreme Court.”
Invited speaker/panel discussant. Thomas M. Cooley Law School Constitution Day Event, September 20, 2013.

“The National Defense Authorization Act: Battlefield Earth.” Presenter. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. March 20, 2013.

“Racism by Degrees: Fisher v. University of Texas and the Fate of Diversity in American Higher Education.” Presenter. National Association of African American Studies Annual Conference, February 14, 2013.

State Bar of Michigan Professionalism in Action Ethics Roundtable, Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Discussion Leader. September 6, 2011.

Law School Discernment Process: Considerations before Law School. Panel discussant. University of Detroit-Mercy College of Law and Council for Legal Education Opportunity. March 4, 2011

“On White Scholars Teaching Federal Indian Law.” Presenter. National Association of Native American Studies Annual Conference, February 17, 2011.

“Capitalism or Community?” Panel discussant. Business Ethics Center, Grand Valley State University. January 24, 2010.

State Bar of Michigan Professionalism in Action Ethics Roundtable. Panel discussant. Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Discussion Leader. September 2, 2010.

"Taking Rights Unseriously: The Many Injustices of the Constitutional Harmless Error Doctrine." Presenter. Community Working Classics Program at Grand Valley State University. December 4, 2009.

“On Being Human under the Constitution.” Presenter. Adrian College Institute for Ethics. November 5, 2009.

“Red Cloud’s Mark: When Peace Treaties Become Weapons of Mass Destruction.”
Presenter. National Association of Native American Studies Annual Conference, February 9, 2009.

“Free Speech and the Evolving Jurisprudence of Oliver Wendell Holmes.” Presenter.

Philosophy Department Colloquium, Grand Valley State University, Fall 2007.

RESEARCH AWARDS

Creative Activity, Research, and Scholarship Award, Adrian College (faculty-wide for best contribution to one's field). For "The Supreme Court's Actual Innocence Problem," a presentation given at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences March 22, 2024 based on a series of eight articles in *Discourse Magazine*.

Creative Activity, Research, and Scholarship Award (faculty-wide for best contribution to one's field). For scholarship on the Supreme Court's Same-sex Marriage Jurisprudence. 2016.

SUPERVISED RESEARCH

LAW REVIEW FACULTY ADVISER

The University of Toledo Law Review, 2021-2022. Advised: Michael Walton, *Evolving Standards of Decency: How Ohio House Bill 136 Makes a Compelling Case for a Nationwide prohibition on Execution of Criminal Offenders Who Suffered from Severe Mental Illness at the Time of Their Crime*, 54 U. Tol. L. Rev (2023).

MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEE CHAIR

"Subversive Advocacy: Assessing the Supreme Court's Response during Two Eras of Panic." Kaycee Berente. 2016.

"Swaying the Theoretical Pendulum: From a Due Process Model to a Perpetual Militarized Crime Control Model for Combating Terrorism." Christopher Kimball. 2013.

"The Authoritarian Presidency: How Signing Statements and Other Measures Have Emboldened the President to Write the Law to his Own Will." Jeffrey LeRoy. 2013.

MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER

"Judicial Activism, Judicial Restraint, and the Polarization of the Supreme Court," Nicole Olson, 2022.

"Youth Delinquency Based on Parental Gender Roles," Victoria Harshman. 2020.

"Perceptions of Offenders who were Victims of Crime." Courtney Carter. 2019.

"Where do Americans Draw the Line? Public Perception of Civil Liberties and National Security." Alyssa Graff. 2019.

"Establishing Police Legitimacy through Procedural Justice." Carlin O'Malley. 2018.

“The Impact of Use of Force on Police-Community Relationship.” Miccoy Drzewiecki. 2018.

“Juveniles’ Awareness of Legal Rights and Understanding of Legal Process.” Donna Dickerson. 2014.

“Police Use of Force as a Product of Human Ecology.” Brian Lunn. 2014.

“Juveniles’ Awareness of Legal Rights and Understanding of Legal Process.” Donna Dickerson. 2014.

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS CAPSTONE ADVISER

“Race and Revolutionaries: How Racial Identity Has Determined the Legacy of Nat Turner and John Brown.” Chelsea Easter. 2010. Published in *National Association of African American Studies 2011 Annual Monograph Series*, 706-724.

TEACHING AWARD

Adrian College, Ross Newsome Outstanding Teaching Award. Faculty-wide for excellence in teaching. 2022.

COURSES TAUGHT

COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO COLLEGE OF LAW

Seminar: Wrongful Convictions
Seminar: Death Penalty
Seminar: Police Interrogations & the Constitution
Seminar: Sex Crimes & the Courts
Seminar: The First Amendment During Times of War and Panic

COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW

Federal Criminal Law
First Amendment
Death Penalty in the U.S.
Selected Topics in Constitutional Law: Wrongful Convictions
Selected Topics in Constitutional Law: Obscenity
Selected Topics in Constitutional Law: First Amendment Seminar

COURSES AT THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

Wrongful Convictions Seminar: Making a Murderer II
Death Penalty Seminar
Constitutional Law Seminar: The System of Freedom of Expression
Jurisprudence
Federal Indian Law

GRADUATE COURSES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Advanced Freedom of Expression & Crime
Advanced Wrongful Conviction Seminar
Advanced Death Penalty Seminar
Advanced Criminal Procedure & the Constitution
Advanced Legal Theory
Legal Research Methods
Criminal Justice Thesis Defense
Civil Liberties Seminar
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: Criminal Sentencing & The Constitution
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: Sex Crimes & the Courts
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: Custodial Interrogations
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: National Security & Subversive Advocacy
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice & the Constitution
Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice: Advanced Legal Research Methods
Advanced Topics: Government Repression of the Industrial Workers of the World
from 1905-1930

GRADUATE COURSE AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Systems Theory and Communication Ethics

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING COURSES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Advanced Practicum (Graduate)
Teaching Apprenticeship
Research Assistant
Criminal Justice Internship (Mostly Judicial)
Elective Internship (Mostly Judicial)

400-LEVEL COURSES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Wrongful Conviction Seminar
Death Penalty Seminar
Communications Ethics
Rights Theory and Civil Liberties
Freedom of Expression and Crime
Critical Theory of Society
Honors Capstone

300-LEVEL COURSES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Constitutional Law I: Powers of Government
Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties
Criminal Procedure & the Courts
Criminal Law
Civil Liberties
American Courts
The War on Terror and the Courts
Law School, Criminal Law & Evidence

300-LEVEL COURSES AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Ethics in the Professional Life
Theories of Human Nature
Philosophy of Religion
Great Medieval Philosophers

200-LEVEL COURSES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Introduction to Jurisprudence
Legal Research and Case Analysis
Honors Pre-Professional Scholar

200-LEVEL COURSES AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The Law of Sex Discrimination
Critical Interpretation (Communications)
Contemporary Moral Problems

200-LEVEL COURSE AT AQUINAS COLLEGE

The Law of Sex Discrimination

100-LEVEL COURSE AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems

100-LEVEL COURSES AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Film
Introduction to Constitutional Law
Ethics

100-LEVEL COURSE AT BELLVILLE AREA COLLEGE

Introduction to Philosophy
Logic

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
Michigan Department of Attorney General, Conviction Integrity Unit
Wayne County Conviction Integrity Unit
Innocence Project (Thomas M. Cooley Law School)
Lenawee County (MI) Circuit Court
Lenawee County (MI) District Court
Lenawee County (MI) Probate Court
Lenawee County (MI) Prosecutor's Office
Lenawee County (MI) Public Defender's Office
Hillsdale County (MI) Prosecutor's Office

SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT ADRIAN COLLEGE

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees for Academic Affairs (2018-2026)
 Chair, College of the Future Committee (2023-2024) (Revised undergraduate general education curriculum)
 Academic Status Review Committee (2013-2014, 2016-2022) (Hearing appeals from students who have been academically dismissed)
 National Collegiate Athletic Association Faculty Representative (2020-2021)
 Faculty Co-Adviser, American Civil Liberties Union Club (2017-2020)
 Faculty Liaison/Special Assistant Coach, NCAA Wrestling Team (2014-2020, 2021-2023)
 Library Advisory Committee (2013-14)
 College Environment Committee (2008-2010, 2015-2016)
 Honors Committee (2010-2015)
 Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice (2011-14, 2020)
 --Co-authored Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Program accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (2012)
 --Chaired Sociology Faculty Search Committee (2011-2012)
 --Chaired Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee (2011-2012)
 Pre-Law Club Adviser (2008-2014)
 Ad Hoc peer-review Committee (Formed to assist Peer-review Committee) (2014)
 Peer-review Committee (Evaluating applications for tenure and promotion and conducting periodic review) (2012-13)
 Director of Public Safety Search Committee (2012)
 Lieutenant, Public Safety Search Committee (2012)
 Graduate Policy Committee (2012-2013)
 Internship Committee (2010-2013)
 Strategic Planning Committee for Student Life (2010-2011)
 Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honors Fraternity) Adviser (2010-2012)
 Creativity Committee (2010-2011)
 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Mentor (2009-2010)
 Pre-Law Committee (2008-2009)

EDUCATION

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor (Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Concentration), 2007
 Intern, Innocence Project (2006)

Directed Study: “A Perfect Peace Too Horrible to Contemplate: Justice Holmes and the Perpetual Conviction of Eugene Victor Debs” (Supervised by Philip J. Prygoski)
 Directed Study: “Kelo and its Malcontents.” (Supervised by Paul J. Carrier)

Certificate of Merit: Jurisprudence
 Certificate of Merit (best paper): Federal Indian Law
 Certificate of Merit (best paper): Gun Control Seminar

Research Assistant for Philip J. Prygoski (Teaching Assistant Duties) (Fall: 2006)

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts, Philosophy, 1998

Teaching Assistant for Joseph Ellin (Fall: 1997)

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Bachelors of Arts in General Education, 1997