

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law**

10/2008 – present

*Current Position:* Teaching Professor; Director, International Student Programs; Writing Specialist

o Teaching Professor (promoted September 2022)

7/2009-present

Courses taught: *Legal Methods I & II*: legal research, writing, and analysis of law, including semester-long program on student speech; *Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems*: survey of U.S. law to international students, including Constitutional Law; *Pre-Orientation Program*: design and teach two-day program to incoming law students introducing law school with emphasis on analysis of the law, geared toward students with lower predictors of success in law school; *Litigation Drafting; Writing Strategies for the Bar; Summer Bridge Program* (teach survey of U.S. law to underserved undergraduate students in pipeline program).

o Director, International Student Programs

7/2016-present

Act as the academic advisor for all international students in Global J.D., LLM, and Exchange programs. Coordinate with International Student & Scholars Services office on visas and related issues; counsel students on curricular choices; support extracurricular activities; support students' health and wellness; plan and coordinate International Orientation and other programming; liaison for students with mental/emotional health challenges; with Dean of Students, investigate student personal and academic disciplinary issues

o Director of Student Advising, Office of Student Affairs

7/2011– 6/2016

Report to Senior Associate Dean of Students: counsel students for academic planning and personal issues; act as "dean on call" for emergencies in the absence of Senior Associate Dean; plan and coordinate Orientation; investigate Code of Conduct violations; act as liaison between Law School and university's Office of Disability Resources to support students with classroom and exam accommodations; support Admissions Office on events for accepted students; work with Career Strategies Office on programs for student job applications; assist Office of Student Affairs to organize and run exams and graduation; work with Financial Aid on issues

affecting current students and issues relating to new law school programs; and work with members of the undergraduate college, the bar, and student organizations to plan academic and social programs; work with the Senior Associate Dean of Faculty on developing programs for international students; assist in exam administration.

- Committees: *University*: Executive Committee, Faculty Senate; Senate Steering Committee; Global Engagement Council; Provost's Academic Council; *Law School*: Professionalism, Programming, and Honor Code; Curriculum – Legal Methods and Writing across the Curriculum; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Writing Specialist

10/2008 – present

Originally hired by Drexel to work with Legal Methods faculty to assist first-year students on their writing; support doctrinal faculty whose students are working on seminar papers and independent studies; create and conduct workshops on academic legal writing, brief writing, and writing samples; guest lecturer in upper-level doctrinal courses on writing academic legal papers; meet individually with students to work on their writing; coordinate with Academic Support program to work with at-risk students on legal writing.

**College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon LeZion, Israel**

May-June, 2016

Visiting Professor. Course taught: *The American Character: Landmark Supreme Court Cases on the Bill of Rights*

May, 2019

**Temple University, Department of English, Philadelphia, PA**

2003 –2008

Adjunct Assistant Professor; Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught: *Introduction to Fiction; Introduction to Literature; Creative Writing: Fiction Workshop; Analytical Reading and Writing; Writing for Business & Industry*

**Philadelphia Community College, Department of English, Philadelphia PA**

2008-2009

Adjunct Faculty

Course taught: *English 101*—the first of a two-part sequence in composition in which students learn to read critically, synthesize from various texts, and write essays in a variety of rhetorical modes.

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS, & PRESENTATIONS:**

- *ALWD Teaching Grant: Racial Ventriloquism* (2021)

- Clare Keefe Coleman & William Albertson, *Teaching International Law Students: A Collaboration Between a Law Professor and an ESL Specialist*, 50 J.L.Ed. 30 (2021)
- “Introduction to U.S. Law: A Content-Based Approach for International Law Students” accepted presentation, TESOL 2020: International Convention & English Language Expo, Denver, CO. (cancelled because of COVID)
- *Dangerous Tongues: Storytelling in Congressional Testimony*, 19 N.Y.U. J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL. 291 (2016)
- *LWI/ALWD/Lexis Scholarship Grant*, May 2014
- *The Dangers of Narrative: A Pragmatics Approach to Dissecting Legislative Testimony*, LWI Biennial Conference, July 2014
- *Teaching the Torture Memos: “Making Decisions under Conditions of Uncertainty”*, 62 J. LEGAL EDUC. 81 (2012)
- “*The Torture Memos: Making Decisions under Conditions of Uncertainty*,” invited presentation, Northwestern Law School, July 2012.
- *The Power of Story to Affect Legislation: Farmer David versus Agribusiness Goliath and the Safety of Our Food*, (with Amy Montemarano), Third Applied Storytelling Conference, July 2011
- *Advanced Legal Writing as Advanced Civil Procedure: Complaint Drafting Incorporating Twombly, Iqbal, and Tellabs*, 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2011.
- *Teaching the Torture Memos: Connecting Ethical Theory and Active Learning*, 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 20, 2010.
- *Jumping on the ABA Bandwagon: Generating Outcomes and Assessments for LRW*, with Terry Jean Seligmann and Deborah Gordon, 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 20, 2010.
- *But When Do I Sleep?: Leveraging Support for Legal Writing Instruction Beyond the LRW Classroom*, with Terry Jean Seligmann, 14th Biennial Conference, Legal Writing Institute, June 2010. This presentation, selected for LWI’s biennial conference, describes the variety of methods introduced by the Writing Specialist that Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law has used to augment writing instruction beyond the first-year methods class.

## EDUCATION

M.A., Creative Writing, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., *cum laude*, Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA

Benton Moot Court Competition in Privacy Law, Chicago  
Top 15% of class  
A.B., English, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

#### **LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Mike Scott Law

Part-time. Research and writing legal memoranda on complex commercial litigation.

Abrams & Bayliss (formerly Abrams & Laster), Wilmington DE

Part-time. Research and write legal memoranda and summary judgment briefs for boutique litigation firm on complex commercial litigation matters. E-discovery.

Conrad O'Brien Gellman & Rohn, Philadelphia, PA

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive research and writing of legal briefs and trial memoranda. Depositions, pleadings, drafting of and responding to discovery requests. Court appearances in state and federal court on white-collar criminal and corporate civil litigation matters. Extensive contact with, and management of, firm and personal clients. Organized document productions and review.

Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, Philadelphia, PA

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive research and writing of briefs and legal memoranda. Court appearances in state and federal court including first chair responsibility for motion in bankruptcy court and its appeal. Research and writing of detailed legal memoranda for non-lawyer clients on various states' insurance coverage laws.

Drinker Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA.

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive litigation experience: research and writing internal legal memoranda; drafting summary judgment motions in large litigation matters; drafting of and responding to discovery requests; depositions; court appearances; client contact, travel. Extensive experience with document productions and review.

#### **OTHER**

- Admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania (currently on inactive status)
- Additional training in mediation at Good Shepherd Mediation Program, Philadelphia's first neighborhood justice center

