

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Awards

- 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 Seattle University's Legal Writing Program ranked number 1 or 2 in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report*
- June 2007 Recipient of the 2007 Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education, Library of Congress, Washington D.C.
- January 2003 Recipient of the 2002 AALS Section Award from the Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.
- June 1998 Recipient of an award from the Legal Writing Institute for founding and fostering the Legal Writing Institute.
- April 1997 Distinguished Teaching Award, Seattle University Alumni Association.

Employment:

Director of Legal Writing (1984 - Present)
Associate Professor of Law (2004-2008)
Professor of Law (2008 to present)
Seattle University School of Law
(formerly University of Puget Sound School of Law)

Designed the Legal Writing program at Seattle University School of Law, which has been ranked as the best or second best legal writing program in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report* in each of the last four years. Organize and teach two-week workshops on teaching for new members of the legal writing faculty, mentor new faculty members, administer the program, and teach fulltime in the program.

Teach Global Advocacy in Seattle University's five-week program for U.S. and African Law Students at the University of Witwatersrand

Also active in law school governance, serving on the Dean's Advisory Council, Dean Search Committees, Self-Study Committees, Status Committee, Recruitment Committee, and Curriculum Committee.

Served as University counsel on a part-time basis from 1998-2002.

Education

Course Work for Ph.D. in Education Psychology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. I completed everything but the dissertation. 1993-1996

J.D., University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington, *cum laude*, December 1978.

B.A. in Education, Fairhaven College, Western Washington State University, Bellingham, Washington, *cum laude*, March 1973.

Professional Publications:

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *Just Research, Second Edition*, (Aspen 2009)

Anne Enquist and Laurel Oates, *Just Writing, Third Edition* (Aspen 2009)

Laurel Currie Oates, *Did Harvard Get it Right?* 59 Mercer L. Rev 675 (2008)

Laurel Currie Oates, Anne Enquist, and Constance Krontz, *Just Briefs, Second Edition* (Aspen 2008)

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *Just Memos, Second Edition* (Aspen 2006)

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *The Legal Writing Handbook, Fourth Edition* (Aspen 2006).

Laurel Currie Oates, *Leveling the Playing Field: Helping Students Succeed by Helping Them Learn to Read as Expert Lawyers*, 80 St. John's L. Rev. 227 Spring 2006).

Mimi Samuel and Laurel Currie Oates, *From Oppression to Outsourcing: New Opportunities for Uganda's Growing Number of Attorneys in Today's Flattening*, 4 Seattle J. for Social Justice 836 (Spring 2006)

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *Just Research* (Aspen 2005)

Anne Enquist and Laurel Oates, *Just Writing, Second Edition* (Aspen 2005)

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *Just Memos* (Aspen 2002)

Laurel Currie Oates and Anne Enquist, *Just Briefs* (Aspen 2002)

Laurel Currie Oates, Anne Enquist, & Kelly Kunsch, *The Legal Writing Handbook, Third Edition* (Aspen 2002).

Laurel Currie Oates, *The Paperless Writing Class*, 15 *The Second Draft* 18 (June 2001)

Laurel Currie Oates, *I Know that I Taught Them How To Do That*, 7 *Legal Writing* 1 (2001).

Laurel Currie Oates, *Beyond Communication: Writing as a Mean of Learning*, 6 *Legal Writing* 1 (2000).

Samuel S. Wineburg & Laurel Currie Oates, *Education's Promise*, 3 *Legal Writing* 1 (1997).

Laurel Currie Oates, *Beating the Odds, Reading Strategies of Law Students Admitted Through Special Admissions Programs*, 83 *Iowa L. Rev.* 139 (1997).

Professional Activities:

APPEAL

Co-founder of organization that facilitates cooperation between law professors in Africa and legal writing professors in the United States. Chair of the fundraising committee and co-chair of the 2009 conference that will be held at the University of Pretoria from June 30 – July 4, 2009.

Legal Writing Conference in Nairobi, Kenya

Co-Organizer for first conference on Legal Writing to be held in Africa. March 15-17, 2007, in Nairobi, Kenya. 20 Americans and 30 Africans from seven countries attended the conference.

Legal Writing Institute

Co-Founder of the Legal Writing Institute, a 2400-member group from more than 20 countries who are interested in the effective teaching of legal writing.

Chair, Board of Directors, Legal Writing Institute, 1984 -1988

Board of Directors, Legal Writing Institute, 1989-2002

Editor, *The Second Draft*, the Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute, 1984 - 1990

Legal Writing Institute Conferences

Program Committee Member and Site Coordinator, 2004 Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle University, July 2004

Program Committee Member and Site Coordinator, 2000 Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle University, July 2002

Program Chair and Site Coordinator, 1996 Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Puget Sound. July 1996

Co-Chair of the 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1992, Legal Writing Institute Summer Conferences, University of Puget Sound

Conference Chair, Northwest Legal Writing Conference, Seattle University School of Law, July 14-15, 2003

Courses, Workshops, and Presentations Outside the United States

Workshop on Teaching Methodologies, Afghanistan Rule of Law Project, USAID, January 2009: Co-presented two-day workshop on teaching for 50 professors from Afghani universities.

Global Education for Justice Conference, Manila, Philippines, December 2008: Presented three-hour workshop on teaching legal writing in clinical context to professors from ten countries.

High Court Judges, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented half-day workshop on Effective Judgment Writing to approximately 15 High Court judges.

Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa, Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgment Writing to approximately 20 magistrates.

Black Lawyer's Association, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 25 attorneys.

South African Society for Labor Law (SASLAW), Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 35 attorneys.

University of Western Cape, South Africa, June 2008: Consulted with the Dean and members of the law faculty regarding developing a legal writing curriculum.

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented four-day train-the-trainers workshop on teaching legal writing to academics from undergraduate and graduate law programs; supervising attorneys from public defender and tax agencies; and judicial trainers.

Global Legal Skills Conference III, Monterrey, Mexico, February 2008

Panelist on Closing Plenary, After the Conference: Maintaining and Developing Connections Made at International Conferences

Law Society of South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007
Co-presented two-day workshop for practicing attorneys

Cape Town Magistrates, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007
Co-presented one-day workshop for magistrates

University of KwaZulu Natal's School for Legal Practice, Durban, South Africa, April 2007
Co-presented one-day workshop for students

KwaZulu Natal Law Society, Durban, South Africa, April 2007
Co-presented one-day workshop for attorneys.

SASLAW, Durban, South Africa, April 2007
Co-presented one-day workshop for labor law attorneys, commissioners, and judges

CCMA Durban, South Africa, April 2007
Co-presented one-day workshop for commissioners hearing labor disputes

Law Society of South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2007
Co-presented two-day workshop for practicing attorneys

Legal Education and Development (LEAD), Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007
Presentation for faculty at the School for Legal Practice

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007
Presentation for academics interested in integrating writing into the curriculum

Johannesburg Magistrates, Johannesburg South Africa, April 2007
Co-taught one-day workshop for magistrates

Conference on Judicial Leadership and Mentoring for Women Magistrates
Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2007. Co-taught workshop on Finding Your Voice

Pretoria Magistrates, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007. Co-taught workshop on writing effective judgments

Moi University Faculty of Law, Eldoret, Kenya, April 2007
Presented three guest lectures

Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda, April 2007
Co-taught two-day workshop on effective teaching for the faculty and professional staff

International Law Institute, Kampala, Uganda, March 2007
Co-taught five-day workshop on Effective Legal Writing for attorneys from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Conference on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing for Academics in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2007
Co-presented on Teaching Legal Research with Dr. Edwin Abuya, Moi University, Kenya.

Judicial Studies Institute, Soroti, Uganda, February 2007
Co-presented workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 25 Grade I magistrates.

Judicial Studies Institute, Mbarara, Uganda, February 2007
Co-presented workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 20 Grade I magistrates.

Judicial Studies Institute, Kampala, Uganda, February 2007
Co-presented workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 30 Grade I magistrates.

Amity Law School, Noida, India, January 2007
Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to Indian law students and faculty.

Bar Association of India and Society of Indian Law Firms, Delhi, India, January 2007
Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 150 Indian attorneys.

Delhi University, Campus Law Centre, Delhi, India, January 2007
Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to Indian law students and faculty.

Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi, India, January 2007
Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 50 magistrates-in-training.

K.C. Law College, Mumbai, India, January 2007
Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to Indian law students, faculty, and attorneys

G.J. Advani Law College, Bandra, India, January 2007
Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to Indian law students and faculty.

Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005
Taught half-day workshop on Writing to Your Audience for a Particular Purpose, Writing Effective Sentences, Writing Concisely, and Writing Persuasively to 200 post-graduate law students.

Judicial Studies Institute, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005
Co-presented two-day seminar on Clear and Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 20 Ugandan judges.

Office of the Inspectorate General of Government, Kampala, Uganda, December 2003
Co-presented one-week seminar on Clear and Effective Writing to approximately 35 Ugandan government lawyers.

Presentations in the United States (2000 to date):

Conference on Globalization and Justice: Interdisciplinary Dialogues, Seattle University, February 2008

Writing Effective Opinions, 5th Annual Idea Conference, Seattle University School of Law, June 14 -16, 2006

The Future of Legal Research, Presentation at the 2006 Legal Writing Institute Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 2006

Leveling the Classroom Floor, Presentation to the law faculty at Marquette University School of Law, April 2006.

Leveling the Playing Field, Symposium on LSAT and Minority Admissions, St. John's Law School, September 2005

Fortresses, Tumors, and Legal Research, Symposium on the Future of Legal Research, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, May 2005.

Putting Theory into Practice, Symposium on the Future of Legal Research, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, May 2005.

Peeling the Onion, Presentation to the faculty at the American University School of Law, Washington D.C., April 2005.

Effective Teaching, Workshop for the faculty at Jones Law School, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2005.

From Pedagogy to Practice, ABA Conference on Technology, Rutgers School of Law, October 2004.

Teaching Students to Read, Analyze, and Synthesize Statutes and Cases, 2004 Legal Writing Institute Conference, July 2004.

Writing Effective Sentences, Third Annual IDEA Conference, Seattle University School of Law, June 2004.

Using Technology to Teach Legal Writing, AALS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2004.

Critiquing and Commenting on Student Work: Small-Group presenter and leader, 2002 Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Tennessee, June 2002.

Reality Programming Meets LRW: Creative Ways to Bring Real-World Cases into the Classroom, 2002 Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Tennessee, June 2003.

I Know That I Taught Them How to Do That: Teaching Strategies to Improve the Transfer of Learning. Workshop for the 2000 Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle University, July 2000.

Doing Qualitative Research, 1998 Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Michigan, June 1998.

CLE Presentations (2004 to date):

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| May 8, 2008 | Effective Legal Writing, two-hour workshop for practicing attorneys. |
| October 13, 2006 | <i>The Basics and Beyond</i> , four-hour workshop for practicing attorneys |
| September 22, 2006 | <i>Drafting Persuasive Briefs</i> , two-hour workshop for trial attorneys |
| September 21, 2006 | <i>The Ethical Advocate</i> , two-hour workshop for government attorneys |
| August 3, 2006 | <i>The Attorney's Toolbox: Effective Writing</i> , four-hour workshop for practicing attorneys |

May 13, 2006	<i>Updating Your Skills: Researching Legal Issues</i> , four-hour workshop for practicing attorneys
April 21, 2006	<i>The Ethical Advocate</i> , King County Bar Association
May 19, 2005	<i>First Impressions</i> , Washington State Bar Association
March 6, 2005	<i>Washington Research Update</i> , Seattle University School of Law
June 11, 2004	<i>The Ethical Advocate</i> , King County Bar Association

Bar Memberships:

Washington State Bar, Admitted May 1979
Western Washington District Court, Admitted September 1979