

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Awards

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| 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 2014 | Seattle University's Legal Writing Program ranked number 1 or 2 in the United States by <i>U.S. News and World Report</i>         |
| October 2012  | Recipient of the Tom Holdych Award for Meritorious and Transformational Service   |
| October 2009  | Recipient of the Marjorie Rombauer Award for Contributions to the Teaching of Legal Writing                                       |
| 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  | Recipient of Distinguished Teaching Award, Seattle University Alumni Association.   |

### Employment:

Professor of Law (2008 to present)  
Associate Professor of Law (2004-2008)  
Director of Legal Writing (1984 – 2012)  
Seattle University School of Law

Designed and teach in 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 nine years.

Designed and teach the Law School's first online legal writing course, a course on effective legal writing.

Taught Global Advocacy in Seattle University's summer program for U.S. and African law students at the University of Witwatersrand during Summer 2007, Summer 2008, Summer 2010, and Summer 2012.

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

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

### **Professional Publications (since 2005):**

Laurel Currie Oates & Anne Enquist, *Legal Writing Handbook, Sixth Edition* (Wolters Kluwer 2014)

Laurel Currie Oates & Anne Enquist, *Just Memos, Fourth Edition* (Wolters Kluwer 2014)

Laurel Currie Oates & Anne Enquist, *Just Research, Fourth Edition* (Wolter Kluwer 2013)

Laurel Currie Oates, Anne Enquist, and Constance Krantz, *Just Briefs, Third Edition* (Wolters Kluwer 2013)

Anne Enquist and Laurel Currie Oates, *Just Writing, Fourth Edition* (Wolters Kluwer 2013)

Laurel Currie Oates, *Greeting and Grievances, A Letter from Afghan Professors*, Fall 2013 Edition of Seattle Journal for Social Justice.

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

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)

### **Professional Activities:**

#### APPEAL

Co-founder of organization that facilitates cooperation between law professors in Africa and legal writing professors in the United States

### Legal Writing Conference in Nairobi, Kenya

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

### Legal Writing Conference in Pretoria, South Africa

Co-chair for Legal Writing conference held at the University of Pretoria. June 30-July 4, 2009. 20 professors from the United States and 50 professors, judges, and magistrates attended the conference.

Legal Writing Conference at the University of Zululand, South Africa

Program chair for Legal Writing Conference, which was co-sponsored by the University of Zululand. December 7-9, 2011.

### 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 and 2010 to 2014

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

### Legal Writing Institute Conferences

Co-Chair, One-day workshops. Workshops will be held at 16 Law Schools in November and December 2012 and December 2013

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**

### **Afghanistan**

Afghanistan Legal Education program for the University of Washington Afghan Legal Scholar Program, July 2012. Spent three weeks in Kabul teaching professors and students from the University of Kandahar and the University of *Nangarhar*. Taught four courses a day, six days a week.

Afghanistan Legal Education program for the University of Washington Afghan Legal Scholar Program, December 2011-January 2012. Taught two courses for professors and one course for law students in Herat, Afghanistan.

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

### **Botswana**

Magistrates, Gaborone, Botswana, December 2011: Co-presented one-day workshop on effective legal writing for 20 magistrates.

Ombudsman's Office, Gaborone, Botswana, June 2010: Co-presented two-day workshop on effective legal writing for 25 government attorneys.

### **China**

Jin Mao Partners Law Firm, Shanghai, China, December 2009: Co-presented two-week workshop on Effective Legal Writing in English to trainee attorneys.

Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China, December 2009. Co-taught two-week legal writing course for students.

### **India**

Symbiosis Law School, Delhi, December 2013. Presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing

Amity Law School, Delhi, December 2013, Presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing

Jindal Global University, Delhi, December 2013, Presentation: Rule of Law Projects: Critiquing the Critique.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Kenya**

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

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.

### **Philippines**

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

### **South Africa**

Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, June 2010. Co-presented a one-day workshop for the law faculty at the University of Pretoria on how to critique student writing.

Nelson Mandela Centre, University of Witwatersrand, 2007, 2008, and 2010: Taught courses in joint program offered by the University of Witwatersrand and Seattle University.

High Court Judges, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented 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 workshop on Effective Judgment Writing to approximately 20 magistrates.

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

South African Society for Labor Law (SASLAW), Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented 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.

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

Cape Town Magistrates, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007: Co-presented workshop for magistrates.

University of KwaZulu Natal's School for Legal Practice, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented 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 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 workshop for practicing attorneys.

Legal Education and Development (LEAD), Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007: Made presentation to faculty at the School for Legal Practice.

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007: Made presentation to academics interested in integrating writing into the curriculum.

Johannesburg Magistrates, Johannesburg South Africa, April 2007: Co-taught 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.

## **Uganda**

International Law Institute, Kampala, Uganda, June 2010: Co-taught five-day workshop on Effective Legal Writing for attorneys from Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

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.

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.

Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005: Taught 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):**

Teaching Legal Reading to the Twitter Generation, New York, January 2014 AALS Annual Meeting

Legal Writing Institute Conference, Marco Island June 2010

Mercer Law School, Macon, Georgia, October 2009

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

*Writing Effective Opinions*, 5<sup>th</sup> 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):**

July 18, 22, 25 2014	3-day CLE titled Mastering Legal Writing
September 18, 2012	CLE on Legal Writing offered by Seattle University
September 15, 2011	CLE for Washington Attorney General's Office
April 7, 2011	CLE for NOAA attorneys
April 30, 2009	CLE for Washington Attorney General's Office
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