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**EDUCATION**

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, LL.M., 1988**

*Harvard International Law Journal*, Associate Editor

Frank Knox Fellow

Lally Scholar

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, LL.M., 1986**

Duff-Rinfret Scholar

**DALHOUSIE LAW SCHOOL (Halifax, Canada), LL.B., 1984**

Constitutional Law Prize

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY (University College), B.A. (Jurisprudence), 1983; M.A., 1989**

Rhodes Scholar

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY (Ottawa, Canada), M.A. (International Affairs), 1981**

Paterson Fellow

**KING'S COLLEGE/DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, B.A. Honours (Political Science), 1980**

Governor-General's Medal (first in class, King's)

Gold Medal in Political Science (Dalhousie)

**CAREER HISTORY**

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW**

Professor of Law, 1996-

Associate Dean for Communications & Information Technology, 1997-2000

Associate Professor of Law, 1992-1996

Assistant Professor of Law, 1989-1992

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1988-1989

Designed and taught law school courses in the legal profession (History of Lawyering, Lawyers in American Culture), legal history (American Legal History, English Legal History, Ancient Law), and law and technology (Neteracy for Lawyers). Taught doctrinal courses on Estates & Trusts and Property. Taught a University Honors College course to Pitt undergraduates (Lawyers in American Society). Chaired or served on multiple faculty committees, including Steering, Appointments and Admissions.

**JURIST** (jurist.org)

Publisher & Editor-in-Chief, 1996-

Conceived, designed, programmed and directed the first online law school-based/law student-powered legal news service. Recruited and managed a staff of 50+ law students and two professional staff. Set editorial standards and maintained hands-on quality control. Successfully solicited hard money and foundation support. Established internal governance mechanisms and incorporated in 2008. Oversaw transition to independent non-profit (501(c)(3)) status as Chairman of the Board of Directors of JURIST Legal News and Research Services, Inc.

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

Research Assistant to Professor Morton Horwitz, Summer 1988

**McINNES, COOPER & ROBERTSON** (Halifax, Canada)

Articled Clerk, 1987-88

**SUPREME COURT OF CANADA**

Law clerk to Justice Gerald LeDain, 1984-85

Law clerk-designate to Chief Justice Bora Laskin (d. March 1984), 1983-84

**McCARTHY & McCARTHY** (Toronto, Canada)

Summer Associate, 1984

**CAREER AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

**PERSONAL**

John D. Lawson Award (Canadian American Bar Association, recognizing “Canadians who have excelled in the practice of law and/or made an outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in the U.S.”, 2015)

Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award (University of Pittsburgh), 1995

Excellence-in-Teaching Award (University Pittsburgh School of Law), 1993

**JURIST**

Webby Awards Finalist, (Law), 2015

W3 Silver Award (Law & Legal Services), 2008

Webby Awards Finalist, (Law), 2008

Webby Awards Official Honoree (Law), 2007

W3 Gold Award (Law & Legal Services), 2006

Webby People’s Voice Award (Law), 2006

**BOARDS AND DIRECTORSHIPS**

Chairman of the Board of Directors, JURIST Legal News and Research Services, Inc., 2008-

Board of Directors, Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI), 1999-2004

Editorial Board, H-Net (American Society of Legal History), 1998-1999

## **BAR ADMISSION**

Nova Scotia (1987)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOK-IN-PROGRESS**

Missionaries and Mail-Men: Correspondence Law School and the Struggle for the Soul of American Legal Education (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming)

### **HISTORY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

“Martial Lawyers: Lawyering and War-Waging in American History”, 13 *Seattle Journal for Social Justice* 205 (2014)

*Legal History Blog* Guest Blogger Posts (February 2014), online at

<http://legalhistoryblog.blogspot.ru/2014/02/roundup-of-bernard-hibbittss-posts.html>

“Teaching the History of Lawyering: Who Do We Think We Are?” in *Teaching Legal History: Comparative Perspectives* (Robert M. Jarvis, ed., Wildy Simmonds and Hill Publishing, 2014)

“Lawyering in Place: Topographies of Practice and Pleading in Pittsburgh, 1775-1895”, 73 *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* 619-647 (2012).

### **CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY**

“Preface” in Tracings of Gerald Le Dain’s Life in the Law (Blaine Baker, ed., McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2018)

“Her Majesty’s Yankees: The Use of American Authorities in the Courts of Victorian Nova Scotia” in *The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia: 250th Anniversary Commemoration* (Jim Phillips & Philip Girard ed., University of Toronto Press, 2004).

“‘Our Arctic Brethren’: Canadian Law and Lawyers as Portrayed in American Legal Periodicals, 1829-1911,” in *Essays in Canadian Law, Vol. VIII: In Honour of Richard Risk* (Blaine Baker & Jim Philips, eds., University of Toronto Press, 1999).

“A Change of Mind: The Supreme Court of Canada and the Board of Railway Commissioners, 1903-1929,” 40 *University of Toronto Law Journal* 60-113 (1991).

“Progress and Principle: The Legal Thought of Sir John Beverley Robinson,” 34 *McGill Law Journal* 454-529 (1989).

“A Bridle for Leviathan: The Supreme Court and the Board of Commerce,” 21 *Ottawa Law Review* 65-117 (1989), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1846728](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1846728) [printed text]

## ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY

“The Politics of Principle: Albert Venn Dicey and the Rule of Law,” 23 *Anglo-American Law Review* 1-31 (1994).

## TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION

“The Technology of Law,” 10 *Law Library Journal* 101 (2010), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1557312](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1557312) [printed text]

“Academic Public Service Web Sites and the Future of Virtual Academic Public Service,” 1 *Innovate: A Journal of Online Education* (2005) [with Ellen Cohn].

“Beyond the Electronic Portfolio: A Lifetime Personal Web Space,” 27 *Educause Quarterly* (2004) [with Ellen Cohn].

“Innovative Instruction,” *National Law Journal*, September 23, 2002.

“Changing Our Minds: Legal History Meets the World Wide Web,” 17 *Law & History Review* 385 (1999).

“E-Journals, Archives and Knowledge Networks: A Reply to Archie Zariski’s Defense of Electronic Law Journals,” *First Monday: Peer-Reviewed Journal on the Internet* (July 1997), <http://firstmonday.org/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/540/461>.

Republished in part as “From Law Reviews to Knowledge Networks,” 25 *Serials Review* (1999).

Republished in part as “Goodbye to All That? The Provenance and Prospects of the Law Review,” 28 *Law Librarian* [UK] 134 (1997).

“Liberating Voices,” *Afronet Magazine: Technology from a Black Perspective* (September 1997, at 23).

“Yesterday Once More: Skeptics, Scribes and the Demise of Law Reviews,” 30 *Akron Law Review* 277-320 (1996) (solicited for Special Issue on “Last Writes? Re-assessing the Law Review in the Age of Cyberspace”), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1546762](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1546762) [printed text] and from Pitt Law at <http://law.pitt.edu/archive/hibbitts/akron.htm> [enhanced online edition]

An Italian translation was published in print in *Informatica e diritto* (no. 2, 1997).

“Now Hear This! Thoughts on Law and the New Digital Orality,” *Intellectual Property: The Magazine of Law and Policy for High Technology* [supplement to *The Recorder*, “California’s Legal Newspaper”] (December 1996, at 7; cover story).

“Rights, Wrongs and Journals in the Age of Cyberspace” [with Dr. Ronald LaPorte, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh], 313 *British Medical Journal* 1609 (December 1996; published with responses by the Editors of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *British Medical Journal*, the *Lancet*, and the *Annals of Internal Medicine*).

“The Interface is the Message,” *Wired* (September 1996, at 130).

“Last Writes? Re-assessing the Law Review in the Age of Cyberspace,” 71 *New York University Law Review* 615-688 (1996) online from NYU at <http://www.nyulawreview.org/sites/default/files/pdf/NYULawReview-71-3-Hibbitts.pdf> [printed text] and from Pitt Law at <http://law.pitt.edu/archive/hibbitts/lastrev.htm> [enhanced online edition]

Republished in part as “Critical Years: An Opinionated History of the Law Review,” 24 *Serials Review* 1 (Fall/Winter 1998).

Solicited summaries were published in 3 *Rutgers Law Record* (February 1997); 30 *Akron Law Review* 175-182 (1996); 5 *Tilburg [Netherlands] Foreign Law Review* 299 (1996), and *First Monday: Peer-Reviewed Journal on the Internet* (September 2, 1996), online at [www.firstmonday.dk](http://www.firstmonday.dk).

“Last Writes?” was the subject of a Special Issue of the *Akron Law Review* (Volume 30 Number 2, Winter 1996).

A story on “Last Writes?” appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (February 23, 1996 at A41; “Last Writes?” was named as one of seven “Important Internet Essays on E-Journals” in the *Directory of Electronic Journals, Newsletters and Academic Discussion Lists* (6th ed. 1996).

“Senses of Difference: A Sociology of Metaphor in American Legal Discourse,” in *Law and the Senses* (Lionel Bentley & Leo Flynn [King’s College, London] eds., 1996: Pluto Press).

“Making Motions: The Embodiment of Law in Gesture,” 6 *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* 51-81 (1995) (solicited for symposium issue on “The Crisis of Text”), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1846667](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1846667)

“Making Sense of Metaphors: Visuality, Aurality and the Reconfiguration of American Legal Discourse,” 16 *Cardozo Law Review* 229-356 (1994), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1546767](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1546767) [printed text] and at Pitt Law at [http://law.pitt.edu/archive/hibbitts/meta\\_int.htm](http://law.pitt.edu/archive/hibbitts/meta_int.htm) [enhanced online edition]

A solicited summary is published as “The Metaphor is the Message: Visuality, Aurality and the Reconfiguration of American Legal Discourse” in 8 *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law/Revue Internationale de Semiotique Juridique* 53 (1995).

“‘Coming to Our Senses’: Communication and Legal Expression in Performance Cultures,” 41 *Emory Law Journal* 873-960 (1992), online from SSRN at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1546768](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1546768) [printed text] and from Pitt Law at <http://law.pitt.edu/archive/hibbitts/ctos.htm>

## BOOK REVIEWS

“Elites and Law-Writing in Ancient Greece” [book review of Jason Hawke, *Writing Authority: Elite Competition and Written Law in Early Greece*], H-Net (2012), online at <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33554>

Book Review - C. Nadia Seremetakis, *The Senses Still: Perception and Memory as Material Culture in Modernity*, 23 *American Ethnologist* 135-136 (1996).

Book Review - Peter Hoffer, *Law and People in Colonial America*, 12 *Law and History Review* 197-200 (1994).

“Through a Glass, Darkly” [book review of Kermit Hall, *The Magic Mirror: Law in American History*], 51 *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* 167-177 (1989).

## OTHER

“ILJ Survey: Curricula, Extracurricular Activities and Placement Programs in International Law,” 29 *Harvard International Law Journal* 299-316 (1988) [with Robert Johnson, Teresa Burke and Perpetua Tranlong; unsigned].

“The Impact of the Iran-Iraq Cases on the Law of Frustration of Charterparties,” 16 *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce* 441-466 (1985).

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Letters of the Law: How Innovating Law Professors Delivered Distance Education in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century”; Florida International University College of Law, March 2018

“Martial Lawyers: Lawyers and War-Waging in American History”; Mon Valley Collquium (Pitt/Duquesne/WVU), Morgantown, WV, March 2015

“Power, Protest and Professionalization: Lawyers in Fourteenth Century English Poetry”, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, June 2013.

“Hugh Henry Brackenridge: Lawyer Knight-Errant of the Republic”, University of Pittsburgh 225th Anniversary Commemoration, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2012.

“Continental Lawyering: Canadian Lawyers in the United States”, Canadian Embassy to the United States, Washington, DC, November 2011.

“Who Do You Think You Are? Military Lawyers in Historical Perspective”, 2011 Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Washington, DC, March 2011.

“The Technology of Law”, Plenary Address, Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) Annual Meeting, Halifax, CANADA, July 2010.

“Reporting Law in Real Time”, Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions, Halifax, CANADA, August 2009.

“The Real World in Real Time: Making Legal News on JURIST,” American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, July 2008.

“The Dea(r)th of Legal News,” University of South Carolina Law School, November 2007.

“JURIST for Journalists,” West Virginia University School of Journalism, October 2007.

“Law as a Seamless Web|Site,” JURIST 10th Anniversary Conference, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 2007.

“Beyond the Bluebook: The Future of Writing About the Law,” New York Law School, February 2007.

“Law in Real Time: Rules of Engagement for the New Legal Discourse,” University of San Diego School of Law, November 2005.

- “The Theater of Rules: Re-membering Law in Performance,” New York University Lewent Conference on Ancient Studies, February 2004.
- “Her Majesty’s Yankees: American Authority in the Supreme Court of Victorian Nova Scotia.” Supreme Court of Nova Scotia 250th Anniversary Conference, Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 2003.
- “Representing the American Lawyer as Reformer.” Background paper author, moderator and commentator, American Bar Association (ABA) Law Day panel presentation, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, May 2001.
- “Building JURIST: Diversification, Internationalization and Personalization” CALI Conference on Law School Computing, Chicago, June, 2000.
- “Public Legal Education Online: Challenges and Opportunities.” Plenary address, American Bar Association (ABA) Conference on Law-Related Education, Atlanta, GA, April 2000.
- “Regaining Our Senses: De-scribing Law Through Technology.” American Legal Studies Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 1999.
- “JURIST and Legal Education.” Keynote address, Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association Annual Meeting, Oglebay, WV, September 1999.
- “‘And Now for Something Completely Different . . .’: Transcending Traditional Models in the Age of Electronic Publishing.” American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, July 1999.
- “Everything New is Old Again: Conservative Constructions of Electronic Publishing in the Age of Cyberspace.” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 1999.
- “The Future(?) of Law Reviews in the Age of Cyberspace.” Invited faculty address to the Law Review Editors’ Conference, New York, NY, April 1998 [conference organized and attended by the editors of the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review* and the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*].
- “An Ear for an Eye? Technology and Metaphor in American Law.” Marshall McLuhan 30th Anniversary Conference, Fordham University, New York, NY, March 1998.
- “Publishing Articles on the Internet: From Journals to JURIST.” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January, 1998.
- “Making Law Review: The Provenance and Prospects of a Genre.” American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, July 1997.



“Taking *Writes* Seriously: Is There a Future for the Law Review?” CALI Conference on Law School Computing, Chicago, IL, June 1997.

“De-scribing Law: Performance in the Constitution of Legality” 2nd Annual Performance Studies Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, March 1996.

“The Re-vision of Law: The Pictorial Turn in American Legal Culture” College Art Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, February 1996.

“Re-membering Law: Legal Gesture in the Past, Present and Future” Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (“CHI”), Denver, CO, May 1995.

### **PERSONAL DISTINCTIONS**

Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award, Oxford University Ice Hockey Club (Oxford Blues), 1983.

National championship team member, *Reach for the Top* [high school quiz show], CBC –TV (1975).