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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, January 2004- present

Department of Law and Justice, Central Washington University
Ellensburg, WA

Duties include teaching 3-4 courses per quarter, advising 50-100 students, supervising 6-10 students in individual studies, teaching assistant and cooperative education placements per quarter, teaching 2-3 classes during summer session, and mentoring junior faculty

Associate Professor and Chair, January 2002-January 2004, Sept. 1996- Sept. 1998

Department of Law and Justice, Central Washington University,
Ellensburg, WA

Duties included teaching two to three undergraduate courses per quarter and administration of the department with five to seven full time faculty and eight to twelve adjunct faculty including degree granting programs on four satellite campuses. Responsibilities included budgeting, curriculum planning, hiring and evaluation of faculty and staff, student advising mediation of student-faculty disputes. Served on Faculty Senate, Dean's Tenure/Promotion task force, and College of the Sciences Chairs Committee. As chair, revised the strategic plan, and curriculum of the department to focus on issues of cultural diversity, gender, ethics, and an emphasis on social problems and alternative dispute resolution. Stressed faculty development and student participation in research and community service.

Assistant Professor, September 1993 – September 1996

Department of Law and Justice, Central Washington University,
Ellensburg, WA

Duties include teaching three to four undergraduate courses per quarter in the Departments of Law and Justice and Sociology, advising students in paralegal and prelaw minors. I have also accepted responsibility for obtaining American Bar Association approval for the departmental paralegal program at Central Washington University. Taught Introduction to Criminal Law, Administration in Criminal Justice, Social Problems, and developed and taught Correctional Counseling. Currently teaching Criminal Law, Legal Research, Correctional Law and a seminar on rights and liabilities of law enforcement personnel. Student evaluations of teaching have consistently been rated good to excellent.

Supervising Attorney, June 1981 - May 1993

Legal Clinic, Southern Illinois University School of Law,
Carbondale, IL

Duties included providing direct services to clients as well as supervision of paralegal and seven (7) student interns representing elderly and prisoner clients. This practice encompassed a general law practice including extensive litigation in areas such as domestic relations, estate planning, bankruptcy, guardianship, real estate, prison litigation, criminal law, non-profit corporations, social security disability, Medicare, taxation, contracts, torts, and other legal problems. My practice included extensive work in the area of federal civil rights litigation on behalf of prisoners. Among the cases successfully litigated were a class action enforcing the right to practice freedom of religion in a state prison, a class action challenging the conditions of confinement in a county jail, and issues of cruel and unusual punishment in beating and segregating prisoners. In all cases I supervised law students and paralegals in every aspect of the litigation including investigation, drafting and participation in trials. I was also solely responsible for the litigation of federal black lung litigation on behalf of disabled coal miners representing as many as 150 clients at a time with the assistance of law students who prepared cases represented clients at hearings and assisted in pursuing appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In addition, my duties at the legal clinic required me to present workshops on substantive aspects of the law to law students each semester as well as regularly conducting training sessions for local social service agencies on legal topics relevant to their practice. Student evaluations during the twelve years in this position consistently rated performance as good to very good.

Teaching: Appellate Advocacy, Southern Illinois University School of Law. As part of the regular law school curriculum this course required the formulation of specific instructional materials, lecturing in criminal law and procedure, instruction in proper brief writing skills and oral argument, and sitting as a "judge" in moot court arguments. Also served as faculty adviser to the local law student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Member of the Board, 1984 – 1992

Attucks Community Services,
Carbondale, Illinois.

This is a private community service organization serving disadvantaged residents in areas of remedial education, job training, job placement, recreation and specialized educational programs for youth. As chair of the Social Services Task Force, and Chair of the Board, I conducted needs assessments, formulated new programs, evaluated existing programs, presented workshops, wrote grants, and represented the organization before funding agencies.

- Secretary and Treasurer
- Chair, Social Services Task Force
- Chairman of the Board (1988-1990)

Partner, June 1980 - June 1982

Abel, Roberts, Weiss & Easter-Wells,
Carbondale, Illinois

Private law firm specializing in providing alternative representation to low income and indigent clients. Concentrated in criminal defense (private and court appointed), domestic, civil rights, and employment discrimination. This practice involved an extensive practice in criminal bench and jury trials, criminal appeals, as well as representation of police and correctional officers who had been wrongfully disciplined or discharged. Organized police abuse hotline, presented workshops on the rights of the accused, and pursued citizens' complaints of police misconduct before the city council in Carbondale, Illinois.

Co-founder and attorney, September 1979 - June 1982

Marion Prisoner's Rights Project,
Marion, Illinois

Private, non-profit corporation organized to provide legal services to prisoners at the United States Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois, the prison designated to replace Alcatraz. Marion Prisoner's Rights Project conducted individual and class representation in parole, civil rights litigation and federal appeals for three (3) years with a funded staff of three (3) part-time attorneys, paralegal and students. The issues litigated included the right to counsel, cruel and unusual punishment, right to freedom of expression, and religious freedom. This project was funded by the Campaign for Human Development and other private sources.

Regularly presented workshops on different aspects of prison litigation at National Lawyers Guild conferences.

In April, 1984 testified as a Marion Prisoner's Rights Project attorney at hearings concerning the conditions at the Marion Penitentiary in the wake of a serious prison disturbance and repressive lockdown conducted by Representative Kastenmeier under the authority of a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

Managing Attorney, October 1977 - June 1980

Prison Legal Aid, Southern Illinois University School of Law,
Carbondale, Illinois

Duties included administration of office and supervision of two to three staff attorneys and up to 18 law students in the representation of state prisoners in matters ranging from administrative hearings to federal civil rights litigation.

Managing Attorney, July 1977 - October 1977

Prison Legal Services, Southern Illinois University School of Law,
Carbondale, Illinois

Administered the finalizing of litigation of short term indigent post-conviction project representing state prisoners in collateral attacks on constitutional violations in their convictions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois	1977
United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois	1977
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit	1979
U.S. Claims Court	1990

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Bar Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, 1994

Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale, IL 62901

Honors & Activities: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (GPA 4.0 on 4.0 scale)
Specialized in areas of health and mental health including year-long internship in counseling individuals, couples, and groups. Conducted needs assessment instrumental in obtaining a grant to establish youth-at-risk program.

Juris Doctor Degree, May 1977

Southern Illinois University School of Law
Carbondale, IL 62901

Honors & Activities: Graduate Research Assistant, September 1976 - July 1977.
Under the supervision of a licensed attorney interviewed prisoner clients, witnesses, drafted pleadings, and researched legal issues for on-going litigation.

Candidate for Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy, 1971-1973

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901

Honors & Activities: Editor, Kinesis, Journal of Philosophy
Vice-President of Graduate Philosophy Union
Teaching Assistant, taught Introduction to Ethics for two years

Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, 1971

Adelphi University
Garden City, NY

Major: Philosophy

Honors & Activities: Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society
Dean's List
Department Honors
Co-chairperson, College Bound Corporation (organized and conducted tutoring program for inner-city high school students)
Regents Scholarship

Major: Philosophy (1967-1969)

Syracuse University at Utica College,
Utica, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Smith, L., J. Olivero, and J. Roberts. 1995. Criminal Justice Student Suitability For Employment in Law Enforcement Careers. 1995 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Boston, Massachusetts.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1995. "AIDS in Mexican Prisons" AIDS and Society, International Research and Policy Bulletin. Vol. 6 No 4.

Roberts, J., M. Bechtel, T. Chandler, and L. Smith. 1995. "Survey of Judicial Treatment of Domestic Violence Abuse in a Rural Washington County and Implications for the Future" Preliminary results and abstract submitted for presentation at Annual Meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Final paper to be submitted for publication by March 31, 1996.

Roberts, J. 1995-1996. "Can Mediation Resolve Prison Disputes? An analysis of the Monroe Reformatory Prisoner Mediation Pilot Project". We were selected to conduct this year-long study by the Snohomish County Dispute Resolution Center with the cooperation of the Washington State Reformatory at Monroe. It is anticipated that this research will lead to several presentations and articles in that this pilot project is the first known attempt to utilize prisoners trained as mediators to mediate prison disputes.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1990. "The United States Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois: Alcatraz Revisited." The New England Journal of Criminal and Civil Confinement. Volume 16, Number 1, Winter: 21-51. Refereed.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1990. "Jail Suicide and Legal Liability." Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior. Volume 20, Number 2, Summer: 138-148. Refereed.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1989. "The Management of Aids in Correctional Facilities: The View from the Federal Court." Prison Journal. Volume LXIX, Number 2, Fall-Winter: 9-20. Refereed.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1989. "Jail Suicide a Legal Liability." The Proceedings of the 22nd Meetings of the American Association of Suicidology. Pp. 177-191.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1988. "Identifying Needs Among the Disadvantaged in a Rural Town and the Attempt for Change: The Case of Carbondale." The Proceedings of the Eight Conference on Small Cities and Municipalities. Pp. 255-270.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. 1987. "The U.S. Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois, and the 22 Month Lockdown: The Crisis Continues." Crime and Social Justice. (1987).

Nos. 27-28, Pp. 245-256. Refereed.

**PUBLIC SERVICE, SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY,
STUDENTS, AND THE PROFESSION**

Kittitas County Victim Offender Mediation Program Co-wrote 2 three year Grants funding program to provide mediation services to juveniles, probation services and courts in Kittitas County. Served as co director of program for 6 years.

Kittitas County Drug Court Consulted on formation of Drug Court and served on drug court team reviewing clients progress and attending court on a weekly basis
Kittitas County Domestic Violence Task Force. Participated in policy review, volunteer training and coordination of professional response to local domestic violence issues as part of this multidisciplinary task force. The above described survey and study is undertaken in this capacity.

Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Serve as a certified mediator in Small Claims cases, domestic relations cases, and other court-referred and privately initiated mediation proceedings. Serve as a mediator trainer assisting in ongoing trainings and as a "coach" for mediation interns. Currently serve as member of the Board of Directors.

Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee: Regional Program Development Unit. Serve in assessing and advising on county juvenile justice issues. Assist in submitting grants for state funds for local juvenile justice projects. Served on committee to conduct on-site monitoring of local juvenile detention facility.

Kittitas County Jail Volunteer Counselor. Served as co-facilitator and counselor in inmate group counseling in "Reality Therapy" and "Incest Survivors" groups.

Kittitas County Crisis Line. Served as Crisis Line volunteer providing crisis intervention, mental health, and other referral services and member of the Board of Directors.

Kittitas County Volunteer Legal Services. Serve as supervisor and advisor to student interns who interview, assist, and refer indigent clients in need of legal aid. Member of Board of Directors.

Central Washington University - Law and Justice Program at Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC). Serve as coordinator of program and student advisor for Law and

Justice students taking courses at YVCC site.

Central Washington University - Faculty Senate. Serve as senate representative for Department of Law and Justice.

Central Washington University - Law and Justice Hiring Committee. Serve as member of hiring committee.

Central Washington University - Family Studies Advisory Committee. Serve as Law and Justice representative to committee.

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Served as mentor during 1995.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS

Chaired session on “Recent trends in Juvenile Justice” Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore Md. April 2006.

Annually attend 2 day Restorative Justice Conference.

Organized and presented at annual Restorative Justice Conference at CWU for three years.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. U. S. Prisoners in Mexican Prisons: Conditions and the Treaty. 1994 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Chicago, Illinois. (scheduled).

Olivero, J., J. Roberts, R. Murataya and L. Rubenser. The Mexican Federal Judicial Police, the PRI and U.S. Involvement. 1993 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Phoenix, Arizona.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. Policies on AIDS. 1990 Annual Correctional Symposium. Lexington, Kentucky.

Roberts, J. Attended sections on the treatment of prisoners with AIDS. 1990 Annual Meeting of the National Lawyer's Guild.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. Jail Suicide and Liability. 1988. 22nd Conference of the American Association of Suicidology. Also, chaired a panel on suicide within jails and prisons, San Diego, CA.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. Identifying Needs Among the Disadvantaged in a Rural Town

and The attempt for Change: The Case of Carbondale. 1988. Eighth Conference on the Small City and Regional Community. Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois.

Olivero, J. and J. Roberts. The U.S. Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois, and the 19 Month Lockdown: The Crisis Continues. 1987. American Society of Criminology. San Diego, California.

OTHER TRAINING

September 1988

- Alcoholism and the Elderly. Presented by Shawnee Alliance for the Seniors and Substance Abuse Services. Six-hour session.

- Community Service

- Crisis Line Volunteer - Attended two-day training and serve on the Ellensburg crisis line.
- Domestic Violence Task Force - meeting regularly with law enforcement and social service providers to review matters regarding domestic violence in Kittitas County.
- Habitat for Humanity - member of the building committee.

- University Service

- Member, Yakima Coordinator screening committee.

- Other training

- Attended three-session teleconference at Central Washington University on improving teaching effectiveness.
- Completed 40-hour course in mediation training.
- Completed three day training in "Process Education" by the Pacific Crest Institute hosted by CWU.
- Completed separate 20 hour trainings in Victim Offender Mediation, Senior Citizens Mediation, Family Mediation (dissolution negotiations, parenting plans) and Parent-Teen Mediation and have been certified by the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties as a mediator in all of these areas.

CURRENT RESEARCH TOPICS

Adolescent gangs, teen problems, prisons and prison riots, suicide, and elder abuse. Have conducted interviews with the Director of the Mexican Bureau of Prisons, Mexican human rights advocates, prison officials and prisoners in support of on-going research comparing Mexican and United States prison systems.

REFERENCES

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