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Appointed **Full Professor of Law**, University of San Francisco (2004-present)

Fellow, Mind and Life Institute (April, 2015 to present)

Courses Taught:

Torts; Race, Law and Policy: An Introduction and Legal History; Contemporary Issues in Race and Law: Evolving Notions of (In)equality; Contemplative Lawyering; Effective and Sustainable Law Practices: A Mindfulness-Based Perspective; Group/Interpersonal Dynamics; Immigration Law; Insurance Law.

Interim Co-Director, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of San Francisco (2012-2014)

Co-Awarded:

University of San Francisco Ignatian Service Award, May 2013

Workshops Developed and Facilitated:

“Reinventing Rigor” (Co-facilitator; Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

“Enhancing Rigor by Creating Inclusive and Identity-Safe Classrooms” (Lead developer and facilitator; Spring 2014)

Education **University of Virginia School of Law J.D.**, 1993.

Editorial Board, Virginia Law Review (1991-92)

Articles Review Board, Virginia Law Review (1992-93)

Member, Raven Society

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences M.A., 1993

Sociology with emphasis on conflict management theory and qualitative research methods. Thesis: Conflict Management in a Non-Profit Organization. Paper on the origins of racial stratification nominated for the Beirstadt award. Awarded competitive fellowship for doctoral study.

University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences *B.A. with Distinction*, 1989.
Distinguished Majors= Thesis: The Socioeconomic Effects of Disability.

Other Education and Teacher Development Experience

Mindfulness in Law Society Mentors' Circle (Founding Mentor, 2017)

University of Massachusetts, Oasis Institute, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Teacher Development Practicum (June 2013); and Teacher Development Intensive (May-June 2014).

Stanford Facilitator Training Group Introductory Workshop Training (June 2007).
Facilitator Training Group Participant (2007-2009)

Other Appointments

Co-Facilitator, Ignatian Faculty Forum for Faculty Leadership Development, University of San Francisco (April 2015 to present)

Visiting Professor, University of California Berkeley School of Law (Fall 2014)

Visiting Scholar, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Center for the Study of Law and Society (August 2014-June 2015)

Senior Fellow, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley Institute for Mindfulness in Law (August 2014 – May 2015)

Adjunct, California Institute for Integral Studies (Spring 2011)

Visiting Professor of Law, William and Mary College of Law (Fall 2004).

Associate Professor of Law, University of San Francisco (1998-2004)

Representative Leadership Experience

Chair, Status Committee, Faculty of USF School of Law, (2015-2016)

Interim Co-Director, USF Center for Teaching Excellence (2012-14)

President, Board of Directors, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (2011-2015)

Chair, Carnegie/Best Practices Task Force, Faculty of USF Law (2008-11)

Chair, Diversity Committee, Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal (San Francisco) (1998-99)

Second Lieutenant, Virginia National Guard (1989-1991), U.S. Army Reserves (1991-97)

Publications *Law Review Publications:*

The Way of ColorInsight: Understanding Race and Law Effectively Through Mindfulness-Based ColorInsight Practices, 8 Georgetown J. of Law and Mod. Critical Race Perspectives 251 (2016)

Educating Lawyers to Meditate? 79 UMKC L. Rev. 535 (2011) (Lead Article).

Slavery as Immigration? 44 U.S.F. L. Rev. 273 (2009)

Competing Narratives, Competing Jurisprudences: Are Law Schools Racist? And the Case for an Integral Critical Approach to Thinking, Talking, Writing and Teaching About Race, 43 U.S.F. L. Rev 777 (2009)

Toward An Integral Critical Approach to Thinking, Talking, Writing and Teaching About Race, 43 U.S.F. L. Rev. 259 (2008)

Legal Education and the Formation of Professional Identity: A Critical Spiritual – “Humanity Consciousness” -- Perspective, N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Ch. (2007)

Inviting New Worlds, Tuning to New Voices: A Post 9-11 Meditation on “Where Do We Go From Here?” 3 Seattle Journal for Social Justice 587 (2005)

Racial Suffering As Human Suffering: An Existentially-Grounded Humanity Consciousness as a Guide to a Fourteenth Amendment Reborn, 13 Temp. Pol. & Civ. R. L. Rev. 891 (2004)

The Third Reconstruction: An Alternative to Race-Consciousness and Colorblindness in Post-Slavery America, 54 Alabama Law Review 483 (Winter 2003)

Symposium, Is Civil Rights Law Dead? ***Affirmative Action After Grutter: Reflections on a Tortured Death, Imagining a Dignity-Affirming Afterlife***, 63 L.S.U. L. Rev. 705 (2003)

The Justice of Parental Accountability: Hypothetical Disinterested Citizens and Real Victims= Voices In the Debate Over Expanded Parental Liability, 75 Temple Law Review 375 (2002) (Lead Article)

Note, ***The Master’s Tools, From the Bottom Up: Responses to African American Reparations Theory In Mainstream and Outsider Remedies Discourse***, 79 Va. L. Rev. 864 (1993)

Book Chapters:

“Community-Engaged Mindfulness and Social Justice: An Inquiry and Call to Action,” in HANDBOOK OF MINDFULNESS: CULTURE, CONTEXT AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT, Ron Purser (ed.) (Springer, 2016).

“Teaching Law to Transform: Mindfulness-Based Learning Communities as Incubators of Social Justice through Law,” in TRANSFORMING JUSTICE, Marjorie Silver (ed.) (Carolina Press, forthcoming 2017).

“Teaching Mindfulness With Mindfulness of Diversity,” in RESOURCES FOR TEACHING MINDFULNESS: AN INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK, Donald McCown and Diane Riebel (eds.) (Springer, 2016).

“Teaching Newly Essential Knowledge, Skills and Values in a Changing World: Intercultural Effectiveness,” (co-authored with Mary A. Lynch, Robin Boyle & Antoinette Sedillo Lopez) Chapter 6 in BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES: TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR A CHANGING WORLD (Matthew Bender & Company, 2015).

“Mindfulness and the Renewal of Legal Education,” NEW DIRECTIONS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING: CONTEMPLATIVE STUDIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, no. 134, (Jossey Bass, 2013), 31.

“Contemplative Practice in Law: An Overview” in Mirabai Bush (ed.) Contemplation Nation: How Ancient Practices are Changing the Way We Live (Fetzer 2011).

Other Publications:

“Mindfulness Plays a Role in Helping Law Student Confront Racism,” ABA Journal (August 2016),
http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/mindfulness_confronting_racism

“Martin Luther King, Jr. Offers Insight Into Justice for All,” ABA Journal (March 2016),
http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/martin_luther_king_jr_offers_insight_into_justice_for_all/

“Life Experience and Cognitive Science Deepen the Case for Mindfulness and Law,” ABA Journal (January 2016),

http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/experience_and_cognitive_science_deepen_the_case_for_mindfulness_in_the_law

“How Mindfulness Can Defeat Racial Bias,” Greater Good: The Science of Meaningful Life, Newsletter of the Greater Good Science Center, University of California (Berkeley), (May 2015), http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/author/Rhonda_Magee and Huffington Post, (May 2015), http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/05/19/mindfulness-race_n_7310156.html

“Making the Case for Mindfulness and the Law,” NWLawyer Washington State Bar Journal (March/April 2014)

“No Longer Waiting to Exhale: Mindfulness Meets the Legal Profession,” (“Beyond Stress Reduction,” Panel Materials, Annual Meeting, State Bar of Arizona, June 2012)

“The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity,” Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (originally posted 2008); revised and republished as ***“Paying Mind to Diversity,”*** August, 2011, Mindful.org.

“Beyond Black and White: Some Thoughts on the Impact of Brown on Legal Education and Legal Scholarship.” USF Lawyer (2004)

“Freeman v. Pitts,” Oxford Supreme Court Reporter (2004)

“Dog Law Should Value Human Life Above All,” Forum, San Francisco Chronicle, February 7, 2001.

Works-In-Progress

Race and Mindfulness (Manuscript in Progress, under contract for publication with Random House/Tarcher Perigee).

Legal **Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal**, San Francisco.

Experience **Litigation Associate.** 1993-1998

Emphasis on Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law.

Extensive law and motion experience, including summary judgments and demurrers. Extensive discovery experience, including depositions.

Appellate briefing experience in state and federal courts. Frequent client contact and independent case management. Extensive settlement negotiation and drafting of

agreements. Prepared and presented CLE programs on insurance litigation issues.
Elected Associates= Representative (1996-97).

Representative clients include The Travelers Insurance Company; Allstate Insurance Company; American International Group (AIG); American Insurance Association (AIA).

McCutchen Doyle Brown & Enersen, Summer Associate (1992).

Received litigation associate attorney offer of employment.

Hunton & Williams, Summer Associate (1991). Received litigation associate attorney offer of employment.

Representative Presentations and Workshops Include:

June 5-11, 2017: “What Roles Do Inclusivity and Social Justice Play in Contemplative Science?” (with Peter Grossenbacher); “Interconnectivity and Social Connectivity: Deepening the Work of Putting Contemplative Studies and Science In Context” (solo Plenary Presentation)

March 2017: Duke Presentation [description to be added]

March 2017: Brown Presentation [description to be added]

February 2017: Wisdom 2.0 Presentation, (with Jon Kabat Zinn) [description to be added]

November 11-13, 2016: International Symposium for Contemplative Sciences, Mind and Life Institute.

(1) Keynote Presentation: “Moving Together From Colorblindness to ColorInsight: Contemplative Inquiry, Research and Practice in the Work of Transformative Justice.” (November 12, 2016)

(2) Panel Presentation: “Exploring the Relationships between Contemplative Approaches, Social Justice, and Action.” (November 13, 2016)

November 3, 2016: Women in Law Enforcement Annual Conference, Panel Presenter, “Mindfulness, Resilience and Bias.”

October 7-9, 2016: Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, Annual Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

(1) “Encountering Systemic Privilege and Oppression through Community-Engaged Mindfulness Practice” (October 8, 2016) (Lead Presenter);

(2) “Embracing Diverse Cosmologies and Practices in Contemplative Education” (October 9, 2016) (Panel Presenter).

September, 2016: Contemplative Practices in Higher Education Workshop, Omega Institute, “Mindful Law: Transforming Justice Through Contemplative Legal Education” (Solo Presentation) (September 22, 2016);

September, 2016: “Let’s Talk About Diversity, Inclusivity and Justice,” USF School of Law

August, 2016: “Radical Contemplative Pedagogy; Or, Does Black Mindfulness Matter Here? Further Along the Road Past Tokenism and Diversity in the Movement for Justice in Contemplative Pedagogy, Summer Contemplative Pedagogy Institute” (August, 2016)

July 2016: “What is the Role of Contemplative Practice When Social Identity-Based Harm Has Happened?” Toward a Contemplative Studies Committed to Liberty and Justice for All. Mind and Life Summer Research Institute, Garrison Institute, Garrison, NY

June 23, 2016: Panel Presentation, *Intro to Mindfulness*, Santa Clara District Attorney’s Office. Introductory session of a 5-week Course for prosecutors.

June 13, 2016: Mind and Life Institute:

60-Minute Keynote Presentation: *What is the Role of Contemplative Practice When Social-Identity-Based Suffering and Structural Violence Has Happened?*

60-Minute Break-Out Session Facilitation: *Methodological Innovations for Deepening Our Understanding of Contemplative Inquiry and Practices as Social Justice Interventions.*

June 16, 2016: Mind and Life Institute, Joint Breakout Session (Rhonda Magee, JD, MA and Helen Weng, PhD). Experiential breakout session: *Turning Toward Social Identity-Based Suffering: Practicing Mindfulness and Compassionate Awareness Together.*

June 9, 2016: Presentation, *Teaching Through the Lens of Social History, Identity and Experience*, Warrior One Mindful Lawyer Teacher Training Institute.

June 8, 2016: Presentation, *Let’s Talk About Microaggressions*, USF Student Life Division Meeting

March 20, 2016 *Mindfulness, MOOCs, and Money in Higher Education: Possibilities and Promise*, Naropa University,

-- Panel presentation, "Unpacking the Crisis in Higher Ed," with David Germano (Director, Contemplative Sciences Center, University of Virginia) and John Pryor, Education Consultant;

-- Breakout facilitation, "Let's Talk About Racism."

April 5, 2016 *The Way of ColorInsight: Teaching Race and Law Effectively Through Mindfulness-Based ColorInsight Practices*, Lewis & Clark School of Law.

April 7, 2016 Keynote Address, *Keeping it Real, Lively, and Strong: Engaged Mindfulness Practices for Resilient Learning Communities*. University of Oregon, Teaching Effectiveness Center, High Impact Change Series.

April 15 - 16: Contemplative Studies Symposium, University of California, Santa Cruz

April 15: Roundtable Discussion, *What is Contemplative Pedagogy?*

April 16: Panel Presentation, *Faculty Contemplative Pedagogy Curriculum Development Workshop*

April 20: Bar Pass Task Force Faculty Pedagogy Workshop: *The Joys and Challenges of the 21st Century Classroom*, University of San Francisco School of Law (presentation and facilitated conversation)

April 30 - May 1: Mindful Life Conference, Washington, DC. More information: Schedule: <http://allthingsmindful.org/schedule/>; Speakers: <http://allthingsmindful.org/speakers/>

April 30: Panel Discussion: *Mindfulness, Diversity and Inclusion as a Foundation for Working Together*

May 1, 2016: Panel Discussion: *Mindfulness in America: Health Revolution or Passing Fad?*

December 1, 2015 *Mindfulness in the Work of Education*, presentation sponsored by the Staff of the USF School of Education

December 4, 2015 Retreat Facilitator, *Everyday Practices for Replenishing the Well Within*, sponsored by USF University Ministries

December 8, 2015 Presentation, *Straight Talk about Race and Mindfulness*, webinar sponsored by the Mind and Life Institute

December 15, 2015 Presentation, *Community Engaged Mindfulness*, teleseminar sponsored by the Project for the Integration of Spirituality, Law and Politics

October 2, 2015, “Mindfulness and Critical Constitutionalism,” with Angela Harris of UC Davis at the 20th Annual Conference of the LatCrit Association.

“Building Just Communities Through Contemplative Teaching and Learning that Works for All”, **October 9-12, 2015, the Annual Conference of the Center for Contemplative Mind on Higher Ed (ACMHE)**, (Thursday, October 8, 2015).

“Answering the Cries of the Soul,” an Interactive panel with Taquiena Boston (Director, Multicultural Growth and Witness, Unitarian Universalist Association; and Stephanie Briggs (Community College of Baltimore County), Building Just Communities Conference, (Friday, October 9, 2015)

“Diversity and Assessment: Redefining Rigor in Favor of Just, Inclusive Research” (with Grace Bullock, Founding Director, International Science and Education Alliance), Building Just Communities Conference (Saturday, October 10, 2015)

“Doing the Work of Doing the Work Together: Contemplative Allyship and Alliance-Building” (Lead presenter and Workshop facilitator) (with Brad Grant, Professor of Architecture; Daniel Barbezat, Professor of Economics, Amherst College; Ramaswami Mahalingham, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan), Building Just Communities Conference (Sunday, October 11, 2015).

“The Slow, Quiet Coming of Contemplative Law, and the (Not Quite Inevitable Contemplative Social Justice) Commitments at its Core,” Presentation to the Faculty, University of San Francisco School of Law (Wednesday, October 13, 2015)

“Justice Begins with a Breath: Mindfulness-Based Practices for Sustainable Work in the Child Support System and Compassionate Justice for All,” 19th Annual AB 1058 Child Support Conference, Judicial Council Committee of the State Bar of California (CLE-certified) (Friday, October 16, 2015) (*photo attached*).

“Contemplative Teaching and Learning: Inquiry and Practices” (Facilitator and Presenter, Faculty Development Workshop)

“Contemplative Teaching and Learning: A Vision for the Future,” Presentation, Colorado College (October 30, 2015)

“Contemplative Learning and Well-Being: A Practicum for Students” (Facilitator and Presenter, October 31, 2015)

“Breathing Together Through, ‘I Can’t Breathe: Mindfulness and Toward Social Justice for All.”
University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mindfulness (April, 2015)

“Lessons from Ferguson,” Wisdom 2.0 (February 2015); University of California, Berkeley School of Law (October, 2015).

“Contemplative Practices in Higher Education: Foundations in Personal Practices” (Omega Institute, August 23, 2014)

“Enhancing Rigor for all through Contemplative Pedagogy” (University of Virginia, forthcoming, February 6, 2014)

“Mindfulness, Law and Social Justice” (University of Virginia School of Law, forthcoming, February 7, 2014)

“Mindfulness and Law Student Wellbeing,” Subjective Wellbeing and Law Conference, University of Colorado (June 26, 2013)

Contemplative Practices Across the Curriculum, Workshop on Mindfulness and Legal Education, University of California, Berkeley School of Law (June 9, 2013)

Keynote address, Lawyers as Peacemakers and Healers, Phoenix, AZ (April 19, 2013).

Featured presenter, Mindfulness and Compassion, Berkeley Greater Good Science Institute (March 8, 2013)

Featured presenter, Black and Latino Migration, California State University, Northridge (March 13, 2013)

Keynote address, Annual Conference, Association of Contemplative Mind in Society (November 20, 2012)

Mindfulness and Law Student Wellbeing, International Conference on Law and Society, O'ahu, Hawaii
(June 6, 2012)

Beyond Stress Reduction: How Mindful Lawyers are Changing the World and

How We Can All Make A Difference. "Creating a Mindful Society," New York

Ethical Society, (October 1, 2011)

Mindfulness and Ethics: The Deeper Ground. Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective, Retreat
for Legal Professionals, Spirit Rock Meditation Center (September 10, 2011).

Educating Lawyers to Meditate? Keynote Panel Presentation on Legal Education, Law and Meditation
Conference, University of California, Berkeley Law School (October 29, 2010)

"Slavery as Immigration?," Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop (June 2009); University of
LaVerne, Symposium: Encountering Stereotypes in Immigration Law (February, 2010);
University of San Francisco, Symposium: The Evolving Definition of the Immigrant
Worker (January, 2009)

"Legal Education and the Development of Professional Identity," forthcoming, American Association of
Law Schools Annual Meeting (January, 2010)

"The Meditative Professional: Making Workplace Changes Toward a More Meaningful Worklife,"
Tikkun Network of Spiritual Progressives Conference on Work and Meaning, Berkeley,
California (September, 2008)

"The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity." Queen's Bench, San Francisco (May, 2008)

Keynote Address, USF Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Annual Spring Banquet (April, 2008)

"The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity." Effective Lawyering: The Meditative
Perspective, Retreat for Legal Professionals, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society,
Santa Rosa, California (April, 2008)

"Slavery and Immigration Law." USF Faculty Scholarship Brown Bag (April 1, 2008)

"The Mindful Law Professor and the Challenges of Diversity", conference on Humanizing the Law,
Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas (October 20, 2007)

How to Succeed in Law School, presentation to the USF Black Law Students Association, September, 19,
2007

Keynote Address, Annual Banquet, USF La Raza, April 2007.

"The Meditative Perspective and the Elimination of Bias," on behalf of the Center for Contemplative
Mind in Society, Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective – A Retreat for Legal
Professionals, Spirit Rock Meditation Center (April 14, 2007)

“What is Black History?,” Keynote Address, City of San Francisco Black History Month Kickoff Celebration, San Francisco City Hall, (February 2007)

“Slavery Disclosure Ordinances: A Legal Perspective,” University of San Francisco (March 2006); African-American Historical and Cultural Society of San Francisco (September, 2006); San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee (October, 2006)

Moderator, “The Immigration Debate: Issues, Perspectives, Solutions,” University of San Francisco (October, 2006)

Anti-Racist Lawyering 101, National Lawyers’ Guild (March, 2006)

Critical Race Theory: An Overview, University of California Hastings College of Law (October, 2005)

“What Does it Really Mean to Think Like a Lawyer, and *What’s Love Got to Do With It?* (University of San Francisco Law School, April 2005)”

“Teaching from the Left: Humanity Consciousness and Legal Education” (*Workshop Presentation* at Harvard Law School, March 2006)

“Liberation Theology and Critical Race Theory” (National Conference of People of Color in Law, George Washington University, November 2004)

“The Concept of Humanity Consciousness and a New Vision of the 14th Amendment” (Temple Law School, November 2003)

Group Dialogue Facilitations:

Ignatian Faculty Forum, University of San Francisco, Fall 2015-May 2016)

University of San Francisco Office of Diversity and Inclusion, “And Still We Rise: Class in Academia,” (Spring 2014; Fall 2013)

Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective, Spirit Rock Meditation Center, Woodacre, California, “Mindfulness and Ethics,” “Mindfulness and the Elimination of Bias” (Fall, 2013)

California Institute for Integral Studies, Graduate Program in Integral Counseling Psychology, Group Dynamics (co-facilitator) (Fall Semester, 2011).

Center for Contemplative Mind in Society’s “Gathering of Leaders in Law and Meditation,” Group Discussion Facilitator, Berkeley, California (June, 2008).

Center for Contemplative Mind in Society’s “Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective,” A Retreat for Legal Professionals, Santa Rosa, CA (April, 2008).

Diversity Forum, USF School of Law (November, 2007).

Affiliations Board of Advisors, Center for Mindfulness, University of Massachusetts Medical School (2016-present); Steering Committee, Mind and Life (2016-Present); Board of Advisors, Holistic Life Foundation (2015- Present); Board of Directors, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (2009-2015; Board President, 2011-2015); Consultant, Berkeley Initiative for Mindfulness in Law (2012-present); Board Member, American Association of Law Schools Section on Humanizing Legal Education (2007-10); Member, Project for the Integration of Spirituality, Law and Politics (2004-present); Member, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society Working Group for Lawyers (2006-present); American Sociological Association (2006); Law and Society Association (2006); Member, American Association of Law Schools, Sections on Torts and Insurance, and Minority Law Professors (1999-present); Western Law Professors of Color (1999-present); State Bar of California (1997-present); American Bar Association (Co-Chair, Tort and Insurance Practice Section Subcommittee, 1996-97); Bar Association of San Francisco (Committee on Minority Employment, 1995-96).

Other Consultant, African American Historical and Cultural Society of San Francisco.

Media Appearances on NBC Nightly News, KRON television and radio, KALW, and KCBS talk radio on topics related to civil law and community life.

References Charlie Halpern
Founding Director
Berkeley Initiative for Mindfulness and Law
University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Carolyn Jacobs
Dean (Retired)
School of Social Work
Smith College
Interim Executive Director, Mind and Life Institute (April - November, 2015)

Arthur Zajonc
Professor Emeritus (Physics), Amherst College
Former Executive Director, The Mind and Life Institute

Additional references available upon request.

