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Jigme Signe Wangchuk School of Law, Paro, Bhutan

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Diverse teaching, management, and legal experience in the United States and abroad. Fulbright Scholar awards and other grants provided an opportunity to develop experiential education approaches in several countries. Managing an NGO law office, education department, and various grants has provided valuable experience working with people, budgets, and program building.

**EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Dean of Graduate and Experiential Education July 2022 - Current**

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Developed a “Street Law” program for clinical law students to teach persons with disabilities about the legal system and how to navigate the civil and criminal legal systems. Taught courses on human rights and access to justice using interactive, applied learning approaches. Students in the course conducted community education programs on various issues. Expanded the law school’s externship program by creating partnerships with new law firms and NGOs to give students a semester paid by the law firm. Creating a training for volunteer Bhutan attorneys who will provide free representation to indigent criminal defendants. Designing a collaborative graduate program with universities in developed countries on climate change and environmental law.

**Supervising Attorney of the Innocence Clinic June 2021 – June 2022**

*Midwest Innocence Project and University of Missouri – Kansas City*

Supervised students working on a wrongful conviction case for a client sentenced to life in prison without parole. Taught a seminar class and supervised students evaluating wrongful conviction claims. Collaborated with teachers and students in local universities taking cases to evaluate wrongful conviction claims. Helped clear a back log of applications for assistance with claims of innocence by supervising students’ working to evaluate the merits of the clients’ cases.

**Professor and Chairperson 1999 - 2021**

*Missouri Western State University*

Supervised a department of ten full time faculty, additional adjuncts, and support staff. Helped create a graduate program, forensic lab, online courses and degree, and increased enrollment. Taught a variety of undergraduate courses, many of which included experiential learning such as drafting legal documents for clients and assessing claims of wrongful convictions for the Midwest Innocence Project. Scholarly work included many co-authored articles with students on human rights issues, engaging with communities, and experiential education. Co-presented research with students and colleagues in many national and international forums. Served as faculty advisor to students on selecting courses and careers, as well as advised student organizations. As faculty advisor of student organizations helped students with community and legislative advocacy on human rights issues.

**Managing Attorney 1985 - 1999**

**Legal Aid of Western Missouri**

Managed the law office in St. Joseph, Missouri for most of these years. Supervised a paid staff of 10, numerous volunteer attorneys, and student interns. Helped obtain and manage grants from the private and public sector. Examples of grants I obtained include an annual United Way allocation for a staff attorney and a Violence Against Women Act STOP grant for an attorney to represent clients obtaining orders of protection on domestic violence cases. Represented indigent clients with civil legal problems.

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

* Ambassador’s Distinguished Scholar Award, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia September 2019 – March 2020 (cut short by the pandemic).
* Fulbright Specialist for BABSEACLE and the Department of Law, Taunggyi University, Myanmar. June-July 2019.
* International Clinician in Residence for BABSEACLE, Department of Law, Taunggyi University, Myanmar. June-July 2018.
* Fulbright Specialist Award, University of The Gambia Law Clinic. May 1, 2017 - June 11, 2017.
* Fulbright-Nehru Scholar, Banaras Hindu University Faculty of Law, Varanasi, India. Fall semester, 2012.
* Governor of Missouri State Award for Excellence in Education in 2011.
* Drum Major for Justice Award, Center for Multicultural Education, Missouri Western State University. January 21, 2010.
* Missouri Western State University Board of Governors Distinguished Professor Award, 2009.
* Professional with a Heart Award for service to persons with disabilities, their families, and organizations supporting disabled persons, 2003.
* Missouri Association for Social Welfare Award for Health Law Advocacy for statewide advocacy for consumer protections in Missouri medical assistance program, 1994.

**GRANTS**

* Grant from Development and Peace, Caritas Canada for the Foundation for Nation Building (FNB), Nepal. Collaborated with FNB Nepal on grant to provide mobile legal aid clinics for earthquake disaster survivors. Awarded approximately 105,000 CAD ($74,460 USD) for 2016.
* Higher Education Support Foundation (HESP) grant from the Open Society Foundation (OSF) awarded to the Foundation for Nation Building (FNB), Nepal. Collaborated with FNB Nepal on grant to provide mobile legal aid clinics on domestic violence issues. Awarded approximately $25,000 for 2016.
* Missouri Western State University Strategic Planning Implementation Funds grant, Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, Principal Investigator for grant for faculty to develop on-line courses for the 2010 to 2012 academic year. Approximately $74,100.
* Federal Election Assistance Commission Help America Vote College Program, Principal Investigator for grant for $74,807 for the 2009 – 2010 year.
* Missouri Western State University Strategic Planning Implementation Funds, Principal Investigator for grant for Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies faculty to develop on-line courses for the 2009 to 2010 academic year. Approximately $36,900 plus training.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

* Rosenbaum, S.; Hubbard, B.; Sharp-Bauer, K.; Tushaus, D. (2021). The Myanmar Shwe: Empowering Law Students, Teachers and the Community through Clinical Education and the Rule of Law, 28 Indiana J. Global Legal Studies 153.
* Tushaus, D. (2009). Teaching Election Law to Promote Civic Engagement, *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 13(1).
* Tushaus, D. (2003). The Use of Pro Bono Work in Paralegal Education. *Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice*, 19, 69-105.

**EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION**

**Certified to Practice Law in Missouri**

**University of Iowa** – Iowa City, IA

*Juris Doctor* – 1985; Research Assistant for the Legal Clinic – 1984-1985

*Master’s Urban and Regional Planning*; Research Assistant – 1982-1983

**University of Missouri** – Columbia, MO

*Bachelor of Arts*, Sociology, Minor in Journalism