

KELLY E. COLLINSWORTH

EDUCATION & LICENSES

Juris Doctorate, The Ohio State University, (May 1997).

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Georgetown College, (May 1993).

Admitted to practice law in the following federal and state courts:

- Commonwealth of Kentucky, since 1997
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, since 1997
- State of South Dakota, since 2019 (inactive)
- State of Illinois (application pending)

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois

Assistant Professor of Practice (June 2022 to present).

Teach Mastering Legal Education I & II and Legal Writing I & II. Provide exam preparation and mentorship for students taking the bar exam. Provide academic instruction and support at orientation and throughout the school year.

University of South Dakota School of Law, Vermillion, South Dakota

Interim Director of Experiential Learning (August 2021 to December 2021, remote).

Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (April 2020 to July 2021).

Visiting Lecturer of Experiential Learning (June 2019 to April 2020).

- Developed a partnership between the law school and a South Dakota Bar-funded program (WORKS) to help with pro-se divorce preparation and mediation to allow expansion of the program to serve lower-income individuals in a 16 county area.
- Supervised the Federal Tax Clinic and instituted changes to our case management system to provide better supervision of cases and streamlined reporting for grant renewal.
- Developed a partnership between the law school and the Innocence Project of Minnesota creating an Externship course to allow students to provide legal assistance to the Project's South Dakota staff attorney.
- Served as Faculty advisor for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board competition teams and the R. D. Hurd public interest student group. Organized and hosted Regional Arbitration Competition.
- As Associate Dean, responsible for Academic Support, Academic Advising, Academic Programs, and Academic Discipline. Ensured compliance with American Bar Association accreditation standards and University and Board of Regents regulations. Instituted necessary instructional changes to allow the law school to continue in-person operation during the fall 2020 semester.
- Courses taught: *Externship (remote)*, *WORKS Practicum*, *Fundamental Legal Skills II*, *University Honors Seminar (Harry Potter and the Law)*.

Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky

Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies, & Legal Studies

Director, Education Abroad, (August 2018 – May 2019).

Coordinator of Legal Studies program, (January 2018 – May 2019).

Associate Professor, Legal Studies, (August 2014 – May 2019).

University Prelaw Advisor, (August 2011 – May 2019).

Assistant Professor, Legal Studies, (August 2008 – August 2014)

Taught pre-law and paralegal students in an American Bar Association approved paralegal program. Served as coordinating pre-law advisor for the University and coordinator for the Legal Studies program. Also served as Director of Education Abroad for Morehead State University.

- New courses developed and taught: *First Year Seminar: Fact & Fiction in British Popular Culture; First Year Seminar: Learning from the Hunger Games; Law & Society Seminar; Harry Potter & the Law, Legal Studies Comparison of U.S., Netherlands, and France, Legal Studies Comparison of U.S. and Central Europe; Law & Individual Rights (online), Debtor/Creditor Relations & Bankruptcy; Legal Reasoning; Wealth & Poverty Seminar*
- Other courses taught: *Family Law, Legal Research & Writing II, Criminal Law, Contracts, Pretrial Litigation, Trial Practice, Torts, Intro to Law & Ethics, Senior Capstone, Paralegal Internship*

Western Kentucky University

Kentucky Institute for International Studies, *Bregenz, Austria*

Study Abroad Faculty Member, (summer 2017).

Taught two classes, *Comparative European Legal Systems and Popular Culture & the Law*. Also responsible for recruiting students for the program from across Kentucky campuses. Had the highest enrollment in the program's history.

Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky

Adjunct Instructor, Paralegal Studies Program, (fall 2005).

Taught family law course to university paralegal students.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Kentucky Legal Aid, Paducah, KY

Contract Intake Attorney, (July 2022-present)

Lead Disaster Staff Attorney, (February 2022 – June 2022)

Served as coordinator and subject-matter expert for program's disaster legal response focused on assisting individuals impacted by the December 2021 tornadoes.

Conduct intake screening for prospective clients and provide extensive legal advice and pro se assistance, primarily in the area of domestic relations.

Bath County County Attorney's office, Owingsville, KY

Assistant County Attorney, (August 2015 – April 2019)

Part-time prosecutor in district court proceedings including misdemeanor, juvenile, and child support cases. Also provided attorney representation to the Bath County Fiscal Court.

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Morehead, Kentucky

Pro Bono Attorney, (fall 2008 – May 2019)

Represented without compensation referred cases from Legal Aid in the areas of family, consumer, landlord/tenant, and SSI cessation.

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, Morehead, Kentucky

Staff Attorney/ Pro Bono Coordinator, (May 1997 – August 2008)

Represented primarily low-income clients in all stages of civil litigation. Majority of practice involved consumer defense and family law matters including divorce, custody, property division, domestic violence, and juvenile court appointments.

Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction, Columbus, Ohio

Law Clerk, (summer 1996)

Conducted final review of inmate appeals of Rules Infractions Board Rulings. Investigated inmate complaints. Wrote decisions on behalf of the Director; wrote motions for summary judgment for Court of Claims actions brought by inmates against the state. Provided responses to public records requests. Maintained the office's legal research materials, and assisted with various legal research projects.

Westlaw, Columbus, Ohio

Student Representative, (fall 1995 – spring 1997)

Provided training and support for students using Westlaw computerized research. Received training through the national training center in Egan, Minnesota.

Northeast Kentucky Legal Services, Morehead, Kentucky

Law Clerk, (summer 1995)

Conducted legal research, document drafting, client interviews, and trial assistance for several attorneys providing legal assistance to low-income individuals in eastern Kentucky. Funded by a Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) grant.

SCHOLARSHIP

Articles

“Leveraging Technology and Law School Pro Se Clinics to Enhance Rural Access to the Courts,” with Marilyn Trefz, to be published in South Dakota Law Review - Rural Attorney Symposium Edition (May 2024).

“Elevating First Generation Law Students through Undergraduate Legal Programs,” with Dianna Murphy and Lakin Gilbert, to be published in Fostering First Generation Success and Inclusion: A Guide for Law Schools, Carolina Academic Publishers (edited by Brittany L. Raposa) (expected November 2023).

“Magical Thinking: Using Popular Culture to Teach Undergrads Legal Analysis,” published in The Media Method: Teaching Law with Popular Culture, Carolina Academic Publishers (edited by Christine Corcos) (fall 2019).

“I will have order”: A Potterish Examination of Authoritarian School Discipline Trends and Reactions, published in From Here to Hogwarts: Essays on Harry Potter Fandom and Fiction, McFarland (fall, 2015).

Pop Culture in the Classroom and Beyond: Using Harry Potter as a Portkey for Civics Education and Community Involvement, published in Conference Proceedings from Law and Popular Culture: International Perspectives, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (summer, 2014).

Contributor to article entitled ***Access to Justice from Coast to Coast*** published in The Paralegal Educator, American Association for Paralegal Education, Volume 25, No. 1, pages 51-52, (spring, 2011).

Clients in Context: Creating Client Interaction Experiences for Paralegal Students through Service Learning published in The Paralegal Educator, American Association for Paralegal Education, Volume 24, No. 2, pages 38-39, (fall 2010).

International Presentations

Pop Culture in the Classroom and Beyond: Using Harry Potter as a Portkey for Legal Education and Community Involvement, conference presentation at Law and Popular Culture: International Perspectives, (June 6, 2013, Tilburg, Netherlands).

National Presentations

Panel discussion with academics about what teaching methods and scholarship will benefit attorneys entering rural practice, with Amanda Kool, Lisa Pruitt, Melissa Kidder, and Marilyn Trefz, South Dakota Law Review Symposium on Rural Lawyers, (upcoming September 22, 2023, Vermillion, SD).

Experiential Learning Activities, Pre-Law Boot Camp, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, (July 17-21, 2023, Zoom).

Training the Next Generation of RURAL Lawyer Leaders – Where have we been and where are going with rural practice opportunities, with Rachel Reeves, Denise Roy, Shawn Leisinger, and Kristi Denney, AALS Clinical Conference, (May 2021, Zoom).

Traveling Beyond the Classroom: Integrating Travel into Your Curriculum, with Profs. Dianna Murphy, Mary Holland, Suzanne Kissock, Rachel Bennett, and Deborah Boyle, American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Conference, (November 2, 2018, Newport, RI).

Building Pedagogical Bridges with Pop Culture, with Prof. Keeley Mitchell, American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Conference, (October 14, 2016, San Antonio, TX).

Service Learning & Clinical Experience, with Prof. Dianna Murphy, American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Conference, (October 15, 2016, San Antonio, TX).

Access to Justice Panel: Thoughts on Service Learning for Programs in Rural Areas, with Professor Dianna Murphy, American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Conference, (November 4, 2011, Baltimore, Maryland).

Using the Wizarding World as a Port Key for Civics Education, Replacing Wands to Quills: A Harry Potter Symposium for Muggle Scholars, (held at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, November 10-12, 2011).

Regional Presentations

Developing Activism through Popular Culture in a Freshman Seminar, with Dr. Kristina Durocher, Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture Association, (November 2015, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

Using Popular Culture to Enhance Student Engagement and Create Service Learning Opportunities, Gulf-South Summit on Service Learning and Civic Engagement in Higher Education, (February 28, 2013, Louisville, Kentucky).

Poster Presentation, “**Revealing the Value of a Service-Learning Learning Community to a University**,” Gulf South Summit on Service Learning and Civic Engagement in Higher Education, with Assistant Professor of Art, Seth Green, (Feb. 27, 2013, Louisville, Kentucky).

State Presentations

Panel participant, “**Just in Time: Embedded Tutors Supporting Writing Across Disciplines**,” Ky Pedagogy Conference, Eastern Kentucky University. Panel presented with Deanna Mascle, Alvin Madden-Grider, and Megan Ison, (May 2014).

Poster Presentation, “**A View from the Trenches: Why Faculty Choose Service-Learning**,” Kentucky Innovations Conference. Poster presented with Janet Ratliff. Prepared with members of the Service-Learning Learning Community. Contents of poster derived from survey conducted by the members of the Service-Learning Learning Community, (May 2012).

Presented two sessions of continuing legal education certified by the Kentucky Bar Association to attorneys, paralegals, and staff of Kentucky Legal Services Programs during their statewide conference. The sessions were entitled “**Tips for Flourishing in the Legal Office**” and “**Using PowerPoint in Litigation**.” (fall 2009).

Local Presentations

Family Law Panel, University of South Dakota School of Law, Family Law and Child Advocacy Symposium. (October 2020)

Adding an International Experience to your Course, Morehead State University, Center for Leadership & Professional Development, (November 2018).

Service Learning: A High Impact Practice, with Sandra Louise Cooper, service learning coordinator, Morehead State University, Center for Leadership & Professional Development, (April 2018).

Excellence in Teaching panel, Morehead State University, New Faculty Institute, (August 2017).

Using Immediate Feedback Assessment Techniques (IF-AT), Morehead State University Center for Leadership & Professional Development, (February 2017)

Service-Learning: Successful Class and Research Design, with Dr. Gina Gonzalez, *Morehead State University Service Learning Series*. Morehead State University: Center for Regional Engagement, (spring 2016).

Making Small Service-Learning Projects Significant, with Dr. Kris Durocher, *Morehead State University Service Learning Series*. Morehead State University: Center for Regional Engagement, (fall 2015).

Kentucky Paralegal Association CLE event, Presentation on bankruptcy and debt collection to paralegals from Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. (April 8, 2015).

‘Is Hogwarts Really Magical?’ The Use and Misuse of Pedagogical Methods by Hogwarts Faculty, with Dr. Alana Scott. *Student Success Summit: Encouraging Faculty and Staff Dialogues about Student Successes*. Morehead State University: MSU Center for

Leadership & Professional Development, (March 2012).

U @18, Presentation with Rowan County Attorney, Cecil Watkins, to Rowan County High School Seniors in conjunction with the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA) regarding legal rights and responsibilities for new graduates. This presentation qualified for Continuing Legal Education credit with the KBA.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, AALS Interdisciplinary Committee (2021).
- Member of South Dakota State Bar Legal Services Committee, (fall 2020 to spring 2022).
- Member of South Dakota State Bar Family Law Committee, (spring 2021 to spring 2022).
- Member of the Access to Justice Works Committee for South Dakota, (fall 2019 to spring 2022).
- Board member, East River Legal Services, (spring 2020 to spring 2022).

HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- Center for Teaching & Learning Course Design Fellowship, (summer 2019).
- *Access to Justice Award*, presented by Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, (September 2018).
- *Ambassador for Excellence in Teaching*, MSU Center for Leadership & Professional Development, (fall 2016 to May 2019).
- *Distinguished Faculty Service Award recipient*, Morehead State University (\$2500 cash prize) (2014).
- *Faculty Engagement Fellow*, Center for Regional Engagement. (2013 – 2014).
- Student Government Association's *Flying High Faculty/Staff Award* (2014).
- *Grant recipient*, Center for Leadership and Professional Development Grant for travel to Italy to research service-learning worksites for an upcoming trip with MSU students. (2013).