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UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR

PROFILE

Dynamic teacher who works well in large and small classes. Uses sense of humor, innovative exercises and practical experience to increase knowledge of students and keep them engaged in learning.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Designed courses in law, writing, political science and critical thinking that engaged students, and made material relevant to them.
- Managed classrooms with up to 70 students with innovative, interactive, small group activities to make material more relevant to them.
- Taught for a semester at Russian university as a Fulbright Scholar.
- Presented seminars to visiting Chinese professionals at San Jose State University.
- Taught courses in copyright law and communications law to visiting Afghan media professionals at San Jose State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Courses taught:

Media Law and Ethics

San Jose State University	2000-2014
California State University, East Bay	2004-2014
Santa Clara University	2003-2011
San Francisco State University	Fall 2011

Course consisted of discussions, student presentations, writing exercises and lectures on First Amendment, libel, invasion of privacy, copyright, trademark, advertising, electronic media and Freedom of Information Act. Students in one class prepared legal briefs and argued a mock court motion.

Seminars on Afghan Media Law and International Copyright Law

San Jose State University	2012-2013
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Taught visiting journalism professors through U.S. State Department-funded program, known as AJEEP. Prepared courses during Summer 2012

Seminars on Social Security, Health Reform and Green Technology

San Jose State University, International and Extended Studies	Winter 2011
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Taught half-day programs on each topic to visiting Chinese professionals.

Media Law and Ethics

Moscow Higher School of Economics

Spring 2009

Taught course to Russian graduate and undergraduate students.

Critical Thinking

2007-2011

San Jose State University

Political science course focusing on methods of thinking and argumentation.

Students were guided in writing a research paper and in debating controversial legal issues in class. Coursework included reading and analyzing U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Writing for Public Relations

2002-2003

San Jose State University

Students taught how to write press releases, letters, make presentations and other public relations skills.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**LARRY SOKOLOFF, ATTORNEY AT LAW****1994-PRESENT**

Sole practitioner with clients in bankruptcy, personal injury, consumer fraud, family, general civil litigation, landlord/tenant and small business law. Experience in trials, court hearings, unemployment appeal hearings, arbitrations, mediations and depositions.

REPORTER**1981-PRESENT**

Highlights:

Reporting intern, Newsweek magazine, San Francisco, CA, bureau

Reporter, Ventura County Star-Free Press, 1984-1986, covered business and government for daily newspaper with 50,000 readers.

Reporter in Washington, D.C., 1986-1989, for Thomson Newspapers and Religious News Service.

Freelance reporter, San Jose Mercury News, 1992-2000, for news and personal finance sections.

Freelance reporter, San Jose Business Journal, 2000-2003.

Freelance articles have also been published in Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle and Yoga Journal magazine.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING (UN-REFEREED):

"Decision Time: Farmers Weighing Options Under New Healthcare Law,"
Central Coast Farm & Ranch magazine, p. 6-7, Summer 2013

"It's Groundhog Day for Steinberg's Redevelopment Bill," *California Planning & Development Report* newsletter(online @cp-dr.com), April 16, 2013

"More than 40 Redevelopment Lawsuits Filed against Department of Finance,"
California Planning and Development Report newsletter (online @cp-dr.com),
Feb. 11, 2013

"Crossing the River to a Better Life: The Miranda Family Thrives in the United States," *Los Angeles Times*, November 25, 1985

EXHIBITIONS :

Co-curator, exhibit on civil libertarian Alexander Meiklejohn, California State University, East Bay, library, scheduled for September 2013

PRESENTATIONS:

"Protecting Reporters' Sources in the United States," American Center in Moscow, Russia, June 3, 2009

"What to Expect Working in State Government in the United States," American Center in Moscow, to Legislative Education and Practice participants, a program of American Councils for International Education, June 4, 2009

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Assisted Director of School of Journalism and Mass Communications at San Jose State University with self-study and re-accreditation of program, 2012-present

EDUCATION:

Santa Clara University School of Law, Juris Doctor
University of California, Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts, History