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EDUCATION

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. J.D. 1991.
Editor-in-Chief, *California Law Review*. 1990-91.

Yale University, New Haven. B.A. Women's Studies. 1985 *cum laude*. Distinction in the Major.

CLERKSHIPS

Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, PA. 1992-1993.

Judge Jack B. Weinstein, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY. 1991-1992.

HONORS

Fulbright Specialist, Poland, 2018.
Fulbright Scholar, Ghana, 1993-94.
National Merit Scholar, 1985.

CURRENT POSITION:

UC Hastings Law, San Francisco, CA (2017-present).

Lecturer in Law, 2017-present.

Director of the Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.) Program, 2018-present.

Associate Director of Global Programs, 2019-present.

Global Programs Advisor, 2017-2019.

Teaching/Advising:

- Teach Legal Research and Writing to master's students
- Designed a new course on Drafting Legislation and teach it to JD and master's students
- Designed a new course on Legal Writing and Analysis for Non-Lawyers
- Supervise 2-3 students writing substantial independent study writing projects per year

Program Administration:

- As new faculty director of non-lawyer master's program, manage all facets of the program
- Propose and manage new initiatives including the use of digital marketing, which increased enrollment from one entering student in 2018 to 12 in 2019; conduct research on peer schools and prepare memos to relevant decision makers explaining and justifying each change proposed
- Provide wraparound support including onboarding to ensure success for master's students with diverse needs and characteristics (e.g., full time/part time; F-1 visa holders/local students)
- Advise M.S.L. students, LL.M. students, inbound foreign exchange students, and outbound JD students on academic matters
- Manage and deliver academic workshops and assist with social events for students
- Organize orientation for M.S.L., LL.M., and foreign exchange students
- Coordinate work related to WASC and ABA accreditation assessments

Service:

- Sit as ex-officio member of the Global Programs and LL.M. Coordination Committees
- Currently serve on Curriculum and Student Discipline Committees
- Served on Academic Standards Committee 2018-19
- Proposed revisions to academic regulations
- Reviewed and proposed comprehensive revisions to Course Catalog
- Since 2018, serve on the board of the Haiti Justice Initiative, which *inter alia* interviews and selects students to join a student-faculty delegation to a Haitian law school every spring

Grants and Sub-contracts:

- Supported application for and now manage a \$90,000 grant from the US Embassy in Haiti to UC Hastings, which is supporting clinical legal education and has funded two academic exchanges
- Successfully brought in a \$25,000 subcontract from a consulting firm to UC Hastings, which has engaged three UC Hastings faculty to date to do legal clinic assessments and training in Uzbekistan, and two webinars from San Francisco for the Uzbekistan General Prosecutor's Office
- Currently negotiating a subcontract from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to UC Hastings to revise two legislation guides and prepare a third

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Animal Law; Food Law; Agriculture; Water Law; Legislative Drafting; International Development

OTHER EXPERIENCE:**Independent Consultant/Expert (2009-present).**

- Will review veterinary legislation for the Government of Eritrea, under the auspices of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (2019)
- Preparing guidelines on pesticide licensing for FAO: these will become official guidelines adopted by FAO and the World Health Organization under the International Code of Conduct for the Management of Pesticides (2019)
- For a US small business, prepared a winning proposal (\$1 million) for a UN-funded rule of law project in Moldova (2019)
- Reviewed veterinary legislation for the Government of Bhutan, for OIE (2018)
- Reviewed veterinary legislation for the Government of Myanmar, for OIE (2018)
- Prepared two papers on food law, one on e-commerce and the other on food fraud, for FAO (2018)
- For a US consulting firm, reviewed and edited a US State Department proposal for Afghanistan (2017)
- Reviewed a draft national food policy and draft food safety legislation of the Government of Nepal, for FAO (2017)
- For a US consulting firm, reviewed and edited a USAID proposal for Uzbekistan (2017)
- Invited by OIE to serve as an animal law expert for an international consultation on biological threat reduction funded by the Government of Canada (2016)
- Reviewed veterinary legislation for the Government of Malawi, for OIE (2016)
- One of only three Americans selected and trained as a Veterinary Legislation Expert for OIE's Veterinary Legislation Support Program (2015)

- For a US nonprofit, prepared an expert report on “One Health” (animal, plant, and food law) for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2015)
- For a US small business, conducted a performance evaluation of a \$38 million access to justice project in Benin funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation (2014, 2015)
- Supervised masters theses for Loyola (Chicago) Law School students (2014, 2015)
- Designed and taught a synchronous distance course on Rule of Law for Loyola’s LL.M. program (2014)
- For the UK Department for International Development and the University of North Carolina Water Institute, drafted packaged water legislation for the Government of Sierra Leone (2013)
- Prepared legislative guidelines on pesticides, for FAO, which became official guidelines under the International Code of Conduct for Pesticide Management (2012)
- Reviewed veterinary legislation for the Government of Tajikistan, for FAO (2010)
- Reviewed veterinary legislation for the Government of Azerbaijan, for FAO (2010)

Tetra Tech DPK, San Francisco, CA (2009-2017).

Senior Director of Communications/Regional Technical Director, 2016-2017.

Director of Technical Programs, 2014-2016.

Senior Technical Advisor (Legal)/Director of Major Projects, 2009-2013.

Provided management and oversight of complex federally funded international rule of law programs; cultivated relationships with clients and donors in overseas offices and in Washington, DC; attracted funds and new business for different subject and geographic areas including through proposal and grant writing; assisted with development and monitoring of annual work plans and performance monitoring plans; devised budgets and oversaw spending; contributed to home office strategic and management decision-making; recruited and mentored staff; participated in management committees; created and led organizational initiatives including the Tetra Tech DPK Global Fellowship Program, which sent law students to overseas projects, and the Davis Achievement Award which recognized high-achieving projects; and wrote and edited articles for newsletters and other publications.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy (1995-2009).

Legal Officer P-IV, 2003-2009.

Legal Officer P-III, 1998-2003.

Legal Officer P-II, 1995-1998.

As a representative of FAO, travelled to more than 40 countries providing policy advice to government units, working with high-level government officials and lower-level government staff members to refine policy choices, drafting or amending legislation, and providing assorted lectures and training courses; conceived and developed projects and programs; formulated project proposals for funding by FAO or external donors; hired and supervised consultants; devised budgets and oversaw expenditures; monitored and evaluated projects; complied with reporting requirements. Represented the FAO Legal Office at the *Expert Meeting on Capacity Building to Implement Good Animal Welfare Practices*. Supervised a team of younger lawyers and interns, drafted comprehensive reports for governments, and wrote and edited a series of articles and larger academic works. Appointed to the Investigative Panel on Harassment by the Director General, and elected General Secretary of the professional staff association, representing the staff before the administration and at UN system-wide events.

Director, American Bar Association African Law Initiative, Washington, DC. 1995. Directed an exchange program between African law schools and American law schools funded through a US

Information Agency grant. The capstone activity was a visit to the United States by 16 African law professors and law deans from 8 African countries, which forged long-lasting connections.

English Teacher, ELS Language Centers, San Francisco, CA. 1988. Taught writing, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary to foreign professionals. Designed learning methods and materials.

Peace Corps Volunteer, Imara Institute High School, Kirumba, North Kivu Region, Democratic Republic of the Congo. 1985-1987. Taught English classes to youth age 13 to 20 in a rural secondary school without running water or electricity in the former Zaire. Also conceived and developed curricula for two new classes, in Music and Girls' Health.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Graduate Law Programs Work Group
- 4th Annual Non-Lawyer Masters Conference Planning Committee
- Articles Editor, *California International Law Journal*
- *California Law Review* Alumni Board of Directors
- American Bar Association
- California Lawyers Association
- District of Columbia Bar
- State Bar of California

LANGUAGES

French, Italian, Spanish

GEOGRAPHICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Albania, Antigua & Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkmenistan, Uganda.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Jessica Vapnek & Megan Chapman, **Legislative and Regulatory Options for Animal Welfare.** FAO, Rome, 2010.

Law for Water Management: A Guide to Concepts and Approaches (J. Vapnek, B. Aylward, J. Bartram, & C. Popp, eds.). FAO, Rome, 2009.

Jessica Vapnek, Isabella Pagotto, & Margaret Kwoka, **Designing National Pesticide Legislation.** FAO, Rome, 2007.

Daniele Manzella & Jessica Vapnek, **Development of an Analytical Tool to Assess Biosecurity Legislation**. FAO, Rome, 2007.

Charlotta Jull, Patricia Carmona-Redondo, Victor Mosoti, & Jessica Vapnek, **Recent Trends in the Law and Policy of Bioenergy Production, Promotion and Use**. FAO, Rome, 2007.

Jessica Vapnek & Melvin Spreij, **Perspectives and Guidelines on Food Legislation, with a New Model Food Law**. FAO, Rome, 2005 (also in French and Spanish).

Law and Sustainable Development Since Rio: Legal Trends in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (J. Vapnek & M. Mekouar, eds.). FAO, Rome, 2002.

Articles and Book Chapters:

Donald L. Revell & Jessica Vapnek, *Gender-Neutral Drafting in a Non-Binary World*, **Capital Law Review** (forthcoming 2020).

Jessica Vapnek, *Agricultural Legislation in International Legislative Drafting Handbook*, Carolina Academic Press (forthcoming 2020).

Jessica Vapnek & Ashley R. Williams, *Regulating the Packaged Water Industry in Africa: Challenges and Recommendations*, **University of Denver Water Law Review**, 2017.

Jessica Vapnek, Alfred Fofie, & Peter Boaz, *Resolving Disputes and Improving Security in Post-Conflict Settings: An Example from Liberia*, 83:3 **Arbitration** 288, 2017 (peer reviewed).

Jessica Vapnek, Peter Boaz, & Helga Turku, *Improving Access to Justice in Developing and Post-Conflict Countries: Practical Examples from the Field*, **Duke Forum for Law & Social Change**, Vol. 8:27, 2016.

Jessica Vapnek, *Cultural Factors and Ethical Integrity*, **Hastings International and Comparative Law Review**, Vol. 39, No. 1, 2016.

Jessica Vapnek, *21 Cost-Saving Measures for the Judiciary*, **International Journal for Court Administration**, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2013.

Mohamed Ali Mekouar & Jessica Vapnek, *United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization*, in **Yearbook of International Environmental Law**, annually 1998-2009.

Jessica Vapnek, *Regulatory Measures Against Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza*, FAO Legal Paper Online #82, 2009.

Jessica Vapnek, *Legislatively Establishing a Health Certification Programme for Citrus*, FAO Legal Paper Online #81, 2009.

Jessica Vapnek, *Legislative Implementation of the Food Chain Approach*, **Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law**, Fall 2007 Food Security Symposium Issue.

Jessica Vapnek & Daniele Manzella, *Guidelines for the Revision of National Plant Protection Legislation*, FAO Legal Paper Online #63, 2007.

Jessica Vapnek & Melvin Spreij, *Making National Food Laws*. 84:4 **Rivista di Diritto Agrario (Agrarian Law Review)**, 2005.

Contributing author to three chapters: *Animals, Food, and Plants*, in **Law and Sustainable Development Since Rio: Legal Trends in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management** (J. Vapnek & M. Mekouar, eds.). FAO, Rome, 2002.

Jessica Vapnek, *Establishing a Water Abstraction Licensing Scheme: Issues and Options*, FAO Legal Paper Online #9, 2000.

Jamie Bartram, Jessica Vapnek, et al., *Implementation of Management Plans*, in **Toxic Cyanobacteria in Water: A Guide to their Public Health Consequences, Monitoring, and Management**. E & FN Spon, London, 1999.

Jessica Vapnek, *Institutional and Legal Measures to Combat African Swine Fever*, FAO Legal Papers Online #3, 1999.

Jessica Vapnek, *The West African Drug Mule Train*, 32 **Criminal Law Bulletin** 425, 1996.

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- Session facilitator, “Non-Law Masters Programs,” *Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Annual Conference*, Boston, MA (2019)
- Presenter, “Dispute Resolution in Liberia: An Example for Other Countries,” *West Africa Peace and Security Network Conference*, Montreal, Canada (2017)
- Panelist, *International Law Practitioner Panel*, USF School of Law, San Francisco, CA (2016)
- Presenter, “Cultural Factors and Ethical Integrity,” *Ethical Integrity: Cornerstone of the Rule of Law*, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA (2015)
- Presenter, “Supporting Access to Justice Through Legal Advice, Support, and Information,” *International Perspectives on Justice Administration – 10 years on ...*, International Association for Court Administration Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia (2014)
- Guest speaker, “Haiti Justice Sector Reform,” *Hastings to Haiti Partnership*, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA (2014)
- Panelist, “International Development,” *University of Southern California Public Policy School Bay Area Policy Forum*, San Francisco, CA (2013)
- Lecturer, “Agricultural Legislation,” *International Legislative Drafting Institute*, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA (annually since 2012)
- Panelist, “Rule of Law 101: Justice System Reform,” *Justice Under Construction Rule of Law Conference*, Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (2011)
- Presenter, “Animal Welfare Legislation Around the World,” *Pollinate and Cultivate: Seeding the Future of Our Food Agriculture Law and Policy Conference*, Vermont Law School (2011)
- Keynote speaker, “Haiti Justice Sector Progress Report,” *Access to Justice in Criminal, Commercial, and International Courts and Tribunals*, International Association for Court Administration Western Hemisphere Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago (2010)
- Presenter, “Legislative Implementation of the Food Chain Approach,” *Food Security Symposium*, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN (2007)