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### **Education**

Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., 1991

Wellesley College, B.A., *cum laude*, American Studies (with honors) and English, 1988

Wesley Theological Seminary, M.T.S. (in progress, currently on leave of absence)

### **Teaching Experience**

2006 to present            University of Baltimore School of Law  
Associate Professor of Law

- Teach Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Torts, and Capital Punishment and the Constitution (seminar).
- Service includes: University Senate, Curriculum, Faculty Research and Development, Baltimore Scholars, Excellence in Teaching and Learning (University Committee), Sloan Foundation (University Committee)

2006 to 2008            World Trade Institute, Master's Program in International Law and Economics, University of Berne, Fribourg, and Neuchatel, Switzerland  
Visiting Professor (annually)

- Taught a short course in legal analysis using WTO opinions.

2002 to 2006            American University, Washington College of Law  
Acting Director, Legal Rhetoric Program (AY 2005-2006)  
Associate Director, Legal Rhetoric Program (AY 2004-2005)

- Taught Criminal Law and Legal Rhetoric.
- Responsible for management and development of Legal Rhetoric Program, a first-year legal analysis, research, and writing program.
- Recruited, hired, and supervised four full-time instructors, approximately 25 adjunct instructors and 25 teaching assistants (annually), and two staff members.
- Service included: Admissions and Public Interest Committees, coaching Mock Trial teams, supervising note/comment writing and externships, and curriculum development for Legal Analysis Program (summer academic support).

1996 to 2002

American University, Washington College of Law  
Professorial Lecturer, Legal Methods Program

- Developed materials and taught legal analysis, research, and writing to 12-15 first year law students.

### **Areas of Teaching and Research Interest**

- Criminal Law and Procedure, including death penalty litigation
- Competency, Sanity, and Mental Retardation in Criminal Law
- Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- Torts

### **Publications**

- *Madness Alone Punishes the Madman: The Search for Moral Dignity in the Court's Competency Doctrine as Applied in Capital Cases*, \_\_\_ TENN. L. REV. \_\_\_ (2012) (forthcoming).
- *Big Brother IS Watching: The Reality Show You Didn't Audition For*, 63 OKLA. L.R. 461 (2011).
- *And Death Shall Have No Dominion: How to Achieve the Categorical Exemption of Mentally Retarded Defendants from Execution*, 45 U. RICH. L. REV. 961 (2011).
- *Sloppy Joe, Slop, Sloppy Joe: How USDA Commodities Dumping Ruined the National School Lunch Program*, 87 OR. L. REV. 221 (2008).
- *AT HIS DISCRETION* (n.): "to be disposed of as he thinks fit; at his mercy; unconditionally," 97 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 1295 (2008).
- *Separate and Obedient: The Judicial Qualification Missing from the Job Description*, 38 CUMBERLAND L. REV. 1 (2007).
- *Without Limitation: "Groundhog Day" for Incompetent Defendants*, 56 DEPAUL L. REV. 1221 (2007).
- *Always Mr. Groot*, 64 WASH & LEE L. REV. 3 (2007).
- *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CIVIL LIBERTIES* (Routledge, 2006) (contributed articles on Capital Punishment and Right of Appeal, Clarence Gideon, *Dusky v. U.S.*, and *Lilly v. Virginia*).

## **Selected Presentations and Lectures**

- *And Death Shall Have No Dominion: An Historical Reading of Atkins v. Virginia*, paper selected in the junior scholars program by the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August, 2010.
- *Otherness, Gender Ambiguity, and the Immemorable Past*, paper selected for presentation in the junior scholars program by National LGBT Bar Association Annual Conference, September, 2009.
- *Editing without Alienating*, sponsored by the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys, July, 2009.
- *Otherness, Gender Ambiguity, and the Immemorable Past: A Meditation on Transcendental Feminism*, sponsored by the University of Baltimore School of Law Second Annual Feminism Conference, March, 2009.
- *Student-Centered Teaching Techniques*, with Professors Derrick Bell and Penelope Pether, sponsored by the University of Baltimore Teaching and Learning Center, April, 2008.
- *Locavores and the New Black Market*, sponsored by The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March, 2008.
- *Determined to Save the Only Life They Can Save: Stories of Non-Disclosure and Survival*, sponsored by The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March, 2008.
- *Death Shall Have No Dominion: Why Atkins and Roper Require Courts and Prosecutors to Find Capital Defendants Death-Eligible Before the Trial Begins*, sponsored by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March, 2007.
- *Sloppy Joe, Slop, Sloppy Joe: How USDA Commodities Dumping Destroyed the National School Lunch*, sponsored by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March, 2007.
- *Created Equal: How One Christian Group and Two Judges Recognized the Original Sin of Racism in America*, sponsored by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March, 2006.
- Commentator, *Rape with Mitigating Circumstances*, by Professor Greg Taylor, sponsored by WCL-Monash University Exchange Program, 2005.

- Commentator, *Guilty and Gay, A Recipe for Execution in American Courtrooms: Sexual Orientation as a Tool for Prosecutorial Misconduct in Death Penalty Cases*, sponsored by American University Law Review, 2002.

### **Media Appearances and Other Writings**

- Quoted in “Officer Is Curious Ally in Appeal,” Annie Linskey, *The Baltimore Sun*, 28 July 2008.
- Quoted in “Playing with the Power of Words,” Vesna Jaksic, *National Law Journal*, July 23, 2007.
- Op-ed., *Rethinking School Lunch*, S.F. Chron., May 10, 2007, at B7.
- Featured in *Washington and Lee School of Law Magazine*, Fall, 2006.
- Interviewed by *Fox News* (national broadcast) as criminal law expert to explain the decision in Moore v. State of Maryland, 388 Md. 623 (2005).

### **Community and Academic Service**

- Special Reporter, Criminal Rules Subcommittee of the Maryland Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure
  - appointment from the Maryland Court of Appeals
- Democratic National Committee, National Lawyers Council
  - team leader on updating Texas election law manual for 2008 election
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Scholarship Committee (2005-present)
  - review and assess applications for summer scholarship stipend grants
  - mentor grant applicants through the grant-writing process
- Aspen Publishing, Manuscript Reviewer
  - reviewed Neumann and Simon, *Legal Writing*
- *Law and Literature* (Univ. of California Press), Peer Reviewer
  - review poetry submissions for publication as requested by editors

### **Professional Experience**

2002 to present

J. Amy Dillard, Esq., Alexandria, Virginia

- Represent one defendant charged with capital murder in Alexandria, Virginia, in a case involving complex competency and other mental health issues.

1992 to 2002

Attorney  
Office of the Public Defender, Alexandria, Virginia  
Deputy Public Defender, 1997-2002

- Responsible for felony docket, averaging 60 clients per month, with multiple charges in all phases of criminal litigation.
- Experience in 20+ jury trials, including first degree murder, rape, and abduction; abundance of felony bench trials, pre-trial motions, and complex alternative sentencing hearings.
- Responsible for 20+ appeals; prepared briefs and presented oral arguments before the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- Management duties included: case assignment; supervision and training of entry-level lawyers; participation in all employment decisions; oversight of all appellate calendaring; liaison to judges, prosecutors and Sheriff on administrative matters.

1989 to 1991

Student Law Clerk  
Alderson Legal Assistance Program, W & L School of Law

- Assisted inmates at Federal Prison Camp, Alderson, West Virginia, with federal post-conviction and administrative claims, such as parole and DOC disciplinary hearings.
- Represented 20+ clients during academic year and 70+ clients during summers.

1989 to 1990

Student Law Clerk  
Western State Legal Aid Society, W & L School of Law

- Represented patients at Western State Hospital in civil matters including divorce, creditor claims, and SSI claims.
- Represented NGRI patients with release plans before Community Service Boards.

### **Bar Membership and Professional Associations**

- Virginia State Bar, 1991
- Supreme Court of the United States, 1997
- Alexandria Bar Association