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EDUCATION

Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland
Fulbright Research Scholar, January to June 2015

Syracuse University School of Education, Syracuse, NY
Doctor of Philosophy in Education, May 2006
Concentration in Disability Studies, Cultural Foundations of Education

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY
Master of Laws Degree, 1996

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
Juris Doctor Degree, 1981

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Master of Arts Degree, Theater Arts, 1976

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude honors, English, 1975

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University College of Law
Office of Clinical Legal Education
Syracuse, NY
Associate Professor and Director, Disability Rights Clinic: August 2004 to
present, two-semester clinic with seminar component
Recipient of the 2009 Meredith Teaching Recognition Award

Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor: October 1997 to June 2001

Columbia University School of Law
New York, NY
Teacher's Assistant, Federal Court Clerk Externship Program: 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Disability Rights Clinic, Office of Clinical Legal Education, Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Supervising Attorney and Director: August 2004 to present

National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY

Special Assistant for NTID: October 1997 to November 1999

Center for Constitutional Rights

New York, NY

Of Counsel: September 1995 to December 1997

Civil Rights Bureau, New York State Department of Law

New York, NY

Assistant Attorney General: May 1994 to September 1995

Michael A. Schwartz, Esq.

New Rochelle, NY

Private Practitioner: September 1991 to May 1994

Employment Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

Trial Attorney: September 1990 to June 1991

Appeals Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office

New York, NY

Assistant District Attorney: January 1983 to September 1990

Hon. Vincent L. Broderick

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

New York, NY

Law Clerk: August 1981 to October 1982

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar (1982); Connecticut State Bar (1993); New Jersey State Bar (1992) (ret.)
- United States District Court: SDNY, EDNY, WDNY, NDNY, DCT, DNJ
- United States Court of Appeals: Second & Third Circuits
- Supreme Court of the United States

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED

Elder, B.C. & **Schwartz, M.A.** (2019 January). *Effective deaf access to justice. [eBulletin]*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (2018) Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland: Rethinking 'Reasonable Adjustment' in the Disability Discrimination Act. *Disability & Society*. 33(7), 1003-1024. doi: 10.1080/09687599.2018.1478801.

Elder B.C. & **Schwartz, M.A.** (2018) Effective access to justice . *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*. 23(4), 331-340. doi <https://doi.org/10.1093/deafed/eny023>.

Admission of Deaf Soldiers to the Military: Rethinking the 'Undifferentiated Soldier' Paradigm, *Arkansas Law Review*, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fall 2018.

Propelling Aviation to New Heights: Accessibility to In-Flight Entertainment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Passengers, *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, Southern Methodist University School of Law, Volume 77, Number 1, Winter 2012.

America's Transformation: The Arc of Justice Bends Toward the Deaf Community, *Valparaiso University Law Review*, Summer 2011.

Technical Standards for Admission to Medical Schools: Deaf Candidates Don't Get No Respect, *University of Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal*, Vol. 28, pp. 31-70 (2009-2010).

Deaf Patients, Doctors, and the Law: Compelling a Conversation about Communication, *Florida State University Law Review*, Florida State University School of Law, Vol. 35, No. 4 (Summer 2008).

Limits on Injunctive Relief under the ADA: Rethinking the Standing Rule for Deaf Patients in the Medical Setting, *Journal of Health Care Law and Policy*, University of Maryland School of Law, Law and Health Care Program, Vol. 11, No. 2 (2008)

Deafness in Vietnam: Will the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Make a Difference?, *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*, Syracuse University College of Law, Volume 34, No. 2 (Spring 2007).

The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act: A Summary and an Argument for Going Beyond the Law, *Beyond Compliance: An Information Package on the Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education*, Steven J. Taylor et al., eds., National Resource Center on Supported Living and Choice, Center on Human Policy, Syracuse NY (September 2003)

To CART or Not To CART...? A Brief for Stenographic Transcription, with Steven J. Taylor, Beyond Compliance: An Information Package on the Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education, Steven J. Taylor et al., eds., National Resource Center on Supported Living and Choice, Center on Human Policy, Syracuse NY (September 2003)

Some Common Misperceptions about Deafness in the Workplace: Attitudinal Barriers Resistant to Change, chapter, Workplace Diversity, Alfrieda Daly, editor, National Association of Social Work Press (Spring 1999)

Ask Not Who Speaks for the Deaf Community, But With Whom Should We Speak?, Essay, A Deaf American Monograph, National Association of the Deaf, Silver Spring, MD (Fall 1997)

NON-REFEREED

Schwartz, M.A. (September 12, 2017). [Web log]. The Challenges in Interviewing in a Foreign Language. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2017/8/10/the-challenges-in-interviewing-in-a-foreign-language>.

Schwartz, M.A., editor (August 10, 2017). [Web log]. Back to Belfast, 2017 Edition. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2017/8/10/back-to-belfast-2017-edition>

Schwartz, M.A. (June 30, 2017). [Web log]. Access to Military Justice: A Set of Recommendations for Improvement. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2017/6/30/access-to-military-justice>.

Schwartz, M.A. (June 5, 2017). [Web log]. Endrew v. Douglas County School District. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2017/6/5/endrew-v-douglas-county-school-district>

Schwartz, M.A. (March 8, 2017). [Web log]. The Application of Universal Design Principles to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/universal-design>.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (December 13, 2016). [Web log]. Building on the Last Ten Years of the CRPD: A Roadmap for the Future. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/a-road-map-for-the-future>.

Schwartz, M.A. (November 16, 2015). [Web log]. The Language of Disability. Tangata Group blog. <https://www.tangatagroup.org/blog/2015/11/16/the-language-of-disability>.

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. Teaching with a disability in the classroom: A dialogue about disability praxis between a Deaf law professor and a hearing education professor. In M. Jeffress

(Ed.) *Teaching with a disability: Student and teacher experiences of disability in the classroom*. Routledge. International Perspectives on Teaching with Disability: Overcoming Obstacles and Enriching Lives. Taylor & Francis Publishing.

UNDER REVIEW

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (under review), Publish or perish: The challenges and strategies of co-authorship. *The Professor is In*.

Elder, B.C. & **Schwartz, M.A.** (under review). Highlighting methodological complexities: Transnational qualitative research practices working with Deaf and hearing partners. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*.

PRESENTATIONS

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Byrne, B. (May 2019). *Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enhancing deaf people's communication access to justice in Northern Ireland* (paper presentation). The Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR). Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Schwartz, M.A. (December 2018). *Injunctive relief as a tool of enforcement in disability law* (three-day conference sponsored by the Korean Disability Law Association and the United States Embassy). Conference, Seoul, South Korea.

Schwartz, M.A. (August 2018). Tour leader, Syracuse University Abroad, *Disability law, policy and practice in Japan* (visited Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima with a group of Syracuse University students)

Schwartz, M.A. (June 2018). Trainer, *Training the Trainers in Vietnam* (two-week training session for Vietnamese advocates with disabilities offered by Mobility International USA and the Disability Research and Education Defense Fund). Hanoi, Vietnam.

Schwartz, M.A., Elder, B.C. & Chhetri, Monu (June 2018). *Access to justice for deaf people around the world*. (Panel presentation moderated by Judith Heumann). United Nations Conference of State Parties (COSP). Conference, New York, NY.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (November 5, 2017). "If the adjustment is not effective, it is not reasonable: Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland." (Roundtable discussion). Fulbright Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Presenter, *The Absence of a Deaf Perspective in the Interaction between Physician and Family Regarding Cochlear Implants*, Disability Studies in Education 2010 Conference, University of Ghent, Belgium (May 29, 2010)

Keynote speaker, *Citizens in Partnership: Inclusion or Illusion?*, The International Initiative in Mental Health Leadership, Killarney, Ireland (May 21, 2010)

Presenter, *Deafness and Cochlear Implants: How the Inclusion of a “Deaf” Perspective Can Inform Decision-making by Families and Physicians*, The Disability & Medical Humanities Project - Social and Cultural Understandings of Disability in Health Care Conference, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse NY (December 3, 2009)

Moderator, *Deafness and Disability: Shall the Twain Ever Meet?*, Ninth Annual Second City Conference on Disability Studies in Education, Syracuse, NY (May 1, 2009)

Keynote speaker, *The Lawyer in Special Education: A Force for Good or Evil?*, 23rd Annual Educational Support Service Personnel Conference, Binghamton, NY (April 24, 2009)

Panelist, *Universal Design for Learning – Teaching Students with (and without) Disabilities*, Focus on Faculty Forum, Syracuse University (March 25, 2009)

Co-presenter with Professor Marjorie DeVault, “Developing Skills in Communication and Cultural Mediation between Providers and Deaf Patients,” Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, New York (February 12, 2009)

Panel presenter, *Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community*, Monroe County Bar Rubin Center for Education (CLE Program for Attorneys), Rochester, New York (January 29, 2009)

Speaker, *You and the Law – What to Do if There is No Interpreter*, Deaf Community Forum at Aurora, Syracuse, New York (November 19, 2008)

Panelist, *When Faculty Identity Confronts Student Expectations*, Meredith Professor Faculty Forum, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York (November 12, 2008)

Presenter, *The Social Justice Implications of Clinical Legal Education for the Deaf Community*, Fourth International Conference of Deaf Academics, Dublin, Ireland (June 27, 2008)

Keynote speaker and moderator, Disability Forum for the President of Ireland, Aras an Uachtarain, Dublin, Ireland (June 19, 2008)

Speaker, *The Principle of Access Under the Americans with Disabilities Act*, Whole Me, Inc., Solvay, NY (March 19, 2008)

Panelist, *Accommodating Law Students with Disabilities*, Syracuse University College of Law (February 4, 2008)

Co-presenter, *Employment of Deaf Workers in the United States and Norway: A Comparison of Two Systems*, with Hilde Haualand of FAFO, The Nordic Network on Disability Research Biennial Conference, Goteborg, Sweden (May 10-12, 2007)

Panelist, *Deaf People’s Experiences with the Legal Profession: A Narrative*, Joint Program of

Sections on Disability Law and Law and Mental Disability, Association of American Law Schools 2007 Annual Meeting Session, Washington, DC (January 4, 2007)

Lecturer, *Ireland & America – Deaf Connections*, Inaugural Francis Maginn Lecture, Wilton House Centenary Event 1906-2006, Royal National Institute for the Deaf, Belfast, Northern Ireland (November 10, 2006)

Chair, *What Social Inclusion Means to Me – A Deaf Perspective Workshop*, ‘Making an Impact’ Conference, Royal National Institute for the Deaf, Belfast, Northern Ireland (November 10, 2006)

Presenter, *Deaf Patients in the Medical Setting: A Deaf Person’s Perspective*, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY (September 28, 2006)

Panelist, *Elimination of Bias*, National Conference on the Employment of Lawyers with Disabilities, American Bar Association, Washington, DC (May 23, 2006)

Convocation speaker, School of Education, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (May 13, 2006)

Speaker, *Disability, Advocacy, Education, and Going Beyond the Law*, Beyond Compliance, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY (May 3, 2006)

Panelist, *Collaborating on Language Access Issues*, Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, New York, NY (May 1, 2006)

Speaker, *Cochlear Implants: What to Make of It?*, Professor Kathleen Vander Werff’s undergraduate class, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (April 27, 2006)

Speaker, *Deaf Patients Talk to Their Doctors: A Sign of Competence*, Inclusion Imperative Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (April 22, 2006)

Speaker, *Transforming Access to Justice for Deaf People: The Intersection of Disability and Law*, Transforming Lives: The Impact of Legal Services and Legal Aid, Legal Services Research Centre’s Sixth International Conference, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland (April 20, 2006)

Speaker, *The Use of CART in the College Classroom*, Division of Student Support and Retention, Office of Disability Services, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (April 7, 2006)

Presenter, *People with Disabilities in the American Legal System*, joint class between Syracuse University and the University College Dublin, Ireland, via videoconferencing, Syracuse NY (April 7, 2006)

Speaker, *Legal Issues: Understanding the Student’s Rights and Your Responsibilities*, Extreme Makeover: Collegiate Edition – Understanding, Defining and Managing Accessibility to

Technology at Your College or University, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville NY (March 23, 2006)

Panelist, *Broadening the Lens: Using Non-Traditional Ideas to Illuminate Legal Problems and Solutions*, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse NY (March 17, 2006)

Speaker, Communicating with Deaf Patients, Professor Pamela Gramet's class in Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse NY (February 27, 2006)

Speaker, *Deaf Patients and Their Doctors: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Doctor's Office*, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine Seminar Series, National Center for Deaf Health Research, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester NY (February 24, 2006)

Speaker, *Some Perceptions on Cochlear Implants*, Professor Jeremy Schiffman's graduate public administration students, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (February 9, 2006)

Panelist, "*Choosing*" an Identity, Defining, Regulating and Resisting Normalcy: A Brown Bag Luncheon Series, hosted by the Cultural Foundations of Education and the Center on Human Policy, Law and Disability Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY (February 1, 2006)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

Queen's University Belfast. Sally Gillespie (2018). Linguistic Demographics, Resources and Deficit of Opportunity: Deaf Signed Language Users in Northern Ireland.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

External Grants

Schwartz, M.A., Byrne, B., & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2017). Implementing Article 13 of the UNCRPD: Enabling Deaf People's Communication Access to Justice in Northern Ireland. Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning (DRILL). **Awarded \$201,449 (£149,927).**

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016). Capacity Building Grant for U.S. Undergraduate Study Abroad in Japan. U.S. Department of State. \$42,000 unfunded.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016). Deaf Access to Justice in Northern Ireland. Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning (DRILL). \$52,000 unfunded.

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016). Disability Studies in South Africa. CIEE Faculty Led & Custom Program. \$20,000 unfunded.

Internal Grants

Schwartz, M.A. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016) Syracuse University Burstyn Endowed Fund for Collaborative Research Competition. Awarded \$1,875.

Schwartz, M.A., Lord, J. & Elder, B.C. (Co-PIs) (2016) Northern Ireland Deaf Access to Justice Small Scale Funds Award. Awarded \$7,500.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Consultant on Disability to Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. Dublin, Ireland (2010).

London, England, the British Broadcasting Corporation (June 2016 to July 2017). Disability Rights Special Consultant to the British Broadcasting Company. Collaborated with the BBC World Service to connect with international disability leaders and scholars to produce multimedia programs focused on the intersectional oppression people with disabilities face around the world.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Founding Member, Tangata Group, an international Non-Governmental Organization established October 27, 2015 for advocacy of people with disabilities' human rights.

Tangata Group NGO accreditation to the Conference of States Party to the United Nations (June 2017 to present)

Sign Language Anchor, DTV News, an Internet-based news channel for sign language users. January 2016 to present.

Conversation Leader, New Tactics in Human Rights (October 2015)

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Member of the Student Learning Committee, Admission Committee and Academic Standards Committee

Advisor to the Disability Law Society

Faculty advisor to several law students researching and writing on topics for a law review note.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Co-founder, Beyond Compliance Coordinating Committee (BCCC)

Co-chair, Disability External Review Committee

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Critical Disability Studies
- Inclusive Teaching Methods
- Disability Studies in Law
- Disability Rights
- International Human Rights Advocacy
- Deaf Studies

GENERAL INTERESTS

- Lecturer, disability discrimination law
- Licensed private pilot (single-engine land)
- Certified scuba diver
- Travel (E. Africa, Israel, Mexico, Continental Europe, Southeast Asia, the US and Cuba)
- Volunteer, Helping Hounds Dog Rescue
- Reading, swimming

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST