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**Professional History**

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor (2004 – present)

Professor of Law (1985 – present), Associate Professor of Law (1981 – 1985), State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

Sturm Distinguished Visiting Professor (2005-2006), Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.

Director of International Programs, UB Law School (2002 – 2008); Vice Dean for Interdisciplinary Studies (1998 – 2001); Director, Christopher Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy (1992 – 2001).

Visiting Professor (Summer 1984) University of Michigan Law School.

Research Fellow (1976 – 1981) American Bar Foundation.

Fellow (1974 – 1976) Foreign Area Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council.

Peace Corps Volunteer (1968 – 1971) Songkhla, Thailand: Educational Supervisor.

**Education**

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1974

M.A., University of Michigan Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, 1974

A.B., Harvard College (American History and Literature), 1967

## **Publications**

- "Review: *Truth on Trial in Thailand: Defamation, treason, and lèse-majesté*, by David Streckfuss," *Southeast Asia Research* (forthcoming).
- Tort, Custom, and Karma: Globalization and Legal Consciousness in Thailand*. Stanford University Press (2010) (with Jaruwan Engel).
- "'The Spirits Were Always Watching': Buddhism, Secular Law, and Social Change in Thailand," in Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Robert A. Yelle, and Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, eds., *Law and Religion after Secular Liberalism*, 242-260. Stanford University Press (2011).
- "Uprooted Justice: Transformations of Law and Everyday Life in Northern Thailand," *Wisconsin International Law Journal* (in press).
- "Lumping as Default in Tort Cases: The Cultural Interpretation of Injury and Causation," 44 *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* 33 (2010).
- "The Uses of Legal Culture in Contemporary Socio-Legal Studies: A Response to Sally Engle Merry," *Journal of Comparative Law* (forthcoming).
- Fault Lines: Tort Law as Cultural Practice*. Stanford University Press (2009) (ed. with Michael McCann).
- "Discourses of Causation in Injury Cases: Exploring Thai and American Legal Cultures," in *Fault Lines: Tort Law as Cultural Practice*. Engel & McCann, eds. Stanford: Stanford University Press (2009)
- "Landscapes of the Law: Injury, Remedy, and Social Change in Thailand," 43 *Law & Society Review* 61-94 (2009).
- "David Engel and 'The Oven Bird's Song,'" interview in Simon Halliday and Patrick Schmidt, eds. *Conducting Law and Society Research: Reflections on Methods and Practice*. Cambridge University Press (2009).
- "Religiosity and the Invocation of Law in the Conversation with the Dalai Lama," 55 *Buffalo Law Review* 669 (2007).
- "Globalization and Law in Everyday Life" in *Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives*, David S. Clark, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications (2007).
- "Narrative, Disability, and Identity," 15 *Narrative* 85-94 (2007) (with Frank W. Munger).
- "Review: Oscar G. Chase, *Law, Culture, and Ritual: Disputing Systems in Cross-Cultural Context*," 41 *Law & Society Review* 981 (2007).
- "Globalization and the Decline of Legal Consciousness: Torts, Ghosts, and Karma in Thailand" 30 *Law & Social Inquiry* 469 (2005).

Reprinted in: Eve Darian-Smith, ed., *Ethnography and Law* (Ashgate, 2007); *Thailand Law Forum*: <http://www.thailawforum.com:80/articles/legal-consciousness.html>; Lawrence M. Friedman et al., eds., *Law in Many Societies: A Reader*, (Stanford University Press 2011)

*Rights of Inclusion: Life Stories of Identity, Disability, and Law*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003 (with Frank W. Munger).

"The Americans with Disabilities Act and the Shaping of Careers: Insights from Life Story Narratives," 62 *Ohio State Law Journal* 285 (2001) (with Frank Munger).

"Injury and Identity: The Damaged Self in Three Cultures," in *Between Law and Culture*, David Theo Goldberg, Michael Musheno, and Lisa Bower, eds. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (2001).

Translated into Japanese and reprinted in 26 *Tokai Law Review* 237 (2001).

"Presidential Address – Making Connections: Law and Society Researchers and Their Subjects," 33 *Law & Society Review* 3 (1999).

*Crossing Boundaries: Traditions and Transformations in Law and Society Research*. Edited and with an Introduction co-authored with Austin Sarat, Marianne Constable, Valerie Hans, and Susan Lawrence. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1998.

*Everyday Practices and Trouble Cases*. Edited and with an Introduction co-authored with Austin Sarat, Marianne Constable, Valerie Hans, and Susan Lawrence. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1998.

"How Does Law Matter in the Constitution of Legal Consciousness?" in *How Does Law Matter?* Bryant G. Garth and Austin Sarat, eds. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1998.

"Civil Rights and Self-Concept: Life Stories of Law, Disability, and Employment," 35 *Droit et Cultures* 43 (1998) (with Frank W. Munger).

"Rights, Remembrance, and the Reconciliation of Difference," 30 *Law & Society Review* 7 (1996) (with Frank W. Munger).

"Transformations of Law and Place: Introduction to the Articles by Buchanan, Darian-Smith, Maurer, and Aman," 2 *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 363 (1995).

"Origin Myths: Narratives of Authority, Resistance, Disability, and Law," 27 *Law & Society Review* 785 (1993).

"Law in the Domains of Everyday Life: The Construction of Community and Difference," in Sarat and Kearns (eds.), *Law in Everyday Life* (Univ. of Michigan Press, 1993).

Translated into Japanese and reprinted in 24 *Tokai University Law Journal* 221 (2000) [Part I] and 25 *Tokai University Law Journal* 221 (2001) [Part II].

*Law and Community in Three American Towns*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1994 (with Carol Greenhouse and Barbara Yngvesson).

*Law and Society in Southeast Asia*. Special Symposium Issue, Edited and with an Introduction and Interstitial Commentary co-authored with Jane Collier and Barbara Yngvesson. 28 *Law & Society Review* 409-720 (1994).

"Review: *Getting Justice and Getting Even: Legal Consciousness among Working-Class Americans*, by Sally Engle Merry," *Journal of Legal Pluralism* 155 (1992).

"Review: *Law As Metaphor: From Islamic Courts to the Palace of Justice*, by June Starr," *Law and Politics Book Review* (1992).

"Law, Culture, and Children with Disabilities: Educational Rights and the Construction of Difference," 1991 *Duke Law Journal* 1:166-205.

"Law Students with Disabilities: Removing Barriers in the Law School Community," 38 *Buffalo Law Review* 551 (1990) [with Alfred S. Konefsky].

Reprinted in *Making the Competent Lawyer: Models for Law School Action*, ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer Competence (1990).

"Litigation Across Space and Time: Courts, Conflict, and Social Change," 24 *Law & Society Review* 333 (1990).

"Law, Time and Community," 21 *Law & Society Review* 605 (1987).

"The Oven Bird's Song: Insiders, Outsiders, and Personal Injuries in an American Community," 18 *Law Society Review* 551 (1984).

Reprinted in Baumgartner, ed., *The Social Organization of Law*, 2d ed. (Academic Press, 1998); Abel, ed., *The Law & Society Reader* (NYU Press, 1995); Goldman and Sarat, eds., *American Court Systems: Readings in Judicial Process and Behavior*, 2nd. ed. (1989).

"Review: *Empirical Theories About Courts*, edited by Keith O. Boyum and Lynn Mather," 9 *ALSA Forum* 101 (1985).

"Mapping Difficult Terrain: 'Legal Culture,' 'Legal Consciousness,' and other Hazards for the Intrepid Explorer," 6 *Law & Policy* 299 (1984) (with Barbara Yngvesson).

"Cases, Conflict, and Accommodation: Patterns of Legal Interaction in an American Community," 1983 *Law and Social Inquiry [American Bar Foundation Research Journal]* 803.

"Review: *An Introduction to Javanese Law*, by M.C. Hoadley and M.B. Hooker," *Journal of Asian Studies*.

"Legal Pluralism in An American Community: Perspectives on a Civil Trial Court," 1980 *Law and Social Inquiry [American Bar Foundation Research Journal]* 425.

"Review: *Adat Law in Modern Indonesia* by M.B. Hooker," 28 *American Journal of Comparative Law* 352 (1980).

"Review: *A Concise Legal History of South-East Asia*, by M.B. Hooker," 24 *American Journal of Legal History* 76 (1980).

"Civil Cases and Society: Process and Order in the Civil Justice System," 1979 *Law and Social Inquiry [ABF Research Journal]* 295 (with Eric H. Steele).

*Code and Custom in a Thai Provincial Court: The Interaction of Formal and Informal Systems of Justice*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, Association for Asian Studies Monograph Series, 1978.

*Law and Kingship in Thailand During the Reign of King Chulalongkorn*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, 1975.

### **Honors and Awards**

2011 Honorary Doctor of Laws, Chiang Mai University Faculty of Law, conferred by Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Thailand Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

2011 Honorable Mention, Jacobs Book Prize, Law & Society Association (for *Tort, Custom, and Karma: Globalization and Legal Consciousness in Thailand* co-authored with Jaruwat S. Engel)

2010 Distinguished Service Award, Buffalo Law Review.

2003 Myers Outstanding Book Award (for *Rights of Inclusion: Law and Identity in the Life Stories of Americans with Disabilities* co-authored with Frank Munger). Same book was runner-up for Jacobs Book Prize, 2004.

2002 University at Buffalo Exceptional Scholar Award.

President, Law & Society Association, 1997-98.

1996-1997 Article Prize, Law & Society Association (for "Rights, Remembrance, and the Reconciliation of Difference" co-authored with Frank Munger).

1995-1996 Jacobs Book Prize, Law & Society Association (for *Law and Community in Three American Towns* co-authored with Carol Greenhouse and Barbara Yngvesson).

1995 Faculty Award, Students of Color Recognition Dinner, University at Buffalo School of Law.

National Science Foundation Research Grants in 1977, 1985, 1987, 1991, 1995, and 1998.

Research Grants from Ford Foundation (1991), Foundation for Research on Dispute Resolution (1990), American Council of Learned Societies (1987), and Social Science Research Council (1974).

### **Current Teaching Interests**

Torts

Legal Culture of Thailand: Travel-abroad course taught to upper level American law students.

Products Liability

Injuries (advanced topics in tort law and society)

Law, Culture, and Society (upper level course on interdisciplinary and comparative legal scholarship)

Law in a Changing Community (fieldwork-based study of legal consciousness)

### **Professional Activities and Associations**

Law and Society Association:

Co-Chair, Planning Committee for International Meeting in Hawaii, 2012

President, 1997-98

Coordinator, Collaborative Research Networks, 2004-2008

International Activities Committee, 2008-present

Nominations Committee, 2003-4

Disability Access Committee, 2002-3

Chair, International Prize Committee, 2000-2001

Kalven Prize Committee, 1998-99.

Program Committees for Annual Meetings in 1985 (chair), 1995, 1996, 2002, 2007.

Summer Institute Planning Committee, 1993-95.

Associate Editor, *Law & Society Review*, 1993-95.

Committee on International Participation, 1990-92.

Trustee, 1985-88.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Law & Society Review* 1982-86, 1989-93.

Law School Admissions Council, Grants Sub-Committee, 2001-2007.

Editorial Board, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2004 – present.

Advisory Board, *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*, 1998 – present.

Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation Program on Law and Social Science, 1995-97.

Committee on Asian Law (Vice-chair, 1981-84; Representative for Southeast Asia, 1977-80, 1981-86).

### **Law School and University Service**

Chair, Council on International Studies and Programs (advisory body to UB Provost)

Past Chair, International and Graduate Programs Committee, UB Law School

Law School Dean Search Committee

Provost's Task Group on International Strategy

Past Chair, Asian Studies Advisory Council

UB Delegation to draft and sign Exchange Agreement with Chiang Mai University (Thailand)  
University Task Group on Institutes and Centers  
Provost's Special Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary Structures  
Law School Planning Committee  
Advisor, Thai Graduate Students Association  
Advisor, Asian and Asian-American Law Students Association  
Chair, Committee on Law Students with Special Needs  
Chair, Law School Appointments Committee  
Human Subjects Review Board  
Service on Dissertation Committees for Students in Anthropology, Linguistics, Education, and Sociology