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Juris Doctor	<i>Cornell Law School</i> 1996
Master of Arts	<i>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</i> 1990 French Literature
Bachelor of Arts	<i>University of Wisconsin, Madison</i> 1988 History and French
	<i>New York University in France</i> <i>L'Université de Paris-Sorbonne</i> Junior-Year Abroad, 1986-87

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-Present **Cornell College**
President; Faculty member in the Department of Politics

Cornell's Major Accomplishments

Overall

- Completed a comprehensive strategic plan (2013)
- Completed a successful reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (2013)
- Experienced healthy enrollment growth (2015)
- Dramatically reduced the College's discount rate (2014 and 2015)
- Experienced record total student body retention (2014)
- Expanded marketing efforts in key target markets (2015 CASE Circle of Excellence Award for Cornell's Viewbook)

Academics:

- Created (Faculty-led) Educational Priorities and Outcomes for all Cornell students, which are incorporated in intentional ways in all courses (2012)
- Launched (Faculty-led) new majors in Business and Engineering Sciences (2014)
- Initiated the Cornell Institute for Summer Research (2015)
- Opened the Center for the Literary Arts and introduced the now-endowed Dana Emerging Writer Fellow (2012)
- Launched the McLennan Center, Cornell's academic center in Chicago (2012)
- Experienced 94% law school acceptance rate and 77% medical school acceptance rate (2015)
- Increased applicants and recipients of major prestigious scholarships and fellowships, such as the Fulbright, Boren, and Gilman Awards (2014)

Facilities:

- Completed a comprehensive campus facilities master plan (2014)
- Renovated four existing residence halls—Pauley, Rorem, Dows, and Tarr Halls (2015)
- Renovated and expanded the Thomas Commons, Cornell's campus center (2014)

- Thanks to impressive philanthropic support, commenced design work on a new Science Center (2015)
- Installed a synthetic grass surface and lights on Cornell's football/lacrosse field (2014)
- Renovated Cornell's baseball field in partnership with the Mount Vernon Community School District (2015)

Advancement:

- Exceeded Cornell's Annual Fund Goals (2013, 2014, and 2015)
- Raised over \$9.5 million in funding for the renovation of four existing residence halls (2014)
- Completed a situational analysis and feasibility study in advance of Cornell's next planned capital campaign (2015)
- Secured over \$1 million in funding for improvements in athletics facilities, including the installation of synthetic grass and lights at the football/lacrosse field, upgrades to the baseball field, and cosmetic improvements in the gymnasium (2012-2015)

As member of the Department of Politics, regularly teaches an advanced law-related course: "The Nature, Functions, and Limits of the Law."

2005-2011

Doane College

President; Faculty member in Political Science

Doane's Major Accomplishments:

Overall:

- Achieved record student enrollment two years in a row (2009 and 2010)
- Developed a team of strong and high-functioning senior staff
- Completed an institution-wide strategic planning process, including the creation of institution-wide measurements and benchmarks
- Surpassed \$13 million for, and then built, the George and Sally Haddix Recreation and Athletic Center (2010)
- Completed a major renovation of two historic residence halls (2009, 2010)
- Completed fundraising for, and construction of, the \$11 million Chab Weyers Education and Hixson Lied Art Building (2007)
- Renovated all dining facilities, including a dining hall and a new coffeehouse (2006-08)
- Renovated and dedicated the Fred D. Brown Center (2007)
- Constructed the new Ledon Softball and Baseball Complex (2007)
- Successfully completed Doane College's \$40 million campaign, begun in 2002, by raising approximately \$45 million
- Strengthened all College publications, including the Doane Magazine and College viewbook (Received 31 CASE awards from 2008-2010 for Doane's marketing communications)
- Initiated a diversity strategic planning process
- Created a technology strategic plan

Academics:

- Added new majors in Biochemistry and Journalism and strengthened the Environmental Sciences major
- Launched the Learning Communities Initiative
- Created the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- Reduced the faculty teaching load across the institution
- Increased student/faculty research
- Opened a new Writing Center
- Created the Office of International Programs and increased the student travel scholarship available to all students

- Strengthened Doane's pre-medical program-100% success rate of student applications to all medical/health professions graduate programs in 2008
- Opened the Office of Multicultural Support Services
- Increased academic support, primarily for first-year students
- Added full-time First-Year Student Academic Advisor and Chaplain/Community Service staff member

As member of the Political Science Department, regularly taught an advanced law-related course: "The Nature, Functions, and Limits of the Law."

2001-2005

Grinnell College

Vice-President of Institutional and Budget Planning; Special Assistant and Counsel to the President; Lecturer in Political Science

As Vice-President of Institutional and Budget Planning, was responsible for developing the College's annual budget to submit to the President and the Board of Trustees. Was also responsible for guiding an institution-wide strategic planning process to inform the annual budget. Developed and refined assessment/performance measures related to institutional priorities per academic year and formally evaluated effectiveness at the end of each year. Oversaw the Office of Facilities Management and coordinated projects identified in the College's campus facility plan (such as a new athletic and fitness center). Also oversaw the College's Art Gallery and Office of Community Enhancement.

As Special Assistant and Counsel to the President, assisted in many aspects of the President's activities but focusing on external relations, institutional advancement, Board of Trustees matters, writing, and major internal assignments. Served as Counsel, primarily to the President, but also to the administration and faculty. For example, as a member of a faculty committee, redrafted the faculty handbook, including such provisions as the grievance procedure and appeal process of personnel decisions; reviewed specific personnel issues and student discipline cases that came to the President; and addressed copyright and related intellectual property matters.

As Lecturer in Political Science, taught introductory and advanced law-related courses: "The Mirror or the Lamp: Law and Social Norms," "What's Right about Rights," and "The Nature, Functions, and Limits of the Law."

1998-2001

Grinnell College

Special Assistant and Counsel to the President; Secretary of the College; Lecturer

In addition to the above, as Secretary of the College, managed matters related to the Board of Trustees and its governance.

1997-98

Cornell Law School

Assistant Director of Legal Writing; Academic Support Coordinator

Helped develop a new Legal Writing Program; Instructor of first-year legal writing; Coordinator of program for students experiencing academic difficulty and "at-risk students."

1996-97

**Coddington, Hicks, and Danforth
Robinson and Wood**

Associate: Undertook assignments related to intellectual property, legal malpractice, and environmental law.

1990-93

University of California-Riverside

Department of Comparative Literature & Foreign Languages

Lecturer of French: Prepared curriculum for introductory and intermediate French; Coordinated Graduate Student Teaching Program; Faculty Advisor for undergraduate French majors; Instructor in University's Teaching Assistant Development Program; Member of French Studies Committee.

1988-90 **The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Department of Romance Languages & Literatures
Instructor: Taught introductory and intermediate French; Taught in Comprehensive Studies Program for multicultural students.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

2004 **Nanjing University**
Visiting Professor, Nanjing University Law School, Nanjing, China
Taught graduate-level course in U.S. constitutional law and nonprofit organizational law during the summer through a Nanjing University-Grinnell College exchange program.

1994-96 **Cornell Law School**
Research Assistant for Dean Russell K. Osgood
Teaching Assistant: Property, Constitutional Law, and Practice Training I: First-Year Research Course.

1990-93 **Putney Student Travel**
Trip Leader: Led high school student groups through France; Helped develop French curriculum for upper-level language programs to France.

1991-93 **International Baccalaureate**
Examiner: French B Exam.

1987 & 1989 **NASA, Paris Air Show**
Guide and Translator/Interpreter.

1986-87 **Collège Jules Romains, Paris**
English Assistant, Classe de Troisième.

ARTICLES

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SELECT HIGHER EDUCATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Board Chair, Board of Directors/Presidents Council, The Midwest Conference (Cornell College's athletic association, NCAA, Division III), 2014-2016.

Spoke at the NCAA Convention on desirable athletic director attributes for aspiring athletic directors, January, 2012.

Spoke on building and maintaining leadership teams at The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Presidents Institute, January, 2012.

Served on the Executive Committee, United Church of Christ, Council for Higher Education, 2008-2011.

Served as an Advisory Board Member, Strategic Discussions for Nebraska Program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2007-2011.

Participated in CIC's Lilly Endowment-funded conference on Vocation in Undergraduate Education, 2009.

Participated in CIC's Lilly Endowment-funded seminar on Vocation and Institutional Mission, 2008-2009.

Presented on the candidacy of Dr. Charles Bessey for the Nebraska State Historical Society, 2007.

Presented on the state of environmental law in China, Lincoln's Wachiska Audubon Society of Lincoln, 2007.

Presented on the evolution of nonprofit and environmental law in China, Lincoln Rotary Club, 2006.

CHARITABLE WORK

- 2001-present **Putney Open Door Fund**
Member, Board of Directors, 2001-present
President, Board of Directors, 2002-2005
Oversees a non-profit organization committed to raising scholarship support for economically disadvantaged high school students to participate in summer community service, academic enrichment, and travel programs worldwide.
- 2002 **Iowa Peace Institute, Grinnell, Iowa**
Chair, Annual Fund Campaign
Led the annual fund campaign for the Iowa Peace Institute, a non-profit organization committed to alternative dispute resolution.

HONORS/AWARDS

1994 **Cornell Law School**
-Moot Court Best Brief Finalist

1986-87 **New York University in France**
-Academic Merit Fellowship

1984-88 **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
-French Department Award for Academic Scholarship
-Graduated with Distinction in Letters & Science
-Honors in History and French
-Dean's List

INTERESTS

Theatre. Performed in several French and English Plays, 1980-1993.

Marathons. Competed in the Berlin, Paris, Milwaukee, Detroit, Chicago, Orange County, San Diego, Vermont, Quad Cities, and Holland Haven Marathons 1987-2015.

Cross-Country. Assisted the University of California Cross Country Team, Riverside, 1990-1993.