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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

School of Natural Resources and the Environment

Ph.D., 2003

Dissertation: "Strategies for Success in the Environmental Justice Movement"

Honors: Alvan Macauley Scholarship Award, School of Natural Resources and Environment Merit Fellowship award, Resident Fellowship

BOALT HALL SCHOOL OF LAW, U.C. BERKELEY

J.D., 1993

Honors: S.K. Yee Scholar (national honorary award), Moot Court commendation: "Best Brief"

Programs Director and Associate Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*

Member, Committee on Race, Poverty, and Environmental Justice; Amnesty International Legal Support Network; International Law Society; Homeless Outreach Program.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

B.A., Contemporary World Studies (Independent Major), 1989, magna cum laude

Grade Point Average: 3.9/4.0

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Scholar, UC Berkeley Deutsch Scholar, Dean's List, Honors through May 1989, Golden Key Honor Society

Honors Thesis: "Till Debt Do Us Part" (about Latin American debt, development, and ecology)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

LECTURER, University of California, Los Angeles

Teach courses focusing on issues of social innovation, social entrepreneurs, and social change, sponsored by the UCLA Institute of the Environment. Was voted as the "#1 professor" at UCLA in 2001 in a survey of the entire student body. Was nominated for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars' Faculty of the Year Award in 2004. Additionally taught graduate law and urban planning courses in the School of Public Affairs, as well as undergraduate courses in UCLA's Writing Programs department. (7/98-present)

RESIDENT FELLOW, University of Michigan

Taught seminars at the University of Michigan on issues of environmental problem-solving, social change, and sustainability. Developed courses for both the School of Natural Resources and the College of Literature, Sciences, and Arts. Also worked with Michigan Professor Bunyan Bryant, developing a national Environmental Justice Center to be established at the university. (8/96- 7/98)

LECTURER, College of Natural Resources, U.C. Berkeley

Created and taught the university's first course on environmental problem solving. Focused on interdisciplinary solutions emerging from law, economics, design, science, media, education, urban planning, and grassroots activism. (8/93-12/93)

INSTRUCTOR, Conservation and Resource Studies Department, U.C. Berkeley

Received U.C. Berkeley's "Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor" award. Served as an instructor for courses in environmental law and policy; also served as an instructor for a course in ecological economics. (2/91-12/92)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Transformative Action Institute, Los Angeles

Created a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting a new model of nonviolent social change for the 21st century. Recognized as one of the world's "best emerging social entrepreneurs" by the global organization Echoing Green. Lead workshops, classes, and training sessions on the most effective methods of personal and social transformation. (9/05-present)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, Industrial Areas Foundation, "Hope in Youth," Hollywood

Empowered citizens of a troubled community to solve local problems in an unsustainable inner city environment. Worked with at-risk youths to keep them out of gangs and drugs. Taught nonviolence and leadership training to citizens of violence-plagued neighborhoods. (1994-1995)

LEGAL INTERN, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington D.C.

Organized a major press conference on human rights and the environment at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Contributed to a book on environmental sustainability. Wrote and filed motions and briefs for legal cases. (Summer 1992)

LEGAL AIDE, Environmental Law Foundation, Sri Lanka

Helped write a brief for the Sri Lankan Supreme Court on issues of human rights and the environment. Received a Ford Foundation grant to study development issues. Worked with Sarvodaya, a local development organization based on nonviolent, ecological principles. Participated in a national citizens' report for the United Nations. (Summer 1991)

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, Bentley Industries, Los Angeles

Developed marketing plans and policy for an international multi-million dollar business. Served as part of a corporate "think tank," working to create innovative strategies for enhancing the profitability of the company. (10/89-7/90)

BOOKS, ARTICLES, and WORKS IN PROGRESS:

HOW DAVID CONQUERS GOLIATH: The Power of People to Overcome the World's Largest Corporations and Governments – This book explores the ways in which ordinary people are able to respond successfully to injustice. It looks not only at environmental cases in the United States, but also cases across the world where people rose up and defeated dictators, tyrants, and even terrorists through nonviolent means. (Work in progress)

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT – An examination of 60 cases across the United States where grassroots groups fought to free their neighborhoods from the threat of toxic wastes, landfills, incinerators, nuclear facilities, and other environmental hazards. This research examines the conditions in which groups were most likely to achieve success, and why. It develops the theory of "transformative action." (Forthcoming)

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT, AND I COULD USE A DRINK: A Work of Fiction That, Incidentally, Happens to be True -- A postmodern, humorous novel about a young person fighting to save the world from environmental destruction. (Los Angeles: WordsEarth Press, 2000)

Additionally I have had articles and reviews in such academic journals as *Society and Natural Resources*, and *Ecology Law Quarterly*.