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Education:

June, 1975 LL.M., Yale
December, 1971 J.D., University of Kentucky
Order of the Coif
May, 1967 B.A., University of Kentucky
Political Science & Economics

Personal Information: Age 62, Married, One Daughter

Military Service:

January 1969 - October 1970 U.S. Army. Acting Chief Legal Clerk (enlisted, acting E-5 rank), Judge Advocate General's Office, John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Bar Admissions: Kentucky, United States Court of Claims, United States Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals

Employment:

May 1981 - Present Professor of Law, West Virginia University
September - December 1987 Visiting Professor of Legal Studies, Department of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
August - December 1985 Visiting Professor of Law, Washington & Lee University
August 1984 - March 1985 Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Professor of Legal Studies, Department of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Employment (cont'd):

1979 - 1983	Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry, West Virginia University
January - August 1981	Visiting Scholar, Stanford Law School
February - May 1981	T-Group Facilitator, Stanford Graduate School of Business
August - December 1980	Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Health Law Institute, University of Texas Health Science Center (Houston) and University of Houston College of Law
1977 - 1980	Visiting Assistant and Associate Professor of Law, West Virginia University
June - August 1976	Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
1975 - 1977	Assistant Professor of Law, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
September 1974 - August 1975	Special Assistant United States Attorney, FHA Fraud Investigation, U.S. Attorney's Office, Newark, New Jersey (Department of Justice Special Achievement Award: Recognition for Meritorious Service) (Award for Criminal fraud investigation of New Jersey real estate brokers and mortgage companies) (July 21, 1974)
February 1974 - August 1974	Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Newark, New Jersey
March 1972 - February 1974	Trial Attorney, Civil Division, Economic Stabilization Section, Department of Justice, Washington, DC
May 1971 - December 1971	Legal Intern, United States Attorney's Office, Lexington, Kentucky
September 1967-December 1968	Instructor, American Government and Economics, Midway Junior College, Midway, Kentucky

Fellowships and Awards:

- 2002** Faculty Scholarship Award
- 1995** Benedum Distinguished Scholar, West Virginia University
- 1980 - 1983** National Kellogg Fellowship
(Kellogg Fellowship Conferences: “Work, Technology, and Contemporary Society,” Detroit, Michigan, November 16-21, 1980; “Social Change in Urban and Rural America,” Atlanta, Georgia and Tuskegee, Alabama, May 3-8, 1981; “A National Perspective,” Washington, DC, October 25-30, 1981; “An International Perspective,” New York, New York, April 18-23, 1982; “Economic and Social Development in the Third World,” Colombia, South America, October 25-November 5, 1982)
- 1980** Health Law Fellowship, University of Texas Health Science Center and University of Houston Law School
- Summer, 1979** National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar for Law Teachers (Professor James Boyd White, University of Chicago)
- Summer, 1978** Project for the Study of Humanistic Legal Education
- September 9, 1978** West Virginia University Foundation Associate Award, Humanistic Approaches to Teaching

Present Teaching Areas:

Criminal Law
Advanced Criminal Law
Lawyers and Literature
Lawyers and Film

Previous Courses Taught:

Administrative Law
Appellate Advocacy
Criminal Procedure
Environmental Justice
Family Law
Introduction to Law

Previous Courses Taught: (cont'd)

Jurisprudence
Law and Psychiatry
Lawyers and Film
Legal Interviewing and Counseling
Mental Health Law
Narrative Jurisprudence
Practical Moral Philosophy for Lawyers
Professional Responsibility
Psychology for Lawyers
The Legal Imagination
The Lawyer as Person
Mythology and Professionalism
Women and the Legal Profession

Advisory Boards:

August 1994 - 1998 University of North Carolina School of Law,
Intergenerational Ethics Project

Offices Held in National Organizations:

1980 - 1983 President, American Legal Studies Association

Editorships and Editorial Boards:

1996 - Present Editor & Publisher, *Legal Studies Forum*

1994 - 1995 Editorial Board, *Legal Studies Forum*

1987 -1992 Book Review Editor, *Journal of Legal Education*

1985 - 1988 Editorial Board, *Journal of Legal Education*

January 1987 - August 1987 Book Review Editor, *Legal Studies Forum*

1983 - 1987 Editor, *Transformations*, Newsletter of the American Legal
Studies Association

1979 - 1984 Editorial Board, *Legal Studies Forum*

Editor–Selected Journal Symposium Issues:

“Correcting the World: Selected Poetry and Writings of Michael Blumenthal,” 31 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-447 (2007)

“Lawyers & Poets,” 30 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-761 (2006)

“Crimes Gone By: The Collected Essays of Albert Borowitz (1966-2005),” 29 *Legal Studies Forum* 591-1058 (2005)

“Off the Record: An Anthology of Poetry by Lawyers,” 28 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-732 (2004)

“Fiction by John William Corrington,” 26 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-492 (2002)

“Fishing Deep Waters: John William Corrington (1932-1988),” 26 *Legal Studies Forum* 493-912 (2002)

“The Legal Fiction of Lowell B. Komie,” 25 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-246 (2001)

“Teaching a Lawyer’s Confessions,” 21 *Legal Studies Forum* 139-300 (1997) (with Michael Distelhorst)

“The Pedagogy of Narrative,” 40 *Journal of Legal Education* 1-250 (1990)

“Legal Education and the Pedagogy of Ethics,” 10 *Legal Studies Forum* 265-324 (1986)

“Narrative Jurisprudence,” 9 *Legal Studies Forum* 123-234 (1985)

“Worlds of Silence: Women in Legal Education,” 8 *American Legal Studies Forum* 1-161 (1984)

Publications–Books: _____

Legal Interviewing and Counseling (West Publishing Co., 4th ed. 2005)(co-authored with Thomas Shaffer)

Publications–Articles:

Popular Culture, Legal Films, and the Legal Film Critics,
Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review [forthcoming, 2008]

Meditations on the Odd Lives We Live, 31 *Legal Studies Forum* 885-932 (2007)

A Poetics—of and for—Ruthann Robson, 8 *New York City Law Review* 363-400 (2005)

In Search of the Lawyer Poets, *Rattle* (Poetry for the 21st Century) 117-124 (Summer, 2005) [revised version published under the title, “The Remnants of a Lost & Forgotten Library: On Finding the Lawyer Poets,” 30 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-8 (2006)]

Ruthann Robson & James R. Elkins: A Conversation, 29 *Legal Studies Forum* 145-172 (2005).

Simon Perchik: An Interview, 29 *Legal Studies Forum* 173-180 (2005).

Reading/Teaching Lawyer Films, 28 *Vermont Law Review* 813-879 (2004) [revised version published under the title, “Reading Lawyer Films,” in 25 (1) *Les Cahiers de IAPLIUT* 8-25 (2006)]

An Anthology of Poetry By Lawyers, 28 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-19 (2004)

“A Letter to 'Law & Literature' Students in Australia,” in *Law, Memory & Literature* 20-33 (Australian Legal Philosophy Students Association, ALPSA 2004 Annual Publication, 2004)

The John William Corrington & Charles Bukowski Correspondence: On Poetry and Writing, 27 *Legal Studies Forum* 561-609 (2003)(editor)

A Great Gift: Reading John William Corrington, 26 *Legal Studies Forum* 425-489 (2002)

John William Corrington, 26 *Legal Studies Forum* 493-501 (2002)

Publications–Articles: (cont'd)

Lowell B. Komie: Lawyer & Writer, 25 *Legal Studies Forum* 1-12 (2001)

Lowell B. Komie: An Interview, 25 *Legal Studies Forum* 225-249 (2001)

A Law Culture Diagnostic (Review Essay), 8 (1) *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture* 48-57 (2001)

Lawyer Ethics: A Pedagogical Mosaic, 14 *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* 117-222 (2000)

A Conversation of Moralists, 23 *Legal Studies Forum* 249-265 (1999)

The Critical Thinking Movement: Alternating Currents in One Teacher's Thinking, 23 *Legal Studies Forum* 379-389 (1999)

The Things They Carry Into Legal Writing (And Legal Education), 22 *Legal Studies Forum* 749-788 (1998)

Rhetoric, Disciplines, and Stories: How Will We Know When We Have Too Much Law, 22 *Legal Studies Forum* 519-527 (1998)

Teaching a Lawyer's Confessions, 21 *Legal Studies Forum* 151-192 (1997)

An Argument Against Reticence in the Teaching of Virtue, 21 *Legal Studies Forum* 221-238 (1997)

What Kind of Story Is Legal Writing?, 20 *Legal Studies Forum* 95-135 (1996)

Thinking Like a Lawyer: Second Thoughts, 47 *Mercer L. Rev.* 511-541 (1996)

Troubled Beginnings: Reflections on Becoming a Lawyer, 26 *U. Memphis Law Review* 1303-1324 (1996)

Pathologizing Professional Life: Psycho-Literary Case Stories, 18 *Vermont Law Review* 581-643 (1994)

Publications–Articles: (cont’d)

The Moral Labyrinth of Zealous Advocacy, 20 *Capital Law Review* 735-796 (1993)

Writing Our Lives: Making Introspective Writing a Part of Legal Education, 29 *Willamette Law Review* 41-68 (1993)

Symptoms Exposed When Legalists Engage in Moral Discourse: Reflections on the Difficulties of Talking Ethics, 17 *Vermont Law Review* 353-423 (1993)

From the Symposium Editor, 40 *Journal of Legal Education* 1-2 (1990) (Introduction to “Pedagogy of Narrative” Symposium)

Socrates and the Pedagogy of Critique, 14 *Legal Studies Forum* 231-252 (1990)

A Bibliography of Narrative, 40 *Journal of Legal Education* 203-250 (1990)(Symposium on “Pedagogy of Narrative”)

The Stories We Tell Ourselves in Law, 40 *Journal of Legal Education* 47-76 (1990) (Symposium on “Pedagogy of Narrative”)

The Quest for Meaning: Narrative Accounts of Legal Education, 38 *Journal of Legal Education* 577-598 (1988)

Resistance to Legal Ethics, 12 *Journal of the Legal Profession* 29-48 (1987) (co-authored with Elizabeth Gee)

Reflections on the Religion Called Legal Education, 37 *Journal of Legal Education* 522-528 (1987)

The Reconstruction of Legal Ethics as Ethics (Review Essay), 36 *Journal of Legal Education* 274-283 (1986)

A Conversation Called Ethics, 10 *Legal Studies Forum* 265-274 (1986)

Professing Law: Does Teaching Matter, 31 *Saint Louis University Law Journal* 35-51 (1986)

Publications–Articles: (cont’d)

On the Emergence of Narrative Jurisprudence: The Humanistic Perspective Finds a New Path, 9 *Legal Studies Forum* 123-156 (1985)

The Examined Life: A Mind in Search of Heart, 30 *American Journal of Jurisprudence* 155-187 (1985)

The Pedagogy of Ethics, 10 *Journal of the Legal Profession* 37-83 (1985)

Rites of Passage: Law Students “Telling Their Lives,” 35 *Journal of Legal Education* 27-55 (1985)

Ethics: Professionalism, Craft, and Failure, 73 *Kentucky Law Journal* 937-965 (1984-85)

Cinderella: The Mythic Lives of Women Law Students, 8 *American Legal Studies Forum* 125-146 (1984)

On Working with Feminine Energy, 8 *American Legal Studies Forum* 147-159 (1984)

On the Significance of Women in Legal Education, 7 *American Legal Studies Forum* 290-316 (1983)

Becoming a Lawyer: The Transformation of Self During Legal Education, 66 *Soundings* 450-468 (Winter 1983)

A Humanistic Perspective in Legal Education, 62 *Nebraska Law Review* 494-525 (1983)

Coping Strategies in Legal Education, 16 *The Law Teacher* 195-210 (1982)

Moral Discourse and Legalism in Legal Education, 32 *Journal Legal Education* 11-52 (1982)

“All My Friends Are Becoming Strangers”: The Psychological Perspective in Legal Education, 84 *West Virginia Law Review* 161-222 (1981)

Reflections on Humanistic Teaching, 5 *American Legal Studies Forum* 3-19 (Winter, 1981)

Legal Representation of the Mentally Ill, 82 *West Virginia Law Review* 157-225 (1979)

The Paradox of A Life in Law, 40 *University Pittsburgh Law Review* 129-168 (1978)

The Legal Persona: An Essay on the Professional Mask, 64 *Virginia Law Review* 735-762 (1978)

The Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals: A Study in the Abdication of Judicial Responsibility, 1978 *Duke Law Journal* 113-153

Corporations and the Criminal Law: An Uneasy Alliance, 65 *Kentucky Law Journal* 73-129 (1977)

A Counseling Model for Lawyering in Divorce Cases, 53 *Notre Dame Lawyer* 229-265 (1977)

Publications–Book Reviews:

Book Review: *When Law Goes Pop: The Vanishing Line Between Law and Popular Culture* by Richard Sherwin, 8 (1) *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture* 48-57 (2001)

Book Review: *Environmental Justice: Issues, Policies and Solutions* edited by Bunyan Bryant, *The Workbook* (1996) (Albuquerque, NM: Southwest Research and Information Center)

Book Review: *Deeper Shades of Green: The Rise of Blue Collar and Minority Environmentalism in America* by Jim Schwab, 20 (1) *The Workbook* 27-29 (Spring, 1995)(Albuquerque, NM: Southwest Research and Information Center)

Book Review: *Becoming a Lawyer: A Humanistic Perspective on Legal Education and Professionalism* by Elizabeth Dvorkin, Jack Himmelstein, & Howard Lesnick, 6 *American Legal Studies Forum* 307-322 (1983)

Book Review: *A Theory of Criminal Justice* by Hyman Gross, 81 *West Virginia Law Review* 219-228 (1978-79)

Publications–Book Reviews: (cont’d)

Book Review: *One L* by Scott Turow, 3 American Legal Studies Forum 81-88 (1978)

Book Review: *Legal Interviewing and Counseling* by Thomas Shaffer, 30 Vanderbilt Law Review 923-940 (1977)

Publications–Miscellaneous:

“Lowell B. Komie’s Lawyer Stories,” introd. to, Lowell B. Komie, *The Legal Fiction of Lowell B. Komie* xiii-xvi (Swordfish/Chicago, 2005)

Professional Burnout Among U.S. Veterinarians: How Serious a Problem? 82 Veterinary Medicine 1245-1250 (1987) (with Dr. A.D. Elkins)

Guest Editorial: Professional Burnout & Veterinarians, 18 Journal American Animal Hospital Association 849-852 (1982) (with Dr. A.D. Elkins)

Psychiatric Judgments and Legal Standards of Proof, Newsletter, West Virginia District Branch, American Psychiatric Association (Spring 1979)

Imagination and Creativity in Lawyering: A Report on a Law School Seminar, 3(1) American Legal Studies Forum 13-22 (May 1978)

Selected Academic & Scholarly Presentations:

October, 2007

“Law and Popular Culture,” Law and Society course, OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute, West Virginia University

November, 2004

“A Poetics–of and for–Ruthann Robson,” CUNY, Flushing, New York

November, 2003

“Lawyers and Poetry,” Faculty Brown-Bag, College of Law, West Virginia University

March 10, 2003

“Living With and Against the Disciplines: Law, Philosophy, and Literature,” E. Ferris Reynolds Lecture, Elon University

Selected Academic & Scholarly Presentations: (cont'd)

- April 22, 2000** “Story Basics for Law Folks,” Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association, April 19-22, 2000, New Orleans, Louisiana
- October 29, 1999** “Teaching Lawyers and Film,” American Legal Studies Association Conference (held co-jointly with the Semiotic Society of America), October 22-31, 1999, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- October 30, 1998** “*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*: Reflections on Teaching,” Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, 9th Annual Conference, West Virginia University
- January 6, 1996** “What Kind of Story Is Legal Writing?” American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Conference, San Antonio, Texas
- March 29, 1995** “What Kind of Discipline is Law?” Benedum Distinguished Scholar Lecture, West Virginia University
- October 14, 1994** “Lawyer Stories and Legal Mind,” Law Faculty, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont
- November 1, 1993** “What Are The Stories Doing Here?” Law Faculty, West Virginia University
- November 5, 1993** “Psycho-Literary Case Studies,” Symposium: Lawyers as Storytellers & Storytellers as Lawyers, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont
- June 24, 1993** “American Legal Education,” Hebei Legal School, Shijiazhuang, China
- November 22, 1992** “Reflections on Legal Education,” Department of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- March 29, 1991** “An Archaeology of Lawyer Mythology,” American Culture Association & American Popular Culture Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas
- January 29, 1991** “Narrative Jurisprudence: An Archaeology of Storytelling in Legal Education,” Faculty Symposium, College of Law, Syracuse University

Selected Academic & Scholarly Presentations: (cont'd)

- November, 1990** “Confronting the Unconscious: An Introduction to the Work of C.G. Jung,” Presentation, Department of English, West Virginia University
- March 9, 1990** “How Would Posner Have Lawyers Read Literature?” American Popular Culture Association, Toronto, Canada
- March 10, 1990** “Socrates and the Culture of Education,” American Popular Culture Association, Toronto, Canada
- February 28, 1987** “The Rhetoric of Legal Ethics,” National Lawyers Guild Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
- November 12, 1985** “Rethinking Medical Ethics,” Lynchburg Family Practice Residency Program, Lynchburg, Virginia
- October 1985** “Atticus Finch: An American Lawyer Hero,” Professional Ethics Seminar, Washington and Lee University
- February 22, 1985** “Professional Ethics and the Problem of Suffering,” Law and Humanities Faculty, Brandeis University
- November 3 - 5, 1983** “Law Related Education Outside Law School: The Rhetoric of an Ideal,” Leon Jaworski Symposium on Public Education About the Law, American Bar Association, Houston, Texas
- September 23, 1983** “A Legal and Historical Perspective on Deinstitutionalization of the Mentally Ill,” Mental Health Association of Monongalia County, Morgantown, West Virginia
- October 18, 1982** “The Psychodynamics of Lawyering,” West Virginia Student Trial Lawyers
- August 7 - 9, 1981** “Becoming A Lawyer: The Quest for Meaning,” Ninth Annual Conference, Association for Transpersonal Psychology, Monterey, California
- April 10, 1981** “Effects of Subjective Experience on Professional Socialization,” Faculty, School of Law, University of San Diego

- April 9, 1981** “Loss of Self in Legal Education,” School of Law, University of San Diego, California
- January 3, 1981** “Undergraduate Legal Process Courses: A Humanistic Perspective,” Workshop on Teaching Law Outside Law Schools, Association of American Law Schools Conference
- November 12, 1980** “Legalism and Beyond: Some Reflections on Teaching Ethics,” Faculty, College of Law, University of Houston
- November 8, 1980** “Legal Studies as Undergraduate Preparation for Law School,” American Legal Studies Conference
- October 28, 1980** “A Celebration of Beginning,” College of Law, University of Houston
- October 17, 1980** “The Legalization of Professional Ethics: A New Rhetoric of Hope,” Health Law Institute Seminar, Houston, Texas
- September 19, 1980** “The Legalization of Lawyer's Ethics: A Rhetoric of Hope,” Symposium on the Proposed Model Rules of Professional Conduct, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Participant:**
- 1984 - 2007** Independent Travel: Turkey, Mexico, Guatemala, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia (Java, Bali, Lombok, Flores, West Timor, East Timor, Sumba, Savu, Roti, Lombok, Alor), Malaysia, Sarawak, Greece, Switzerland, England, Scotland
- July 7 - July 12, 1992** “A Festival of Archetypal Psychology,” Center for Continuing Education, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- April 2 - April 16, 1988** Morocco Overland, Overseas Adventure Travel, Cultural Travel Program
- May 20 - June 10, 1985** University of California Berkeley Extension, Bhutan and Ladakh: Buddhist Kingdoms of the Himalayas (Study of Tibetan art)
- January 2 - January 4, 1984** Workshop: Beyond the Adversary Model: Teaching Mediation in American Law Schools, sponsored by the Center for Law & Human Values, Mill Valley, California

Participant: (cont'd)

July 7 - July 25, 1983

University of California-Santa Cruz, "The Journey to Self in Myths, Legends and Stories," Kusnacht, Switzerland

May 14 - May 28, 1983

Traditional African Medicine Program: Senegal, Ivory Coast, Togo, Benin, Sierra Leone, Africa

May 1 - May 22, 1982

University of California-Berkeley Extension, Greek Mythology Travel/Study Program, Greece & Sicily (with Robert Bly)

Summer, 1980

Seminar, Applied and Professional Ethics, Hastings Center, Vassar College

Summer, 1978

Conference on Archetypal Psychology and Phenomenology, Notre Dame