

## RESUME

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### Education

University of New Hampshire, Ph.D. 2010. Natural Resource & Environmental Policy, with emphasis on sustainable rural development

Harvard Law School, J.D. 1975

Harvard Law School Mediation Workshop – June, 2000

Lincoln Institute/CBI – Workshop on Mediating Land Issues – April, 2003

Movimento de Criatividade Comunitária (FASE), Trained in Brazilian community organization methods, 1969-1971

Shimer College, B.A. with distinction, social sciences, 1967

### Experience

Vice President – Contracts & Corporate Development, Raytheon JPS Communications, Inc. (2006 to present). Member of leadership team of high-tech communications company serving the public safety market, responsible for coordinating corporate development – technology acquisition, negotiation, contracts, strategy, problem solving, employee supervision. Six Sigma specialist.

Consultant – Consensus Building Institute (2009-2011). Mozambique: headed 3 person team on study for World Bank CAO, evaluating IFC social/environmental impact metrics in the wheat milling industry; Brazil: co-facilitated workshop for Petrobras, governmental agencies, and environmental NGO on resolving conflicts related to environment and development.

General Counsel/Director of Legal Affairs, Raytheon Company - Brazil (1997-2006). Member of leadership team for implementing SIVAM – a Brazilian government environmental monitoring, air traffic control, and communications system for the Amazon basin; acting country director (2004-6) responsible for coordinating multi-disciplinary team. Supervised Raytheon's Amazon Education Program – US\$ 4 million project for public school teacher training and community organization.

Partner in Organic Fruit Farm, (1999-2001). Farm located in state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Adjunct Professor, Springfield College (1997). Masters level - human services organization and policy; participated in designing a course on critical thinking.

Consultant (1996-97). International legal, business development, social impact assessment.

Director, POMMAR Project (1994-96). Responsible for start-up and administration of \$2.4 million USAID funded project for at-risk youth in Northeastern Brazil: vocational training, family preservation, legal rights, aid to at-risk girls, & combating sexual exploitation. Coalition building, orientation of partner agencies in sustainability/local fundraising. Member of State Commission for Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children & Adolescents.

Director/Brazil Program, Catholic Relief Services (1992-94) Supervised reopening of CRS Brazil office & significant program growth (US\$ 200,000 to over US\$ 3 million), including start-up of emergency food-for-work program. Built up programs for sustainable rural development, water resources, rural legal rights, AIDS, and at-risk youth.

Rural Development, Social Justice, Community Organization, and Pastoral Ministry for the Catholic Church in the State of Tocantins, Brazil (1985-92). Helped organize rural labor unions, base community groups, & community schools. Provided legal advice on land issues & rural associations; negotiated land settlements in conflict areas. Coordinated diocesan land commission; board member of statewide land commission (CPT). Designed and taught leadership training programs, programs for couples (sexuality, communications), and other courses for 50 rural base communities using popular education techniques; wrote training materials.

International Lawyer, Bank of Boston (1981-85). Responsible for overseeing legal work in Brazil and much of the rest of Latin America.

International Lawyer, Baker & McKenzie (1977-80). Resident in Rio de Janeiro.

Corporate Lawyer, Schiff Hardin & Waite (Chicago) (1975-77).

Director, Harvard Legislative Research Bureau (1974-75). Coordinated drafting of legislation for state and federal legislators (including Massachusetts Bi-Lingual Education Law).

Research Assistant, Harvard Law School (1974-75), state and local taxation.

Visiting Lecturer, Tufts University Experimental College (1974-75). Codesigned/taught "Community Organization In 3rd World Countries."

Peace Corps/Brazil (1969-73). Site preparation, training & support of community organization volunteers (1971-73); community organizer for rural electrification cooperative (1969-71).

English Teacher, Schofield School (Aiken, S.C., 1968-69).

English Assistant, Shimer College (1966-67).

## Volunteer Work

Advisor on business, organizational, and legal matters to NGOs, small businesses, & productive associations, including (among others) Share-The Blessings, Estanhos Gregory Somers Ltda., Pontifical University of Rio de Janeiro "Raizes" community organization program (2001-2005), Federal Rural University of Pernambuco Institute of Human Ecology (1995-2002), Coletivo Mulher Vida (Women's Life Collective:

1996-99).

Association for Conflict Resolution, member of advisory council, International Section (2003-present); continuing active membership in various roles.

St. Raphael Parish, Raleigh NC (2006-present) – Vice President of Pastoral Council & Chairperson of Diversity Committee in parish with members from 30+ ethnic and national; responsible for establishing immigration action group. Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

University of New Hampshire, (2009-2011) – collaborated with faculty and business leaders re evaluation of potential sustainable development partnership between New Hampshire and State of Tocantins, Brazil.

Consensus Building Institute (Cambridge MA)/ Viva Rio (Rio de Janeiro), work with Harvard-MIT mediation program & major Brazilian NGO to develop community mediation and policy-making facilitation (2003-2006)

Rio de Janeiro State Courts/U.S. Consulate, initiated process resulting in mediation training for 350 judges

Search For Common Ground/Arca Foundation, participant by invitation, “Global Marshall Plan Conference,” focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship in development (June, 2003)

Secretariat of Tourism – Lençóis, Bahia, helped organize and participated in First Eco-Tourism Conference in the Chapada Diamantina (2003)

American Society of Rio de Janeiro, member, Board of Governors (1999-2006)

Our Lady of Mercy School, Rio de Janeiro: Member, Board of Directors (1978-81 and 1997-2006).

American School of Recife, Board Member & Chairman of Academic Committee (1995-96).

St. Anthony (Portuguese National) Parish, Cambridge MA: counseling and community work (1981-85).

Marriage Encounter, Presenting couple (w/my wife), 1981-5.

Shimer College, Member, Board of Trustees (1976-78).

## Languages/Citizenship

Portuguese: almost native fluency. Spanish: speak & read very well, utilitarian writing. French & Italian: basic reading knowledge. U.S. Citizen with permanent resident status in Brazil.

## Publications & Editorial Work

An Initial Evaluation of Market-Based Land Reform in Brazil: Can It Create Sustainable Communities? (Ph.D. Dissertation, 2011)

A Hero For The People – Stories of the Brazilian Backlands (Press 53, 2013)

The Book of Jotham (Tuscany Press, 2013 – winner of the 2012 Tuscany Novella Award)

"Drafting Contracts Under Brazilian Law" (with G. Carvalho), The International Lawyer (1980).

"Land And Violence In Brazil," America (April 18, 1987).

"The Great Brazilian Land Grab," Commonweal (May 8, 1987).

"Novena Para Casais" (9 session course for couples: sexuality, relationship, communications), Itacajá Training Center, 1991.

"No Ordinary Meeting" (article on Krahó Indian community organization), Maryknoll Magazine, 1992.

"Buscando Critérios Para Profissionalização" ("In Search of Criteria for Vocational Training"), Cooperação Ativa (8/95).

"Combating Sexual Exploitation Of Children In Brazil" (w/B. King-Powers), Florida/Brazil Institute Review (12/95).

Preface to G. Carvalho, Responsabilidade Civil Concorrencial (*Lumen Juris*, 2002)

Poetry & Fiction in America, Anthology of Magazine Verse & Yearbook of American Poetry, Chicago Tribune Magazine, Critic, Heartlands Today, Hiram Poetry Review, Kansas Quarterly, Plains Poetry Journal, Rattapallax, Roanoke Review, Saint Anthony Messenger, Southern Poetry Review, Southwest Review, Texas Quarterly, Windhover, Worcester Review & many others.

Editor, CatholicFiction.net (since 2012); Judge, 2014 Tom Howard Short Fiction & Essay Contest; Founding Member, Catholic Writers Guild (since 2006) – 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer; leader of fiction and poetry workshops; panelist.