MICHELE L. MEKEL

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

An insightful, detail-oriented, articulate ***Management and Education Professional*** with expertise in program creation and oversight, communications, and organizational planning. A creative, skilled administrator with a takecharge attitude who excels at: project leadership, event coordination, marketing, constituency building, teaching and mentorship, research, editing, and strategic development. Knowledgeable about business, legal, health care, educational, and non-profit settings, with special proficiency in handling interdisciplinary collaborations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2019–Present ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BIOETHICS PROGRAM The Pennsylvania State University

- Spearhead program communications efforts, including: launching and updating a new website, establishing and curating multiple social media platforms, and developing presentations and print materials
- Handle student recruitment efforts for both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including: conferences, events, presentations, and one-on-one communications
- Coordinate the weekly, interdisciplinary Bioethics Colloquium for graduate students and faculty
- Plan, manage, and promote special programming and events
- Represent the program on various university-wide initiatives
- Conduct program expansion efforts related to academic offerings and strategic partnerships
- Provide editorial expertise to program faculty and graduate students
- Mentor bioethics students, offer internship and career-placement assistance, and serve as the faculty advisor for bioethics student organizations
- Teach numerous courses for the program, including: Introduction to Bioethics, Medical and Health Care Ethics, Bioethics and Science Fiction, and the Bioethics and Medical Humanities Capstone
- Collaborate with faculty throughout Penn State and beyond on grants, special projects, and scholarly works
- Handle day-to-day program operations

2018–2019 DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS Southern Illinois University School of Law

- Led law school communications, including: print, website, email, social media, video, and advertising
- Developed and maintained communications and marketing guidelines
- Planned, managed, and promoted law school initiatives, special programming, events, conferences, and continuing education opportunities
- Marshalled alumni engagement efforts, and supported development endeavors
- Acted as media relations contact
- Stewarded community outreach
- Served on the university's Human Subjects Institutional Review Board

2008–2019 INSTRUCTOR Southern Illinois University School of Law

- Taught graduate-level courses in health law, bioethics, and tort law, including online courses
- Produced legal, academic, and applied interdisciplinary scholarship and publications
- Presented at state and national conferences and symposia
- Developed and implemented a semester-long health law practicum/internship program

2012–2019 OWNER Wordisan

- Provided project and program management, online and print publication development and editing, and social media support
  - Roles and clients included:
    - Program Administrator for the Garwin Family Foundation's youth scholarship program
    - Editor in Chief of the *The Journal of Legal Medicine*
    - Writing coach for professors and graduate students
    - Writer and editor for businesses and professionals

2017–2018 SIH/SIU HEALTH LAW AND POLICY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR SIU School of Law

- Planned, managed, and promoted health law and policy programming and conferences
- Supported funding and development activities
- Conducted outreach and stakeholder-building activities

2012 VISITING PROFESSOR Asian University for Women (Bangladesh)

- Taught undergraduate courses in bioethics and public health policy; created cross-cultural materials; assisted ESL students via intensive writing coaching; provided mentorship

2007–2008 VISITING PROFESSOR Drake University School of Law

- Instructed in health law, bioethics, and administrative law; developed a cross-institutional, interdisciplinary graduate-degree opportunity

2005–2007 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY & THE HUMAN FUTURE / ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CENTER ON NANO & SOCIETY Illinois Institute of Technology / Chicago-Kent College of Law

- Managed: office and budget operations, planning activities, grant writing and reporting, operating policy drafting and implementation, institutional review board applications, and staff
- Coordinated conferences, events, and projects; liaised with stakeholder constituencies
- Supervised editorial activities for websites, newsletters, white papers, publications, and marketing materials
- Presented at conferences, and produced academic and public education scholarship

2004–2005 FULBRIGHT FELLOW Queen's University Center for Health Policy (Canada)

- Served as lead researcher for a comparative study of Canadian and U.S. academic-based health policy centers, publishing a report and peer-reviewed journal article, and presenting findings

2003–2004 JUDICIAL LAW CLERK Missouri Supreme Court

- Drafted transfer, writ, and motion memoranda; researched and proofread opinions

1996–1998 CORPORATE PLANNER Missouri Advantage, L.L.C. (HMO)

- Spearheaded strategic initiatives, including: market expansion, risk contracting, third-party review administration and utilization review licensure; liaised with regulatory overseers on compliance matters; drafted and edited all plan materials and marketing

1994–1996 DIRECTOR, PUBLICATIONS/PROMOTIONS Missouri Hospital Association

- Edited, designed, and wrote content for all association communications; implemented the association's website; managed all website and in-house print shop staff and activities

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND EDUCATION

Attorney Licensure	**Illinois** (inactive status); **Missouri**
MHA	**University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, 2003**
	• Wesbury Award (faculty selection as top graduate)
MBA	**University of Missouri-Columbia College of Business, 2003**
	• MBA Academic Achievement Award
JD	**University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, 2002**
	• Order of the Coif | Editor-in-Chief, *Missouri Law Review*
BJ	**University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, 1992**
	• *Magna Cum Laude* | Minors: Spanish; Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS

Marsha Ryan and Michele Mekel. "Malpractice Risk Associated with Surgical Procedures." *UptoDate in Surgery,* 2017.

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Michele Mekel and Samuel E.D. Shortt. "Coming of Age and Taking Stock: The State of Academic Health Policy Research Centres in Canada." 1 *Healthcare Policy* 140-150, 2005.

Robert H. Jerry, II, and Michele Mekel. "Cybercoverage for Cyber-Risks: An Overview of Insurers' Responses to the Perils of E-Commerce." 8 *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* 7-36, 2001-02.

Michele Mekel. "Kiss and Tell: Making the Case for the Tortious Transmission of Herpes and Human Papillomavirus." 66 *Missouri Law Review* 929-957, 2001.

Michele Mekel. "A Hobson's Choice: Ensuring Open Government or Conserving Government Funds." 66 *Missouri Law Review* 431-451, 2001.