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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Mass Communications	University of Florida Gainesville, Florida, U.S.A.	2006
Legal Education Certificate (L.E.C.)	Norman Manley Law School Mona, Jamaica, W.I.	1998
LLB.	University of the West Indies Cave Hill, Barbados, W.I.	1996
M.A. Journalism	University of Miami Coral Gables, Florida, U.S.A.	1992
B.A. History & Social Sciences	University of the West Indies Mona, Jamaica, W.I.	1989

DISSERTATION TOPIC:

A Comparison of Public Person Libel Laws in the United States and the Caribbean

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Courses Taught as instructor on record:

<i>School of Mass Communications, University of South Florida</i>	The Law & Mass Media Communication Theory Communications Law Public Affairs Reporting Advanced Reporting Beginning Reporting	(MMC 6612) (MMC 6401) (MMC 4200) (JOU 4181) (JOU 3101) (JOU 2100)
<i>College of Journalism & Communications, University of Florida</i>	Writing for Mass Communication Law of Mass Communication	(MMC 2100) (MMC 4200)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Attorney-at-Law/Associate, <i>Watson & Watson,</i> Attorneys-at-Law Kingston, Jamaica	*Providing Legal services in: *Land law & the management of estates; *Civil & criminal litigation; *Researching & advising clients of their legal rights.	2000–2002
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Attorney-at-Law/Clerk of the Court, <i>Resident Magistrates Court</i> Kingston, Jamaica	*Providing Legal services in: *The prosecution of criminal cases; *Advising litigants of their legal rights.	1998–2000
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Public Relations Account Executive, *Writing advertising copy & speeches; 1992–1993
Corporate Affairs Research & Advertising (CARA) Ltd. *Creating brochures, staff magazines;
Kingston, Jamaica *Planning & organizing functions;
*Planning & implementing Public Relation Campaigns.

Public Relations Account Executive, *Writing news releases & messages; 1990–1992
Jamaica Information Service * Public Relation Campaigns;
Kingston, Jamaica * Compiling content analyses of media coverage.

Reporter, *Writing news stories for wire service; 1991–1992
UM News Bureau *Feature writing & general reporting for wire
Miami, Florida service;
*Copy editing.

Public Relations Intern, *Writing News stories; Fall 1991
UM Relations Dept. *Writing Articles;
Miami, Florida *Promoting the Programs of University of Miami.

Reporter, *Covering general assignments; 1989–1990
The Gleaner Co. Ltd. *Investigative journalism;
Kingston, Jamaica *Writing news features & profiles.

PUBLICATIONS:

Watson, R. (2013) "Toward Reform of Defamation Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean: Efforts at Reform in the U.K. and Jamaica," *Communication Law and Policy*, 18(2), 155-216.

Watson, R. (2012) "Now we know": The trial of Roger Mais and Public Opinion in Jamaica, 1944, *Journal of Caribbean History*, 46(2) 183-211.

Watson, R. (2012) Freedom of the Press under Attack during the 1938 Labor Risings in Jamaica: The Prosecution of the Publishers of the *Jamaica Labour Weekly*, *American Journalism*, 29(3) 84-112.

Watson, R. (2011) "Dagging" and the Regulation of Questionable Broadcast Media Content in Jamaica, *Communication Law & Policy*, 16(3) 255-315.

Watson, R. (2009) The Status of Criminal Libel in Grenada After *Worme v. Commissioner of Police*, *Communication Law & Policy*, 14(2) 177-234.

Watson, R.(2008) The Native Baptist Church's Political Role in Jamaica: Alexander Bedward's Trial for Sedition, *Journal of Caribbean History*, 42(2) 231-254.

Watson, R. (2007) Marcus Garvey's Trial for Seditious Libel in Jamaica, *Journalism History*, 33(3) 173-184.

Watson, R., Headwords “European Convention of Human Rights,” *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, vol. 1, 216 (Lynda Lee Kaid & Cristina Holtz-Bacha (eds.), Sage Publications, Los Angeles, 2008).

Watson, R. Headwords “Red Lion Broadcasting v. U.S.” *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, vol. 2, 705 (Lynda Lee Kaid & Cristina Holtz-Bacha (eds.), Sage Publications, Los Angeles, 2008).

Watson, R. Edward Jordon’s newspaper, *The Watchman*, and the Emancipation of Slaves in Jamaica, *Journal of Caribbean History* (under review).

MANUSCRIPTS/BOOK PROPOSALS/

Watson, R. *Unsung Heroes of progressive movements in Jamaica: the use of criminal prosecutions to suppress expression in popular movements in Colonial Jamaica: 1832-1944* (under review).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Watson, R. “Media Law” in Rick Wilber, *Media Matters* (upcoming digital textbook to be published by Kendall Hunt).

Watson, R. “Media Effects” in Rick Wilber, *Media Matters* (upcoming digital textbook to be published by Kendall Hunt).

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL PEER-REVIEWED CONVENTIONS:

2013: Panelist: “Mercy and Authority.” Britain and the World Conference, March 28-30, Austin, Texas.

2012: “Towards a public person standard in defamation actions for Jamaica.” 50|50 Law & Justice Conference (a conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Independence in Jamaica and Trinidad), February 2-3, Kingston, Jamaica

2011: “Edward Jordon’s newspaper, *The Watchman*, and the Emancipation of Slavery in Jamaica.” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, August, St. Louis, MO

2011: “Freedom of Press in the time of War and Imperialism: the trial of Roger Mais and *Public Opinion* in Jamaica.” International Communication Association, May, Boston

2009: “Freedom of the Press under Attack during the 1938 Labor Risings in Jamaica: The Prosecution of the Publishers of the Jamaica Labour Weekly.” International Communication Association, May, Chicago

2007: “George Worme’s Prosecution for Criminal Libel in Grenada.” International Communication Association, May, San Francisco

2005: “Humanitarian Law Project v. Ashcroft—National Security in the Homeland vs. Human Rights elsewhere.” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, August, San Antonio, TX

2005: "Marcus Garvey's Trial for Seditious Libel in Jamaica." Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, August, San Antonio. TX

2004: "Toward a Model for the New Jamaican Access Regime: A Comparison of how the Australian and U.S. courts have balanced the competing interests of Privacy and Public Access." International Communication Association, May, New Orleans

2003: R. Watson with B. Chamberlin: "A Framework for Electronic Access to Court Records in Florida." Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, August, Kansas City

2003: R. Watson with C. Barclay: "Can Cross Burning be Constitutionally Proscribed? Sixty Years of Hate Speech Rulings culminating in Black v. Virginia." Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, August, Kansas City

UN-REFEREED PAPERS PRESENTED AT LOCAL CONVENTIONS:

2008: "Race and Politics v. Freedom of Speech in Trinidad & Tobago: Central Broadcasting Services Ltd. & Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha of Trinidad and Tobago." Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, November, Miami

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

2011: "Teaching Media Law in the 21st Century." Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication: Scholastic Division, January, St. Petersburg

The Public Person Standard in Libel Actions—U.S. v. The Caribbean Dec. 19, 2007
Presentation to Libel Reform Committee of Jamaica
Jamaica House, Kingston, Jamaica

GRANTS/AWARDS/NOMINATIONS:

Poynter Institute, Ford Grant 2010
Critical Tools for the Non-Traditional Journalist (one-week training session)
October 25-28 (\$995 for training and also hotel accommodations)

University of South Florida New Researcher Grant 2008
(\$2,733-grant for travel and research at the University of the West Indies in Barbados for two weeks in summer 2008).

University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies Library 2008
Summer Travel Grant (2008)
(\$750-grant for one-week research at the Latin American Collection, University of Florida).

Alumni Fellowship (approx. \$20,000 per year): University of Florida 2002–06

Outstanding International Student Award: University of Florida Apr. 2005
(for high academic achievements, demonstrated leadership and outstanding program contribution).

Nominated for Graduate Student Teaching Award: University of Florida Jan. 2005

MEDIA APPEARANCES/REFERENCES:

Ian Boyne, Libel law review: The Issues, *Jamaica Gleaner*, Mar. 2, 2008

Issues and Answers, TVJ, CVM & Love TV Jan. 17, 2008

(Jamaica's three National Television Stations)

Program directed by the Jamaica Information Service (the Jamaican government's public relations arm) for both the television and radio.

Discussed libel law in the Caribbean and the U.S. (pre-recorded Interview Jan. 2, 2008).

The Breakfast Club, News Talk FM Dec. 20, 2007

Call-in Radio program in Jamaica

(12-minute segment comparing libel laws and freedom of speech in the Caribbean and the United States).

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP ROLES:

Search Committee, Journalism position II 2012-2013

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

Search Committee, Journalism position I 2012-2013

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

**Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication 2012
Southeast Convention**

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

Faculty Council on Student Admissions 2012-2015

Invited member of a team of persons who met with the Hon. Minister of Justice Mark Golding to discuss suggestions for improvement of 2011 Defamation Bill and urge its speedy enactment. Mar 13, 2012

The team consisted only of representatives of the Press Association of Jamaica, Media Association of Jamaica, Hugh Small, attorney and chair of the Libel Law Committee that drafted recommendations for reform in 2008 and myself.

**Invited Member Ad-hoc Committee to discuss reform of Libel Law Jan. 20, 2012
in Jamaica**

Committee included Hugh Small, attorney and chair of the Libel Law Committee that drafted recommendations for reform in 2008, other attorneys and members of the Press Association of Jamaica (PAJ) and Media Association of Jamaica (MAJ). We critiqued the 2011 Defamation Bill and strategies to ensure its passage.

USF Research Council of Reviewers 2012

**Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication 2012
National Convention**

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

**Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication 2012
Southeast Convention**

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

Reviewer, International Communication Association National Convention 2012

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

Search Committee, Public Relations position 2011-2012

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

Faculty Adviser 2007–Spring 2011

Faculty Co-Adviser 2006-2007

Society of Professional Journalists

School of Mass Communications,

University of South Florida

Reviewer, International Communication Association National Convention 2011

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

Treasurer, Finance Committee (appointment) 2012

St. James United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL

Member, Finance Committee (appointment) 2011-2013

St. James United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL

Reviewer, *Communication Law and Policy Journal* 2010

Reviewer, International Communication Association National Convention 2010

Communication Law and Policy Interest Group Division

Graduate Committee 2010–2013

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

Search Committee, Journalism position Summer 2010

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

Salary Tenure & Promotion Committee 2009–2010

*School of Mass Communications,
University of South Florida*

**Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication 2009
National Convention**

Scholastic Journalism Interest Group Division

Executive Committee <i>School of Mass Communications</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	2008-2009
Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication 2008 National Convention Community Journalism Interest Group Division	
Judge, Tampa Bay Technical High School The Academy of Journalism Exhibition of Mastery	May 2008
Grievance Committee <i>College of Arts and Sciences</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	Summer 2008
Faculty Adviser, Jewels of Tau University of South Florida <i>A benevolent organization for black women</i>	Jan. -Dec. 2008
Adviser Jamaican Libel Reform Committee <i>A Committee appointed by Hon. Bruce Golding, Prime Minister of Jamaica, to identify and suggest appropriate strategies to reform the law of libel in Jamaica</i>	Oct. 2007–Feb. 2008
Salary Tenure & Promotion Committee <i>School of Mass Communications,</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	2007–2008
Undergraduate Committee <i>School of Mass Communications,</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	2006–2007
Search Committee, Public Relations position <i>School of Mass Communications,</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	2006–2007
Adviser, <i>Academy of Journalism at</i> <i>Tampa Bay Technical High School</i>	2006–2008
Vice President, <i>Graduate Students in Mass</i> <i>Communication Association,</i> College of Journalism & Communications, University of Florida	2005–2006

Publications Committee Chairperson <i>Law Student Association,</i> Norman Manley Law School	1997–1998
Editor, <i>The Young Attorney</i> (Yearbook)	1998
Editor, <i>The NMLSSA Newsletter</i> (Quarterly newsletter)	1997–1998
Publications Committee Chairperson <i>The Law Society,</i> University of the West Indies	1995–1996
Editor, <i>The Student Law Review</i> (scholarly publication)	1996
Assistant Editor, <i>The Plaintiff</i> (yearbook)	1996
Volunteer , Friend Zone, non-Christian program (working with special needs children).	2011
Volunteer , God’s Party, St. James United Methodist Church (working with special needs children).	2008-2011
Volunteer , Jamaica National Children’s Home, (teaching and mentoring children without parents)	2001-2002
Volunteer , Jamaica Adult Literacy Programme (JAMAL), (teaching non-literate adults reading, writing and mathematics).	1989-1991

PROJECTS:

<i>Brechner Center for Freedom of Information, College of Journalism & Communications, University of Florida</i>	Researching and creating a Web site focusing on the status of access to information laws around the world.	Spring & Fall 2004
<i>Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project, College of Journalism & Communications, University of Florida</i>	Researching the status of online access to information laws state-wide in the United States.	Spring 2003
<i>Dr. Bill F. Chamberlin College of Journalism & Communications, University of Florida</i>	Researching the status of online access to court records across the United States.	Fall 2003

TRAINING CONFERENCES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Critical Tools for the Non-Traditional Journalist Seminar, Poynter Institute (funded by Ford Foundation)	--Oct. 25-28, 2010
Developing Online Learning Communities in Online (and Traditional) Classrooms, Center for 21 st Century Teaching Excellence, University of South Florida	--Sept. 29, 2010

Leading Class Discussions Online, Center for 21st Century Teaching Excellence,
University of South Florida --Sept. 16, 2010

Faith Factors: Media Coverage of Religion: A Forum hosted by the Tampa Bay
Association of Black Journalists (Hillsborough Community College)--June 2008

Florida Press Association & Florida Society of Newspaper Editors Online Conference
(School of Mass Communications) —May 19, 2008

Florida FOI Summit, Brechner Center for Freedom of Information, University of Florida
(a two-day conference on Freedom of Information) —Sept. 21, 2007

Summer Grant Writing Workshop, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South
Florida —May–Aug. 2007

What's Happening in the News Business? The Changing Relationship Between Law and
Media from O.J. to Today (Stetson University College of Law) —June 1, 2007

Fridays for Funding, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Florida (four one-
hour sessions focused on applying for Grants, Fall 2006) —Sept.–Nov. 2006

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

International Communication Association

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

The Jamaica Bar Association.

Master's Theses Committees

1. Corin LaPointe Aitchison, defended fall 2013 (chair), Title: "Citizens United, The Marketplace and Influence."
2. Zain Merchant, defended fall 2013 (chair), Title: "A study on the depiction of drug usage, alcohol consumption and cigarette smoking in movies and its perceived effect on a young audience: A comparative study of American and Indian cinema and their respective audiences."
3. Stephanie Skupien, defended fall 2013 (chair), Title: "Colors and Mapping: The right to receive information."
4. Melissa Gonzalez, defended spring 2013 (chair), Title: "Media Propaganda: A Framing Analysis of Radio Broadcasts from U.S. to Cuba."
5. Vjollca Hysenlika, defended fall 2012 (chair), Title: "Communicating During an Organizational Crisis: Using Facebook as a Relationship Management Tool."
6. Ryan Morris, defended spring 2012 (chair) Title: "Understanding Involuntary Job Loss Among Former Newspaper Staff Photographers."
7. Laura Lebeau, defended fall 2011 (chair) Title: "USF's Coverage of Women's Athletics: A Census of the USF Athletics Home Web Page."
8. Rebecca Sitten, defended summer 2011 (chair) Title: "Framing Christianity: A frame analysis of Fundamentalist Christianity from 2000-2009."
9. Emma Brown, defended summer 2011 (chair) Title: "Corporate Speech: A Frame Analysis of CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News coverage of *Citizens United v. FEC.*"
10. Abigail Haase (chair), defended proposal spring 2013.

Other Thesis Committees

1. Lauren Webber, defended fall 2013
2. Tiffany Schweickart, defended summer 2013
3. Mamdoh Al-Ameri, defended spring 2013
4. Laura Frieden, defended fall 2012
5. Steven Lynch, defended fall 2012
6. James Hickman, defended fall 2011
7. Allyson Hartley, defended fall 2011
8. Andrea Lypka, defended summer 2011
9. Kenneth Rosenberg, defended summer 2011
10. Clarabelle Ferguson, defended spring 2011
11. Colleen Krepstekies, defended fall 2010
12. Heather Cribbs, defended summer 2009
13. Amani Channel, defended summer 2009
14. Tyler Crane, 2011-present
15. Janice Luongo 2012 fall-present
16. Kevin Yurasev 2012 fall-present

Graduate Applied Research Project

Alyson Seligman, completed spring 2009

Undergraduate Thesis

Robin Roup (chair), completed spring 2009

Gerrad Carson (chair), completed spring 2012