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Work Experience

Managing Director, Spatial Sciences Institute (September 2013 - present)
Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Directs the daily administration of a multi-million-dollar academic and research institute. Conducts external relations (including communications, fundraising, and academic and professional events) and development of new constituencies, collaborations, and supporters for the Institute's academic programs, research, and leadership in geographic information and related spatial sciences. Oversees the development and operations of undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs in the spatial sciences, including the marketing, recruitment, admissions, curriculum development, student advisement, online and residential pedagogy, assessment, accreditation, compliance, and alumni relations. Coordinates the strategic planning for Institute and academic programs with the director, including faculty contracting, scheduling and staffing, budget management, and human resources. Oversees faculty and staff professional development.

Lecturer, Department of History (Spring 2018; Spring 2020)
Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Instructor for HIST 460: War, Race and the Constitution, an undergraduate seminar on the legal ramifications of the World War II incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry and the application of constitutional issues to today's considerations of national security and civil liberties.

Associate Dean, Advanced and Professional Programs (2006 - 2013)
Director, Master of Liberal Studies Program (2006 - 2013)
Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
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Decanal responsibilities included creating, directing, and fostering USC Dornsife academic programs. Created new business models and directed academic programs for nontraditional students, from pre-baccalaureate students to life-long learners. Responsible for strategic planning, budgeting, marketing, recruitment, admissions, faculty contracting, scheduling and staffing, curriculum development, student advisement, assessment, accreditation, compliance, and alumni relations for Advanced and Professional Programs. Launched and directed the USC Master of Liberal Studies program.

Senior Vice President, Global Exchange (2006)
Executive Director, Los Angeles District Council (1999 - 2006)
ULI-the Urban Land Institute
Los Angeles, California

Created the role of ULI district council executive director and established the first regional office for international land use educational organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. Directed member programs and services, fundraising, communications, and policy work and community outreach in regional visioning, urban revitalization, workforce housing, infrastructure investment, civic leadership, and urban growth planning. Established the template for integrating ULI's worldwide business operations and educational programs with local markets. As SVP, expanded ULI's national and international initiatives.

Director for Administrative Affairs (1988 - 1991)
Executive Officer (1998 - 1999)
Lusk Center for Real Estate, University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Established and directed operations of professional and research unit supporting USC graduate real estate education and its link with real estate community. Formulated and executed all Lusk Center programs, conferences, research publications, and special events, working extensively with business community, senior university administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Adjunct Associate Professor (1990 - 1999)
Associate Director, Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) Program (1996 - 1999)
Assistant to the Dean (1996 - 1999)
School of Policy, Planning, and Development, University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California.

Taught core MRED courses, receiving among the highest student evaluations for all MRED faculty. Created and taught MRED international development curriculum, including 10-day labs in Sydney, Australia (1997), Hong Kong SAR (1998), and Dortmund and Berlin, Germany (1999). Formulated recruitment strategies, advised students, identified and cultivated donor base, and served as a liaison with other USC academic units and business community. Handled academic and administrative projects at dean's request.

Regional Counsel, Mobil Land Development Corporation (1985 - 1988)
Ontario, California

Served as general counsel for regional unit of a national land development company and functioned as assistant project manager. Projects included a 1,300-acre master-planned community in San Bernardino County and pre-development work on a 700-acre parcel in San Diego County.

Attorney, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (1981 - 1985)
Los Angeles, California

Represented diverse client base, including Fortune 100 companies, in complex real estate, corporate, securities, antitrust, and trade regulation matters.

Books

When Can We Go Back to America?: Voices of Japanese American Incarceration During World War II, Susan H. Kamei and Barry Denenberg (under contract with Simon & Schuster, scheduled for publication in 2020).

How Firm a Foundation: the Story of the Pasadena Stake, Susan Kamei Leung (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1994).

Selected Papers and Presentations

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2019 GIS-Pro Conference, "Getting Hired With the Impactful Resume," October 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2nd Annual SoCal Science Writing Symposium, "Transforming Data Into a Story with GIS," May 2019, Los Angeles, California.

American Association of Geographers 2019 Annual Meeting, "Integrating GIS Research into the Geospatial Undergraduate Student Experience," April 2019, Washington, DC.

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2018 GIS-Pro Conference, "The Value of Mentorship," October 2018, Palm Springs, California.

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2018 GIS-Pro Conference, "Polishing Your GIS Professional Branding," October 2018, Palm Springs, California.

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2017 GIS-Pro Conference, "Mentorship: The Low-Down and the Meet-Up," October 2017, Jacksonville, Florida.

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2017 GIS-Pro Conference, "Jumpstart Your Personal Branding," October 2017, Jacksonville, Florida.

American Association of Geographers 2017 Annual Meeting, "Good thinking and good writing: Ensuring both in master's theses and capstones," April 2017, Boston, Massachusetts.

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association) 2016 GIS-Pro Conference, "Becoming a Geospatial Leader," November 2016, Toronto, Canada.

University of Wisconsin-Madison Distance Teaching & Learning Conference, "Maximizing the Online Experience: Developing a Master Course Shell With Faculty Consensus" (with Katsuhiko Oda), August 2015, Madison, Wisconsin.

2015 Teaching with Technology Conference, USC Learning Design & Technology, "Excellence in Online Teaching: Data driven strategies for tracking academic progress and engaging with graduate students," May 2015, Los Angeles, California.

Pearson Embanet 2015 Academic Partnership Summit, "Putting the Student at the Center: Impacting Student Experience Through Collaboration," April 2015, Orlando, Florida.

USC Center for Scholarly Technology Faculty Forum, "Streamlining Online Course Design for a Better Student Experience," November 2014 (with Dr. Katsuhiko Oda), Los Angeles, California.

Pearson Embanet 2013 Academic Partnership Summit, "New Partner Panel: Influencing Cooperation Within Your Institution," March 2013, Orlando, Florida.

Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs 2012 Annual Conference, "Learning as We Go: The GLS Director as Marketer," October 2012, Portland, Oregon.

Graduate Liberal Studies Symposium, "What Can I Do with a GLS Degree?" June 2012, Los Angeles, California.

Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Annual Workshop, "Building Community in GLS Programs," October 2011, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting, "Regional Visioning," November 2005, Los Angeles, California.

University of California, Los Angeles, Extension Smart Growth Conference, "Regional Visioning," June 2004, Los Angeles, California.

Selected Professional and Community Service and Awards

URISA (Urban and Regional Information Systems Association)
Board of Directors (2019 – 2021)
Conference Planning Committee (2017 – present)

2018 USC Undergraduate Student Government Community Achievement Award
Recognizing contributions to the USC community and for enriching the educations of students of color and/or LGBTQ students

A Community of Friends, a leading nonprofit affordable housing developer for people with special needs

Board of Directors (2013 - 2014)
Finance Committee member (2012 – 2014)
Asset Management/Services Committee member (2012 - 2014)

Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs
Vice President and President-Elect (2012 - 2013)
Chair, 2012 Graduate Liberal Studies Symposium, Los Angeles, California
Board Member (2010 - 2012)
Contributing author, *Inside Graduate Liberal Studies Programs: A Guide for Directors, Faculty, and Staff* (2011)
Publication Committee Member (2009 - 2010).

University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities Advisory Board Member (2004 - 2009).

"Woman of Courage" Award, Friends of the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, for leadership and service in business, academia, and the community (2000).

National Deputy Legal Counsel and member of Japanese American Citizens League legislative strategy team successful in passing Federal legislation apologizing to and compensating Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II (1979 - 1989).

Director, Tamura Scholarship Foundation (1982 - 1998).
Raised over \$100,000 to establish graduate-level scholarships now awarded annually at UC Irvine School of Law in honor of the first and highest-ranking Japanese American appointee to the California appellate bench.

University of California

Vice President, Scholarship Chair, and Board Member, UC Irvine Alumni Association (1988 -1992).

Advisory Committee, UC President Selection (1991)

Search Committee, UC Irvine Extension Director (1992)

University representative and tour escort, University of California Alumni Associations' two-week visit to China (March 1993).

International Council of Shopping Centers

Trustee, Educational Foundation (1993 - 2002)

Delegation Member, ICSC trade delegation to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia (October 1992).

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