

Dr. Melissa Harness

PH.D., J.D., M.S., B.A.

Objective Experienced teaching professional with a solid academic background in jurisprudence, among other fields of research and study. I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment through active engagement with students while providing comprehensive courses that include critical thinking through the application of legal principles.

Education	2023-2025	Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA M.S.
	2017-2019	Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law, Knoxville, TN Juris Doctor
	2016-2017	University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clark Law Transferred to Duncan School of Law
	2012-2016	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN PH.D. <i>Dissertation: Viewing Power, Politics, and Loss: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Mass Media's Repercussions of Teacher Unions in the United States and the Consequences Concerning Policy.</i> The University of Tennessee TRACE.
	2010-2012	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN M.S. <i>Thesis: Pretending Teaching is a Profession: Why Public-School Teaching Will Never Be Considered a True Profession.</i> Lambert Academic Publishing.

Teaching Experience	Spring 2025	Charleston School of Law Adjunct Professor Critical Legal Theory
	Fall 2024	Reproductive Rights and Justice in the Law Law Office Management
	Spring 2024	Regulation of Bodily Autonomy

Fall 2023	Higher Education Law Family Law Practice
Spring 2023	K-12 Education Law Children in the Law
Fall 2022	Gender Issues in the Law Law Office Management
Spring 2022	Reproductive Law and Justice
Fall 2021	University of Tennessee Online Adjunct Professor Graduate Sociology of Education
2019-2020	Quest Academy Guest Lecturer Introduction to Law (8 th – 12 th) Criminal Law
2012-2014	University of Tennessee Graduate Teaching Assistant Cultural Studies Education
2010-2014	Knox County School System Substitute Teacher/Special Education Teacher 7 th -12 th Various/History/Political Science
2006-2007	National College Adjunct Professor Undergraduate Political Science & English

Professional

Present	Charleston School of Law Content Management and Discovery Law Librarian
2018-2020	Harness Legal Services, PLLC Law Office Manager/Clerk
2015-2016	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Studies in Philosophy of Education Journal Associate Editor
2014-2015	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate Research Assistant

Publications		
Books		Melissa Harness, <i>Pretending Teaching is a Profession: Why Public-School Teaching Will Never Be Considered a True Profession</i> . (2013).
	Journal Articles	Melissa A. Harness, <i>The Ethical and Economic Case for Fair Law Librarian Compensation</i> . Currently in Review.
		Melissa A. Harness & Adam Z. Harness, <i>A False Accountability Narrative: The Human Rights Implications of Over-Testing Youth in Education</i> , 53 J.L. & Educ. 135 (2024).
		Adam Z. Harness & Melissa A. Harness, <i>Politicizing Impartiality: Redefining the Role of the Senate in the Federal Judicial Selection</i> , 9 Lincoln Memorial U.L. Rev. 1 (2021).
		Sultana Shabazz, Brian Sohn, Melissa Harness, & Brittany Aronson, <i>A Prison Education Counternarrative: "Mock Citizenship" in a Women's Prison</i> , 3 J. Educ. & Cultural Stud. 439 (2022).
Newsletters		Melissa A. Harness, <i>Critical but Optimistic About the Future of Law Libraries in Digital Spaces</i> , Conference Report (AALL/Tech. Services Law Librarian TSL, Chicago, IL.), Aug. 2024, at 1, 50.
Book Chapters		Melissa Harness & Lisa Yamagata-Lynch, <i>Systematic Tensions in American Teacher Unions: An Activity Systems Analysis of Teacher Unions and Their Role In Society</i> , in <i>Activity Theory in Education: Research and Practice</i> 71 (Dilani Geder & John Williams eds., 2016).
		Melissa Harness & Sultana Shabazz, <i>Bowling Alone: A Critical View of Social Capital and Virtual Communities</i> , in <i>Meia and Education in the Digital Age: Concepts, Assessment, Subversions</i> 117 (Matteo Stocchetti ed., 2014).
Presentations	2024	Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEALL) Adam Harness & Melissa Harness, <i>A Mish-mashed Migration to Folio: Best Practices for Making a Smoother Transition and Beyond</i> (May 2024).

- 2019 **Law Practice Today Expo**
Melissa Harness, *Redoing Law School to Match Practice* (April 2019).
- 2018 **The American Education Studies Association (AESA)**
Melissa Harness, *The Same Old Same or Not: Government, Radical Change, and Technology* (October 2018).
- 2015 **The American Education Studies Association (AESA)**
Melissa Harness, *Home Schooling and the Use of Technology* (November 2015).
- 2015 **The International Conference on New Horizons in Education**
Melissa Harness, *Handed a Pamphlet About Living in Poverty: Why Distrust Abounds Among Parents and Students in the Education System* (June 2015).
- 2015 **The Comparative and International Education Society**
Melissa Harness, *Home Schooling and the Use of Technology* (March 2015).
- 2015 **Southeastern Philosophy of Education Society**
Melissa Harness, *Opening Avenues for Furthering Democratic Education: Why it is Still and Should be Very Relevant in Today's Classrooms and What it Might Look Like* (February 2015).
- 2015 **The Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA)**
Melissa Harness, *Required Punishments: A Critical Discourse Analysis on Responses to Zero Tolerance Policies and Why Restorative Justice May Not Work* (November 2015).
- 2014 **The American Education Studies Association (AESA)**
Melissa Harness, *Nothing to Sing About: Societal Discourse Regarding the Further Degradation of Substitute Teachers In the United States* (October 2014).
- 2013 **Southeastern Philosophy of Education Society**
Melissa Harness, *They Produce It, So Why Not Pay Them: Paying Students for Education* (February 2013).
- 2012 **Southeastern Philosophy of Education Society**
Melissa Harness, *Pretending Teaching is a Profession: Why Public-School Teaching Will Never be a True Profession* (February 2012).
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Professional Memberships	2016-Present	American Bar Association
	2017-2019	Tennessee Bar Association
	2017-2019	Knoxville Bar Association
	2016-2018	Outlaw Student Organization
	2012-2019	Alpha Epsilon Lambda
	2012-2015	Kappa Delta Pi Member

Professional Service	2023-Present	Wellness Committee
	2018-2019	Pro Bono Work for Juvenile Courts
	2016-2017	Senior Check Benefit Organization

Community Service	2024	Charleston Animal Society
	2014-2019	Humane Society of East Tennessee Foster Program
	2014-2019	Angel Tree of Knoxville
	2011-2013	Blankets for Hope (Personally Started Non-Profit)
	2010-2012	Bridge Program for United Way & the YMCA (9th - 12th)

Awards	2024	American Academic Law Library Grant Award
	2018	The University of Tennessee Student/Faculty Research Award
	2012-2016	Graduate Student Travel Award

References	Available upon request.
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