



WENDY GREUEL
CONTROLLER

April 4, 2012

June Lagmay, City Clerk
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Lagmay:

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 700 (b) of the City Charter, I hereby appoint Mr. Ralph Fertig to serve on the City Ethics Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Greuel', written in black ink.

WENDY GREUEL
City Controller

Attachment

cc: Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
Honorable Members of the City Council
Honorable Carmen Trutanich
Chief Legislative Analyst Gerry Miller

CURRICULUM VITAE

**RALPH DAVID FERTIG, JD, ACSW
U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE (RET.)**

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EDUCATION

J.D. The School of Law of the University of California,
Los Angeles, 1979.

Candidate for Ph.D. UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning,
Social Planning, 1979. ABD

Dissertation Advisors: Allen Heskin, Donald
Hagman, and Richard Abel

Candidate for Ph.D. The University of Chicago, Sociology, 1955. ABD

Dissertation Advisors: Louis Wirth, Herbert Blumer,
David Riesman

M.A. Columbia University, Sociology; thesis on
"A Survey of Relations Between Negroes and Jews."
Thesis advisor: C. Wright Mills, 1952

B.A. The University of Chicago, 1950

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2010 - Clinical Professor, University of Southern California,
School of Social Work
- 2004 - 2010 Clinical Associate Professor, University of Southern California,
School of Social Work
- 2003 - 2004 Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Southern California School
of Social Work
- 2002 - 2003 Adjunct Instructor, University of Southern California School of Social
Work
- 1989 - 1997 Adjunct Faculty, University of California, Los Angeles Extension
- 1988 - 1998 Adjunct Faculty and Board President, Peoples College of Law, Los
Angeles, CA
- November, 1986 Lecturer, Beijing University: Sociology Department
- 1978 - 1979 Adjunct Faculty, University of Southern California: Public
Administration
- 1971 - 1973 Adjunct Faculty, Federal City College, Washington, D,C:
Urban Planning
- 1966 - 1968 Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.:
Sociology, and Director, New Careers Training Program
- 1962 - 1964 Adjunct Faculty, University of Illinois Institute of Labor and
Industrial Relations: union leadership training; Urbana, IL.
- 1960 - 1962 Adjunct Faculty, University of Indiana, Gary Center: Sociology and
Social Problems
- 1952 - 1955 Research Assistant, University of Chicago Department of Sociology.
- 1952 Research Assistant, Committee on Education, Training, and Research
in Race Relations, University of Chicago; Assistant to Louis Wirth.

EXPERIENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK

1973 – 1976

Executive Director, Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency. I managed this joint powers agency of Los Angeles City and County, the nation's largest local anti-poverty agency. I directed anti-poverty programs, Head Start, concentrated employment programs, and other activities funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor and the National Institutes of Health.

1968 - 1973

Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association; directed citizen advocacy organization for equal housing and to increase the supply of low and moderate income housing throughout national capitol area; secured the nation's first moderate priced dwelling unit ordinance; also secured an executive order mandating the linking of government site locations to the availability of housing at all levels; also organized tenants to secure the nation's first court ruling finding an implied warranty of habitability in all rental housing. MWPHA conducted research and delivered testimony on countless policy issues affecting fair and decent housing and impacting plans for the national capital area

1962 – 1967

Executive Director, the Washington Welfare Association, based in Southeast Neighborhood House serving the Anacostia area of Washington, DC. I directed the development of comprehensive social services, served as a laboratory for many of the programs in the war against poverty: operated the nation's first community action program, first Head Start, the first Concentrated Employment Program and Neighborhood Legal Services, Neighborhood Youth Development Program, as well as various community economic development programs.

Cited in the Congressional Record by Senator Robert Kennedy for outstanding social work in the National Capital area.

Also, during this period, served as Consultant to federal agencies:

- 1968 – 1973 The Office of Economic Opportunity, to aid Community Action Programs particularly as they relate to Neighborhood Youth Corps, VISTA, Job Corps, and Headstart.
- 1966 – 1971 The Peace Corps, to initiate community development training programs for Central America; taught and wrote training manual.
- 1965 – 1967 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, to establish systems to evaluate effectiveness of assorted programs, linked to anti-poverty initiatives nationwide.
- 1970 – 1972 Department of Labor, to help develop the "Concentrated Employment Program" in target cities.
- 1969 – 1971 Department of Housing and Urban Development: developed model for re-structuring entry-level municipal jobs on career-ladder; also proposed revisions to "Model Cities" Programs.
- 1961 - 1962 Executive Assistant, American Foundation on Continuing Education, Chicago: in charge of case studies and trade union education.
- 1959 – 1961 Community Unit Director (organized youth services for the Uptown area of Chicago, then for the South Side), as well as being the agency's Research Director: analyzed allocation of youth services to more nearly equalize programs throughout the city), Chicago Commission on Youth Welfare.
- 1957 – 1959 Program Director, Gads Hill Center, a settlement house, where I founded "The Heart of Chicago Community Council" that paved the way for peaceful integration of this neighborhood on Chicago's lower west side.
- 1955 – 1957 Under a grant from Institute for Juvenile Research, I conducted a pilot study on the feasibility of a project to work with gangs in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, 1954. Then, funded by the Wieboldt Foundation, I became Street club worker, Hyde Park Youth Project, Chicago; supervised by Helen Satir.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1995 - 2000 Federal Administrative Judge (Civil Rights). Heard and ruled on claims of employment discrimination and issued findings of fact and conclusions of law
- 1988- 1995 Supervising Trial Attorney ("Civil Rights") for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Los Angeles District. Supervised federal attorneys in bringing charges of employment discrimination against government agencies.
- 1980 – 1988 Managed a private law practice. Represented plaintiffs in class action suits of job discrimination based on race, gender, national origin, religion, age, and disabilities
- 1981 – 1988 Pro Bono: Ran paralegal training program for United Farm Workers of America, worked with Cesar Chavez.
- 1984 – 1985 Advised Government of India on the Development of Law to authorize the Attorney General to intervene on behalf of victims of the Union Carbide Disaster in Bhopal. Met and conferred with Mother Teresa.
- 1980 Represented Korean American organizations in America and negotiated with White House personnel to secure commutation of death sentence of Kim Dae Jung and seventeen other men charged with “impure thoughts” and incarcerated in South Korea. I was able to secure President Carter’s intervention with Chun Doo-Hwan, President of South Korea, to save the lives of all eighteen prisoners, who were then freed from imprisonment.
- 1977 Law Clerk, Western Center on Law and Poverty, Los Angeles
- 1976 Special Assistant to the Chair of the House Committee on Banking, Currency, and Housing, U.S. Congress. Planned and coordinated Congressional hearings on “The Rebirth of the American City”.

- 1955 – 1956 President, Compass Tavern (which provided the setting for the initiation of *Second City* and its improvisational theater).
- 1951 – 1952 Resident Group Worker, University Settlement House, Lower East Side of New York City.

LICENSING

- 1963 – present Academy of Certified Social Workers
- 1989 U.S. Supreme Court, Admitted to Practice
- 1984 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Admitted to Practice
- 1981 All Federal District Courts in California, Admitted to Practice
- 1980 California Bar, Admitted to Practice before all state courts in California.

Continuing Education

- June 13, 2003 Instituto de Lenguas Internacionales, Reconocimiento, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico.
- 1982 - 1996 Various courses in litigation and mediation as part of Continuing Education of the Bar.
- 1971 – 1972 American University: Government and Public Administration, studied part time in Ph.D. program.
- 1959 – 1960 University of Illinois, Jane Addams School of Social Service, studied social welfare part-time.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

- 1977-1979 Under a grant from California Department of Housing and Community Development to Nexus Action, Inc. for which I was Chief Executive Officer, I ran training programs for Commissioners of Public Housing throughout the State.

- 1978 Received Auerbach Fund Grant to write Coming of Age in the City. UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning.
- 1973 – 1976 As Executive Director of the Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency (see above), I secured and operated grants from the Office of Economic Opportunity, National Institutes of Mental Health, Dept. of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Resources, National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Alcohol Abuse, and several California foundations.
- 1969 – 1973 As Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association (see above), I secured funding from United Way to operate programs in the District of Columbia, and grants from the Meyer Foundation to run offices in suburban Fairfax County, Virginia, and Montgomery County, MD and introduce legislation mandating moderate priced dwelling units as a proportion of all new housing construction.
- 1965 – 1966 Under contract to the Peace Corps, served as Training Coordinator for community development at the University of Maryland.
- Under contract to the Department of Health and Human Services, directed the social services component in training leadership for Operation Headstart.
- 1963 – 1965 As Executive Director of the Washington Welfare Association, I secured funding from the United Way and grants from the Meyer Foundation to operate outreach services through community organizing in Washington, D.C.
- Initiated and directed NEW CAREERS TRAINING PROGRAM in conjunction with Georgetown University.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

I. Courses Developed and/or Presented

University of Southern California
School of Social Work

- 2006 - present **Social Work and Law** (SOWK 668);
3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to 20 students in the fall and spring semesters. This course examines the roles, opportunities, and concerns for the practice of social work in the structures and procedures of the law.
- 2006 - present **Policy and Practice in Social Service Organizations** (SOWK 534); 3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to two sections of 20-25 students each in the fall semester. Study of social work organizations with emphasis on their policy contexts, organizational theory, and the development of delivery systems.
- 2002 – present **Social Welfare II** (SOWK 535); 3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to two sections of 20 - 25 students each in the spring semester. This course examines the structure and operation of current American Social Welfare programs (social policy analysis) and mobilizes students to impact social policy.
- 2002 - 2005 **Social Welfare I** (SOWK 533); 3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to two sections of 20-25 students each in the fall semester. This course examined the origins and development of major welfare programs in the United States.
- 2003 - 2004 **Social Policy: The World of Work** (SOWK 637);
3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to 15 students in the fall semester. This course examined contemporary social policy issues that affect work expectations, opportunities, and conditions of work, work life, and extra-work experiences.
- 2004 - 2006 **Managing Change and Organization Development** (SOWK 669); 3 units, 45 hours of classroom instruction to 20 students. Conceptual framework and practical skills needed to design,

implement and evaluate effective change and organization development programs.

University of Southern California
School of Public Administration

1978 – 1979 The Ecology of Urban Neighborhoods

University of California, Los Angeles
Extension Program

1989 – 1997 Laws of the Workplace

Georgetown University

1967 – 1968 New Careers Training Program

University of Illinois
School of Labor and Industrial Relations

1962 - 1964 “Men and Labor” A seminar for Trade Union leaders

University of Indiana, Gary Center

1960 – 1962 Sociology 101: Social Problems at Mid Century

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

2009 HUTTO PATTERSON FOUNDATION AWARD(USC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK), “presented to a current faculty member for excellence in teaching; service to the university, the School of Social Work, and the community; and accessibility to students.”

2003 JANE ADDAMS AWARD (USC SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK) elected by Social Work students for being the outstanding teacher of the year

2000 CLARENCE DARROW AWARD (PEOPLES COLLEGE OF LAW) for teaching and outstanding advocacy of social justice.

OTHER AWARDS OF DISTINCTION:

- 2011 JEWISH ALLIANCE & JEWISH FUNDS FOR JUSTICE *Honoree*, May 26, 2011, for lifetime of civil rights advocacy.
- 2010 LOS ANGELES TIMES, cited as *Cog of Justice* in Op-Ed by Patt Morrison, 3-20-2010
- 2008 KURDISH NATIONAL CONGRESS FRIENDSHIP AWARD in recognition of a true commitment to the cause of the Kurdish Nation and human rights through continuous support.
- 2004 GEORGE D. NICKEL AWARD (CALIFORNIA SOCIAL WELFARE ARCHIVES) for outstanding professional social service.
- 2001 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AWARD (AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION) for lifetime of civil rights work.
- 1980 – 2008 Received awards from various Korean Institutions based on securing commutation of death sentence of Kim Dae Jung by Chon Do Hwan and seventeen other prisoners of conscience and helping to advance democracy in South Korea.
- 1998 Maharaja Ranjit Singh International Award, for upholding Federal Civil Rights Law against discrimination and for upholding the rights of Sikhs to wear their turbans on the job.
- July 24, 1973 Washington Post Editorial Board unanimously named Fertig “*the conscience of Washington*” in a published editorial.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2007 *One Hundred Years of Social Work at USC*: University of Southern California School of Social Work.
- 2003 *Civil Rights Chronicle*, Contributing Editor and Consultant ; Legacy Publishing, a division of Publications International, Ltd. 2003.

- 2001 *Love and Liberation: When the Jews Tore Down the Ghetto Walls:* An Historic novel; Writers Club Press; a division of Barnes & Noble, 2001. A Los Angeles Times “best seller.”
- 1967 *Peace Corps’ Community Development Handbook:* University of Maryland.¹
- 1963 *Men and Work:* An anthology and commentary on the nature of work; published by the University of Illinois School of Labor and Industrial Relations. (This book was adopted by the United Steelworkers of America for its use with trade union leaders.)
- 1952 *A Survey of Relations Between Negroes and Jews in Chicago:* Master’s Thesis, Columbia University Department of Sociology (C. Wright Mills, Advisor).

CONTRIBUTIONS APPEARING IN AN ANTHOLOGY OR JOURNAL

- Winter, 2011: Heidemann, G. Fertig, R. Jansson, B. & Kim. H. *Practicing Policy, Pursuing Change, and Promoting Social Justice: A Policy Instructional Approach.* Journal of Social Work Education.
- Fall, 2009 *Teaching Social Policy by Helping to Create it.* in the American Public Health Services Journal.
- Nov. 1998 *Challenge to the U.S. Anti-Terrorist Act of 1996* in KURDISTAN REPORT, No.27: Special Issue.
- Sept. 1996 *Issuing a Decision Without a Hearing in Employment Discrimination Cases of Federal Employees* in FEDERAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REPORTER, Vol. 96, Issue 22.
- Sept./Oct. 1995 *Ismail Besikci Lingers in Jail for Speaking out on the Rights of*

¹ In the course of students introducing themselves at the first session of SOWK 534 in August 2009, Laura Chakerian announced that she had just come back from Honduras where she served with the Peace Corps. She had been assigned this book and it is still required reading in training people for service.

the Kurds in KURDISTAN REPORT, No. 22

- Dec. 1991 *The Current Conflict Between Turkish Armed Forces and the Kurds of Southeast Anatolia* in PROTOCOL, Vol. III, No. 4 (translated into 14 languages).
- Feb. 1990 *Human Rights Abuses by the United States*, in PROTOCOL, Vol. II, No.3
- Oct. 1978 *Urban Aid Often Aids Abuses Instead* in LOS ANGELES TIMES, Op-Ed.
- Jun./July 1977 *The Environment, the Economy and the Excluded* in SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN.
- May 1973 *Moderately Priced Housing Without Subsidy: The MPDU Proposal* (co-written with Robert Cassidy) in PLANNING, the Magazine of the American Society of Planning Officials.
- 1960 *Reaching Rejected Youths* in Haimowitz & Haimowitz, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: SELECTED READINGS, Thomas Y. Crowell Co.

CONTRIBUTIONS APPEARING IN A SOCIAL WORK TEXTBOOK

- Jan, 2011 “How MSW Students Engage in Policy Advocacy with Respect to Homelessness” and “The Law and Social Policy” in Bruce Jansson, *Effective Policy Advocate*, Brooks/Cole.
- 2009 Co-author of Chapter 14, “Using Knowledge of the Evolution of the American Welfare State to Improve Your Professional Practice,” in Bruce Jansson, *The Reluctant Welfare State*, Brooks/Cole.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS

- Jul. 1998 *U.S. Arms Trade with Turkey Violates U.S. and International Law* for Lausanne Conference, Switzerland.
- Jul. 1997 *Human Rights Law and the Rights of the Kurds*, for International Conference in Rome, Italy.

- Mar. 1994 *The Geneva Protocols and Liberation Struggles*, for International Conference on North West Kurdistan, Brussels.
- 1979 *Coming of Age in the City*: University of California, Los Angeles, School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Published as an Ernest Auerbach Systems Building & Housing Research Paper).
- Nov. 1956 *Reaching, Redirecting, and Research with Youth*: The Hyde Park Youth Project of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2008 *Solidarity Divided: The Crisis in Organized Labor and a New Path Toward Social Justice*. Bill Fletcher, Jr. and Fernando Gasparin. University of California Press, Berkeley.

ORIGINAL DRAMA

- 2005 *His Honor*. A one act play on an ethical dilemma in a social agency setting which received the first place award in the 24th Annual Jerome Lawrence One-Act Play Festival. Performed at USC Theater (April 2005) and Theater Palisades (Sept 22-23rd 2005) as fund raising benefit for USC School of Social Work.²

² **“His Honor” Earns Rewards for Writer and School of Social Work**

“His Honor”, a play by Ralph Fertig, USC School of Social Work clinical associate professor, drew crowds on Sept. 22 in a special benefit performance at the Pierson Playhouse at the Theatre Palisades. Winner of the 24th Annual Jerome Lawrence One-Act Play Festival sponsored by the USC Professional Writing Program, “His Honor”, delves into the conflict between church and state, centering on one man's struggle with his conscience.” – (from USC School of Social Work New Bytes, Vol. 1, Issue 4, September 2005)

Ralph Fertig can now add headlining playwright to his resume. The clinical associate professor took the grand prize in the USC Professional Writing Program's annual playwriting competition. The top four scripts are produced with professional actors and performed as part of the 24th Annual Jerome Lawrence One-Act Play Festival. Fertig's was the only work by a non-screenwriter to be selected by the group of Hollywood directors judging this year's entries. The winning play, "His Honor," delves into the conflict between church and state, centering on one man's struggle with his conscience – (from USC News Bytes, Vol.1, Issue 3, May 2005)

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Harvard Law School. “The Criminalization of Conflict Resolution” guest speaker on 03-25-11.

UCLA Law School “Speak of Legal Non Violence and Go to Jail,” lead speaker on 08-25-10.

U.S. Supreme Court: Presentation before the United States Supreme Court in **Humanitarian Law Project v. Holder** (as President of Humanitarian Law Project and in my individual capacity, in case on appeal challenging a provision of the USA PATRIOT ACT, for First Amendment rights); 02-24-10

USC Graduate and Professional Student Senate and Academic (Faculty) Senate:
What Matters to Me and Why, discussion series co-sponsored by the Office of Religious Life, Graduate and Professional Student Senate and Academic (Faculty) Senate, to encourage reflection about values, beliefs and motivation in the lives of those who shape our university. 11-04-09.

Parliament of World Religions: Parliament of World Religions, Celebration of the Life of Mahatma Gandhi and Re-dedication to Non-Violence:
Keynote Speaker and Moderator for Panel on *Social Work: The Non-Violent Alternative to the Resolution of Conflict*.
At USC; 10-11-09

Otis College of Art and Design; Liberal Arts: The Civil Rights Movement and the March on Washington: A Historical Perspective.
10-29-09, 08-25-10, 11-03-11.

Los Angeles Memorial Service: Eulogized Kim Dae Jung, former President of South Korea, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 08-22-09

House Committee on Housing and Community Opportunities: Testified before a **special hearing** including presentation of research papers by USC Social Work students, accepted as written testimony by the congressional committee, 03-28-09.

- 12-15-08 **Met with Congresswoman Maxine Waters**; secured her acceptance of legislation drafted by students in SOWK 535 on the right of children to be housed with their parent(s).
- 09-19-08 **Presentations to Board of Councilors on Homelessness and USC Social Work** Students study and response with proposals for policy at the Catalina-USC Center.
- 08-08-08 **Testified before Karen Bass's Select Committee on Foster Care before the State Assembly**
- 04-24-08 **Testified and brought students to testify before the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the full Los Angeles City Council**
- 01-13-08 **Addressed Board of Councilors** at home of Joan Sackheim on 100 years of Social Work at USC
- 2007 **Distance Learning for students in Beijing on *Mental Health, Policy and Law in the United States of America***
- 11-11-07 **Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, "*Aggregating Student Input to Impact Social Transformation*"**
- April 2007 **Addressed students from various schools of social work assembled in Sacramento for Lobby Days** and arranged the appearance of Senator Gil Cedillo to support his bill on housing the homeless.
- 2007 **Speech to Orange County NASW on *Social Work Ethics***
- 11-17-06 **Analysis and review of 1967 film "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"** at the George Lucas Building for USC's Visions and Voices Program, lead discussion on ways to create a more inclusive society
- 10-10-06 **Introduced Congressman Henry Waxman** to California Social Welfare Archives at annual luncheon

- 09-12-06 **Organized conference on homelessness at Leo Baeck Temple, featuring Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**
- 06-08-06 **Meeting with Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles on problems of homeless children**
- 04-25-06 **KPFK, Public Radio- "Homelessness in Los Angeles and What You Can Do About It"**
- 03-29-06 **USC HILLEL - "*History of the Black-Jewish Alliance*"**
- 12-01-05 **Speaker at Rosa Parks Tribute, Leimert Park Playhouse; hosted by Earl Ofari Hutchinson**
- 05-12-05 **Culver City High School on the Civil Rights Movement**
- 04-02-05 **Moderated panel for Service Employees International Union: featuring ACORN, ACLU and Center for Political Graphics.**
- 04-01-05 **Lecture at Hebrew Union College on Economic and Social Justice**
- 03-26-04 **Speech to Orange County NASW on *Social Workers and Civil Rights***

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

School of Social Work

Faculty Council (2003-2004, 2006-2008)

Curriculum Policy and Review Committee (2009-2011)

California Social Welfare Archives (2003-2009), Vice-President

China Study Group (2005)- delegation to China, lectured in Beijing

Faculty Adviser to **Forensic Social Work Caucus** (2009, 2011)

Faculty Adviser to **Social Action Caucus** (2006 – 2008)

Served on:

Admissions Committee (2005 intermittently to present)

Applied Ph.D. Committee (2006 – present)

Clinical Teaching Faculty Committee (2006 – present)

Lobby Days Committee, Diversity Committee, Sequence Chairs Committee (2003 – present)

University of Southern California – University Wide

Academic Petition Panel (2005-2007)

Faculty Adviser, Campus and Community United, university-wide student organization (2007 – present)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Co-Convener (with Rep. John Lewis, Rev. James Lawson, Diane Nash, Hank Thomas and Rev. C.T. Vivian) of the ***Freedom Rides 50th Anniversary Conference***, May, 2011, keynote speaker and panel moderator.

Elected to the Executive Committee (along with Rev. James Lawson, Diane Nash, and Rev. C. T. Vivian) of the **Freedom Rides Coordinating Committee II** to continue civil rights advocacy work.

President, Humanitarian Law Project/ International Educational Development (A non-governmental organization with permanent consultative status to the United Nations Human Rights Commission). As President of HLP and in my individual capacity, I was the lead plaintiff in **The Humanitarian Law Project v. Eric Holder, Attorney General of the United States**, challenging provisions of the USA Patriot Act, heard before the US Supreme Court (February 23, 2010).

I sought the right to offer training in non violent alternatives to conflict for Kurds seeking relief from oppression by government and armed forces of Turkey. This case was reviewed by the U.S. District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals repeatedly since 1991, each time granting me the injunction to proceed in my work with the Kurds. However, (in a split decision: 6 – 3), the Supreme Court, in June, 2010, ruled that Congress could criminalize pure political speech (requiring no actual conduct) uttered only to urge legal action directed at peaceful resolution of conflict.

Board member, Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness, 2010 – present.

Consultant to Skirball Cultural Center for Exhibit on “Road to Freedom.” 2009

Elected to the Democratic Party State Committee representing the 42nd State Assembly District. Appointed to resolutions committee, where I wrote a resolution declaring the Democratic Party’s commitment to a right to housing, and at the state convention, secured passage of that resolution intact, 2007.

Presented the California Resolution of the Right to Housing to the National Democratic Party Platform Committee. 2008

Advisory Board, City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission 2008 -

Advisory Board, LAMP Community, Los Angeles 2008 - present

Advisory Board, Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness 2008 - 2010

Pro Bono Counsel, Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Services. 2005 - 2008

Pro Bono Counsel, Kurdistan House. 2004 – present

Board member, California Clean Money Campaign 2004

Founding Board member, Progressive Jewish Alliance, and member of its Economic Justice Working Group. 1998 - 2007

Board member, Americans for Peace Now. 2001 - present

Board member, American Kurdish Information Network. 1996 - 2004

**Board member, International Committee for World Court.
1996 - present**

**Chapter President, National Association of Social Workers, Greater
Washington Area, 1964-66**

**President, Americans for Democratic Action: Southern CA. Chapter
(1976-1981) and vice-president ever since then; President, Greater
Washington Chapter (1969-1972), National Executive Board Member
(1962-2002).**

Democratic Party; Elected Delegate, 1968 & 1980 National Conventions.

**History of civil rights activism in Congress Of Racial Equality, Student
Non-violent Coordinating Committee, National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People (Illinois Youth Vice President) as
Freedom Rider and organizer. Arrested in Selma, Ala. where, under Ku
Klux Klan goading, white prisoners broke my ribs but not my spirit.
1947 - 1973**

**Served as member of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, helped
organize "March on Washington" and lobbied for civil rights legislation
in Washington, DC. 1963 - 1973**

**President, Student Bar Association UCLA, Moot Court Honors
Program. 1978 - 1979**

**Director of the Law Revue, Lyricist, librettist, director, and producer of
"My Fair Hearing" (1977); "Cramalot" (1978), and "West Side
Practice" (1979), student/faculty musical productions.**

**Student Representative to Faculty Council, UCLA School of
Architecture and Urban Planning. 1978 - 1979**

University of Chicago Student Government: Chairman of Committee on

Student/Faculty Relations; Secretary; and Chair of Commission on the University Neighborhood 1952 - 1954

National Student Association, Representative from University of Chicago. 1953 - 1954

Founding Member and Information Officer/Editor of Newsletter, Chatham Avalon Park Community Council, Chicago, 1949 - 1953

Ralph David Fertig
Brief Career Summary

“A cog in the wheel of justice” is how Patt Morrison of the *L.A. Times* described him and editorial writers and human rights organizations across the globe praised his efforts as President of the Humanitarian Law Project, in bringing a first amendment challenge to the USA Patriot Act. He has often joined in uphill battles, confident that justice will ultimately prevail.

It was in that spirit that he organized the Chicago Freedom Action Committee, affiliated with SNCC and CORE, joined the Freedom Rides, survived a battering by Klansmen in Selma that broke all his ribs, only to join with Martin Luther King and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to help organize the March on Washington and lobby for the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

While studying for his Ph.D, at the University of Chicago, he became fully immersed in fighting anti-communist hysteria on the campus and in battling racial discrimination in the community. Sidetracked into social work with gangs in the surrounding area, he became a community organizer, then ran the Research Department of the Chicago Commission on Youth Welfare. He founded “Compass Tavern,” the home of Second City.

In Washington, D.C., he ran Southeast Neighborhood House, introducing many of the programs in the war against poverty, became local President of the National

Association of Social Workers, and then ran the Metropolitan Washington Planning and Housing Association to build economic and racial integration throughout the national capital area.

The editorial page staff of the *Washington Post* named him the “conscience of Washington.”

Ralph came to California in 1973 to run the Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency, the joint city-county community action program in the war against poverty. He reorganized the agency, building coalitions between diverse ethnic factions, establishing neighborhood councils to oversee community projects, and sweeping out corrupt and duplicitous persons and practices.

After securing his J.D. from UCLA, he became a civil rights lawyer, then Regional Attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and was appointed federal Administrative Judge for Civil Rights.

He is now a Professor at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Social Work where he has chaired the Social Welfare Policy sequence and runs a seminar on Social Work and Law. For years, with his students, he has campaigned for the rights of the homeless.

Fertig has frequently lectured before professional groups including Social Workers, Attorneys, and lay leaders on Codes of Ethics and their evolving mandates for social justice.

He was on the national board and long time President of the Southern California Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, is on the local advisory board of Americans for Peace Now, and has been a delegate to Democratic Party state and national conventions. He is a founding member of the Board of the Progressive Jewish Alliance.

Fertig served with Diane Nash, Rev. James Lawson, and C.T. Vivian in co-convening the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Rides May, 2011, appeared on Oprah, and is was elected with them to serve as the continuing Executive Committee of the Freedom Riders Coordinating Committee

He is author of “**LOVE AND LIBERATION: WHEN THE JEWS TORE DOWN THE GHETTO WALLS,**” a *Los Angeles Times* Best Seller. It documents the struggle for emancipation of the hearts, mind, and the opening of opportunities as the armies of Napoleon advanced across Europe.