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SPECIFIC SKILLS

- PhD in legal history and traffic safety (see EDUCATION below).
- Expert in teaching air brakes, CDL compliance, and safety.
- 2 decades CDL experience with trucks & buses (Canada, United States & Australia)
- Smart Drive Test YouTube channel with 320,000+ subscribers with more than 58 million views. Videos teach road test success, defensive driving, & complete CDL career information.
- Smart Drive Test offers online driver education courses (commercial & passenger).
- Licenced commercial driving instructor in Canada and Australia since 1997.
- Eight years teaching & mentoring experience (novice & experienced drivers, people with disabilities, & post-secondary).
- Extensive experience developing & delivering curriculum; and interpreting legislation & policy.
- Established negotiation, problem solving, and effective decision-making ability.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and conflict resolution skills.
- Works well independently or within a team.
- Valid British Columbia Driver's Licence with no convictions, Class 1,6 (tractor-trailer, airbrakes, motorcycle).
- Thirty years Class 1 driving experience with a wide range of equipment.
- Expert use of computers, GPS & satellite tracking units, electronic log books and other navigational tools.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Expert Witness Testimony

[REDACTED] Iowa City, IA, United States	2024
Opined on defensive driving principles and reasonableness issues regarding a collision involving a driver striking a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk.	
[REDACTED], Harrisonburg, VA, United States	2024
Determine if the driver of an air brake equipped vehicle had applied the parking brakes when arriving at job site. In addition, the investigation revealed that the diesel repair shop had been negligent in their duty-of-care when executing the vehicle's annual inspection.	
[REDACTED], Barrie, ON, Canada	2023
Reported on defensive driving principles involving vehicle crashes involving transit bus and pedestrian. In another case, the duty-of-care required for truck driver involved in "T" bone crash.	
[REDACTED], Vancouver, BC, Canada	2022
Investigated and reported on vehicle crashes involving transit bus and cyclist.	

████████████████████, Toronto, ON, Canada

Investigated and reported on CDL vehicle crashes involving transit buses and pedestrians.

████████████████████, Weaton, IL, USA

2019

Ongoing investigation and trial preparation for a rear-end tractor-trailer crash on interstate (2019).

████████████████████ Toronto, ON, Canada

2019

Client charged with Dangerous Driving Causing Bodily Harm. With my report, driver convicted of a dangerous action with a conditional discharge.

Traffic Safety Professional

████████████████████, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

2024

Provided Smarter Defensive Driving course and video to approximately 300 cab drivers to reduce crashes amongst fleet and its drivers.

████████████████████, King of Prussia, PA, United States

2021

Safety Training Videos. This consultation identified traffic safety issues that caused crashes with vehicles hauling dangerous goods. Smart Drive Test provided solutions, shot and directed videos, and spearheaded training solutions.

Whitecard, Canada

Provided traffic safety expertise for video game created by government authorities to teach new drivers hazard perception skills.

Academic Teaching

Adjunct Professor

The University of British Columbia—Okanagan, Kelowna, Canada

TAUGHT UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN WORLD HISTORY

2006–2010

Sessional Teaching: TEACHING ASSISTANT

The University of Melbourne and Monash University, Victoria, Australia

TUTORED WORLD HISTORY COURSES & MARKED ASSIGNMENTS

2003-2006

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

2006

Ph.D. — History

Dissertation: “Intersections of Conflict: Policing & Criminalising Melbourne’s Traffic 1890 – 1930”

Available from: <http://repository.unimelb.edu.au/10187/1596>

The thesis examined the traffic revolution that occurred in the forty years after 1890 as road traffic transitioned from animal-drawn to motor-vehicles. Melbourne, Australia served as a case study. The focus of the work examined the 500% increase in average road speeds and the consequent impact on law, policing, and public policy. In the conflict that ensued between motorists’ desire to travel at higher road speeds and authorities’ mandate

to maintain an acceptable level of public safety and public order, the analysis concluded that new policies and legislation, in fact, facilitated higher road speeds.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, CANADA

2001

B.A. (Honors) — English & Women's Studies

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

Valid British Columbia (BC) Air Brake Assessment Officer	Sept 2013
Approved Instructor Training Course (ITC) Instructor	May 2012
Valid BC Driver Training Instructor's Licence (1,2,3,4, 5/7, Theory & Practical – GLP)	Feb 2024
BC & Ontario Air Brake Instructor	July 2008

SMART DRIVE TEST INC.

ONLINE DRIVING SCHOOL	2016-present
www.youtube.com/c/smardrivetest	
www.smartdrivetest.com	

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COMMERCIAL TRAINING & DRIVING EXPERIENCE

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR, WEB DESIGN, CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & SALES CSTT DRIVER TRAINING, SIDNEY, BC (BUS, TRUCK & CAR)	2010-2013
POLICY ANALYST ICBC – DRIVER LICENCING POLICY AND DRIVER TRAINING	2011
DRIVER TRAINER & INTERSTATE BUS DRIVER GREYHOUND, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA	2002–2005
DRIVING INSTRUCTOR (BUS & TRUCK) ONTARIO TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL, LONDON	2000–2002
DRIVER REHABILITATION SPECIALIST (BUS, TRUCK & CAR) ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CARE, LONDON, ON	2000–2002
MEILLEUR TRANSPORT SAFETY OFFICER, OTTAWA, ON	1998-2000
SAFETY & TRAINING CONSULTANT LONDON TRANSIT COMMISSION, LONDON, ON	1998
TRUCK DRIVER YOUR ADVANTAGE STAFFING, CAMBRIDGE, ON	1993–1998

PUBLICATIONS

Self Published Books

Driving Test Secrets: Here you'll find the hidden skills and abilities that will guarantee you pass your driver's test the first time! 2023. Smart Drive Test Inc., ISBN (eBook) 978-1-9993932-1-2, [CLICK to view book](#).

Air Brakes Explained Simply: An updated step-by-step guide for Truck, Bus, and RV Drivers to pass the CDL Air-Brake Endorsement. 2018. Smart Drive Test Inc., ISBN (eBook) 978-1-9993932-0-5 <https://www.smartdrivetest.com/airbrakes-cdl-rv/air-brakes-explained-simply>

Refereed Articles

- “Spinning Our Wheels: The inability of traffic policy to change driver behaviour.” 2006
Traffic [University of Melbourne’s Post-Graduate Journal], No. 8, 2006, 87–116.
https://www.smartdrivetest.com/images/Legislation/Resources/Spinning_Our_Wheels.pdf
(7000 words)
- “Police & Presence: The Victoria Police and Perceptions of Authority 1900 – 1930.” *Canadian Journal of History*, Vol. 41, No. 1, Spring-Summer 2006, 23–46. (6000 words) 2006
- “The Fast and the Furious: The Victoria Police and Changing Definitions of Speed and Speeding 1900 – 1930.” *Automotive History Review*, Spring, no. 45 (2006): 4–13. (6000 words) 2006
- “Keeping Order: Motor-Car Regulation and the Defeat of Victoria’s 1905 Motor Car Bill,” *Provenance: The Journal of Public Record Office Victoria, No.3*; [2004]. (6000 words) 2004

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Fordism” & “The Assembly Line.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Industrial Revolution in World History*. Eds. Dr. Kenneth E. Hendrickson and Dr. Glenn Sanford. New York: Facts on File. (2000 words) Feb 2008
- “[Motorcycles](#).” In *The Encyclopedia of Melbourne*, edited by Andy Brown-May & Shurlee Swain, 491. Melbourne, Australia: Cambridge UP, 2005. (100 words) 2005

Conference Papers

- Australia and New Zealand Law & History Society (New Zealand) Jul 2005
“Smith v. Boon (1901): Origins of a Mechanised Traffic Management System”, pgs. 156 – 159.
- International Committee for Preservation of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Sept 2005
“Hardening of the City: Road Crashes Drive the Implementation of Predictable Traffic Patterns.”
- Royal Automobile Club of Victoria Centenary
“Keeping Order: Motor-Car Regulation and the Defeat of Victoria’s 1905 Motor Car Bill”, pgs. 1–28. 2004

Book Reviews

- Laura Huey. [Negotiating Demands: The Politics of Skid Row Policing in Edinburgh, San Francisco, and Vancouver.](#) University of Toronto Press: Toronto, 2007. *BC Studies*, Summer 2008, 131-133. 2008
- Graeme Davison and Sheryl Yelland. *Car Wars: How the Car Won Our Hearts and Conquered Our Cities.* Crows Nest, NSW: Allen & Unwin, 2004. *The Melbourne Historical Journal*, v. 32, 85. 2004

Media Exposure

- Interview “Bylaw Officers and Vernon’s Public Safety & Public Order”: 107.5 KISS FM. September, 2007.

Seymour, Ron. "Technology seen as only hope for multi-tasking motorists. *The Sunday Okanagan*, 14 January 2007, 1.

Interview based on "Driver Education Not Enough": cfax1070—Victoria's News Authority. 28 November 2006, 5.10–6.00pm. Interview by Terry Moore, host of 'Afternoon Drive'.

Canadian Radio Broadcasting Corporation Radio Interview concerning above article. Aired 20 November 2006, 7.15–7.25am. Interviewed by Marion Barschel, host of 'Daybreak' on 88.9 FM.

Mortenson, Bud. "Driver Education Not Enough: For safer roads we must turn to technology, says researcher." *UBC Reports*, 2 November 2006, 1.

Publication Awards

<i>Canadian Journal of History</i> Awarded first prize in Graduate Essay Competition	2006
<i>Automotive History Review</i> Awarded first prize in Graduate Essay Competition. (Michigan, USA)	2005

Postgraduate Awards

Post-Graduate Conference Award	2005
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