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EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in Law, Boston University School of Law, 2004 –
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Editor, *Technological Innovation and Intellectual Property*, 2002-8
Director and Founder, Research on Innovation, 1998-
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