2023 Annual Meeting Program

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Dylan C. Penningroth is Professor of Law and Alexander F. & May T. Morrison Professor of American History & Citizenship at the University of California at Berkeley. He is currently serving as Associate Dean of Jurisprudence and Social Policy / Legal Studies at Berkeley. He specializes in African American history and U.S. legal history. His first book, *The Claims of Kinfolk: African American Property and Community in the Nineteenth-Century South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003), won the Avery Craven Prize from the Organization of American Historians. His articles have appeared in the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Journal of American History*, the *American Historical Review*, and the *Journal of Family History*. Penningroth has held fellowships from the Carter G. Woodson Institute, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the Stanford Humanities Center, and the MacArthur Foundation. Penningroth holds a PhD in history from Johns Hopkins. Before joining Berkeley in 2015, Penningroth was on the faculty of the History Department at the University of Virginia, at Northwestern University, and was a Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation, where he is currently an Affiliated Research Professor.

Penningroth’s new book is *Before the Movement: The Hidden History of Civil Rights* (Liveright, September 2023). Combining legal and social history, and drawing from a large sample of trial court records, the study explores how ordinary Black people used and thought about law in their everyday lives, and how Black legal activity and Black legal thought helped shape American law and Black social movements from the 1830s to the 1970s.
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Welcome to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History!

This year we return to the historic city of Philadelphia, where we last gathered in 2010. On behalf of the Society, I extend warm thanks to our incredibly generous local sponsors: The University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, which will host our pre-conference symposium, “Forms and Borders of Medieval Law,” as well as Friday’s plenary lecture and post-plenary reception, and the Temple University Beasley School of Law, which will host the Student Research Colloquium and the Wallace Johnson First Book Program.

The ASLH is an organization run entirely by volunteer labor. My greatest privilege in this office during the past two years has been to witness—and continually marvel at—the prodigious work of our colleagues for the Society and our field. I thank my fellow officers for their countless hours of work and consultation over the past two years. I also thank the editors, chairs, and members of the various ASLH committees, whose dedication and hard work make possible the Society’s outstanding journal, Law and History Review, our impressive book series, Studies in Legal History, our exciting new online initiatives including our recently launched ASLH (Virtual) Book Club, and our robust programming for early career scholars, as well as our book and article prizes, research fellowships, recognition of honorary fellows, fund-raising, institutional initiatives, and the Annual Meeting itself. I especially want to thank the 2023 Program Committee, co-chaired by Catherine Evans and Kyle G. Volk, who have assembled an exciting lineup of panels that collectively highlight the geographical, temporal, and methodological reach of our field. The Standing Committee on the Annual Meeting, chaired once again by Joanna Grisinger, deserves our thanks for their creative and meticulous work in bringing us back to Philadelphia this year. And many thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by Karen Tani and Craig Green, who have done a marvelous job of creating opportunities for us all to gather inside and outside the conference venues. (If you have not done so already, please check out the committee’s enticing insider’s guide to the city’s sites, archives, and restaurants on the Society’s webpage, aslh.net.)
This year’s Plenary Lecture will be delivered at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School by Dylan C. Penningroth, Professor of Law and the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of History at the University of California at Berkeley. The title of Professor Penningroth’s address, which will draw upon his revelatory new book *Before the Movement* (Liveright, 2023), is “Hidden Histories of Black Civil Rights.”

As we look forward to days of intellectual exchange and friendship, we will be thinking of our colleagues and friends who could not make the trip this year. The Society will look forward to gathering again, and to welcoming more new members, next year in San Francisco!

Thank you so much for coming. I hope you all have a safe, productive, and enjoyable meeting!

Warm regards,

Michael Willrich
Leff Families Professor of History, Brandeis University
President, American Society for Legal History
It is my great pleasure to welcome members of the American Society for Legal History to the University of Pennsylvania and Penn Carey Law. We are honored to host this year’s plenary lecture and reception. Dylan C. Penningroth, the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of History and Professor of Law at U.C. Berkeley will speak about “Hidden Histories of Black Civil Rights.” I am grateful to my colleagues Shaun Ossei-Owusu and Karen Tani for their work on the local arrangements committee and to the members of our faculty and staff who have worked so hard to bring this event together.

We are especially pleased to welcome the ASLH to our campus given our rich legal history community. We are indebted to past ASLH president and our emeritus Arlin M. Adams Professor of Constitutional Law and Professor of History Sarah Barringer Gordon for all she has done to build that community. Legal historians on the law school faculty include William Ewald, Herb Hovenkamp, Serena Mayeri, Shaun Ossei-Owusu, Wendell Pritchett, Teemu Ruskola, and Karen Tani. We are joined by colleagues from across the University, including Mary Frances Berry, Sarah Gronningsater, Ada Kuskowski, and Hardeep Dhillon. Many more colleagues than can be listed here further enrich our scholarly community. We have a thriving J.D./Ph.D. program, a vibrant Legal History Workshop, a treasured legal history writing group, and many former fellows and alums who are active in the ASLH.

We are grateful to be located in a city brimming with legal history resources. In addition to attending the Annual Meeting’s rich programming, we hope you will have time to explore some of the many museums, archives, and historical sites the local arrangements committee has assembled for you. While you are on campus you can also use the Penn & Slavery Project’s innovative app for a tour of slavery’s legacy at Penn or explore the American Law Institute and other archives housed in our Biddle Law Library.

We wish you a productive and enriching conference, a stimulating plenary lecture, and a convivial reception.

Sincerely,

Sophia Z. Lee
On behalf of Temple University’s Beasley School of Law, I am delighted to welcome you to Philadelphia for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History. We are honored to sponsor the Johnson Book Program for First Book Authors and the Student Research Colloquium. I am grateful to members of our law faculty, particularly Professor Craig Green, as well as members of the program committee and local arrangements committee, for all their work in making the meeting possible. This is a tremendous event for Temple University to host.

Welcome!

The Beasley School of Law is strongly committed to interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship, with a growing number of legal historians on our faculty and an expanding range of courses in our curriculum. Historians at the law school have specialized in fields ranging from corporate and business law to structures of federal power, to multipolar constitutional geography. We are proud to offer various classes to students who wish to include history in their legal education, including a Legal History Writer’s Workshop and a historical seminar about Native Constitutionalism. Our interdisciplinary mission has always included a deep integration of social and cultural dynamics along with doctrine and legal practice. Legal history is one especially important expression of those commitments.

We hope and trust that you will have an enjoyable and productive meeting, and also that you will enjoy some of the many attractions available in our city.

Best regards,

Rachel Rebouché
Dean, Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
Beasley School of Law
Greetings legal historians, and welcome to Philadelphia!

Philadelphia’s nicknames include the sometimes ironic “Quaker City” and the always debatable “Birthplace of America.” The region’s first recorded name, Shackamaxon, has been translated from Algonkian as “the place where chiefs are made.” A very long series of historical episodes, including Penn’s Treaty with the Lenni Lenape, the First Continental Congress, the Republican Party’s First National Convention, and even Joe Biden’s announcement of his 2020 campaign, carry distant echoes of the city’s persistently ambitious self-perception—and each of those events happened just a short distance from our meeting site at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown.

Philadelphia is home to its own strong community of legal historians, with extraordinary history departments and law schools throughout the city and suburbs, not to mention broader intellectual networks across the region. We are grateful to the academic institutions in the city and the region for helping our community thrive.

We owe particular thanks to Penn Carey Law, which will welcome us to University City on Friday for a much-anticipated plenary address and reception. We are also grateful to Temple Beasley School of Law, which will host the Student Research Colloquium and the Wallace Johnson First Book Program. These events, along with the broader conference program, are the lifeblood of our Society, and we deeply appreciate the generosity of our hosts.
While you are in town, we hope you will also take advantage of the city’s historical collections, cultural attractions, and green spaces. Fairmont Park has been called “the Goliath of urban parks,” and its multi-use trail along the Schuylkill River is a “must” for those seeking some fresh air! Check out the 2023 Meeting’s landing page online for a full list of our recommendations.

We wish everyone an enjoyable and rewarding time in Philadelphia. Please reach out with questions or if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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Pre-Conference Symposium: *Forms and Borders of Medieval Law* *(University of Pennsylvania)*

This symposium is open to spectators. All ASLH attendees are welcome to attend part or all of it.

**Morning Location:** *Van Pelt Library (University of Pennsylvania), Class of 1978 Pavilion, 6th Floor*

**8:45–9:00am**

**Welcome**

Opening Remarks by **Jennifer Jahner**, California Institute of Technology (jahner@hss.caltech.edu), and **Ada Kuskowski**, University of Pennsylvania (akusk@upenn.edu)

**9:00–10:30am**

**Image**

Moderator: **Rita Copeland**, University of Pennsylvania (rcopelan@sas.upenn.edu)
Commentator: **Julie Stone Peters**, Columbia University (peters@columbia.edu)

**Joanna Fronska**, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (joanna.fronska@irht.cnrs.fr)
*Illuminating Gratian in Toulouse and the Case of Bernard of Castanet*

**Susan L’Engle**, Saint Louis University (lengles@slu.edu)
*Overlooked and Unrecorded: Textbook Study Aids by Medieval Law Students*

**Benjamin Saltzman**, University of Chicago (saltzman@uchicago.edu)
*Possibilities and Precursive Forms of Blind Justice*
10:30–10:45am

Coffee Break

10:45am–12:00pm

Material

Moderator: Karl Shoemaker, University of Wisconsin, Madison (kbshoemaker@wisc.edu)
Commentator: Carolin Berhmann, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (carolin.behrmann@rub.de)

Brigitte Bedos-Rezak, New York University (bbr2@nyu.edu)
*The Body of Evidence: A Living Matter?*

Tamer el-Leithy, Institute for Advanced Study and American University Cairo (tamer.elleithy@gmail.com)
*Material Community in Medieval Cairo: Documentary Practices of Coptic Christians at Islamic Courts*

12:00–1:00pm

Lunch Break

Afternoon Location: History Department (University of Pennsylvania), College Hall, Room 209

1:00–2:30pm

Text

Moderator: William Ewald, University of Pennsylvania (wewald@law.upenn.edu)
Commentator: Jesús R. Velasco, Yale University (jesus.velasco@yale.edu)

Arnaud Fossier, Université de Bourgogne (arnaud.fossier@u-bourgogne.fr)
*Dispensation: Forms and Borders of Exception in Canon Law*

Pinchas Roth, Bar-Ilan University (pinchas.roth@biu.ac.il)
*Moving in the Margins: Medieval Jewish Legal Texts across Bibliographic and Geographic Borders*

Samantha Katz Seal, University of New Hampshire (samantha.seal@unh.edu)
*The Makings of a Flemish ‘Race’ in Late Medieval English Law*
2:30pm—2:45pm

Coffee Break

2:45—4:15pm

Law Across Borders

Moderator: Reyhan Dumarz, University of Pennsylvania (rdurmaz@upenn.edu)
Commentator: Emanuele Conte, University of Roma Tre (emanuele.conte@uniroma3.it)

Mahel Hamroun, University of California, Berkeley (mhamroun@berkeley.edu)
*If He Should Ask: Bound Community in Medieval Icelandic Law*

Jocelyn Hendrickson, University of Alberta (jnhendri@ualberta.ca)
*Storytelling and Islamic Law*

Rodrigo García-Velasco, University College London (r.garcia-velasco@ucl.ac.uk)
*Converting the Land: Property and Religious Difference in the Iberian Fueros*

4:15pm—4:30pm

Coffee Break
4:30pm—6:00pm

**Lightning Round**
Moderator: **Sara McDougall**, John Jay College/City University of New York Graduate Center/New York Public Library Fellow (smcdougall@jjay.cuny.edu)
Commentator: **Alice Taylor**, King’s College London (alice.taylor@kcl.ac.uk)

**Joseph Lowry**, University of Pennsylvania (elowry@sas.upenn.edu)
*Who Does the Qur’an Think Will Enforce Its Laws?*

**Talya Fishman**, University of Pennsylvania (tfishman@sas.upenn.edu)
*Medieval Ashkenazic and Sephardic Approaches to Jewish Law*

**Carissa Harris**, Temple University (carissa.harris@temple.edu)
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**Esther Liberman Cuenca**, University of Houston-Victoria (cuencae@uhv.edu)
*Centers and Peripheries: Thinking about Coloniality in Medieval Urban Customary Law*

**Julia Verkholantsev**, University of Pennsylvania (juliaver@sas.upenn.edu)
*The Etymology of Ruling and Lawgiving in Origines Gentium*

6:00—6:45pm

**Reception**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

12:00pm–6:00pm  Registration (Outside Salon 8)
12:00pm–6:00pm  Exhibits (Independence Ballroom)
12:00pm–2:00pm  Projects & Proposals Committee Lunch (Salon 5 & 6)
4:30pm–6:00pm  Finance Committee (Salon 5 & 6)
6:00pm–7:00pm  Executive Committee (Salon 5 & 6)
7:00pm–8:30pm  Reception (Horizons Rooftop Ballroom)
7:30pm–10:00pm  Board Meeting (Philadelphia Ballroom North)

9:00am—5:00pm

Graduate Student Research Colloquium
(Temple University Beasley School of Law, Klein Hall, Faculty Lounge)

At the annual Student Research Colloquium, eight graduate students discuss in-progress research projects with senior scholars. This event is closed to the public.

Faculty Directors: Bhavani Raman, University of Toronto (bhavani.raman@utoronto.ca); Daniel Sharfstein, Vanderbilt University (daniel.sharfstein@vanderbilt.edu)

Conveners: Chao Ren, University of Michigan (renchao@umich.edu); John Wertheimer, Davidson College (jowertheimer@davidson.edu)

Presenters:

†Omar Abdel-Ghaffar, Harvard University (oabelghaffar@g.harvard.edu)
The Uncharitable Foundations of Mamluk Endowment

Siobhan Barco, Princeton University (sbarco@princeton.edu)
Women, Power, and the Legal News, 1830-1930

Bonnie Cherry, University of California, Berkeley (bonniecherry@berkeley.edu)
“Little Kingdoms”: Leupp Isolation Center and Administrative Authority in Indian Country

*Brienne Felsher, University of California, Berkeley (brienne_felsher@berkeley.edu)
“A Legal Form of Marriage”: The Legality of Queer Families in the United States, 1830-1920

Anin Luo, Princeton University (aninl@princeton.edu)
Empathizing beyond Humanity: The 1970s Emergence of Personhood for Animals and the Environment
Robyn Morse, University of Virginia (rmm9hf@virginia.edu)

Enterprising Value: Labor Transitions and Legal Maneuvers During the Rise of the Oil Economy in Bahrain

Wallace Teska, Stanford University (wteska@stanford.edu)

Arbitrating Abolition: Law, Gender, and the End of Slavery in Côte d’Ivoire, 1900-1915

Daniel Vásquez Vega, University of Minnesota (vasqu231@umn.edu)

When Statutes Come to Life: Industrial Accidents and the Judicial Transformation of Colombian Law, 1897-1948

*Herbert A. Johnson Fellow
‡William Novak/University of Michigan Law School Fellow
§John Wertheimer/Davidson College Fellow
†James Whitman/Yale University Law School Fellow

9:00am—5:00pm

The Johnson Program for First Book Authors
(Temple University Beasley School of Law, Klein Hall, Dean’s Conference Room)

This event is closed to the public.

Convener: Christopher Schmidt, Illinois Institute of Technology (cschmidt@kentlaw.iit.edu)

Caleb Smith, Mt. Holyoke College (dcsmith@mtholyoke.edu)

Been On The Shop Floor Too Long: Black Labor After The 1964 Civil Rights Act

Ellen Nye, Harvard University (ellennye@fas.harvard.edu)

Hierarchies of Capital: Monetary Governance in a Globalizing World

Larissa Kopytoff, University of South Florida (kopytoff@usf.edu)

Contested Claims: Law, Islam, and Citizenship in French Colonial Senegal

Noah Rosenblum, New York University (noah.rosenblum@nyu.edu)

Presidential Administration and Democracy, 1877-1939

Sanne Ranvensbergen, University of Michigan (sravens@umich.edu)

Mixed Courts and the Materials of Law in Colonial Indonesia
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

7:30am—9:30am    Breakfast (Independence Ballroom)
7:30am—4:00pm    Registration Outside Salon 8)
7:30am—4:15pm    Exhibits (Independence Ballroom)
7:30am—8:30am    Membership Committee Breakfast (Salon 9)
7:30am—8:30am    Studies in Legal History Editors Breakfast (Salon 10)
12:00pm—1:00pm   Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Lunch (Salon 9)
12:00pm—1:00pm   Law and History Review Lunch (Salon 10)

8:30am—10:00am

Authors Meet Readers: Property, Civil Rights, and Power in the Nineteenth Century
(Liberty C)

Chair: Claire Priest, Yale University (claire.priest@yale.edu)

Readers: Justene Hill Edwards, University of Virginia (jgh7d@virginia.edu), Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania (sbgordon@law.upenn.edu), and Emily Prifogle, University of Michigan (prifogle@umich.edu)

Authors: Laura Edwards, Princeton University (laura.edwards@princeton.edu)
Only the Clothes on Her Back: Clothing and the Hidden History of Power in the Nineteenth-Century United States (Oxford University Press, 2022)

Kate Masur, Northwestern University (kmasur@northwestern.edu) 
Until Justice Be Done: America’s First Civil Rights Movement, From the Revolution to Reconstruction (W.W. Norton, 2021)
Lost and Found: Property between Cultures and Traditions  
(Salons 5 & 6)

Chair: James Whitman, Yale University (james.whitman@yale.edu)  
Commentators: Ada Kuskowski, University of Pennsylvania (akusk@upenn.edu)

Amit Gevaryahu, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (amit.gvaryahu@mail.huji.ac.il)  
Acquiring Property in Rabbinic Literature: Finding as a Paradigm

Daniel Jacobs, Harvard University (djacobs@g.harvard.edu)  
The Obligation to Return Lost Property in the Medieval Ius Commune

Tamara Morsel-Eisenberg, New York University (tm1090@nyu.edu)  
Property, Presumption, and Community

8:30am—10:00am

Sexuality and Crime in the Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century US  
(Philadelphia South)

Chair and Commentator: Sarah Milov, University of Virginia (smilov@virginia.edu)

Grace Li, Ohio State University (grace.li@yale.edu)  
Marriage in Prison

Natalie Shibley, Northeastern University (n.shibley@northeastern.edu)  

Grace Watkins, Yale University (grace.watkins@yale.edu)  
“A Vice Squad of Snoopers”: The Campus Policing of Sexuality

Kellie Wilson-Buford, Arkansas State University (kbuford@astate.edu)  
“Foolish, Incautious and Possibly Provocative Virgin[s]”: Cold War Courts-Martial and the Impossible Burden of Proof Shouldered by Female Victims of US Military Sex Crimes
Spatial Histories of Law, Science, and Technology after World War II

* (Liberty D)

Chair: Katherine Epstein, Rutgers University, Camden (kce17@camden.rutgers.edu)

Commentators: Angela N.H. Creager, Princeton University (creager@princeton.edu), and Christopher Beauchamp, Brooklyn Law School (chris.beauchamp@brooklaw.edu)

**Haris Durrani**, Princeton University (hdurrani@princeton.edu)

*Patenting the Synchronous Communications Satellite: Public, Private, Extraterritorial, 1959-1968*

**Rachel Rothschild**, University of Michigan (rrothsch@umich.edu)

*Juristocracy and Administrative Governance: From Benzene to Climate*

**Katherine Sinclair**, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (kms557@history.rutgers.edu)

*Environmental Protection in the Exclusive Economic Zone: Competing Legal Frameworks for the French Kerguelen Islands*

Authors Meet Readers: State-Building in the Early Modern World: Qing China and Beyond

* (Philadelphia North)

Chairs: Richard Ross, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (rjross@illinois.edu), and Deborah Boucoyannis, George Washington University (dboucoyannis@gwu.edu)

Readers: Madhav Khosla, Columbia University (madhav.khosla@law.columbia.edu), Ajay Mehrotra, Northwestern University (akm@abfn.org), and Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University (aghosh@fas.harvard.edu)

Authors: Maura Dykstra, Yale University (maura.dykstra@yale.edu)

*Uncertainty in the Empire of Routine: The Administrative Revolution of the Eighteenth-Century Qing State* (Harvard University Asia Center, 2022)

Taisu Zhang, Yale University (taisu.zhang@yale.edu)

*The Ideological Foundations of Qing Taxation: Belief Systems, Politics, and Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2023)
Transient Families and the Development of American Law
(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair and Commentator: Kunal Parker, University of Miami (k.parker1@miami.edu)

Yukako Otori, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (yukakootori@gmail.com)
Pasquale’s Death: Foreign-Born Children of Naturalized Citizens and their Immigration Status

Hardeep Dhillon, University of Pennsylvania (dhillonh@sas.upenn.edu)
America’s Immigrant Families: Family Hardship and the Race of Reform, 1921-1940

Doris Brossard, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (doris.brossard@rutgers.edu)
Transients, Family Belonging, and Economic Citizenship During the Great Depression

Kristin Collins, University of Michigan (kaclaw@umich.edu)
Migration and Belonging in the Time of Equality

10:15am—11:45am

Authors Meet Readers: Colonialism and Human Rights
(Liberty D)

Chair: Jedidiah Kroncke, University of Hong Kong (jkroncke@hku.hk)

Readers: Jedidiah Kroncke, University of Hong Kong (jkroncke@hku.hk), and Jack Jin
Gary Lee, The New School for Social Research (jackjin.lee@newschool.edu)

Authors: Michael Ng, University of Hong Kong (michaeln@hku.hk)

Christopher Roberts, Chinese University of Hong Kong (christopher.roberts@cuhk.edu.hk)
10:15am—11:45am

**Documents and Islamic Law in the Early Modern World**

*(Philadelphia South)*

Chair & Commentator: **Faisal Chaudhry**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (fchaudhry@umassd.edu)

- **Heather Ferguson**, Claremont McKenna College (hferguson@cmc.edu)
  - “Citing” the Law and the “Site” of the Archive: Preservationist Practices in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire

- **Dipanjan Mazumder**, Vanderbilt University (dipanjan.mazumder@vanderbilt.edu)
  - Poems of Law: Making a Case for Popular Poetry as an Archive of Islamic Law in Premodern South Asia

- **Du Fei**, Cornell University (df433@cornell.edu)
  - Anthologies, Islamic Law, and Masculinity Between Safavid Iran and Mughal India

10:15am—11:45am

**The Kathryn T. Preyer Award Panel**

*(Philadelphia North)*

Chair: **Juandrea Bates**, Winona State University (juandreabates@gmail.com)

Commentators: **Hendrik Hartog**, Princeton University (hartog@princeton.edu) and **Rowan Dorin**, Stanford University (dorin@stanford.edu)

- **Rebecca Horwitz-Willis**, Harvard University (rhorwitz@g.harvard.edu)
  - “Educating a Class of Unfortunates”: Crime Control, Child Protection, and the Compulsory School Movement, 1888-1903

- **Tamar Menashe**, Emory University (tamar.menashe@emory.edu)
  - A Person of the Imperial Supreme Court: Jewish Litigation in Speyer and the Struggle to Belong
Queering American Family Law
(Liberty C)

Chair and Commentator: **Felicia Kornbluh**, University of Vermont (fkornblu@uvm.edu)

**Briane Felsher**, University of California, Berkeley (brianne_felsher@berkeley.edu)
*Doubtful Divorces: Impotence and Queer Divorce in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century United States*

**Alison Lefkovitz**, New Jersey Institute of Technology (alison.lefkovitz@njit.edu)
*LGBTQ Gold Diggers and Fortune Hunters in Twentieth-Century America*

**Serena Mayeri**, University of Pennsylvania (smayeri@law.upenn.edu)
*The Rise of the Functional Family: Alternative Families, Domestic Partners, and De Facto Parents in the Late Twentieth-Century US*

**Marie-Amelie George**, Wake Forest University (georgemp@wfu.edu)
*Confronting Crisis: Domestic Partnership During the AIDS Epidemic*

10:15am—11:45am

Radical Lawyers in the Cold War and the Sixties
(Horizons Rooftop Ballroom)

Chair and Commentator: **Laura Kalman**, University of California, Santa Barbara (kalman@history.ucsb.edu)

**Catherine Fisk**, University of California, Berkeley (cfisk@berkeley.edu)
*Labor Lawyers and the Struggle for Civil Rights During the Cold War*

**Camilo Lund-Montano**, Whitman College (lundmonc@whitman.edu)
*Debates on Radical Politics and Legal Positionality During the “Long Sixties”*

**Luca Falciola**, Columbia University (luca.falciola@columbia.edu)
*Radical Lawyers in the Global Cold War Context*

**Katherine Brausch**, University of Michigan (kbrausch@umich.edu)
*The Politics of “Bread and Butter”: Movement Lawyers and Compensation Law in 1950s Detroit*
Corporate Charters: Politics and Purpose
(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair and Commentator: Gregory Mark, DePaul University (gmark@depaul.edu)

Chelsi Arellano, Florida State University (carellano@fsu.edu)
Charters and Corporation: Examining the Relationship between British Government and the Company-State in Seventeenth-Century India

Boone Ayala, University of Chicago (booneayala@uchicago.edu)
The Corporation in Restoration England and its Empire: Law and the Politics of the Public Good

Maya Shenoy, University of Chicago (mshenoy@uchicago.edu)
Corporate Proxies: Class Organizing, Law, and Corporate Power in Delaware and the United States Until the New Deal

10:15am—11:45am

Transnational Legal Arenas in the Indian Ocean
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair: Kalyani Ramnath, University of Georgia (kalyaniramnath@uga.edu)
Commentator: Will Hanley, Florida State University (whanley@fsu.edu)

Chao Ren, University of Michigan (renchao@umich.edu)
The Making of a Colonial Judge: Staffing, Suspicion, and Spatiality in the Judicial Commission of British Burma

Darren Wan, Cornell University (dw597@cornell.edu)
Citizenship in the Australian Territory of Christmas Island in the Era of Decolonization

Robyn Morse, University of Virginia (rmm9hf@virginia.edu)
Death Divides: The Legal Limits of Family, Citizenship, and Property in the Twentieth-Century Persian Gulf

Manav Kapur, Princeton University (manavkapur.87@gmail.com)
Evacuees Without the Custodian: Evacuee Property Laws on the Eastern Frontier, 1947-1965
12:00pm—1:00pm

**Lunch Break**

Lunch will not be provided, please consult the website for local restaurants nearby.

1:15pm—2:45pm

**Author Meets Reader: Contextualizing China’s Role in the Global Legal Order**

*(Philadelphia North)*

Chair and Reader: **Preston Jordan Lim**, Villanova University (preston.lim@law.villanova.edu)

Authors: **Ryan Mitchell**, Chinese University of Hong Kong (ryan.mitchell@cuhk.edu.hk)  
*Recentering the World: China and the Transformation of International Law (Cambridge University Press, 2022)*

1:15pm—2:45pm

**Roundtable: Celebrating the Life and Work of Laurie M. Wood (1985-2023): Rethinking Colonial Legal Regimes in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds**

*(Salon 3 & 4)*

Chair: **Mitra Sharafi**, University of Wisconsin, Madison (mitra.sharafi@wisc.edu)

Presenters: **Elizabeth Cross**, Georgetown University (elizabeth.cross@georgetown.edu)  
**Mallory Hope**, Yale University (mallory.hope@yale.edu)  
**Ada Kuskowski**, University of Pennsylvania (akusk@upenn.edu)  
**Jane Manners**, Temple University (jane.manners@temple.edu)  
**Tamar Menashe**, Emory University (tamar.menashe@emory.edu)
Legal Resistance to the National Security State

*Liberty D*

**Chair:** Sam Erman, University of Michigan (samerman@umich.edu)

**Commentator:** Mary L. Dudziak, Emory University (mary.dudziak@emory.edu)

- **Mary Mitchell,** University of Toronto (m.mitchell@utoronto.ca)
  *Sea Changes: Nonviolent Direct Action & the Problem of US Atmospheric Nuclear Blasting, 1957-1960*

- **Megan Threlkeld,** Denison University (threlkeldm@denison.edu)
  *“To Cease Being a Nation of Sheep”: Draft Counseling as Legal Resistance*

- **Andrew Lanham,** Harvard University (alanham@law.harvard.edu)

Rethinking Race in American Legal Education

*Liberty C*

**Chair:** Monica Bell, Yale University (monica.bell@yale.edu)

**Commentator:** Maggie Blackhawk, New York University (blackhawk@nyu.edu)

- **Geneva Smith,** Princeton University (gajsmith@princeton.edu)
  *Lawmaking in the Liminal: Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure in the Transition from Slavery to Freedom*

- **Darrell Miller,** Duke University (dmiller@law.duke.edu)
  *Black History as Originalist History*

- **Khiara Bridges,** University of California, Berkeley (khiara.m.bridges@berkeley.edu)
  *Race in the Roberts Court*

- **Brittany Farr,** New York University (bfarr@nyu.edu)
  *Finding and Teaching Race in Contract Law*
Uncovering the Other Side of Sudanese Legal History: A Collection of Rare Findings from Archival Sources
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair and Commentator: TBD

Hengameh Ziai, SOAS, University of London (hz12@soas.ac.uk)
When Turks became Infidels: Transformations in Shari’a and Qanun in Ottoman Sudan

Eloïse Girard, CEDEJ-K (eloise.girardlestunff@gmail.com)
The Making of the Citizen in Time of Colonial Decline, 1944-1957

Subaltern Actors and Legal Transformations in the Andes (Seventeenth – Nineteenth Centuries)
(Philadelphia South)

Chair and Commentator: Mónica Ricketts, Temple University (mrickett@temple.edu)

Aude Argouse, Universidad de Chile (oddargo@gmail.com)
A Very Modern Policy: Cajamarca, Not Yet a Town, But Not a Village Anymore, 1610-1690

Renzo Honores, Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Sociedad (r honoresg@gmail.com)
Alberto Chosop: Indigenous Facilitator in the Audiencia of Lima, 1762-1776

Silvia Escanilla-Huerta, Harvard University (silviaescanillahuerta@gmail.com)
Cádiz and the Jurisdictional Revolution in the Viceroyalty of Peru, 1812-1823

José Carlos Fernández, Harvard University (josec.fernandez@pucp.edu.pe)
Spaces of Informality in Afro-Peruvian Neighborhoods in Nineteenth-Century Lima, Peru
Legal History as Biography; Biography as Legal History
(Philadelphia North)

Chair and Commentator: Sue Peabody, Washington State University (speabody@wsu.edu)

Sara McDougall, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and City University of New York Graduate Center (smcdougall@jjay.cuny.edu)
A Survivor Speaks: Listening to Jehanne from Lorraine in Late Medieval Dijon, Burgundy

Kelly Kennington, Auburn University (kennington@auburn.edu)
The Mind of Susan Wray

Kimberly Welch, Vanderbilt University (kimberly.m.welch@vanderbilt.edu)
Eulalie Mandeville, Her Legacy, and the Legal Archive in Antebellum New Orleans

3:00pm—4:30pm

Shari’a and Colonial Futures: Visions of Islamic Law in the Late-Colonial Polity (Nigeria, Morocco, and Egypt)
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair and Commentator: Raha Rafii, The New School and University of Exeter (raharafi@gmail.com)

Rabiat Akande, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (rakande@osgoode.yorku.ca)
Legitimating “Modern” Islamic Law: Decolonization and the Making of Northern Nigeria

Ari Schriber, Utrecht University (a.d.schriber@uu.nl)
A Hierarchy of Islamic Law: Reimagining Judicial Review in Colonial-Era Moroccan Shari’a Courts

Samy Ayoub, University of Texas, Austin (sayoub@utexas.edu)
Islamic Law as National Genius: Law as a Language in Early Twentieth-Century Egypt
The Search for Order: Law, the State, and Democracy in the Progressive Era
(Liberty C)

Chair and Commentator: Noah Rosenblum, New York University (nr2267@nyu.edu)

Andrea Katz, Washington University in St. Louis (andrea.katz@wustl.edu)
All Roads Lead to the White House: How the Turn-of-the-Century President “Solved” the Separation-of-Powers

Rephael Stern, Harvard University (rstern01@g.harvard.edu)
The Tragedy of James Bradley Thayer

Evelyn Atkinson, Tulane University (ematkinson@uchicago.edu)
Colorless Corporations: Evading Jim Crow through Corporate Personhood

Laura Savarese, Yale University (laura.savarese@yale.edu)
Taking the Child-Savers to Court: Habeas Litigation and the Creation of Public Family Law in the Progressive Era

What Counts as Evidence? Text, Image, Performance in / as Legal History
(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair: Julie Stone Peters, Columbia University (peters@columbia.edu)

Commentator: Jesús Velasco, Yale University (jesus.velasco@yale.edu)

Elizabeth Anker, Cornell University (aner@cornell.edu)
Reading the Archive of the Literary

Isobel Roele, Queen Mary University of London (i.roele@qmul.ac.uk)
How to Do Things with Pictures

Anna Lvovsky, Harvard University (alvovsky@law.harvard.edu)
A Window or a Curtain: The Role of Cultural Sources in Legal History

Mugambi Jouet, University of Southern California (mjouet@law.usc.edu)
The Evolution of Criminal Justice and Literature: A Symbiotic Relationship
Implementing Empire: Courts, Claims, and Sovereignty in the Anglo-American World, 1713-1820

(Philadelphia South)

Chair and Commentator: **Gregory Ablavsky**, Stanford University (ablavsky@law.stanford.edu)

**Kevin Arlyck**, Georgetown University (kevin.arlyck@georgetown.edu)
*From Independence to Empire: The Federal Courts and the Remaking of American Sovereignty, 1789-1820*

**Christian Burset**, University of Notre Dame (cburset@nd.edu)
*Common Law and American Empire*

**Eliga Gould**, University of New Hampshire (chg@unh.edu)
“As Far as the Canaries”? Longitude, Prize Law, and the Anglo-American Armistice of 1783

**Helen Shears**, Duke University (hs243@duke.edu)
*Treaty Renewal in the Mediterranean and Mi’gma’gi: The Peace of Utrecht and Colonial Legal Orders in the Early British Empire*

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Women’s Rights Beyond the Nineteenth Amendment: An Analysis of Federal and State Legal Reforms for Bodily and Political Autonomy

(Liberty D)

Chair: **Leigh Ann Wheeler**, Binghamton University (SUNY) (lwheeler@binghamton.edu)

Commentator: **Kara Swanson**, Northeastern University (k.swanson@northeastern.edu)

**Magdalene Zier**, Stanford University (mzier@stanford.edu)
*How Comstockery Went West: Federalism, Women’s Rights, and the Western Society for the Suppression of Vice*

**Lisa Tetrault**, Carnegie Mellon University (tetrault@andrew.cmu.edu)
*Words Matter: Fighting Over the Language of the Nineteenth Amendment*

**Kimberly Hamlin**, Miami University (hamlinka@miamioh.edu)
*Race, Sex, and State: Age of Consent Campaigns of the 1890s and the Limits of State-Based Legal Reforms*

**Lauren Maclvor Thompson**, Kennesaw State University (lthom182@kennesaw.edu)
*Maternalist Politics: The Women’s Joint Congressional Committee, the League of Women Voters, and the Passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act, 1921*
Buses Depart for University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School: 4:35pm
Buses will depart from in front of the conference hotel. They will return to the hotel starting at 7:30pm. Penn Carey Law School is located at 3501 Sansom Street in Philadelphia.

5:15pm—6:30pm

PLenary Address

Hidden Histories of Black Civil Rights

*University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Fitts Auditorium*

Presenter: Dylan Penningroth, University of California, Berkeley (dcap@law.berkeley.edu)

6:45pm—8:15pm

ASLH Reception

*(University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Silverman Hall, Great Hall and Haaga Lounge)*
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

7:30am–8:30am  Breakfast (Independence Ballroom)
7:30am–12:00pm Registration (Outside Salon 8)
7:30am–5:00pm  Exhibits (Independence Ballroom)
7:30am–8:30am  Graduate Student Outreach Committee Meeting
                (Franklin Room)
7:30am–8:30am  Publications Committee Meeting (Salon 10)
7:30am–8:30am  Program Committee Chairs Meeting (Salon 9)
12:00pm–12:30pm Lunch Break (Liberty AB)
12:30pm–2:00pm  Awards Ceremony (Liberty AB)

8:30am—10:00am

Authors Meet Readers: Felix Frankfurter, FDR, and the Court
Packing Bill: Revising Revisions
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair: Maeva Marcus, George Washington University (mmarcus@law.gwu.edu)
Readers: Barry Cushman, University of Notre Dame (barry.cushman@nd.edu), and
Jonathan Lurie, Rutgers University (jlurie@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)
Authors: Laura Kalman, University of California, Santa Barbara (kalman@history.ucsb.edu)
FDR’s Gambit: The Court Packing Fight and the Rise of Legal Liberalism (Oxford
University Press, 2022)
Brad Snyder, Georgetown University (brad.snyder@law.georgetown.edu)
Democratic Justice: Felix Frankfurter, the Supreme Court, and the Making of the
Liberal Establishment (W.W. Norton, 2022)
Building Community to Sustain Scholars: A Panel on the Practical “How-To” of Writing Groups
(Philadelphia North)

Chair: Barbara Welke, University of Minnesota (welke004@umn.edu)

Linda Kerber, University of Iowa (linda-kerber@uiowa.edu)
Accountability Focused Writing Groups

Alison Lefkovitz, New Jersey Institute of Technology (alison.lefkovitz@njit.edu)
Writing the Second Book

Siobhan Barco, Princeton University (sbarco@princeton.edu)
Exchange and Critique Focused Writing Groups

8:30am—10:00am

Roundtable: New Trends in Latin American Legal History
(Liberty D)

Chair: Marcela Echeverri, Yale University (marcela.echeverri@yale.edu)

Amy Chazkel, Columbia University (ac2227@columbia.edu)
Cities and Rights in Latin American History

Melissa Teixeira, University of Pennsylvania (mteixeir@sas.upenn.edu)
Law and Everyday Economic Life

Juan Arboleda, University of Pennsylvania (jiarbol@sas.upenn.edu)
Popular Constitutionalism and Democracy in Latin America

Mariana Diaz, Yale University (mariana.diazchalela@yale.edu)
Law and Property in the Developmental State
Rethinking Legal Pluralism: Conflict, Concession, and Coordination during Late Imperial and Modern China, 1644-1950

(Philadelphia South)

Chair & Commentator: Jenny Huangfu Day, Skidmore College (jhuangfu@skidmore.edu)

Nora Yitong Qiu, University of Oxford (yitong.qiu@history.ox.ac.uk)
Xiaoyun Tang, London School of Economics and Political Science (x.tang13@lse.ac.uk)
Seizing the Pawn: A Social Network Analysis of Confiscation Practices in Late Imperial Qing China, 1700-1912

Chenxi Luo, Washington University in St. Louis (chenxiluo@wustl.edu)
Punishing Fugitives and Harborers: How was the Manchu Slavery Law Adapted to the Han Chinese Society?

Shumeng Han, University of California, San Diego (s6han@ucsd.edu)
Xiangyi Ren, University of Chicago (xren9@uchicago.edu)
Mothers at the Crossroad: Gender-generational Inequality during Republican China’s Legal Reforms

Shuhui Zhou, University of Washington (suuz@uw.edu)
The Sacred Red and Communist Red: Vernacular Religion and Rebellion in the Lawless Frontier of Southwest China
Surveilling, Preventing, and Detecting: Social Knowledge, Law, and the Police in the British Empire (Britain, India and Australia, 1780s-1900s)
(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair: Arielle Alterwaite, University of Pennsylvania (ariellea@sas.upenn.edu)
Commentator: Francis Dodsworth, Kingston University London (f.dodsworth@kingston.ac.uk)

Eleanor Bland, Oxford Brookes University (ebland@brookes.ac.uk)
Agents of Colonial Rule: Colonial Policing in Western Australia and Queensland and Its Contemporary Legacies

Matilde Cazzola, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (cazzola@lhlt.mpg.de)
The Philanthropic Policing of Poverty: London Charities, Social Knowledge and Crime Prevention

Uponita Mukherjee, Fordham University (umukherjee1@fordham.edu)
Detection at the Edge of Surveillance: Knowing and Policing Crime in British India and England

8:30am—10:00am

Women and Property in Anglo-America
(Liberty C)

Chair and Commentator: Hendrik Hartog, Princeton University (hartog@princeton.edu)

Kristin Olbertson, Alma College (olbertson@alma.edu)
“I Doe Remember”: The Role of Women’s Testimony in Proving Property Ownership in Eighteenth-Century New England

Lindsay Keiter, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona (lmk227@psu.edu)
Domestic Violence and Women’s Property Claims in Antebellum America

Francis Boorman, University of London (francisboorman@hotmail.com)
“Have I no remedy?” – “No remedy in LAW”: Women’s Experiences of Arbitration in Nineteenth-Century England
The History of ‘History and Tradition’ in *Dobbs v Jackson*
*Women’s Health Organization*
*(Philadelphia North)*

Chair and Commentator: **Jack Balkin**, Yale University (jack.balkin@yale.edu)

Commentator: **Cary Franklin**, University of California, Los Angeles (franklin@law.ucla.edu)

**Melissa Murray**, New York University (murraym@mercury.law.nyu.edu)
*Historicizing Democracy on the Road to Fetal Personhood in Dobbs*

**Reva Siegel**, Yale University (reva.siegel@yale.edu)
*The History of History and Tradition: The Roots of Dobbs’s Method (and Originalism) in the Defense of Segregation*

**Aaron Tang**, University of California, Davis (aatang@ucdavis.edu)
*Lessons from Lawrence: How “History” Gave Us Dobbs—and How History Can Help Overrule It*

**Mary Ziegler**, University of California, Davis (mziegler@ucdavis.edu)
*The Social-Movement History of “Tradition”: Dobbs, Coalition-Building, and Constitutional Doctrine on the Right*

Authors Meet Readers: Law, Property, and Gender in the Atlantic World
*(Liberty C)*

Chair: **Michelle McKinley**, University of Oregon (michelle@uoregon.edu)

Readers: **Hilary Jones**, University of Kentucky (hilary.jones@uky.edu), **Michelle McKinley**, University of Oregon (michelle@uoregon.edu), and **Mariana Dias Paes**, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (diaspaes@lhlt.mpg.de)

Authors: **Mariana Candido**, Emory University (mariana.pinho.candido@emory.edu),

**Adriana Chira**, Emory University (adriana.chira@emory.edu),
*Patchwork Freedom: Law, Slavery, and Race Beyond Cuba’s Plantations* (Cambridge University Press, 2022)
10:15am—11:45pm

Roundtable: Case Files as Sources for Exploring New Avenues in Welfare, Carceral, and Disability History  
(Philadelphia South)

Chair: **Susanna Blumenthal**, University of Minnesota (blume047@umn.edu)

Presenters: **Allie Goodman**, University of Michigan (alliego@umich.edu)  
**Julie Mullican**, University of Notre Dame (jmullica@nd.edu)  
**Naama Maor**, Tel Aviv University (nmaor@tauex.tau.ac.il)  
**Brooke Depenbusch**, University of Illinois, Springfield (bdepe2@uis.edu)

10:15am—11:45pm

Law on the Ground in Roman Italy  
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair and Commentator: **Natalie B. Dohrmann**, University of Pennsylvania (dohrmann@sas.upenn.edu)

**Leanne Bablitz**, University of British Columbia (leanne.bablitz@ubc.ca)  
*“I Must be Seen to be Believed”: The Public Posting of Roman Legal Documents*

**Zachary Herz**, University of Colorado, Boulder (zachary.herz@colorado.edu)  
*Law Without Order in Cassius Dio’s Italy*

**Carlos Noreña**, University of California, Berkeley (norena@berkeley.edu)  
*Law-Making and Citizenship in Julius Caesar’s Italy*
Legal Performances in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Courts, Documents, and Violence
(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair: Rowan Dorin, Stanford University (dorin@stanford.edu)

Yanay Israeli, University of Michigan (israeli@umich.edu)
Performances of Claim-Making in Late Medieval Castile: A View from the Petition and Response Process

Ron Makleff, Middlebury College (rmakleff@berkeley.edu)
Law and Community: Performing Horizontal Alliance in Late Medieval Urban Brabant

Sarina Kuersteiner, Union College (kuerstes@union.edu)
Liturgical Texts and Contracts in the Memoriali Registers of Bologna, 1265-1436

Roundtable: Local Government and Legal History
(Liberty D)

Chair: K-Sue Park, Georgetown University (ksue.park@georgetown.edu)

Jane Manners, Temple University (jane.manners@temple.edu)
Local Government and Civil Service Reform

Felipe Cole, Boston College (felipe.cole@bc.edu)
Municipal Debt

Brian Highsmith, Princeton University (bdhighsmith@gmail.com)
Antitrust and Local Government

Daniel Farbman, Boston College (farbman@bc.edu)
Towns or Counties: The History of Local Government Formation
12:00pm–2:00pm

Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

*(Liberty AB Ballroom)*

Boxed lunches will be available from 12:00pm to 12:30pm

The Awards Ceremony is a plenary event that begins at 12:30pm. President Michael Willrich will deliver remarks on the state of the society, followed by book and article prize presentations, and announcements of distinguished honorary fellows. All are warmly invited to attend.

2:15pm–3:45pm

Roundtable: Critical Legal History in Graphic Narratives: Scholarly, Pedagogical, and Creative Perspectives

*(Liberty C)*

Chair: Almas Khan, University of Mississippi (abkhan@stanfordalumni.org)

Panelists: Rachel Marie-Crane Williams, University of North Carolina School of the Arts (williamsra@uncsa.edu)

Jorge Santos, College of the Holy Cross (jsantos@holycross.edu)

Rebecca Bratspies, City University of New York (bratspies@law.cuny.edu)

Robert Sikoryak, The New School (rsikoryak@me.com)
Developing Good Judgment and Expertise: Early American Officials and the Acquisition of Legal Knowledge

(Liberty D)

Chair: Sarah Gronningsater, University of Pennsylvania (gronning@sas.upenn.edu)
Commentator: Sally Hadden, Western Michigan University (sally.hadden@wmich.edu)

Nicole Breault, University of Texas, El Paso (nabreault@utep.edu)
“As You Shall Judge Best”: Discretion, Legal Knowledge, and Watchkeeping in Eighteenth-Century Boston

Isaac Lee, University of Wisconsin, Madison (ijlee@wisc.edu)
Taxing Bondage and the “Good Judgement” of New England’s Constables

Chad Holmes, West Virginia University (crholmes@mix.wvu.edu)

Kristin O’Brassill-Kulfan, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (kristin.obrassillkulfan@rutgers.edu)

Unprotected Childhood and Regulated Families in Twentieth-Century US

(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair: David Tanenhaus, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (david.tanenhaus@unlv.edu)
Commentator: Tera Agyepong, Depaul University (t.agyepong@depaul.edu)

Doris Morgan Rueda, Stanford University (dmrueda@law.stanford.edu)
Rescuing the Ouija Board Slayer: Youth, Gender, and Sexual Violence at the Randolph Industrial School for Girls

William Bush, Texas A&M University, San Antonio (wbush@tamusa.edu)
Aggravating Childhoods: Race and the Misuse of Juvenile Records in the Era of Capital Punishment

Mical Raz, University of Rochester (micalraz@rochester.edu)
Out of Time: How the Adoption and Safe Families Act Set an Expiration Date on Parenthood
Author Meets Readers: Power and Justice in Medieval England

*(Salon 3 & 4)*

Chair: **Thomas McSweeney**, College of William & Mary (tjmcsweeney@wm.edu)

Readers: **Janet Loengard**, Moravian University (j.loengard@verizon.net), **Margaret McGlynn**, Western University (mmcglyn@uwo.ca), and **Karl Shoemaker**, University of Wisconsin, Madison (kbshoemaker@wisc.edu)

Author: **Joshua Tate**, Southern Methodist University (jctate@mail.smu.edu)

*Power and Justice in Medieval England: The Law of Patronage and the Royal Courts*  
(Yale University Press, 2022)

Global Histories of Property and Dispossession: How Expropriation of Farms, Stealing Ancient Lands, and Capitalist Dispossession Shaped the Histories of the US, Socialist Eastern Europe, and Saami Region

*(Philadelphia North)*

Chair and Commentator: **Daniel Hulsebosch**, New York University (daniel.hulsebosch@nyu.edu)

**Greta de Jong**, University of Nevada, Reno (gdejong@unr.edu)

*Black Dispossession and Free Market Failure in the Twentieth-Century United States*

**Kaius Tuori**, University of Helsinki (kaius.tuori@helsinki.fi)

*Indigenous Dispossession, the Inalienability Doctrine, and Legal Primitivism in European Settler Colonialism*

**Heather Menefee**, Northwestern University (heathermenefee2015@u.northwestern.edu)

*Investing in the Apocalypse: Settler Investments in Ho-Chunk and Dakota Dispossession, 1858-1865*

**Ville Erkkilä**, University of Helsinki (ville.erkkila@helsinki.fi)

*Land, Legality and the Almighty State Dispossession in Post-Second World War Eastern Europe*
2:15pm–3:45pm

**Early Career Scholars Lightning Round**
*(Philadelphia South)*

Chair: **Amy Dru Stanley**, University of Chicago (adstanle@uchicago.edu)

- **Antonio Grilli**, e-campus University, Rome (antonio.grilli@telenet.be)
  *Napoleon and Europe: The Difficult Amalgamation*

- **Jose Argueta Funes**, University of California, Berkeley (jeaf@berkeley.edu)
  *Horses, Leases, and the Meaning of Hawaiian Property Reform*

- **Abby Morris**, Davidson College (abmorris@davidson.edu)
  *White v. Kwok Sue Lum: Chinese Adoption and US Immigration Law in the Exclusion Era*

- **Daniel Vasquez Vega**, University of Minnesota (vasqu231@umn.edu)
  *Courts and Industrial Accidents: The Judicial Transformation of Colombian Tort Law, 1887-1939*

- **Shani Schnitzer**, Tel Aviv University (schnitzer1@tauex.tau.ac.il) [presenting author]

- **Binyamin Blum**, University of California Law San Francisco (blumb@uchastings.edu)
  *The Colonial Origins of the Israeli Offense of Rape-by-Deception*

- **Adriane Sanctis de Brito**, LAUT Center for the Analysis of Liberties and Authoritarianism (adriane.sanctis@gmail.com)
  *Peace and Prize: Slave Trade Suppression in Nineteenth-Century International Legal Imagination*

- **Oyinade Adekunle**, McMaster University (adekuno@mcmaster.ca)
  *Escaping the Gallows: Commutation of Execution in British West-African Colonies*

- **Mina Khalil**, University of Pennsylvania (mikhalil@sas.upenn.edu)
  *Suicide and the Transformation of Public Prosecution in Modern Egypt*

- **Emmanuel Osayande**, Columbia University (osayande@g.harvard.edu)

- **Amalia Perez Martin**, Sacramento State University (a.perezmartin@csus.edu)
  *Legal Mobilization under Authoritarianism: The Case of Revolutionary Cuba, 1953-1959*
Authors Meet Readers: Law, History, and Political Economy
(Salon 5 & 6)

Chair: Sophia Lee, University of Pennsylvania (slee@law.upenn.edu)

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Authors: William J. Novak, University of Michigan (wnovak@umich.edu)

William Forbath, University of Texas School of Law (wforbath@law.utexas.edu)

Agency and Imprisonment in Early Modern Britain: Prison Architecture, Habeas Corpus, and the Criminalization of Smuggling
(Liberty D)

Chair and Commentator: Simon Devereaux, University of Victoria (devereau@uvic.ca)

Sarah Winter, University of Connecticut (sarah.winter@uconn.edu)
Coverture Suspended?: Contesting the Private Detention of Free and Enslaved Married Women by Habeas Corpus in Late Eighteenth-Century Britain

Lisa Haber-Thomson, Harvard University (haberthomson@fas.harvard.edu)
How to Get Out of Jail: Spatial Narratives of Habeas Corpus in the Seventeenth Century

David Chan Smith, Wilfrid Laurier University (dasmith@wlu.ca)
Crime and Payment: Monetary Penalties, Imprisonment and Customs Enforcement in Early Modern Britain
Global Histories of Law Books and Knowledge

(Philadelphia North)

Chair: Ryan Greenwood, University of Minnesota (rgreenwo@umn.edu)
Commentator: Assaf Likhovski, Tel Aviv University (likhovsk@tauex.tau.ac.il)

Asheesh Kapur Siddique, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (asiddique@umass.edu)
*Book History and the Origins of American Legal “Science”*

Mitch Fraas, University of Pennsylvania (fraas@upenn.edu)
*“Some are Misguided by the Printed Forms in the Shops”: Producing Law in Bulk Form Publication*

Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin, Madison (mitra.sharafi@wisc.edu)
*The Global Travels of K.J Rustomji’s Law Books*

Alex Reiss-Sorokin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (rsalex@mit.edu)
*Trust in Search: Credibility and Confidence in Early Computerized Legal Research, 1967-1970*

Secular Work and Ritual Duties in Islamic Law and Ethics

(Salon 3 & 4)

Chair: Felicitas Opwis, Georgetown University (felicitas.opwis@georgetown.edu)
Commentator: Fahad Bishara, University of Virginia (bishara@virginia.edu)

Luke Yarbrough, University of California, Los Angeles (lukeyarbrough@humnet.ucla.edu)
*Rural Labor and State Law in the Abbasid Empire: The Case of the Mu‘ta‘idī New Year*

Marion Katz, New York University (marion.katz@nyu.edu)
*Worship as Work: Proxy Pilgrimage Contracts in Islamic Legal Thought*

Adnan Zulfiqar, Rutgers University (adnan.zulfiqar@rutgers.edu)
*Sacred Labor: Religious Duties as Work in Medieval Islamic Law*

Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University (leor.halevi@vanderbilt.edu)
*Lawful Work in the West: Exit, Voice, and Loyalty in Salafist Thought*
4:00pm–5:30pm

LGBTQ+ Legal Exclusion: How Did We Get Here?
*(Philadelphia South)*

Chair and Commentator: **Margot Canaday**, Princeton University (mcanaday@princeton.edu)

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- **Courtney Bither**, University of California, Berkeley (cbither@berkeley.edu)

- **Shay Olmstead**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (solmstead@umass.edu)
  *Cementing a ‘Cis State’: Writing Transsexuals out of Disability Law, 1971-1992*

- **Nikita Shepard**, Columbia University (ns3307@columbia.edu)
  *From “Potty Parity” to “No Men in Women’s Bathrooms”: The Shifting Legal Landscape of Gendered Bathroom Access, 1972-2015*

4:00pm–5:30pm

Unexpected Legacies of Anti-Discrimination Law
*(Liberty C)*

Chair and Commentator: **Lynda Dodd**, Princeton University (lyndadodd@princeton.edu)

- **Ofra Bloch**, Tel Aviv University (ofraboch@tauex.tau.ac.il)
  *The End of Affirmative Action—It is Not the How of It, But the Why of It*

- **Katie Eyer**, Rutgers University (kre22@camden.rutgers.edu)

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- **Kate Redburn**, Columbia Law School (krr2105@columbia.edu)
  *Freedom of the Church: The Evangelical Roots of The Ministerial Exemption*

6:00pm—8:00pm

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Plenary Lecture:  
Hidden Histories of Black Civil Rights (University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Fitts Auditorium)  
Presenter: Dylan Penningroth, University of California

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8:30am to 9:30am, Breakfast in Independence Ballroom

Annual Awards Ceremony and Luncheon (Liberty AB Ballroom)  
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