

2025 Annual Meeting Program

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2025 PLENARY LECTURER

Lisa Ford



Lisa Ford is Endowed Professor of Modern British Imperial History at George Washington University. She is a long-time member of the ASLH, having first presented her work at the annual meeting as a graduate student in 2006. More recently, she has served on the Cromwell Dissertation and Wallace Johnson award committees, and as coeditor of the society's Studies in Legal History series. A graduate of Columbia University in New York, her work centers on ideas and practices of order in the post-1763 British Empire and the early national United States. She is the prize-winning author of four monographs: Settler Sovereignty: Jurisdiction and Indigenous People in America and Australia, 1788-1836 (2010); Rage for Order: The British Empire and the Origins of International Law, 1800-1850 (2016), co-authored with Professor Lauren Benton; The King's Peace: Law and Order in the British Empire (2021); and Inquiring into Empire: Colonial Commissions and British Imperial Reform, 1819-1833 (2025), co-authored with Professor Kirsten McKenzie, Dr Naomi Parkinson and Professor David Andrew Roberts. Ford is currently working on a history of emergency law and executive power in the English-speaking world from the eighteenth century onwards.

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ASLH PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear ASLH colleagues

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History! I am especially thankful for the opportunity to gather this year.

We are meeting for the first time in Detroit! On behalf of the Society, I extend my warm thanks to our local supporting and sponsoring institutions. On Thursday, Detroit Mercy College of Law will be hosting the Student Research Colloquium and the Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors. The Society's graduate student and early career programs are vital to the intellectual and professional lives of the individual participating scholars, to the future of the field of legal history, and to the Society's dynamism. I am also grateful to



the Department of History at Wayne State University for hosting this year's two important pre-conference symposia: "Queer Legal History" and "Imperial Administration: Law, Colonialism and the Growth of the U.S. Administrative State."

We are fortunate this year to have support for all three of our evening receptions which are so important in providing an opportunity to reconnect with friends, make new connections, and continue conversations begun in panels earlier in the day. Wayne State University Law School is providing financial support for the Opening Reception on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon we hold the annual plenary lecture, the one time during the conference that we all gather for a lecture and shared scholarly event. We are deeply appreciative to the University of Michigan Law School for its sponsorship of the post-plenary reception that evening. And on Saturday evening, Michigan State University College of Law is supporting the closing reception. As those of you who have attended the ASLH before well know, the receptions at the close of each day are crucial to the success of the annual meeting. Thank you to all these extraordinary institutions for their generous support.

One of the greatest rewards of serving as president is seeing first-hand the commitment members have to each other, to the field of legal history, and to the Society and the concrete reflection of that commitment in the countless hours of volunteer labor members give to Society work. I thank my fellow officers for their knowledge, expertise, good humor and daily labors to keep the Society running and in good order. I thank the editors, chairs, and members of the many ASLH committees whose talent, dedication, and hard work have built

and sustain the high caliber of the Society's journal, *Law and History Review*, and book series, Studies in Legal History. I thank all those who make successful our signature programs for early career scholars: the Student Research Colloquium, the Early Career (Virtual) Legal History Workshop, the Hurst Institute, and Wallace Johnson First Book Program. I thank those who make possible and lead virtual initiatives that allow us to build and sustain community through the year and across the globe, including our monthly book series for discussing new works in the field, Making Connections: New Works in Legal History, and our first themed virtual workshops. I thank all those who give hours of time to reading research proposals, dissertations, articles, and books as members of prize and fellowship committees, and those who think across the careers of leaders in the field for nominations to the Society's highest honor: Honorary Fellows. I thank those whose creativity, initiative, and work generates new sources of financial support to sustain our many programs into the future. And I thank the many whose financial gifts to the Society's endowed programs assure that the vibrancy our field and Society enjoys today will continue into the future.

The annual meeting is the culminating event of the volunteer labor of members that is carried on throughout the year. I especially want to thank the 2025 Program Committee, co-chaired by Deborah Dinner and Jessica Marglin, who have assembled an outstanding program that showcases the dynamism and breadth of the field of legal history. Thank you to the Standing Committee on the Annual Meeting, chaired by Justin Simard, and the former chair Joanna Grisinger, for their work in bringing this meeting to Detroit this year. And many thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Sam Erman, for the warm welcome they have given us to Detroit. I thank all those who well after they have completed a formal term on a committee or office are ready at a moment's notice to offer counsel, wisdom, how-tos, and support. And I am grateful to all those who over the decades have dedicated themselves to building a Society that is open, generous, inclusive, and supportive. We are extraordinarily fortunate in our community.

I look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

Barbara Young Welke

Distinguished McKnight University Professor, University of Minnesota President, American Society for Legal History

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL



On behalf of the University of Michigan, it's my pleasure to welcome you to Detroit for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History. This city, with its remarkable legal and cultural legacy, offers an inspiring backdrop for your conversations and collaborations.

At Michigan Law, we are fortunate to house a thriving scholarly community of legal historians. Our faculty and students explore the history of the United States and the wider Americas. They look further backward to ancient Roman law and the laws of Medieval Europe, and further overseas to the history of Chinese legal frameworks and institutions, among others. We also host the

University of Michigan's Program in Race, Law, and History, an interdisciplinary program dedicated to research and teaching across these lines of intellectual inquiry.

On the occasion of her retirement, we would especially like to recognize and celebrate Rebecca Scott's many important contributions to supporting the field of legal history here at Michigan Law and as past-president of the Society. In addition, several faculty members have given their time to help organize this year's events, including Bill Novak on Michigan Law's sponsorship of the plenary session, Kristin Collins on the program committee, Sam Erman and Naomi Lamoreaux on the local arrangements committee, and Emily Prifogle as the incoming Society secretary. Many more Michigan faculty and graduate students appear on this year's program and serve on the Society's other committees.

We also extend our thanks to the Society's Standing Committee on the Annual Meeting, the Program Committee, the Local Arrangements Committee, and the Local Resource Team for their efforts in organizing this conference. Michigan Law is honored to host the plenary reception, and we thank you for enriching the ongoing dialogue in legal history. We wish you a productive meeting and a memorable time in Detroit.

Warmly,

Neel U. Sukhatme David A. Breach Dean of Law Professor of Law

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW



Esteemed colleagues,

On behalf of Michigan State University College of Law, I am pleased to welcome you to Detroit for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History.

Detroit is central to our own law school's history: MSU Law traces its roots to the Detroit College of Law, founded here in 1891 as Michigan's first independent law school. We are honored that the Society has chosen Detroit for this year's gathering.

MSU Law is home to a vibrant community of interdisciplinary scholars in many areas of study, including education, history, microbiology, philosophy, political science, and social policy. The scholarship of our legal historians continues to influence modern legal practice and education,

underscoring the value of historical inquiry into law in modern society. Professor Justin Simard's *Citing Slavery Project* uncovers the ways in which American courts and legal practitioners rely on cases involving enslaved people. Professor Laura Savarese traces the historical role of children in reshaping evidentiary doctrine and constitutional rights, and Professor Noga Morag-Levine studies the comparative legal history of environmental and public health regulation.

My own research into the history of federal courts and administrative adjudication reflects a conviction I know many of you share – that history is essential to a just and effective legal system.

This year's meeting marks an important transition for the Society, as Barbara Welke concludes her service as President and Mitra Sharafi of the University of Wisconsin begins her term. This Big Ten connection emphasizes the bonds of scholarship and collegiality that link our institutions.

Detroit has long been a city of innovation, resilience, and transformation. It put the world on wheels, welcomed generations during the Great Migration, and gave birth to the Motown sound that has shaped global culture. It is a fitting place for scholars of legal history to gather and exchange ideas.

While you're here, I hope you have time to experience some of our city's rich history. Enjoy the conference. And please join us at the closing reception, which MSU Law is proudly sponsoring.

Sincerely,

Michael Sant'Ambrogio

Dean and Red Cedar Distinguished Professor Michigan State University College of Law

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL



Dear colleagues,

On behalf of Wayne State University Law School, it is my honor to welcome you to Detroit for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History. We are proud to sponsor this year's opening reception and to host the pre-conference symposium in our University Student Center.

Legal history matters to us at Wayne Law. In addition

to scholarly work in the field produced by our faculty members, our law school houses centers and archives helping to steward and share important legal historical work. The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights preserves the papers of Judge Keith and other leaders in the African American legal community, offering invaluable resources for scholars of civil rights and social justice. The Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, now celebrating its tenth anniversary, curates extensive collections of congressional oversight materials and produces scholarship and public programming that shed new light on accountability in American governance. Its work includes a pathbreaking "Portraits in Oversight" series that brings to life important oversight investigations in our country's history. These initiatives exemplify Wayne Law's mission to connect rigorous scholarship with pressing civic challenges.

Beyond the law school, Detroit and Wayne State University offer a wealth of historical and archival resources. The Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History house extensive records of the city's legal and cultural life. At Wayne State, the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, home to the largest labor archives in North America, offers rich materials on the history of unions, industry, and urban development. Our proximity to Michigan's courts, auto industry, and civic institutions provides fertile ground for research and exploration, and we are proud to collaborate with historians across the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in advancing this work.

We are delighted that this year's meeting brings legal historians from around the world to Detroit. We hope that you will find the conference intellectually stimulating and that you also take time to enjoy the city's rich cultural, historical, and architectural heritage. From the Detroit Institute of Arts to Motown, from our historic neighborhoods to our resurgent downtown, Detroit offers a unique setting for conversations about law and history.

Thank you for joining us here. We are honored to welcome you, and we look forward to the ideas, collaborations, and connections that will emerge from this year's gathering.

Warm Regards,

Richard Bierschbach

Dean, Wayne State University Law School

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW



On behalf of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, welcome to Detroit—a city shaped by resilience, activism, and innovation. We're proud to host you during this year's Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History and honored to support a community of scholars deeply engaged in exploring the impact of law and history.

Detroit Mercy Law is a diverse, urban Catholic law school in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions. Since opening in 1912, we have been *educating the complete lawyer* in the heart of downtown Detroit at the Riverfront Campus, which overlooks the Detroit River—an international border that connects the

Great Lakes. Many of our students are from the metro Detroit area, deeply connected to the city, and choose Detroit Mercy Law with the intention of practicing in and serving this region.

Much of Detroit Mercy Law's legacy flows from the connection to our city, our commitment to social justice, service, and clinical legal education. Each year, students provide over 35,000 hours of pro bono legal services to residents of Detroit and the surrounding communities.

Our faculty and students engage with the law as it intersects with issues rooted in the history of Detroit and the surrounding region—urban policy, environmental justice, religion, immigration, and more. Each year, incoming students begin their legal education with orientation sessions grounded in history, encouraging them to consider law's role and impact across time—from past injustices to present challenges and future possibilities.

We hope you'll make time to explore Detroit during your visit. Enjoy its storied past, ongoing transformation, and historic institutions with a wealth of material to inspire legal historians.

Thank you for your work.

Best Regards,

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Nicholas Schroeck Dean & Professor of Law

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



Welcome to Detroit! On behalf of the history department at Wayne State University I am delighted to welcome you to this city for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History. We are honored to be part of this conference and to sponsor pre-conference meetings on our dynamic urban campus. Both the pre-conference symposium on "Queer Legal History" and the pre-conference symposium on "Imperial

Administration Law" will be held in our Student Center, which is open to all. Working with Justin Simard and Barbara Welke to arrange our participation has been a true pleasure, and the department is grateful for the opportunity to be part of this intellectually exciting conference.

The history department has long been part of an interdisciplinary approach to studying law at Wayne State University. In conjunction with the Law School, we offer a joint degree program which allows students to pursue a master's degree in history while they pursue their JD. Our campus is also the site of the Reuther Archives, which in addition to housing the largest labor archive in North America, also collects materials dealing with the civil rights movement, the history of multiple unions, and the history of Detroit.

The city itself includes sites of interest to scholars of legal history. Detroit, located on the border with Canada, had one of the last stops on the Underground Railroad at the Second Baptist Church. The Detroit Institute of the Arts contains the majestic Diego Rivera murals that recount the perennial struggle between capital and labor. The events of the civil rights movement left great marks on the city, including the Birwood Wall that was built to separate Black and white homeowners on the west side of Detroit. Rosa Parks' home and gravesite tie this place to one of the foundational moments of the civil rights revolution. I hope that you will all have a chance to visit some of these places that have shaped our past.

Sincerely,

Janine Lanza

Chair, Department of History Associate Professor Wayne State University

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR LEGAL HISTORY

2025 Annual Meeting Program

Detroit, Michigan, November 13-15, 2025

PROGRAM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Deborah Dinner, Cornell University (deborah.dinner@cornell.edu) **Jessica Margli**n, University of Southern California (marglin@usc.edu)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

12:00pm-6:00pm	Registration (3rd Floor)
12:00pm-6:00pm	Exhibits (Venetian Ballroom)
11:45am-2:00pm	Projects & Proposals Committee Lunch (Founders A)
4:00pm-5:30pm	Finance Committee (Founders B)
5:30pm-6:30pm	Executive Committee (Book Boardroom)
7:00pm-8:30pm	Opening Reception (Woodward $A \mathcal{C}B$)
7:30pm-10:00pm	Board Meeting (Crystal Ballroom)

12:00pm-5:00pm

Pre-Conference Symposium: Queer Legal History

(Wayne State University Student Center, Room Hilberry E)

Organizers: Felicia Kornbluh, University of Vermont (fkornblu@uvm.edu)

Marie-Amélie George, Wake Forest University School of Law (georgemp@wfu.edu)

12:00pm-12:45pm

Lunch (provided by Wake Forest University School of Law)

12:45pm-1:00pm

Welcome and Introductions

Trans* Histories

Chair & Commentator: Marie-Amélie George, Wake Forest University School of Law (georgemp@wfu.edu)

Shay Ryan Olmstead, Rochester Institute of Technology (sxogla@rit.edu) "I'm Not Sleazy and I Don't Frequent Bars": Respectability as a Legal Strategy in Transsexual Employment Discrimination Lawsuits, 1969-1992

Scott De Orio, Independent Scholar (sadeiorio@gmail.com)

Still a Crime: Mayes v. Texas (1974) and the Persistence of Anti-Crossdressing Laws

Matthew H. Sommer, Stanford University (msommer@stanford.edu)

The Prosecution of Transgender as Heterodoxy in Late Imperial China

Arnav Bhattacharya, Bryn Mawr College (abhattachl@brynmawr.edu)

Examining the role of Sexology and Medical Jurisprudence in Legitimizing the Sexual Pathologization of Non-Heteronormative Sexualities in late 19th and early 20th Century India

2:45pm-3:00pm

Break

3:00pm-4:45pm

Twentieth Century Gay & Lesbian Rights Strategies

Chair: Felicia Kornbluh, University of Vermont (fkornblu@uvm.edu)
Commentator: Joanna L. Grossman, SMU Dedman School of Law (jlgrossman@smu.edu)

Paul Baumgardner, Augustana College (paulbaumgardner@augustana.edu)

Conservatives, Coercion, and the Rethinking of Religious Liberty After Obergefell

Michael Boucai, University at Buffalo School of Law (mboucai@buffalo.edu) Gay Rights and the Law: An Early Snapshot

Zoe M. Savitsky, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (zoesavitsky@osgoode.yorku.ca) *Good Plaintiffs: The Women of Marriage Equality*

Zachary Herz, University of Colorado Boulder (zachary.herz@colorado.edu)

No Past: Dictionaries, Plato, and Queer Legal Historiography

This event is open to all ASLH annual meeting attendees. We ask that you email organizers by October 21, 2025 to register in advance.

Pre-Conference Symposium: Imperial Administration: Law, Colonialism, and the Growth of the U.S. Administrative State

(Wayne State University Student Center, Room Hilberry F)

Organizers:

Maggie Blackhawk, New York University School of Law (blackhawk@nyu.edu)

Andrea Katz, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (andrea.katz@wustl.edu)

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

8:45am

Breakfast and Welcoming Remarks

Andrea Scoseria Katz, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (andrea.katz@wustl.edu)

9:00am-10:30am

Roundtable 1: US Territorial Administration

Discussant: Lauren Benton, Yale University (lauren.benton@yale.edu)

Paul Kramer, Vanderbilt University (paul.a.kramer@vanderbilt.edu)

katrina quisumbing king, Northwestern University (kqk@northwestern.edu)

Khalil Johnson, Wesleyan University (kajohnson01@wesleyan.edu) & **Bernadette Pérez**, University of California, Berkeley (bjperez@berkeley.edu

10:30am-10:45am

Break

Roundtable 2: The Boomerang Effect in American Imperial Administration

Discussant: **Ben Coates**, Wake Forest, History (coatesba@wfu.edu)

Alasdair Roberts, University of Massachusetts (asroberts@umass.edu)

Colin Moore, University of Hawaii (cdmoore@hawaii.edu)

Maggie Blackhawk, New York University School of Law (blackhawk@nyu.edu)

Julian Go, University of Chicago (jgo34@uchicago.edu)

12:30pm-2:15pm

Lunch & "lightning round"

2:15pm-3:45pm

Works-in-Progress Panel 1—Administration as the Governing of Imperial Subjects

Discussants:

Alvita Akiboh, Yale University (alvita.akiboh@yale.edu)

Farah Peterson, University of Chicago School of Law (fpeterson@uchicago.edu)

Judith Resnik, Yale Law School (judith.resnik@yale.edu)

Bonnie Cherry, University of California, Berkeley (bonniecherry@berkeley.edu)

Hana Maruyama, University of Connecticut (hana.maruyama@uconn.edu)

Jerry Sabin, Carleton University (jerald.sabin@carleton.ca)

3:45pm-4:00pm

Break

Works-in-Progress Panel 2—New Frontiers in Colonial Administration

Discussants:

Jedidiah Kroncke, University of Hong Kong (jkroncke@hku.hk)
Christian McMillen, University of Virginia (cwm6w@virginia.edu)
Lisa Ford, George Washington University (lisa.ford@gwu.edu)

Edgar Melgar, Princeton University (edgar.a.melgar@gmail.com)

Alex Zhang, Emory Law School (alexzhang@emory.edu)

Andrea Scoseria Katz, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (andrea.katz@wustl.edu)

5:30pm

Next Steps with Noah Rosenblum

New York University School of Law (noah.rosenblum@nyu.edu)

6:00pm

Dinner and Keynote Conversation

Between **Maggie Blackhawk**, New York University School of Law (blackhawk@nyu.edu) and **Al McCoy**, University of Wisconsin (awmccoy@wisc.edu)

This pre-conference symposium is closed to the public. ASLH members are welcome to attend the dinner. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing Grace Ellis (grace.ellis@yale.edu) by October 21, 2025.

The Johnson Program for First Book Authors

(Detroit Mercy School of Law, Room 239)

Convener: **Christopher Schmidt**, Chicago-Kent College of Law & American Bar Foundation (cschmidt@kentlaw.iit.edu)

Jared Berkowitz, University of Chicago (jsberkowitz@uchicago.edu)

Creature of Capitalism: A Legal History of Corporate Personhood in Nineteenth Century

America

 $\label{lem:hardeep Dhillon} \textbf{Hardeep Dhillon}, \textbf{University of Pennsylvania (dhillonh@sas.upenn.edu)} \ \textit{The Children of Immigrants}$

Du Fei, University of Oklahoma (feidu@ou.edu)

Local Women, Global Histories? Gendering Economic Life, Law, and Islam in Early Modern

Uponita Mukherjee, Fordham University (umukherjeel@fordham.edu) *Materializing Evidence: Colonial Criminal Justice and its Knowledge-practices*

Doris Morgan Rueda, Appalachian State University (morganiids@appstate.edu) Juan Crow Juvenile Justice: Doing Time in the Arizona Borderlands, 1907-1967

This event is closed to the public.

Transregional India

Student Research Colloquium

(Detroit Mercy School of Law Faculty Lounge)

At the annual Student Research Colloquium, eight graduate students discuss in-progress research projects with senior scholars.

Charles Donahue Faculty Directors: **Rowan Dorin**, Stanford University (dorin@stanford. edu); and **Emily Prifogle**, University of Michigan (prifogle@umich.edu)

Conveners: **Omar Abdel-Ghaffar**, Harvard University (oabdelghaffar@g.harvard.edu); **John Wertheimer**, Davidson College (jowertheimer@davidson.edu)

Presenters:

Ashita Alag, Oxford University (ashita.alag@pmb.ox.ac.uk)

The Road Not Taken: Gender-Neutrality in Rape Law and the Making of the Indian Feminist Movement

2025 LAUREN BENTON FELLOW

Claire Carson Dwyer, Columbia University (ccd2147@columbia.edu)

Noblewomen's Networks Across Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Iberia

2025 MARTHA JONES FELLOW

Sarah Jordan Lee, University of California, Berkeley (sarah.j.lee@berkeley.edu)

Lawless Men: The Ku Klux Klan, Prohibition, and the Crisis of Legitimacy in Fresno

2025 LAURA KALMAN FELLOW

Anat Ovadia-Rosner, Tel Aviv University (anatovadia@tauex.tau.ac.il)

A Pre-Minority Stage: Conceptualizing the Early Status of Palestinian Citizens in Israel, 1948-1949 2025 WILLIAM NOVAK/UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL FELLOW

Athina Pfeiffer, Princeton University (ap4273@princeton.edu)

Law's Allure: Notaries and Legal Practices in the Islamicate Mediterranean (10th-13th Cent.)
2025 AMY DRU STANLEY FELLOW

Hannah Reynolds, Northwestern University (hannah.reynolds@u.northwestern.edu)

"Presumed to be With Wife": Litigating Gender and the Family Under the Homestead Act, 1862-1910 2025 HERBERT A. JOHNSON FELLOW

Rachael Schnurr, Princeton University (rs5551@princeton.edu)

"Committing a Trespass against Their Property": Federal Law and Local Claims in Great Lakes "Indian" Territory, 1815-1850

2025 JAMES WHITMAN/YALE LAW SCHOOL FELLOW

Katie Frances Wu, University of Virginia (gpg6uj@virginia.edu)

Compensation, Redress, and the Nation: Mobilizing 'Indemnity' Across Race and Citizenship Status in Iim Crow America

2025 JOHN WERTHEIMER/DAVIDSON COLLEGE FELLOW

This event is closed to the public.

Opening Reception (Supported by Wayne State University Law School)

(Woodward A & B)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

7:30am–9:00am	Breakfast (Venetian Ballroom)
7:30am-4:00pm	Exhibits (Venetian Ballroom)
7:30am-4:30pm	Registration (Pre-function, 3rd floor)
7:30am-8:30am	Membership Committee Breakfast (Washington Boardroom)
7:30am-8:30am	Studies in Legal History Editors Breakfast
	(Book Boardroom)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Lunch
	(Washington Boardroom)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Law & History Review Lunch (Book Boardroom)

8:30am-10:00am

Birthright Citizenship: The Many Paths to and from Wong Kim Ark (Roundtable)

(Founders A)

Chair: Hidetaka Hirota, University of California, Berkeley (hhirota@berkeley.edu)

Maddalena Marinari, Gustavus Adolphus College (mmarinar@gustavus.edu) A Tale of Two Families: Birthright Citizenship and Family Reunification for Chinese Migrants in 1925

Heather Lee, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (heatherruthlee@gmail.com) Chinese Vernacular Legal Knowledge and Resistance to the Scott Act (1888)

Anna Pegler-Gordon, Michigan State University (gordonap@msu.edu)

Documenting Birthright Citizenship Under Chinese Exclusion

 $\label{lem:beth-lew-Williams} \textbf{Beth Lew-Williams}, Princeton University (bethlw@princeton.edu) \\ \textit{The Meaning of Alienage before Wong Kim Ark}$

Hardeep Dhillon, University of Pennsylvania (dhillonh@sas.upenn.edu) Children's Rights and the Path to Wong Kim Ark

The Contentious Politics of Free Speech in Postwar America (Griswold)

Chair and commentator: **Catherine Fisk**, University of California, Berkeley School of Law (cfisk@berkeley.edu)

Andrew Lanham, University of Houston Law Center (ajlanham@uh.edu)

The Martin Luther King Comic Book and the People's Flag Show: Organizing Across the Civil
Rights and Antiwar Movements in the 1950s and 1960s

Laura Weinrib, Harvard Law School (lweinrib@law.harvard.edu)

Unveiling Influence: Lobbying and the First Amendment in Postwar America

Sam Lebovic, George Mason University (slebovic@gmu.edu)

The Strange Career of the Right to Know

8:30am-10:00am

Churches, Corporations, and the State in American Law (Woodward D)

Chair & Commentator: Naomi Lamoreaux, Yale University (naomi.lamoreaux@yale.edu)

Alyssa Penick, Yale Law School (alyssa.g.penick@gmail.com)

Fighting for "Equal Footing" in Baltimore: The Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and Incorporation in Republican Maryland

Evelyn Atkinson, Tulane University Law School (eatkinsonl@tulane.edu)
"Despotism of the Corps": Drunken Debacles, Disestablishment, and Dartmouth College v.
Woodward

Lael Weinberger, George Mason University (lweinber@gmu.edu)

Churches and the Transformation of Corporations as Nonstate Actors

Indebted to the State: The Affective and Economic Lives of Imperial Belonging

(Woodward C)

Chair: Lisa Ford, The George Washington University (lisa.ford@gwu.edu)

Commentators: **Nora Barakat**, Stanford University (nbarakat@stanford.edu) and **Lisa Ford**, The George Washington University (lisa.ford@gwu.edu)

Youssef Ben Ismail, Amherst College (ybenismail@amherst.edu)

Autonomous Subjects: Genealogies of Equality and Difference in the Late Ottoman Empire

Nora Barakat, Stanford University (nbarakat@stanford.edu)

Collective Tax Debt, Class Relations and Belonging in the Late Ottoman Empire: Views from Palestine and Syria

Camille Cole, Illinois State University (clcole5@ilstu.edu)

Debt, Loyalty, and "Good Subjecthood" in Late Ottoman Basra

Lale Can, The City College of New York, CUNY (lcan@ccny.cuny.edu)

Convicts and Exiles: Crime, Punishment, and Labor in Late Ottoman History

8:30am-10:00am

Premodern Law Across Cultures: New Directions

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair: Ada Kuskowski, University of Pennsylvania (akusk@sas.upenn.edu)

Authors: Zachary Herz, University of Colorado Boulder (zachary.herz@colorado.edu)

Marc Herman, York University (hermanm@yorku.ca)

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Elise Wang, California State University, Fullerton (elwang@fullerton.edu)

Ann Zimo, University of New Hampshire (ann.zimo@unh.edu)

Legal Histories of Global China

(Esquire)

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

Commentator: Maria Adele Carrai, New York University Shanghai (mac1041@nyu.edu)

Mara Yue Du, Cornell University (yue.du@cornell.edu)

China(s) and Chineseness(es): A Global Constitutional Story

Idriss Fofana, Harvard University (ifofana@law.harvard.edu)

Abolitionist Liberalism and its Others: The Competition to Organize Chinese Labor Migration in the Nineteenth Century

Kevin Keller, Harvard Kennedy School (k.keller@yale.edu)

Chinese Approaches to International Law in the Twenty-First Century: The Contested Definition of "Non-Interference in Internal Affairs"

Jiawei Wang, Yale University (jiawei.y.wang@yale.edu)

Territoriality in East Asian Constitutional Design: The Legality of Silence in Early Global Constitutionalism

10:15am-11:45am

Empire, Immigration, and Citizenship in Late-19th to Mid-20th Century U.S. Legal History (New Directions)

(Woodward C)

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

Authors: **Brendan Shanahan**, Yale University (brendan.shanahan@yale.edu)

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Legal Records as Artifacts: Considering the Material Turn in Legal History

(Woodward D)

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Rethinking the Materiality of Laws in Classical Athens with Xenophon and Plato

Tobias Scheunchen, Yale Law School (tobias.scheunchen@yale.edu)

Seals, Witness Attestations, and Illiteracy: Validating Arabic Legal Documents in an Age of Judicial Expansion

Athina Pfeiffer, Princeton University (apfeiffer@princeton.edu)
Paper Trails and Debt Tales: The Notary's Craft in Medieval Egypt

James Barry, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (jamesbarry@osgoode.yorku.ca)

John Reeves's Chart of Penal Law, 1779: A Contextual Analysis

10:15am-11:45am

Histories of Law and Science, Technology, and Medicine (Roundtable)

(Founders B)

Chair: **Kara Swanson**, Northeastern University School of Law (k.swanson@northeastern.edu)

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Legal History as History of Science: Reviving the Interdisciplinary Origins of the Field

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Knowledge, Technology, & Sovereignty

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Science on Trial: Teaching the Legal History of Science

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Healthcare and the Vexed History of U.S. Civil Rights Law

Julia Lewandoski, University of California, San Diego (jlewandoski@ucsd.edu)

Living Rivers: Legal Personhood, Non-Human Agency, and Indigenous Histories of North America

The Production and Circulation of Normative Knowledge: Historical Regimes of Administrative Accountability, Governance, and Legality from China's Imperial Past to the Late 20th Century

(Griswold)

Chair: **John K.M. Ohnesorge**, University of Wisconsin Law School (john.ohnesorge@wisc.edu)

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Impeachment in Late Imperial China: A Weapon of Official Accountability and Political Power

Zhiqiang Wang, Fudan University Law School (zhqwang@fudan.edu.cn) "Law" in Chinese Mind: A Case Study of Xiangyue (Community Compact) in Local Governance

Sandra Michelle Roseler, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (roeseler@lhlt.mpg.de)

People Suing Government Officials: The Lawmaking of the 1989 Administrative Litigation Law and the Emergence of a New Regime of Normativity

10:15am-11:45am

Legal Theory at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century (Esquire)

Chair & Commentator: Mary Bilder, Boston College Law School (mary.bilder@bc.edu)

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The General Law and the Local Law of Interpretation

 $\label{local_continuity} \textbf{Jud Campbell}, Stanford Law School (jcampbell@law.stanford.edu)} \\ \textit{The Myth of American Constitutional Exceptionalism}$

Jonathan Green, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (jonathan.a.green@asu.edu)

Precedent's Past

The First Amendment and Antidiscrimination Law: Microhistories and Macroeconomics

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair & Commentator: Reuel Schiller, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (schiller@uclawsf.edu)

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"You don't have to be a racist to support BJU's tax exemption": Evangelical Opposition to Bob Jones Reconsidered

Kate Redburn, Yale University (krr2105@columbia.edu)

Privatizing for Christianity: Grove City College v. Bell and the New Christian Right's Politics of Sex Discrimination

Jeremy Kessler, Columbia Law School (jeremy.k.kessler@gmail.com)

The Political Economy of Viewpoint Discrimination

10:15am-11:45am

The Kathryn T. Preyer Award Panel

(Founders A)

Chair: Sueann Caulfield, University of Michigan (scaul@umich.edu)

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Tanner Allread, Stanford University (tallread@stanford.edu)
"This Series of Strong Laws": Choctaw Governance and the Rise of Indigenous
Constitutionalism, 1826-1830

Will Holub-Moorman, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School & Princeton University (holub-moorman@princeton.edu)

Policing Parenthood: Child Support Law and the Enforcement of Austerity in Late Twentieth-Century America

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch Break

Conceptions of Property: A Euro-American History (Roundtable) (Griswold)

Chair: James Whitman, Yale University (james.whitman@yale.edu)

James Whitman, Yale University (james.whitman@yale.edu) From Slavery to Landownership

Clifford Ando, University of Chicago (cando@uchicago.edu) *Roman Conceptions of Property*

John Hudson, University of St. Andrews (jghh@umich.edu)

The Jurisprudential History of Property in Medieval England

Lauren Benton, Yale University (lauren.benton@yale.edu) *Property, Empire, and War*

1:15pm-2:45pm

Unwritten Futures of South Asian Legal History (Roundtable)

(Woodward D)

Chair: Mithi Mukherjee, University of Colorado Boulder (mithi.mukherjee@colorado.edu)

David Brick, University of Michigan (djbrick@umich.edu)
Social History Through Legal History? The Uses and Limits of Classical Hindu Law

Faisal Chaudhry, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (fchaudhry@umassd.edu)

The Limits of Law and (as/Social) History: 'Status' and the Internalism/ Externalism Divide in the Legal History of South Asia

Manav Kapur, Dartmouth College (Manav.Kapur@dartmouth.edu)

Evacuees Across the Ocean? The Extraterritorial Application of South Asia's Evacuee

Property Law, 1949–56

Sarath Pillai, Southern Methodist University (pillais@sas.upenn.edu)
Non-National Legal History: An Anomaly or Possibility? Some Reflections on South
Asian Legal History

Abortion and American Citizenship: New Histories

(Woodward C)

Chair & Commentator: Sara Matthiesen, George Washington University (sara_matthiesen@gwu.edu)

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Sterilization and Social Movements in the Summer of '73

 $\textbf{Isra Syed}, Yale\ University\ (isra.syed@yale.edu)$

Progenitors of the Pro-Life Movement, 1850-1880: A Racial & Imperial History

E.T. Stone, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (etstone@law.upenn.edu)

Antiwork Antiabortion

1:15pm-2:45pm

The Jewish Road to Divorce: Jewish Encounters with Civil and Religious Law from Early Modern Europe to Twentieth-Century South America

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair & Commentator: **Elizabeth D. Kat**z, University of Florida Levin College of Law (katz@law.ufl.edu)

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Divorcing Religion and Law? Jewish Legal Evidence and the Boundaries of Secular and Religious Law in an Early Modern German Supreme Court

Ellie Schainker, Emory University (ellie.schainker@emory.edu) Jewish Divorce Law in an Imperial Russian Courtroom

Lelia Stadler, Columbia University (ls3665@columbia.edu)

Divorce Jewish-Argentine Style: Negotiating Jewish Law Without Legal Recognition

Power, Opinion, and Containment: New Looks at Race and the Law in the 20th Century (New Directions)

(Founders A)

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John Witt, Yale Law School (john.witt@yale.edu)

1:15pm-2:45pm

Officer Independence from the Founding to the Present: A Eulogy

(Esquire)

Chair & Commentator: Christine Chabot, Marquette University Law School (christine.chabot@marquette.edu)

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Officeholding and Administration in the Early American Republic (1789-1817)

Beau Baumann, Yale Law School (beau.baumann@yale.edu)

Building a Congress for the Long Two-Front War

Jane Manners, Fordham Law School (jane.manners@fordham.edu); Lev Menand, Columbia Law School (lmenand@law.columbia.edu)

The Forgotten Tenure of a Term of Years

Property Formation and Native Rights in the British Empire

(Founders B)

Chair & Commentator: Amelia Burke, University of Michigan (acaburke@umich.edu)

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Rupturing Sovereignty: Tax Havens and the Modern Formation of the British Virgin Islands as an Offshore Financial Centre

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Law, Bureaucracy and Dispossession: Interrogating Property Regimes in British Protectorates

Qian Qian Ng, University of Michigan (qqng@umich.edu)

Recognition or Invention of Aboriginal Customary Law?: Traditional Ownership in Indigenous Australian Land Rights

3:00pm-4:30pm

Enslaved and Free Black Women before the Courts in 19th Century Latin America (Colombia, Chile and Argentina) (Roundtable)

(Esquire)

Chair: Sueann Caulfield, University of Michigan (scaul@umich.edu)

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Unbroken Bonds: The Legal and Emotional Struggles of Black Mothers and Daughters in

Late Colonial Colombia

Carolina González Undurraga, Universidad de Chile

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"It is inhuman and beyond reason to deprive a servant mother of the right to choose an owner": Freedom, Domination and Enslaved Motherhood in Chile (1811-1823)

Magdalena Candioti, Universidad Nacional del Litoral-CONICET

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The Order of the Household and the "New System": Disputes of Enslaved Women over Their Bodies, Freedom, and Family in Tucumán (Argentina), 19th Century

Paulina Alberto, Harvard University (palberto@fas.harvard.edu); **Lea Geler**, Universidad de Buenos Aires-CONICET (leageler2@gmail.com)

"A Morena Like Me": Self-Presentation in the Legal Repertoire of Florentina Díaz, an Afro-Argentine Woman in Late Nineteenth-Century Buenos Aires

Cultivating Legal History Education & Training in an Uncertain Environment (Roundtable)

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair: Katrina Jagodinsky, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (kjagodinsky@unl.edu)

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Eating the Elephant: Making Legal History Research Manageable for Undergraduates

Justin Simard, Michigan State University (justin.simard@law.msu.edu)

Teaching Lawyers to Be Historians

 $\label{lem:katrina_Jagodinsky} \textbf{Katrina_Jagodinsky}. University of Nebraska-Lincoln (kjagodinsky@unl.edu) \\ \textit{The Digital Legal Research Lab & the Bench Model of Collaborative Research} \\$

Keith Richotte, University of Arizona (richotte@arizona.edu)

Indigenizing the Academy: Supreme Court Precedent as a Trickster Story

3:00pm-4:30pm

New Directions in U.S. Constitutional History

(Founders A)

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Sovereignty and the Rise of the 20th-Century Nation-State: A Global History

(Founders B)

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Sovereignty in Early Twentieth-Century Central America

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Sovereignty in the History of Progressive Legal Thought

Rephael Stern, Boston University School of Law (rstern01@g.harvard.edu) Constructing Israeli Territorial Sovereignty and Jurisdiction, 1948-1950

Charlotte Kiechel, University of Pennsylvania (ckiechel@sas.upenn.edu) *The Making of Tanzania's Socialist Law, 1966-1976*

3:00pm-4:30pm

Sex, Drugs, Money... and the Law

(Griswold)

Chair: Joanna Cohen, Queen Mary University of London (j.cohen@qmul.ac.uk)

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Jim Crow in Paris: Bernard Soulié's Fading Fortune and the Global Reach of U.S. Law

Alison Lefkowitz, New Jersey Institute of Technology & Rutgers Newark (alison. lefkovitz@njit.edu)

Fortune Hunters and their Prey: Murdered Wives and Inheritance in Midcentury America

Sarah Milov, University of Virginia (sem9dw@virginia.edu)
"It is a case about money": Sex and Money in Silkwood v. Kerr-McGee

Sara Mayeux, Vanderbilt Law School (sara.mayeux@vanderbilt.edu)

Policymakers Confront the Problem of "Drug Money" in the 1980s

Empires and Status: The Limits of Legal Pluralism

(Woodward C)

Chair & Commentator: Ari Bryen, Vanderbilt University (ari.z.bryen@vanderbilt.edu)

Maria Nowak, University of Warsaw (m.nowak@wpia.uw.edu.pl) Citizenship in a Multi-Legal Society: Roman Egypt. 'United in diversity'?

Yair Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (yair.furstenberg@mail.huji.ac.il)
Roman Impact on Rabbinic Concepts of Legal Status

Jennifer Palmer, University of Georgia (palmerjl@uga.edu)

Partus and Patriarchy in the Colonial French Caribbean

3:00pm-4:30pm

Earth, Wind, and Fire: Elemental Legal Histories of the British Empire

(Woodward D)

Chair & Commentator: **Sanne Ravensbergen**, University of Michigan (sravens@umich. edu)

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Winds of Change: Law and Coastal Livelihoods in Nineteenth-Century India

Catherine Evans, University of Toronto (catherine.evans@utoronto.ca)

Exploding Islands: Incendiarism and Risk in Nineteenth-Century Bermuda

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PLENARY ADDRESS

The Many Uses of Martial Law: Lessons from the British Empire (Grand Ballroom A)

Lisa Ford, Endowed Professor of Modern British Imperial History, The George Washington University

 $6:15\mathrm{pm}{-7}:30\mathrm{pm}$

Plenary Reception

(Crystal Ballroom)

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

7:30am-9:30am	Breakfast (Venetian Ballroom)
7:30am-8:20am	Digital Legal History Poster Session (Venetian Ballroom)
7:30am-5:00pm	Exhibits (Venetian Ballroom)
7:30am-12:00pm	Registration (Pre-Function, 3d Floor)
7:30am-8:30am	Grad Student Outreach Committee Breakfast
	(Washington Boardroom)
7:30am-8:30am	Program Committee Chairs Breakfast
	(Jefferson Boardroom)
7:30am-8:30am	Publications Committee Breakfast (Book Boardroom)

8:30am-10:00am

New Directions in Queer Legal History

(Founders A)

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Archives as Portals to Justice: History and Advocacy (Roundtable) (Woodward C)

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8:30am-10:00am

Officers, Liability, and the Challenge of Law Enforcement in the Nineteenth Century United States

(Woodward D)

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Officer Suits and the Eleventh Amendment: Recovering the Nineteenth Century Origins of the
Ex parte Young "Fiction"

Jed Shugerman, Boston University School of Law (jshug@bu.edu)

The "Wolves" Originally Came As Wolves: Decentralized Prosecution and the Myths of Article

II Presidential Enforcement

Kevin Arlyck, Georgetown Law (ka747@georgetown.edu)

Liability and Governance: Statutory Protections for Federal Officers in the Nineteenth Century

Popular Debt and Empire (part 1) (Roundtable)

(Griswold)

Chair: **Adriana Chira**, Emory University (achira@emory.edu)

Yanna Yannakakis, Emory University (yanna.yannakakis@emory.edu)
To Avoid "Civil War": Legal Strategies to Manage Land Use and Debt in Indigenous
Communities in 18th Century Mexico

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Slave Courts, Compensation, and Property Rights in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic

Tara Weinberg, Witwatersrand University (tara.weinberg@wits.ac.za)

Land bonds: Law, Credit and the Making of Collective Property in Early 20th Century South

Africa

8:30am-10:00am

Laws of Armed Conflict in Global History

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair & Commentator: Will Smiley, University of New Hampshire (william.smiley@unh.edu)

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New Orleans and the Neutrality Laws: Filibustering on Trial in the Headquarters of

Antebellum Expansionism

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Do the Law and Customs of War Apply Beyond Europe? The Imperial Russian Army and its
Role in the Boxer War in China, 1900-1901

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The Ottoman Laws of War

Elena Kempf, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (ekempf@mit.edu)

Unnecessary Suffering in War: The History of an Idea between Law and Medicine, c.
1800–2000

Digital Legal History Lightning Round

(Esquire)

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

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Erasing Black Space to Preserve the White Past: Law, Memory, and the Visual Archive of Displacement

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LDF Recollection: A Civil Rights Legal Archive

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Gallery of Glosses: Updates on an NEH-Funded Digital Humanities Project Available to
Legal Historians

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Mapping Private Investigation: Pinkertons, Policing and the Invasion of Privacy

Minhae Roth, University of California, Berkeley (minhae_roth@berkeley.edu)
Objectors in the Asylum: WWII Conscientious Objectors, the National Mental Health
Foundation, and a National Survey of State Commitment Laws (1940-1946)

Ellis Chen, Grinnell College (chenelli@grinnell.edu)
Rights, Race, and Resistance to Narcotics Prosecutions in the American West

Somi Mbaukwu, New York University (Somimbaukwu2@gmail.com) 'The Human Dog Pound:' The Omaha Women's Detention Home and Habeas in the Progressive Era

Annabella Pizzi, Saint Anselm College (adp23@icloud.com) *Habeas Corpus and Federal Indian Boarding Schools*, 1879 -1924

Ethan Reiter, University of Kansas (reiterej1703@gmail.com)

Legal Proxies and Advocates: Exploring Inter-Case Relationships in 19th and 20th Century Habeas Corpus

New Approaches in Law and Religion

(Woodward C)

Chair & Commentator: **Sarah Barringer Gordon**, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (sbgordon@law.upenn.edu)

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The Scottish Origins of Watson v. Jones (1871): Craigdallie v. Aikman (1813)

Elliott Cramer, Yale University (elliott.cramer@yale.edu)

Corporate Vestries and Ecclesiastical Property-Holding in Maryland, 1692-1820

Michael Gioia, Columbia University (mpg2156@columbia.edu) Property and Power: The Trusteeist Dispute of Lafayette, Louisiana

Dennis Wieboldt, Notre Dame University (dwiebold@nd.edu)

"God's Litigator": William Bentley Ball and the (Re-)Making of the Religion Clauses,
1947-1972

10:15am-11:45am

Law and Technology beyond the Regulatory Paradigm (Esquire)

(Lsquire)

Chair: Sandra VanBurkleo, Wayne State University (ad5235@wayne.edu)

Commentator: **Kellen Funk**, Columbia Law School (krf2138@columbia.edu)

Marco Basile, Boston College Law School (marco.basile@bc.edu) Old Textualism, New Juristocracy

Sandra Ristovska, University of Colorado Boulder (sandra.ristovska@colorado.edu) *Tracing the Legal History of AI Manipulation and Deepfakes*

Jennifer Tucker, Wesleyan University (jtucker@wesleyan.edu) "Copy that": Xerox and the silent revolution in legal representation

Military and Martial Law in Colonial

(Founders B)

Chair & Commentator: Samuel Fury Childs Daly, University of Chicago (dalys@uchicago.edu)

Iman Mohamed, University of Minnesota (moha0489@umn.edu)
Records from the Italian Military Tribunal in Mogadishu (1915-1941)

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A Crisis of Empire: An Undecidable Treason under Martial Law in Colonial India

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Marshalling Terror: Re-reading the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Archives

Kirin Gupta, Harvard University (kiringupta@g.harvard.edu)

The Doll-Faced Terrorist: The Case of Lee Meng and the Racialized Judicial Process under British Emergency Law in Malaya, 1948-1960

10:15am-11:45am

Popular Debt and Empire (part 2) (Roundtable)

(Griswold)

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Accounting for Labor and Service: Legal Petitions and the Language of Merit and Obligation

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Mudaraba Contracts and Maritime Labor in the Premodern Ottoman Empire

Becca Aponte, Emory University (becca.aponte@emory.edu)

Disputing the Domestic: The Economy of Emancipation in Early Twentieth-Century Senegal

Practicing Legal History Outside of Academia (Roundtable)

(Woodward D)

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Reconceptualizing Slavery and Abolition (New Directions)

(Founders A)

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Women and the Law: A Comparative Analysis of the Making of Gender

(Crystal Ballroom)

Chair & Commentator: **Emily Conroy-Krutz**, Michigan State University (conroyk5@msu.edu)

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The Curious Case of the Reprobate Fiancé: Spotting Private Law's Claimant Filter

Allyson Lee Berri, University of Wisconsin-Madison (aberri@wisc.edu)

When True Womanhood Turned to Fraud: Gender Roles and Married Women's Property

Fraud in Nineteenth-Century Louisiana

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Feminist Revolutionary Projects Big and Small: Revisiting the Question of Law's Potential as a Vehicle for Change during the 1970s

12:00pm-2:00pm

Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

(Woodward A&B)

President Barbara Welke will deliver remarks on the state of the Society, followed by book and article prize presentations and announcements of distinguished honorary fellows.

Comparative Histories of Jurisprudence

(Woodward D)

Chair & Commentator: Teemu Ruskola, University of Pennsylvania (truskola@upenn.edu)

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Legal Internalism: A Global History

Assaf Likhovski, Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law (likhovsk@tauex.tau.ac.il) Legal Theory in Colonial India and Mandatory Palestine

Katharina Schmidt, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (k.schmidt@mpipriv.de)

German Legal Modernism: Jurisprudential Culture Wars from the Empire to the Reich

Li Chen, University of Toronto (lc2069@gmail.com)

Legal Specialists in a Confucian Society

2:15pm-3:45pm

New Directions: Law, Slavery, and Emancipation

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Carceral Childhoods and the Fragility of the American Family (Founders B)

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Dependent Children, Family Desertion, and the Progressive Era Construction of Parental

Delinquency

Doris Morgan Rueda, Appalachian State University (morganiids@appstate.edu) The Gleaners' Truth: Exploring Narratives and Newsletters from Incarcerated Childhoods, 1924-1965

Mical Raz, University of Rochester (micalraz@rochester.edu)

Foster Youth Voices and their Absence in the Debates over the 1997 Adoption and Safe
Families Act

William Bush, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (wbush@tamusa.edu)
Capital Crimes of Childhood: Victor Streib's Campaign to End Juvenile Executions

2:15pm-3:45pm

"Law-Office History"?: Why Constitutional History and Constitutional Memory Diverge

(Woodward C)

Chair & Commentator: **Tomiko Brown-Nagin**, Harvard Radcliffe Institute (tbrownnagin@radcliffe.harvard.edu)

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Democratizing Constitutional Memory

Ofra Bloch, Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law (ofrabloch@tauex.tau.ac.il) Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard and the Memory Wars

Serena Mayeri, University of Pennsylvania (smayeri@law.upenn.edu) Critical Histories and Constitutional Memory: A Reconstruction

Jill Hasday, University of Minnesota Law School (jhasday@umn.edu)

We the Men: How Forgetting Women's Struggles for Equality Perpetuates Inequality

Texts and Contracts: New Directions at the Intersection of Legal History and Contract Law (Roundtable)

(Griswold)

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Reevaluating Contracting and Coverture in 19th-Century American Women's Legal Publishing

Hannah Farber, Columbia University (hannah.farber@columbia.edu)

Contracts in the Federal Territories, 1805-1819

Brittany Farr, New York University School of Law (bf2306@nyu.edu)

Freedpeople and Contracts

Brianne Felsher, University of California, Berkeley (brianne_felsher@berkeley.edu) "Widows' Contract like a Marriage": Queer Marriage and Contract Law in the 19th and early 20th Century US

Sarah Winsberg, Brooklyn Law School (sarah.winsberg@brooklaw.edu)

Governing the Margins: Early U.S. Legal Literature's Expansionist Project

2:15pm-3:45pm

Indigenous Mobilities and Settler Policies: The Intersections of U.S. Immigration Law, Native American History, and Settler Colonialism

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Indigenous "Aliens": Mexican Indians at the Intersections of the 1924 Immigration Act and the Indian Citizenship Act

Sandra Sánchez, Yale University (sandra.sanchez@yale.edu)

Extralegal or Extraterritorial? Native Citizenship on the Eve of the Termination Era

Civil Rights, Universities, and Government Control (Invited Roundtable: "The Legal History of the Present")

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New Directions in the Legal History of Punishment, Policing, and State Power: Looking from the Outside and from the "Inside"

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Participation and Governance in the Early Republic

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"The Police of the Town": Local Policing and Quotidian State Formation

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Petitions from Former Loyalists in Massachusetts

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Early American Battles over Who Got to Write the Letter of the Law

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Government by Jury

4:00pm-5:30pm

Histories of Public Accommodations Law in the United States

(Founders B)

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Elizabeth Sepper, University of Texas School of Law (esepper@law.utexas.edu) Sex, Race, and Public Space

Heather Swadley, Independent scholar (heatherannswadley@gmail.com) Disability Legal Categories and Policing the Boundaries of Belonging in the Late 19th Century

Magdalene Zier, Stanford University (mzier@stanford.edu)

Policing the Ladies' Entrance: Sex Segregation in the American Saloon and Its Legacies

New Histories of Ottoman Belonging: Property, Debt and Warfare

(Woodward D)

Chair & Commentator: Samy Ayoub, University of Texas School of Law (sayoub@utexas.edu)

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"Naked and Penniless in Foreign Lands": Denaturalization of Ottoman-Greeks During the Crimean War (1853-56)

Hazal Ozdemir, University of Michigan (hozdemir@umich.edu)

Women's Mobility as a Legal Battlefield: Gendering Armenian Property in the Late Ottoman Empire

Aviv Derri, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (aviv.derri@nyu.edu)

The Jurisdiction of Debt: Tax-farmers, Indebted Peasants, and Concealed Nationalities in the Late Ottoman Empire

Kate Dannies, Miami University (danniekc@miamioh.edu)

"A Valid Practice for Half A Century": Breadwinner Soldiers and the Militarization of Islamic Law in the Late Ottoman Empire

4:00pm-5:30pm

New Histories of Debt, Empires, and International Law in the Americas (Roundtable)

(Griswold)

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Rogue State: The United States and International Law, 1880-1945

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Making Unilateral Economic Sanctions in the Cold War

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The Cold War Origins of Human Rights in the Americas: The Emergence of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Geopolitical Impact of the Cold War in the Americas

State Control, Local Order, and the Power of Marginalized Claims: Tracing Imperial Legal Discourse from the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries

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Hacking the Law: Enslaved Litigants, Freedom, and the Digital Archive in Late Colonial New Granada, 1760-1810

Carla Joubert, Joliet Junior College (cjoubert@uwo.ca)

The Normative Function of Marriage Law in the ZAR, and African or Mixed Heritage Resistance to that Law from 1854 to 1881

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"The Law has provided a sanctuary": Imperial Law and Local Order in the Western Great Lakes, 1815-1850

Keely Smith, Tulane University (ksmith73@tulane.edu)

"We would vindicate their rights as much as our own": Intercultural Negotiations of Justice and Sovereignty in Early Georgia

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Presumption and Performance: Women Fighting Enslavement in Ancient Rome, Medieval Marseille, & 19th century New Orleans (Roundtable)

(Woodward C)

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	7:30am to 9:30am, Breakfast (Venetian Ballroom)									
Session I. 8:30am to 10am	Premodern Law Across Cultures	Legal Histories of Global China	Birthright Citizenship: The Many Paths		Contentious Politics of Free Speech	Indebted to the State	Churches, Corporations, and the State			
Session II. 10:15am to 11:45 am	The First Amendment and Antidis- crimination Law	Legal Theory at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century	The Kathryn T. Preyer Award Panel	Histories of Law and Science, Technology and Medicine	The Production and Circulation of Normative Knowledge	Empire, Immigration, and Citizenship	Legal Records as Artifacts			
12:00 to 1:00pm	Lunch Break									
Session III. 1:15pm to 2:45pm	The Jewish Road to Divorce	Officer Independence from the Founding to the Present	Power, Opinion, and Containment	Property For- mation and Native Rights in the British Empire	Conceptions of Property	Abortion and American Citizenship	Unwritten Futures of South Asian Legal History			
Session IV. 3:00pm to 4:30pm	Cultivating Legal History Education & Training	Enslaved and Free Black Women before the Courts	New Directions in U.S. Constitutional History	Sovereignty and the Rise of the 20th-Century Nation-State	Sex, Drugs, Moneyand the Law	Empires and Status	Earth, Wind, and Fire			
5:00pm to 6:15pm	Plenary Address (Grand Ballroom A) Lisa Ford, Endowed Professor of Modern British Imperial History, The George Washington University The Many Uses of Martial Law: Lessons from the British Empire									
6:15pm to 7:30pm	Plenary Reception (Crystal Ballroom) Sponsored by University of Michigan School of Law									

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Session I. 8:30am to 10am	Laws of Armed Conflict in Global History	Digital Legal History Lightning Round	New Directions in Queer Legal History		Popular Debt and Empire (part 1)	Archives as Portals to Justice	Officers Liability, and the Challenge		
Session II. 10:15am to 11:45 am	Women and the Law	Law and Technology	Reconcept- ualizing Slavery and Abolition	Military and Martial Law in Colonial Contexts	Popular Debt and Empire (part 2)	New Approaches in Law and Religion	Practicing Legal History		
12:00pm to 2:00pm	Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony (Woodward A&B) President Barbara Welke will deliver remarks on the state of the Society, followed by book and article prize presentations and announcements of distinguished honorary fellows.								
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Session IV. 4:00pm to 5:30pm	Participation and Governance in the Early Republic	State Control, Local Order, and the Power	New Directions in the Legal History of Punishment	Histories of Public Accom- modations Law	New Histories of Debt, Empires, and Int'l Law	Presumption of Performance	New Histories of Ottoman Belonging		
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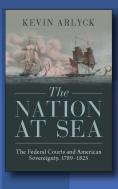
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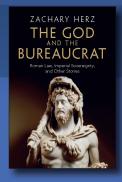
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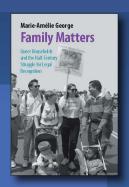
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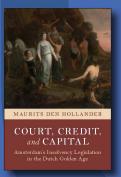
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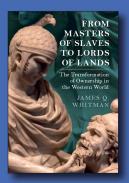
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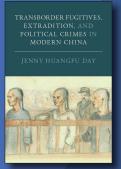














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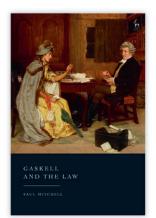
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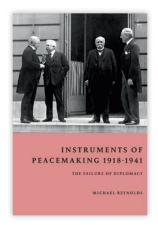
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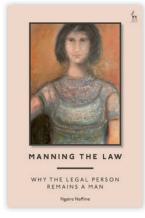




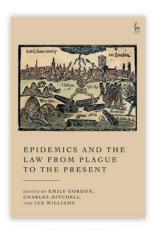
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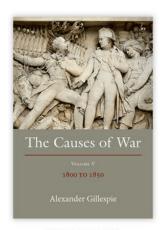
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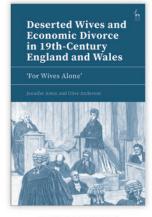
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