



2026 Annual Meeting Program

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2026 PLENARY LECTURER

Heidi Bohaker



Heidi Bohaker holds the May Gluskin Chair in Canadian History at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on Canadian legal history, the history of Indigenous-Crown relations, treaties, and state policy pertaining to Indigenous peoples in Canada. She is a director of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, and a co-founder and co-director of the *Great Lakes Research Alliance* (grasac.org). For two decades now, GRASAC has been working to identify the cultural heritage of Great Lakes First Nations around the world, as an alliance between community and university-based researchers, and between academic disciplines and institutions

holding cultural belonging. Bohaker's publications include *Doodem and Council Fire: Anishinaabe Governance through Alliance* (published for The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History by University of Toronto Press in 2020), which won the Best Book prize from the American Society for Ethnohistory and the Political History Book Prize from the Canadian Historical Association. She is currently working on a book on land-purchase agreements made before Confederation. Bohaker is also active in litigation-related research and has given expert historical testimony in *Restoule v. Canada* and *Chippewas of Saugeen Nation v. South Bruce Peninsula*. Her scholarship has been cited by the Supreme Court of Canada.

ASLH PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome and bienvenue to the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History! This year, we are meeting in Banff with spectacular views of the Canadian Rockies. In our 70-year history, this is the first ASLH conference held in western Canada. I'd like to thank our local sponsors who are providing the financial support for our plenary reception: the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, and the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. We are also fortunate to include a welcome letter in this program from the Acting Chief Justice of Alberta Dawn Pentelchuk, who provides a view of Albertan legal history. Our plenary speaker Heidi Bohaker will explore Canada's Indigenous legal traditions in her address, "Canada by Treaty: Legal Histories of Contested Places."



This year's program begins with four pre-conferences (a record number at the ASLH) on Thursday, focusing on Canadian and Chinese legal history, radical lawyering, and early modern paleography and material culture. On the same day, we welcome our Student Research Colloquium participants, many of whom will be attending the ASLH for the first time. (Relatedly, I hope that all newcomers will join me for breakfast on Friday.) Authors in the Wallace Johnson First Book Program, now in its fifth cohort (2025-26), will also meet for their fourth and final gathering on Thursday. I recommend perusing the growing list of new titles published by Johnson Program authors, which is posted on the ASLH website.

Our main conference, featuring panels and poster sessions, takes place on Friday and Saturday. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Program Committee, particularly co-chairs Hidetaka Hirota and Jedidiah Kroncke, for the superb program they have put together. I also thank two other committees for making this year's conference possible: the Standing Committee on the Annual Conference, chaired by Justin Simard, for working on logistics with the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity for the past two years; and Local Arrangements, especially co-chair Lyndsay Campbell for sharing her local knowledge.

The ASLH is an exceptionally active, dynamic, and dedicated community of scholars who give their time and energy to our 30+ committees. My sincere thanks go to everyone who read a stack of dissertations, books, or articles over the summer; assessed project proposals, financial reports, and budget spreadsheets; considered candidates for honorary fellowships

and election slates; made a financial gift; and supported ASLH programs in other ways over the past year. I am delighted that the new Global Dissertation Prize will be awarded for the first time in Banff. And I thank the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation and Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory for their continuing support of several prizes. I am also grateful to our faculty convenors who invest in the future of our field by hosting programs for junior scholars, including the Student Research Colloquium, Wallace Johnson Program, and J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History. Thanks are also due to the editors of our world-class publications, the *Law and History Review* and our “Studies in Legal History” book series (both published by Cambridge University Press). Finally, I must acknowledge everyone who provides critical infrastructure for the ASLH, including the Finance, Membership and Outreach, and Publications committees, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, plus (most of all) ASLH Secretary Emily Prifogle and Treasurer Kyle Volk.

At a time when scholars based outside of the US are being advised not to travel to the US, we recognize that holding our conference in Canada makes attendance easier for many people—although it also means that many international scholars based in the US are unable to leave that country for visa-related reasons. Now more than ever, it is crucial for us to forge ties of intellectual community and friendship across national borders. We are all citizens of the republic of letters. In this spirit, I hope that you will take advantage of our digital programming throughout the year. It provides another way for us to connect despite the vagaries of travel and geopolitics.

For those who can be here in person, I hope you enjoy the views and conversations in Banff!

Mitra Sharafi

Evjue-Bascom Professor, University of Wisconsin–Madison
President, American Society for Legal History

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY



On behalf of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, I am delighted to welcome the ASLH to Canada and the lovely town of Banff. The Society and its members are always pleased to have the opportunity to meet with distinguished legal historians from the United States, especially when the ASLH meets in Canada, as it has done several times previously. The Society is pleased to be a sponsor of the conference.

The Osgoode Society and the ASLH share a commitment to excellence in scholarship, a determination to preserve and better understand our legal past, and a fascination with the values and the social forces that have shaped our society and legal culture. Our Editor-in-Chief Professor Jim Phillips, our Associate Editor Professor Philip Girard, and one of our Directors, Professor Constance Backhouse, are all Honorary Fellows of the ASLH and will be at Banff.

The purpose of the Osgoode Society is to encourage research and writing in the history of Canadian law. We seek to stimulate the study of legal history by supporting research, hosting seminars and colloquia, collecting oral histories and through an ambitious publishing program. Our archive of over 700 oral histories of lawyers and judges serves as a valuable resource for legal historians. We are particularly proud of the fact that we have published over one hundred and thirty books since our founding in 1979 on a diverse range of topics including the history of courts, the judiciary, the legal profession, crime and punishment, women and the law, the law's treatment of ethnic minorities, law and the economy, and famous cases and trials.

The Society is a partnership between the academy, the legal profession and the judiciary. Our membership enjoys strong representation from each of these constituencies. Membership includes one of the three to four books we publish each year. We enjoy the financial support of our members, law firms and the Law Foundation of Ontario. I believe that our work demonstrates the value and importance of collaboration between scholars and practitioners who share an interest in the past and seek to encourage and promote the study of legal history.

I do hope that you enjoy your time in Canada and I extend my best wishes for a successful meeting.

Paul B. Schabas

President

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY LAW SCHOOL



On behalf of the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, it is my honour to welcome you to Banff for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History.

Banff—like the University of Calgary—falls within the territories covered by Treaty 7, the traditional territories of the Kainai, Siksika, Piikani, Tsuut’ina, and three Stoney Nakoda First Nations: Chiniki, Goodstoney, and Bearspaw, as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. We are grateful to gather here.

The University of Calgary is delighted to support this year’s Annual Meeting. We are home to one of the largest interdisciplinary undergraduate Law and Society programs in Canada, and legal historians are foundational to that program. As importantly, the Faculty of Law is committed to teaching legal history to our law students—for all the reasons you will already know: law is not fixed, nor can it make sense except in its historical context.

Legal histories—and legal historians—teach us about ourselves. They point to mistakes, guide decision-making, sharpen our understandings of culture and power, remind us of what we already know, and uncover knowledge we may have thought we had left behind. They show us that law is at once an instrument of authority and a site of contestation; that legal institutions are shaped by the societies in which they operate; and that ideas we may regard as settled have often been the subject of profound disagreement, struggle, and change.

That work feels especially important at a time when the past is so often invoked in debates about the future. Legal historians bring something distinctive to those conversations: a willingness to attend closely to context, contingency, complexity, and change. You remind us that history is rarely a simple story of progress or decline.

I hope this meeting, in this incredible setting, provides an opportunity for lively conversations across disciplines, institutions, and borders.

Laura Spitz

Dean

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA LAW SCHOOL



On behalf of the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Banff for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History.

We are delighted that scholars from across North America and beyond have gathered in Alberta to share new research, exchange ideas, and celebrate the richness and diversity of legal history. The study of legal history reminds us that law is never static. It is shaped by people, institutions, cultures, and places, and understanding the past helps us better understand both the challenges and possibilities of the present.

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law, the oldest law school in Western Canada, is proud to support this year's Annual Meeting. As a faculty, we are committed to scholarship that deepens our understanding of law's role in society and advances meaningful dialogue across disciplines and jurisdictions. Legal history has long been an important part of that mission, enriching our understanding of the evolution of legal institutions, constitutionalism, Indigenous legal traditions, the administration of justice, and the many ways law has shaped, and been shaped by, the communities it serves.

It is a treat to be able to meet in Banff, one of Canada's most spectacular settings. Nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Banff offers an opportunity not only for stimulating scholarly exchange but also for reflection, renewal, and connection. I hope you have the opportunity to experience the remarkable natural beauty of this region and to explore Alberta's rich history and cultures.

Thank you for joining us in Alberta. I wish you a stimulating and enjoyable conference and hope your time in Banff inspires new conversations, collaborations, and friendships that will continue long after the meeting concludes.

Fiona Kelly

Dean and Wilbur Fee Bowker Professor of Law
University of Alberta Faculty of Law

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE OF ALBERTA



On behalf of Alberta's three Courts, the Court of Justice, the Court of King's Bench, and the Court of Appeal, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Banff National Park for your 2026 Annual Meeting.

Our province provides a spectacular setting for your gathering, weaving together many rich histories and traditions, all contributing to its legal tapestry. Banff has the distinction of being Canada's first national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its area has been the home of Indigenous Peoples for millennia, being in the current territories of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 First Nations as well as the Métis Homeland. These lands were used for sustenance, ceremony, trade and travel. The park area was a

sacred place for gathering medicines and seeking healing in the natural hot springs still enjoyed by thousands of Albertans and visitors each year. The Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, an educational institution situated on the slope of Sacred Buffalo Guardian Mountain, is a vehicle for learning about and connecting with this cultural heritage and its natural setting while inspiring and fostering collaboration across disciplines.

The comparatively shorter history of the Court of Appeal of Alberta spans not much more than one century, yet the Court is almost as old as the province itself. Nine years after its founding, in 1914, Alberta created an appellate division for its Supreme Court that became what is now the Court of Appeal of Alberta. It did not emerge in a vacuum but rather built on the appellate practice of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories established in 1886 that preceded and largely became Alberta's Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal was called upon to defend the rule of law soon after its establishment in *Re Lewis* and *Re Norton*, 1918 cases similar in spirit to the famed *Marbury v Madison*. Faced with the personnel demands of World War I, the federal government cancelled exemptions from mandatory conscription in the *Military Services Act* by Order in Council – an order from cabinet relying on the government's powers in the *War Measures Act* – that Parliament approved by resolution. A writ of *habeas corpus* for a young Alberta farmer went before the Court, which found that the *War Measures Act* did not grant the executive power to overrule Parliament by Order in Council, adding that delegations of legislative power are always subject to judicial review. The government defied this ruling, prompting a further judgment expounding the important role of courts in the democratic order to protect the legal rights of Albertans. As the highest court of the province, subject to appellate review only before the

Supreme Court of Canada, the Court of Appeal of Alberta continues in that tradition to this day.

These events and the Court's history are recounted in *People Principles Progress: The Alberta Court of Appeal's First Century 1914 to 2014* authored by historical consultant David Mittelstadt and made possible by the support of the Government of Alberta. This book was published by the Legal Archives Society of Alberta whose core mandate is to preserve archival records of the evolution of law and society in the province. This is captured in over 850 metres of documents and audio-visual materials, including more than 10,000 photographs, as well as oral histories from lawyers and judges. This valuable work makes it possible to study the role of law across time consonant with the American Society for Legal History's own mandate.

I am confident that the confluence of Banff National Park's spirit of conservation, the Banff Centre's history of inspiring creativity and collaboration and Alberta's own rich legal history will provide the perfect backdrop for an exceptional gathering.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pentelchuk

Acting Chief Justice of Alberta

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

2:00pm–6:00pm	Registration (<i>Galleria Central</i>)
5:30pm–6:30pm	Executive Committee (<i>Room 310</i>)
7:00pm–8:30pm	Opening Reception (<i>Room 303</i>)
7:30pm–10:00pm	Board Meeting (<i>Room 203</i>)

9:30am–4:45pm

Room 305

Pre-Conference Symposium: **Canadian Legal History**

Organizer: **Patricia McMahon**, York University
(pmcmahon@osgoode.yorku.ca)

This event is open to ASLH registrants. For meals, priority will be given to pre-conference presenters, discussants, chairs, and organizers.

9:30am–9:40am

Welcome

9:40am–10:40am

Panel 1. Indigenous Land, Treaties & Rights

Chair: **Philip Girard**, York University

Genevieve Painter, Concordia University

Patriation and the Denial of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

Heidi Bohaker, University of Toronto

Ontario Treaties and Aboriginal Rights in the 19th Century

Arthur Wagner, University of British Columbia

Public Discourse in Newspapers Surrounding the Sale of the Songhees Reserve, Victoria's Inner Harbour, 1895–1911

Chandra Murdoch, University of Toronto

Confronting the Indian Act

Charles Prior, University of Birmingham

Treaty Originalism and the Interpretation of Aboriginal Rights in Canada

Wyeth Robertson, University of Toronto

19th-Century Civil Societies: Protection and Assimilation of Indigenous Peoples

11:00am–12:00pm

Panel 2. Empire, Constitution & Governance

Chair: **Patricia McMahon**, York University

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JCPC and the Law of Empire, 1833–1950s

Preston Lim, Queen's University

High Court of Parliament in the Canadian Context

Alex Martinborough, University of Toronto

Responsible Government: New Zealand, Cape, Red River

Sarath Pillai, University of Calgary

Muslim Federal Ideas in Colonial India, 1920s–1940s

Caid Brossart, University of British Columbia

S. 33 of the Charter and Its History

1:00pm–1:45pm

Panel 3. Race, Migration & the Carceral State

Chair: **Jim Phillips**, University of Toronto

John McLaren, University of Victoria

The Komagata Maru in Port and Court: Race, Migration, the 'Promise' of Law

Douglas Harris, University of British Columbia

Properties of Exclusion

Simon Wallace, Toronto Metropolitan University

The Origins of Immigration Detention in Canada

Sara Fruchtman, University of Toronto

Inquests into the Deaths of Indigenous Women at the Prison for Women, 1990–91

2:00pm–3:00pm

Panel 4. Law & Society: Gender, Labour, Legitimacy, Fire

Chair: **Constance Backhouse**, University of Ottawa

Krista Kesselring, Dalhousie University

English Bastards: Law, Lineage, and Legitimacy, c. 1483–1688

Patrick Ryan, Western University

Junior Sports and Child Labour

Catherine Evans, University of Toronto

Fire in the History of Canadian Law

Margaret Ross, University of Toronto

Socio-Legal History of Sex Work in Ontario, 1860s–1930s

Zoe Savitsky, York University

Canadian Corporate Personhood and Speech: Gender and the Law

3:20pm–4:20pm

Panel 5. Rights, Speech & New Directions

Chair: **Shaunnagh Dorsett**, University of Technology Sydney

Lyndsay Campbell, University of Calgary

Libel and Privilege in 1970s Saskatoon and 1840s St. John's

Ally Potamianos, New York University

The Recognition and Implementation of the 'Right to Shelter' in New York City in the 1980s

Lindsay Massara, University of British Columbia

British Colonial Administration and the Genealogy of Common Law Emergency

Hannah Boller, University of Calgary

Food and Emotion: The Rationing of Food in World War Two

Taylor Starr, University of Toronto

Statutes, Courts, and Consequences: Family Law Reform and Women at the Margins, 1986–1999

4:20pm–4:45pm

Wrap-Up

9:00am–5:20pm

Room 301

Pre-Conference Symposium: **Law and Governance: New Publications in Chinese Legal History**

Organizer: **Liang Cai**, University of Notre Dame (lcai@nd.edu)

This event is open to ASLH registrants. For meals, priority will be given to pre-conference presenters, discussants, chairs, and organizers.

9:00am–10:25am

Panel 1. Crime and Punishment

Chair: **Matthew H. Sommer**, Stanford University

Liang Cai, University of Notre Dame

Convict Politics: From Utopia to Serfdom in Early China (221 BCE–23 CE)

Discussant: **Michael Puett**, Harvard University

Jingjian Wu, Peking University

Between Crimes and Illegalities: The Rise of Punishment Dualism in Modern China

Discussant: **Liang Cai**, University of Notre Dame

10:35am–12:00pm

Panel 2. Bureaucrats and Bureaucratic Disciplines

Chair: **Paul R. Goldin**, University of Pennsylvania

Ying Zhang, Leiden University

Ideals of Confinement: Bureaucratic Discipline and Society in Ming China

Discussant: **Sara Butler**, The Ohio State University

Peter Wong, Peking University

Monopolization of Death: The Establishment, Implementation, and Constraints of Imperial Approval of Death Sentences in Early Imperial China

Discussant: **Ying Zhang**, Leiden University

1:00pm–2:25pm

Panel 3. Legal Expertise and Administration of Justice

Chair: **Thomas Buoye**, University of Tulsa

Li Chen, University of Toronto

Invisible Power in China: Legal Expertise, Statecraft Traditions, and Imperial Governance, 1644–1911

Discussant: **Matthew H. Sommer**, Stanford University

Hwei Ru Ong, Harvard University

Of Fire and Fertilizer: Arson, Agriculture, and the Administration of Justice at the Western Han Frontier

Discussant: **Li Chen**, University of Toronto

2:35pm–4:00pm

Panel 4. Legality in Modern China to Bureaucrats in Early China

Chair: **Liang Cai**, University of Notre Dame

Taisu Zhang, Yale University

Legality in China

Discussant: **Han Liu**, Tsinghua University

Yunxin Li, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Work-Life Balance of Early Chinese Local Bureaucrats: Evidence from Excavated Manuscripts

Discussant: **Paul R. Goldin**, University of Pennsylvania

4:10pm–5:20pm

Panel 5. From Madness to Alcohol: Law in Qing Dynasty

Chair: **Taisu Zhang**, Yale University

Yujie Pu, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Reframing Madness in Law: Medical Knowledge and Legal Reform in Late Qing China (1901–1911)

Discussant: **Li Chen**, University of Toronto

Jackson Yue Bin Guo, University of Toronto

Governing through Prohibition: Alcohol, Public Sentiment, and Legal Governance in Mid-Qing China

Discussant: **Thomas Buoye**, University of Tulsa

9:00am–6:00pm

Room 202/204

Pre-Conference Symposium: **Radicals, Lawyering, and Radical Lawyering**

Organizers: **Daniel Farbman**, Boston College (farbman@bu.edu)
Marie-Amélie George, Wake Forest University (georgemp@wfu.edu)

This event is open to ASLH registrants. For meals, priority will be given to pre-conference presenters, discussants, chairs, and organizers.

9:00am–9:30am

Gathering and Breakfast

Sponsored by Wake Forest University School of Law

9:30am–10:00am

Greetings and Opening Remarks

Dan Farbman and **Marie-Amélie George**

10:00am–11:30am

Roundtable 1. Where, When, and What is/was Radical Lawyering

Moderated and Facilitated by: **Rohit De**, **Brooke Depenbusch**, **Andrew Lanham**, **Rebecca Horwitz-Willis**

11:45am–1:15pm

Panel 1. Works in Progress

Chair: **Dan Farbman**, Boston University
Presenters: **David Damiano**, **Myisha Eatmon**, **Daniel Friedman**, **John Witt**

1:15pm–2:00pm

Lunch

Sponsored by Boston College Law School

2:00pm–3:30pm

Panel 2. Works in Progress

Chair: **Marie-Amélie George**

Presenters: **Irina Ceric, Daniel Fernandez, Tim Lovelace, Amalia Perez Martin**

3:45pm–5:15pm

Roundtable 2. What is the Role of Legal History and Legal Scholarship in Contemporary Radical Movements?

Moderated and Facilitated by: **Giuliana Perrone, Hiba Hafiz, Serena Mayeri, Susanna Blumenthal**

5:15pm–6:00pm

Closing Plenary. Collective Action, Solidarity, and Next Steps

Moderated by **Dan Farbman** and **Marie-Amélie George**

7:00pm–10:00pm

Informal Gathering for Dinner and Drinks

1:00pm–5:00pm

Room 306

Pre-Conference Workshop: Paleography and Material Cultures of Early Modern Law

Organizer: **Kathryn James**, Yale University (kathryn.james@yale.edu)

This workshop requires prior registration, capped at 20 participants. Please contact organizer.

1:00pm–1:15pm

Introductions

1:15pm–1:45pm

Writing as Material Practice (Presentation with Hands-on Examples)

Drawing on illustrations of law offices in early modern legal form books, this session introduces the people, spaces, materials, and practices of early modern legal writing, alongside examples of early modern equipment and materials. Examples include: quill pens, laid paper, parchment, filing bags, pounce, and the material ingredients for iron gall ink.

1:45pm–3:00pm

Reading & Writing Secretary Hand

A hands-on introduction to the most common professional hand in early modern English law, through reading and writing alphabets and sample documents.

Using an early 17th-century manuscript of the alphabet, we'll learn to read English secretary hand by copying its letterforms, using quill pens and iron gall ink (made following a recipe in the manuscript). In the second half of the session, we'll practice reading examples from 17th-century manuscript texts, including a Yale Law Library manuscript of Edward Coke's reading notes.

3:15pm–3:45pm

Textual Practices: Reading, Writing, and Documentary Formats (Presentation)

How law was written shaped the formats in which law texts survive. This session introduces some of the key documentary formats for law texts, from manuscript reports through indentures. We'll focus on the relationship between physical format, purpose, and audiences, touching on topics such as witnessing, docketing, securing, authenticating, and other use requirements reflected in documents' physical forms.

3:45pm–4:45pm

Craft a Chirograph: Creating a Secure Early Modern Legal Document

In this hands-on session, we'll write, witness, seal, and docket an early modern legal document, using the "chirograph" technique, in which a document was authenticated when two parties could produce the matching halves. Participants will use examples from early modern form books and documents to draft and produce a legal document.

4:45pm–5:00pm

Wrap-Up

9:00am–5:00pm

Room 308

The Johnson Program for First Book Authors

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

This event is open only to Johnson Program participants.

9:00am–5:00pm

Jared Berkowitz, University of Chicago (jsberkowitz@uchicago.edu)
Creature of Capitalism: A Legal History of Corporate Personhood in Nineteenth Century America

Hardeep Dhillon, University of Pennsylvania (dhillionh@sas.upenn.edu)
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 Transregional India

Uponita Mukherjee, Fordham University (umukherjee1@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

Student Research Colloquium

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

Charles Donahue Faculty Director: **Rowan Dorin**, Stanford University
(dorin@stanford.edu)

Constance Backhouse Faculty Director: **Beth Lew-Williams**, Princeton University
(bethlw@princeton.edu)

Conveners: **Hannah Reynolds**, Northwestern University
(hannah.reynolds@u.northwestern.edu); and **John Wertheimer**, Davidson College
(jowertheimer@davidson.edu)

This event is open only to SRC participants.

Shachar Gannot, Princeton University (sg1846@princeton.edu)

Defending the Wehrmacht in the Rechtsstaat: Hans Laternser and the Manteuffel Trial in West Germany

Lauren Benton Fellow

Veronica Hylton, Columbia University (vfh2101@columbia.edu)

Emergency Rooms, the IRS, and the Nonprofitization of the American Welfare State, 1946–1969

Martha Jones Fellow

Jerry Chen, Harvard University (zchen@jd29.law.harvard.edu)

“Making the Delta White”: California’s 1920 Anti-Asian Alien Land Law, The Sharecropping Question, and Racial Capitalism

Laura Kalman Fellow

Samantha Haddad, College of William & Mary (srhaddad@wm.edu)

A “Laboratory” for Enforcement: Shannon Airport and the Development of U.S. Immigration Preclearance

William Novak/University of Michigan Law School Fellow

Olusegun Olatunji, Howard University (Olusegun.Olatunji@bison.howard.edu)
Whose Child Is This? Bridewealth, Customary Law, and the Adjudication of Paternity in Colonial Nigeria, 1880–1940
Amy Dru Stanley Fellow

Marina Del Cassio, Stanford University (mcassio@stanford.edu)
The Meaning of Fire: Land, Law, and Ideas in California's Age of Steam, 1840s–1910s
Herbert A. Johnson Fellow

Jack Callaghan, Princeton University (jcl117@princeton.edu)
Choosing Their Guardians: Reconsidering Indigenous Guardianship in Colonial New England, c. 1665–1730
James Whitman/Yale Law School Fellow

Myra Billund-Phibbs, University of Minnesota (billu014@umn.edu)
On the Basis of Sex Change: Trans Minnesotans and the Civil Rights State, 1969–1978
John Wertheimer/Davidson College Fellow

7:00pm–8:30pm

Room 303

Opening Reception

All conference attendees are invited.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

7:30am–9:00am	Breakfast (<i>Vistas Dining Room</i>)
7:30am–4:30pm	Registration (<i>Galleria Central</i>)
7:30am–8:30am	Membership Committee Breakfast (<i>Room 306</i>)
7:30am–8:30am	Studies in Legal History Editors Breakfast (<i>Room 304</i>)
7:30am–8:30am	Graduate Student Outreach Committee Breakfast (<i>Room 302</i>)
7:30am–8:30am	President’s Breakfast for New Attendees (<i>Three Ravens Dining Area</i>) <i>First-time attendees as well as relative newcomers to the ASLH are welcome.</i>
8:00am–6:30pm	Exhibits (<i>Galleria Central</i>)
12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch (<i>Vistas Dining Room</i>)
12:00pm–1:00pm	Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Lunch (<i>Room 306</i>)
12:00pm–1:00pm	Law & History Review Lunch (<i>Room 101</i>)
5:00pm–6:15pm	Plenary Address (<i>Room 101/103/105</i>)
6:15pm–7:30pm	Plenary Reception (<i>Galleria Central</i>)

7:30am–5:00pm

Galleria Central

Legal History Poster Session

Con Reynolds, American Bar Association (creynolds@ussc.gov)
Commissioned Democracy: A Historical Frame for a New Era of Federal Sentencing

Niels Fieremans, Ghent University (niels.fieremans@ugent.be)
Transitional Justice in the Renaissance Low Countries (1450–1550)

Julie Reynolds, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
(julie_reynolds@ca2.uscourts.gov)
Genevieve Cline: The First Female Federal Judge

Chenxi Luo, Augusta University (cluo@augusta.edu)
Using “Slavery” as Legal Rhetoric: Women’s Petitions from Seventeenth-Century China

Kushagr Bakshi, Tulane University (kbakshi@tulane.edu)
The Country Without a Post Office: Jammu & Kashmir and Imaginations of Freedom within a Federation

Ki-Won Hong, Yonsei University (origin67@yahoo.com)
A Critical Edition of Fernando Vázquez de Menchaca’s Controversiarum illustrium libri tres (1564): Natural Law, Individual Rights, and the Freedom of the Seas

Pricing Harm: Race, Empire, and the Legal Valuation of Loss in the Long Nineteenth Century

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

Linda Kinstler, Harvard University (lkinstler@fas.harvard.edu)

The Ambiguity of Oblivion in Indigenous Treaty and Tribal Law

Gili Kliger, Stanford University (gkliger@stanford.edu)

Compensation and the Value of Human Life in Post-Abolition Britain

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Race and Remedies in the Freedmen's Bureau Courts

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Whose Loss? Compensating Property and Lives in U.S. International Indemnity Payments

The Kathryn T. Preyer Award Panel

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Rules Without Judges: The Statutory History of the Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act in British India, 1926–1936

Commentator: **Rohit De**, Yale University (rohit.de@yale.edu)

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The Business of Unemployment: Industrial Layoffs, Unemployment Insurance, and the Boss's Rule in the Off Season, 1935–1955

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Immigrants, Legality, and the Meaning of Equality in the 20th-Century United States

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Correcting the Record: Immigration Legalization and Naturalization Procedure from 1906 to 1929

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Constituting the “Illegal Alien” as a Subject of State Law: Citizenship, Civil Rights and Unlawful Presence in the 1970s and Beyond

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Plyler as History

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“To Get Back Rights for the Majority”: Legal Battles as a Nativist Ideological Tool

Administering Automation: New Legal Histories of Computing

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The TAXMAN Cometh: Expert Systems and Search for the Law

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Machine Readability and the Construction of “Criminality”

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The PROMIS Ring: Prosecutors as Systems Managers and the Expansion of Criminal Justice Data in the United States

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Automating Law before Large Language Models: The British Nationality Act as a Logic Program

Roundtable: Central Bank Independence as Constitutional Controversy: Historical Dimensions

Chair: **Christine Desan**, Harvard University (desan@law.harvard.edu)

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Democratic Sovereignty and the Prerogative to Make Money: The Case of the Federal Reserve

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The Evolution of Central Bank Independence in Canada: The Political Economy of Independence

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The Interstitial Executive: A View from the Founding

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Central Banks as Sites of Conflict: Credit, Law, and the Limits of Monetary Governance

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The Federal Reserve Exception

Medieval Meets Modern: Common Law Uses of the Past

Chair & Commentator: **Sara Butler**, The Ohio State University (butler.960@osu.edu)

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Kahler v. Kansas and the Historian's Calling

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Medieval Treatises and the Judicial Search for a Useable Past

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'Legal Medievalism': Priors, Precedent, Paternity, Pretence

New Approaches to Federal Enforcement in Reconstruction-Era Courts

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Law and Political Economy: Local Criminal Courts in the Southern States, 1865–1876

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Thirteenth Amendment and the Enforcement of the Peonage Act in the Territorial Southwest

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Federal Enforcement and Legal Pluralism: A Case Study of Reconstruction-Era Mississippi

Lightning Round: Perspectives on Empire, Colonialism, and Indigenous Law

Chair: **Edward Kolla**, Georgetown University (ekj55@georgetown.edu)

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Specify the Reason on Your Warrant: Search and Seizure in the 17-18th Century Massachusetts Bay Colony

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Decolonization from the Margins: Adivasi Legal Traditions and the Limits of Decolonial Discourse in India

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Before Labour Law's Future, Some Questions From its Past: The English Factory Acts and Their Transfer to East India in the 19th Century

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Clandestine Love, Colonial Law: Transplanting English Marriage Norms to India and New South Wales

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Locating Radical Crown Title in Civil Law Ownership

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One Crown, Many Ventures: Legal Architecture, Institutions, and Imperial Strategy in Anglo-British Royal Charters, 1555–1732

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Law, Empire, and Abolishing Slavery in the Aegean

Before 1492: Law and Governance in an Age of Expansion

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

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Surveying Conquered Lands: Conversion and Legal Knowledge in Post-Islamic Iberia, 11-14th Centuries

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Legal Enforcement in Late Medieval Castile: Evidence from the High Royal Courts

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Promised Lands: A Roman Law Perspective

Roundtable: Tribal Legal Transformations: Histories of Adaptation, Disruption, and Re-Indigenization

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

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Children, Families, and the State

Chair: **Kenneth F. Duggan**, Vancouver Island University (Kenneth.Duggan@viu.ca)

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From Patria Potestad to Patronato: Family, Legitimacy, and the Carceral Logic of Child Protection in Argentina

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Coercion and Abdication in the Voluntary Foster Care Regime

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Conducting Conduct: Refinements in the Law of Corporal Punishment in Canada

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Percy Shelley's Children and the Parens Patriae: Family Law's Role in Quelling Political Dissent

Roundtable: Legal Pluralism and Imperial Governance: Managing Local Law in Colonial Contexts

Chair: **Myra Ann Houser**, Ouachita Baptist University (houserma@obu.edu)

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Landscapes of Custom: Jurisdiction and Territorial Authority in Virginia and the English Fens

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Evidence, Judgment, and Administration: 18th c. Vice-Admiralty Courts and Colonial Governance

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The Code of the Mountains against the Empire: Customary Law, Blood Feud, and Ottoman Attempts at Political Control over Albanian Tribes in the 19th Century

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Administering Islamic Justice: Sharia Courts in Austro-Hungarian Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Polygamy in the Belgian Congo: From the Colonial Charter (1908) to 1930

New Frontiers in the Legal History of Maoist China

Chair & Commentator: **Qiang Fang**, University of Minnesota Duluth
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Rape Law in Maoist China

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A Single Spark?: Anatomy of a Criminal Investigation during the Cultural Revolution

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Familial Criminality: Causality in Mao's National Community, 1949–1979

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Encoding Socialist Sentencing: Expert Systems and the Technocratic Imagination of Criminal Law in 1980s China

12:00pm–1:00pm

Vistas Dining Room

Lunch

Provided for all conference attendees

1:15pm–2:45pm

Room 203

The American Middle: From Class Conflict to the Depoliticization of Class

Chair & Commentator: **Joanna Grisinger**, Northwestern University
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Consumption and the Shaping of the American Labor Movement

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Strict Products Liability and the Sovereign Consumer

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The Relationship Between the American Consumer Movement and Labor Movement in the 1960s and 1970s

1:15pm–2:45pm

Room 301

The Legal Creation and Regulation of Markets in Labor, Health, and Death in the 20th-Century United States

Chair & Commentator: **Catherine Fisk**, University of California, Berkeley
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Hiba Hafiz, Princeton University (hhafiz@princeton.edu)
The Dangerous Myth of Market Wages

Beck Boorstein, Yale University (rebecca.boorstein@yale.edu)
Organizing Contagion: Labor, Law, and Care during the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Deborah Dinner, Cornell University (deborah.dinner@cornell.edu)
Viatical Settlements and Insurance Markets: Contesting the Commodification of Death, from Legal Realism to Financialization

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Session IV. 3:00pm to 4:30pm	Roundtable: Fifty Years of Critical Legal Historiography	Roundtable: Networks of Debt, Moneylending, and Enslavement	Ordinary Law, Extraordinary Power	Authority Over the Past	Immigration, Criminalization, and the Coercive Use of Law	Interaction of Legal Institutions in the Medieval Mediterranean	Law, Legitimacy, and the Politics of the Family
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SATURDAY

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12:00pm to 2:00pm	Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony (<i>Room 101/103/105</i>) <i>President Mitra Sharafi will deliver remarks on the state of the Society, followed by prize presentations and announcements of distinguished honorary fellows.</i>						
Session III. 2:15pm to 3:45pm	Doctrine vs. Practice	Progressive Lawyering and Legal Activism in 1970s and 1980s Era America	The Ottoman Roots of International Law	Manumission in Medieval Law	African Epistemologies and the Limits of Colonial Law	Lex and Narrative	Interactive Empires: Constructing Legal Authority...
Session IV. 4:00pm to 5:30pm	Age, Clemency, and the Death Penalty	Re-Righting History: How Conservatives Created a Const. Past	Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Legal Change	Law, Corporation, and Empire Across the 20th Century	Roundtable: Law and the Production of Ignorance	Roundtable: Holding the Confederates Accountable	Women's Capacity Before the Law
6:00pm to 8:00pm	Closing Reception (<i>Room 101/103/105</i>)						

Roundtable: Women and Crime in Medieval and Early Modern Europe and St.-Domingue

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Adultery: A Female Crime in the Italian Communes? (13th-14th centuries)

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Women and the Work of Death Investigation: The First-Finder in Medieval England

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The Trafficking of Women by Women in French Burgundy (15th cen.)

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Poor Pregnant Women in Europe North of the Alps, 1550–1700

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“Lock Her Up!”: Propertied White Women and the Criminalization of Marital Discord in French Colonial Saint-Domingue

Change in Islamic Law: From the Foundational Period to Modernity

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Change in the Service of the Establishment: A Debate on the Islamic Law of Booty

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Proscribing Temporary Marriage: Ibn ‘Abbās, the Meccan School, and the Retrospective Logic of Sunni Consensus

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Ottoman Sex Crime Legislation and Hanafi Law: Are Fines Punishments or Compensation for Illicit Sex?

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Doctrinal Change in Hanbalī Family Law in Modern Saudi Arabia

Martial Law, Property, and Empire

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The Disciplining Power of Property: Emergency Law in Ireland

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Wartime Oil Capture: Corporate Property and the Netherlands East Indies

Beyond the Common Law: Legacies of England's Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions

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'Poor Men' and 'Stilled Passions': The Legacy of the Tudor Court of Requests

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The Several Courts of High Commission

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Surviving the Civil Wars: Business in the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer Equity from 1650

The Prison as Legal Laboratory: Conditions of Confinement and the Limit Conditions for Reform

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"Artificial Motivation": Civil Commitment and the Cultural Production of Addiction (1961–1971)

Joanna Cardenas, University of California, Berkeley (joanna15@berkeley.edu)
Carceral Ecologies: Mapping the History of Institutional Violence in Dublin, California

Gabrielle Corona, Princeton University (GCorona@princeton.edu)
Bleeding Behind Bars: Jailhouse Lawyers Challenge the U.S. Prison Plasma Industry, 1960s–1980s

3:00pm–4:30pm

Room 205

Authority Over the Past: Law, Memory, and Historical Interpretation

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Reinterpretation and Retrenchment: Federal Heritage Governance and the Struggle over Civil Rights Memory

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Originalism and the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

Marco Basile, Boston College (marco.basile@bc.edu)
To Forget History and to Remember Tradition: The Erasure of the Global Constitution

3:00pm–4:30pm

Room 201

Roundtable: Fifty Years of Critical Legal Historiography

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Room 305

Law, Legitimacy, and the Politics of the Family: New Directions in the History of Family Law in the United States

Chair: **Laura F. Edwards**, Princeton University (laura.edwards@princeton.edu)

Serena Mayeri, University of Pennsylvania (smayeri@law.upenn.edu)
Marital Privilege: Marriage, Inequality, and the Transformation of American Law

Kathryn Schumaker, University of Sydney (kathryn.schumaker@sydney.edu.au)
Tangled Fortunes: The Hidden History of Interracial Marriage in the Segregated South

Marie-Amélie George, Wake Forest University (georgemp@wfu.edu)
Family Matters: Queer Households and the Half-Century Struggle for Legal Recognition

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Every Man's Home a Castle: Parental Rights & The Makings of Modern Conservatism

Ordinary Law, Extraordinary Power: Policing, Public Order, and the Legalization of “Emergency” in South Asia

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Criminal People: The 1847 Faraizi Trial and Illegal Crowds in Eastern India

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“Unlawful Assemblies,” Section 144, and the Origins of Crowd Management in Colonial India across the 19th Century, c. 1836–1899

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Crowds at the Confluence: Policing and Governance of Religious Fairs in Colonial Allahabad (1860–1920)

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Calling on the Courts: CrPC Section 491, Wartime Detention, and Emergency Jurisprudence in India (1940s–1960s)

Immigration, Criminalization, and the Coercive Use of Law

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Family Matters: Quotidian Asian and Indigenous Entanglements in Cranbrook’s Courts

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“To Be Put to Death on Such a Verdict”: The 1913 Alaska Case of U.S. v. Ito

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Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Cockrill v. People and the Statutory Presumption of Guilt in California’s 1920 Alien Land Act

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Raiding Port Authority to Find West Indian Women: English v. Sava (1983) and the Limits of Fourth Amendment Protections in Late 20th Century New York

3:00pm–4:30pm

Room 202/204

Roundtable: Networks of Debt, Moneylending, and Enslavement across Empires

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5:00pm–6:15pm

Room 101/103/105

PLENARY ADDRESS

Canada by Treaty: Legal Histories of Contested Places

Heidi Bohaker, Professor, May Gluskin Chair in Canadian History,
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6:15pm–7:30pm

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Legal History Poster Session

See Friday schedule for presenter information.

8:30am–10:00am

Room 203

Transformations in Canadian Law, 1945–2025

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Women Judges on the Supreme Court of Canada

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From the Coutume de Paris to the Age of Rights: Transforming Quebec Law, 1945–2000

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The Apocalypse or Reconciliation? A History of Aboriginal Title, 1973–2025

Roundtable: New Perspectives on the History of Regulating Market Power

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

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“So Big You Don’t Dare Interfere With It”: Paul Volcker, the Rise of Money Market Funds, and the Fall of the New Deal Financial Order

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A Civil Rights History of Public Utility Regulation

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Saving Fed Independence

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The Origins of the Public Interest Test in American Constitutional History

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Neoliberal Administrative Law: Foundations and Development

Criminal Justice Across Borders: Histories of Extradition and Interstate Relations

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Extradition during High Imperialism, c. 1870–1914

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The Criss-Crossing Politics of Asylum

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The Extradition of Enahoro (1963): Sovereignty and the Rule of Law in the Shadow of Empire

Resisting Empire: Indigenous Organizing in Canada's Long Seventies

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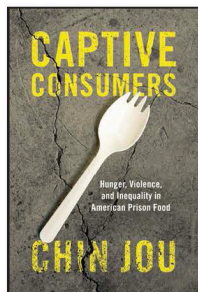
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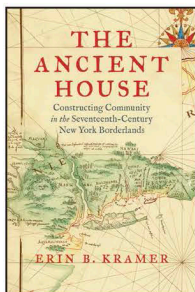


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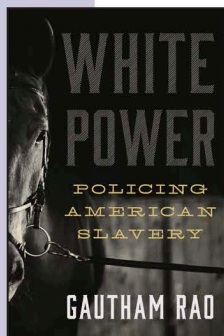
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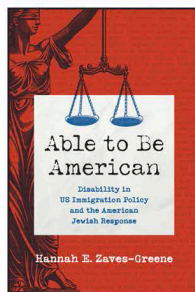
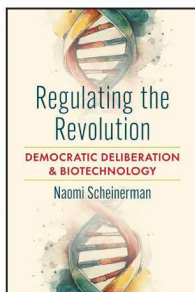
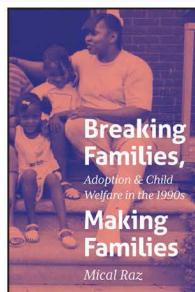
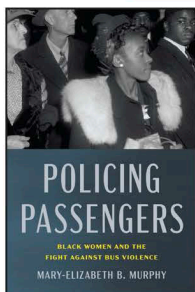
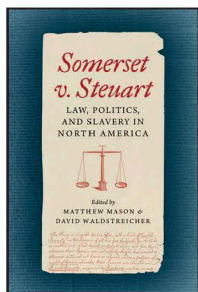
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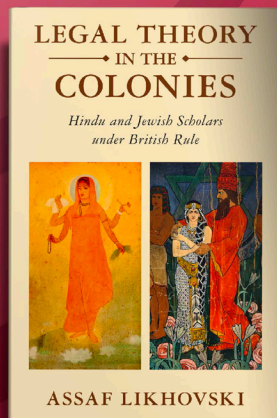
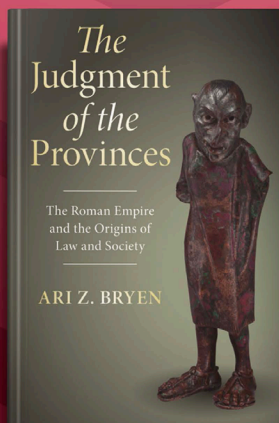
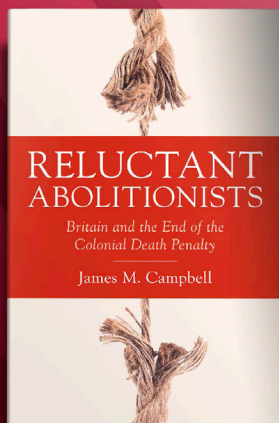
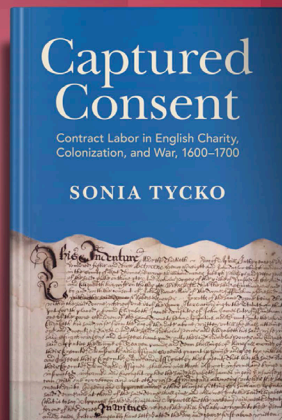
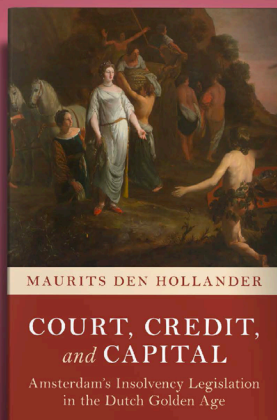
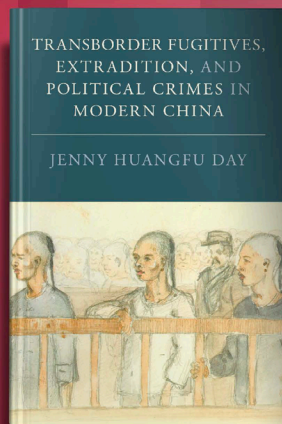


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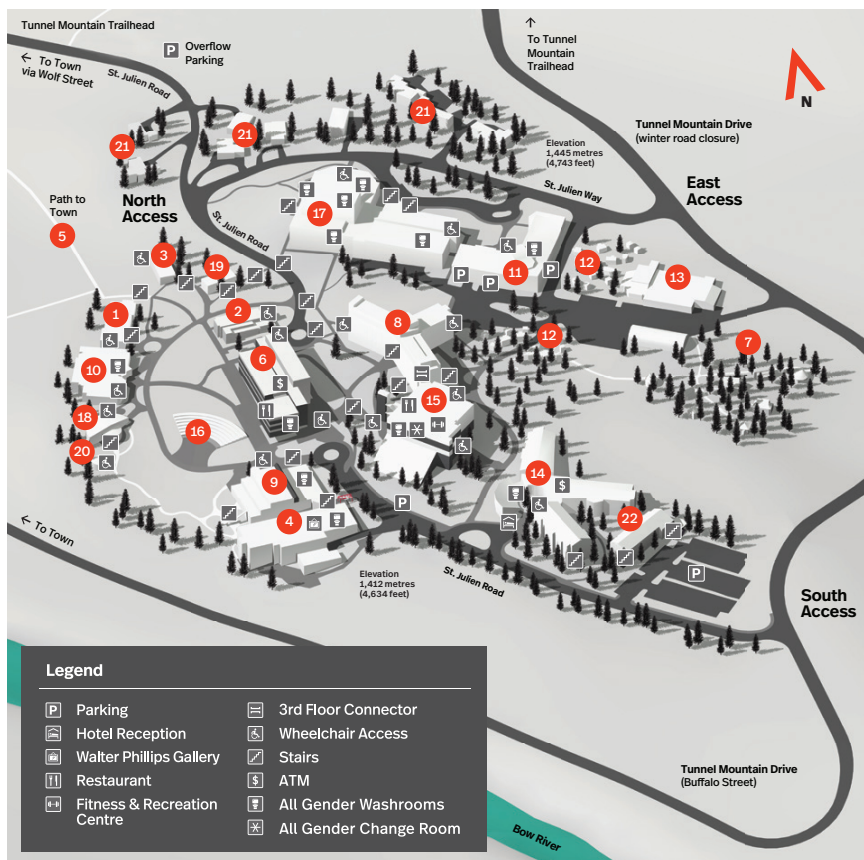
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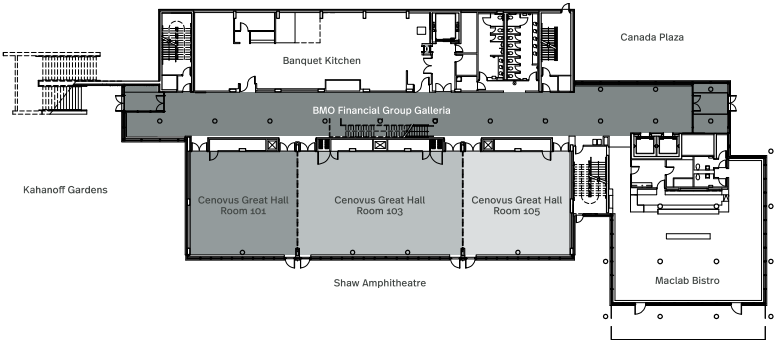
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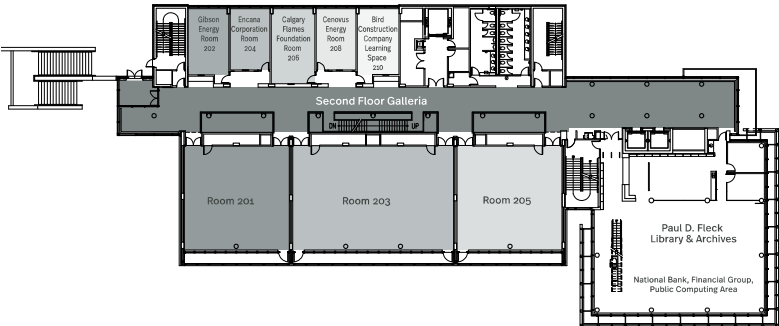
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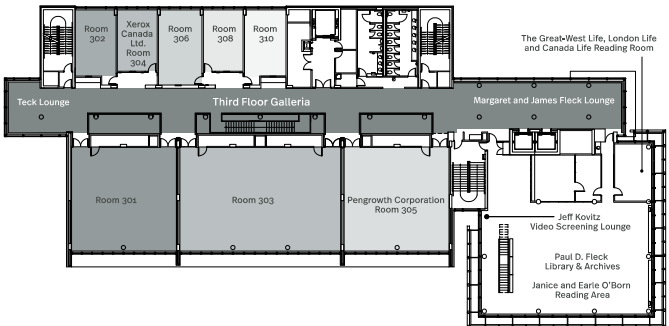
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