

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR LEGAL HISTORY

2026 Annual Meeting Program

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

12:00 PM–6:00 PM **Registration** (*Galleria Central*)

4:00 PM–5:30 PM **Finance Committee** (*Room 310*)

5:30 PM–6:30 PM **Executive Committee** (*Room 310*)

7:00 PM–8:30 PM **Opening Reception** (*Room 303*)

7:30 PM–10:00 PM **Board Meeting** (*Room 203*)

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Pre-Conference Symposium: Canadian Legal History (*Room 305*)

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

Specific Schedule Still TBD

This event is open to ASLH registrants.

For meals, priority will be given to pre-conference presenters, discussants, chairs, and organizers.

9:00 AM–7:00 PM

Pre-Conference Symposium: Law and Governance: New Currents in Chinese Legal History (*Room 301*)

Organizers:

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

9:00 AM–10:40 AM 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 Law School

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

Discussant: Liang Cai, University of Notre Dame

10-minute Break

10:50 AM–12:30 PM 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

12:30 PM–1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM–3:10 PM 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

10-minute Break

3:20 PM–5:00 PM 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

5:00 PM–6:40 PM Panel 5. From Madness to Alcohol: Law in Qing Dynasty

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

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9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Pre-Conference Symposium: Radicals, Lawyering and Radical Lawyering
(Room 202/4)

Organizers:

Daniel Farbman, Boston College (farbman@bc.edu)

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

9:00 AM–9:30 AM Gathering and Breakfast

Sponsored by Wake Forest University School of Law

9:30 AM–10:00 AM Greetings and Opening Remarks

Dan Farbman and Marie-Amélie George

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Roundtable One. Where, When, and What is/was Radical Lawyering

Moderated and Facilitated by:

Rohit De, Brooke Depenbusch, Andrew Lanham, Rebecca Horowitz-Willis

15-minute Break

11:45 AM–1:15 PM Works in Progress Panel One

Chair: Dan Farbman

Presenters: David Damiano, Myisha Eatmon, Daniel Friedman, John Witt

1:15 PM–2:00 PM Lunch

Sponsored by Boston College Law School

2:00 PM–3:30 PM Works in Progress Panel Two

Chair: Marie-Amélie George

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

15-minute Break

3:45 PM–5:15 PM Roundtable Two. What is the Role of Legal History and Legal Scholarship in Contemporary Radical Movements?

Moderated and Facilitated by:

Giulianna Perrone, Hiba Hafiz, Serena Mayeri, Susanna Blumenthal

5:15 PM–6:00 PM Closing Plenary. Collective Action, Solidarity, and Next Steps

Moderated by Dan Farbman and Marie-Amélie George

7:00 PM–10:00 PM Informal Gathering for Dinner and Drinks

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1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Pre-Conference Workshop: Paleography and Material Cultures of Early Modern Law *(Room 306)*

Organizer:

Kathryn James, Yale Law School (kathryn.james@yale.edu)

1:00 PM-1:15 PM: Introductions

1:15 PM-1:45 PM: 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.

1:45 PM-3:00 PM 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.

15-minute Break

3:15 PM-3:45 PM 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.

3:45 PM-4:45 PM: 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.

4:45 PM-5:00 PM: Wrap-up

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

9:00 AM–5:00 PM

The Johnson Program for First Book Authors (*Room 308*)

Convener: **Christopher Schmidt**, Chicago-Kent College of Law (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

Hardeep Dhillon, University of Pennsylvania (dhillonh@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

This event is open only to Johnson Program participants.

9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Student Research Colloquium (*Room 208*)

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 **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)

Presenters:

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, 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 (jc117@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)

The “Lunatic Fringe” and the Making of Trans Rights in Minnesota, 1973-1976

John Wertheimer/Davidson College Fellow

This event is open only to SRC participants.

7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Opening Reception

(Room 303)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

7:30 AM–9:00 AM **Breakfast** (*Vistas Dining Room*)

7:30 AM–4:30 PM **Registration** (*Galleria Central*)

7:30 AM–8:30 AM **Membership Committee Breakfast** (*Room 306*)

7:30 AM–8:30 AM **Studies in Legal History Editors Breakfast** (*Room 304*)

7:30 AM–8:30 AM **Graduate Student Outreach Committee Breakfast** (*Room 302*)

7:30 AM–8:30 AM **President's Breakfast for New Attendees** (*Room TBD*)
First-time attendees as well as relative newcomers to the ASLH are welcome.

8:00 AM–6:30 PM **Exhibits** (*Galleria Central*)

12:00 PM–1:00 PM **Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Lunch** (*Room 306*)

12:00 PM–1:00 PM **Law & History Review Lunch** (*Room 101*)

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Legal History Poster Session (*Galleria Central*)

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, August University (cluo@augusta.edu)

Using "Slavery" as Legal Rhetoric: Women's Petitions from Seventeenth-Century China

Kushagr Bakshi, Tulane University (kushagrb@umich.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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Pricing Harm: Race, Empire, and the Legal Valuation of Loss in the Long Nineteenth Century (*Room 201*)

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

Jeanine Alvarez, University of Pennsylvania (jeanine@sas.upenn.edu)

Race and Remedies in the Freedmen's Bureau Courts

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

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

The Kathryn T. Preyer Award Panel (*Room 205*)

Chair: **Sara Mayeux**, Vanderbilt University (sara.mayeux@vanderbilt.edu)

Iqra Saleem Khan, Harvard University (iqk684@harvard.edu)

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)

Maia Silber, Princeton University (msilber@princeton.edu)

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

Commentator: **Karen Tani**, University of Pennsylvania (ktani@law.upenn.edu)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Immigrants, Legality, and the Meaning of Equality in the Twentieth Century United States (*Room 305*)

Chair: **Lucy Salyer**, University of New Hampshire (Lucy.Salyer@unh.edu)

Commentator: **Gabriel Jack Chin**, University of California, Davis (gjchin@ucdavis.edu)

Deborah Kang, University of Virginia (sdkang@virginia.edu)

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

Allison Tirres, University of San Francisco (atirres@usfca.edu)

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

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

Plyler as History

Eladio Bobadilla, University of Pittsburgh (eladio.bobadilla@pitt.edu)

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Administering Automation: New Legal Histories of Computing (*Room 303*)

Chair & Commentator: **Hannah Bloch-Wehba**, Texas A&M University School of Law (hbw@law.tamu.edu)

Marc Aidinoff, Harvard University (maidinoff@fas.harvard.edu)

The TAXMAN Cometh: Expert Systems and Search for the Law

Stephanie Dick, Simon Fraser University (sdick@sfu.ca)

Machine Readability and the Construction of "Criminality"

Michael McGovern, Yale University (michael.mcgovern@yale.edu)

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

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

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Medieval Meets Modern: Common Law Uses of the Past (*Room 202/204*)

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

Elizabeth Papp Kamali, Harvard University (ekamali@law.harvard.edu)

Kahler v. Kansas and the Historian's Calling

Thomas McSweeney, College of William & Mary (tjmcsweney@wm.edu)

Medieval Treatises and the Judicial Search for a Useable Past

Gwen Seabourne, University of Bristol (g.c.seabourne@bristol.ac.uk)

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Roundtable: Central Bank Independence as Constitutional Controversy: Historical Dimensions
(*Room 301*)

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

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

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

Daniel Rohde, University of Windsor (drohde@uwindsor.ca)

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

Christine Chabot, Marquette University (christine.chabot@marquette.edu)

The Interstitial Executive: A View from the Founding

Paula Ahumada Franco, Universidad de Chile (paulaahumada@derecho.uchile.cl)

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

Benjamin Dinovelli, Fordham University (bdinovelli@fordham.edu)

The Federal Reserve Exception

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

New Approaches to Federal Enforcement in Reconstruction-Era Courts (*Room 203*)

Chair & Commentator: **Myisha Eatmon**, Harvard University (myishaeatmon@fas.harvard.edu)

Stephanie McCurry, Columbia University (sm4041@columbia.edu)

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

Aubrey Vial, Columbia University (tav2117@columbia.edu)

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

Isabelle Grant, Columbia University (isabelle.grant@columbia.edu)

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

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Lightning Round: Perspectives on Empire, Colonialism, and Indigenous Law (Room 202/204)

Chair: **Edward Kolla**, Georgetown University (ejk55@georgetown.edu)

Rongyou Gao, Emory University (rgao55@emory.edu)

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

Arvind Kumar, University of Victoria (arvindkumar@uvic.ca)

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

Prakhar Ganguly, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (ganguly@lhlt.mpg.de)

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

Udita Ghosh, University of Hamburg (uditaghosh.legal@gmail.com)

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

Arthur Magner, University of British Columbia (artur.magner@gmail.com)

Locating Radical Crown Title in Civil Law Ownership

Omer Nir-Becker, Tel Aviv University (omern2@mail.tau.ac.il)

One Crown, Many Ventures: Comparing Institutional Design in Anglo-British Overseas Charters, 1555-1732

Jake Haveles, University of Southern California (haveles@usc.edu)

Law, Empire, and Abolishing Slavery in the Aegean

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Immigration, Criminalization, and the Coercive Use of Law (Room 201)

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

Commentator: **Llana Barber**, University of Minnesota (barberl@umn.edu)

Jessica Jiang, University of California, Berkeley (j.jiang@berkeley.edu)

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

Andrea Geiger, Simon Fraser University (andrea_geiger@sfu.ca)

"To Be Put to Death on Such a Verdict": The 1913 Alaska Case of U.S. v. Itow

Jerry Chen, Harvard University (jerry.chen@fas.harvard.edu)

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

Kimberly White, University of Pennsylvania (kgkwhite@sas.upenn.edu)

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

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Governing Vulnerabilities of Status (Room 303)

Chair: **Jane Nicholas**, St. Jerome's University in the University of Waterloo (jane.nicholas@uwaterloo.ca)

Commentator: **Derek Cameron**, University of Saskatchewan (derek.hil.cameron@outlook.com)

Ashley Hughes, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (ajhughes@uncg.edu)

Beyond Prostitution in the Crescent City: Gender, Policing, and Women's Arrests, 1850-1860

Rashmi Banerjee, University of Virginia (rb7md@virginia.edu)

Regulating Reproduction: Infanticide and Female Sexuality in British India, c. 1860-1930

Kif Augustine-Adams, Brigham Young University (adamsk@law.byu.edu)

Defining Childhood in US Immigration Detention

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Roundtable: Tribal Legal Transformations: Histories of Adaptation, Disruption, and Re-Indigenization (Room 301)

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

Wenona Singel, Michigan State University (singel@law.msu.edu)

Lauren van Schilfgaarde, University of California, Los Angeles (vanschilfgaarde@law.ucla.edu)

Alexandra Fay, University of Tulsa (alexandra-fay@utulsa.edu)

Brandon Montour, University of Toronto (brandon.montour@mail.utoronto.ca)

Gregory Bigler, Sac and Fox Nation District Court (gdbigler@swbell.net)

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Children, Families, and the State (Room 205)

Chair: **Lori Chambers**, Lakehead University (lchambe2@lakeheadu.ca)

Commentator: **Holly Brewer**, University of Maryland (hbrewer@umd.edu)

Juandrea Bates, Winona State University (JBates@winona.edu)

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

Laura Savarese, Michigan State University (laura.savarese@law.msu.edu)

Coercion and Abdication in the Voluntary Foster Care Regime

Patrick Ryan, Western University (pryan2@uwo.ca)

Conducting Conduct: refinements in the law of corporal punishment in Canada

Danaya Wright, University of Florida (wrightdc@law.ufl.edu)

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

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Roundtable: Legal Pluralism and Imperial Governance: Managing Local Law in Colonial Contexts (Room 305)

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

Stacey LeClair, University of Virginia (sc.leclair@virginia.edu)

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

Sophie Rizzieri, University of Notre Dame (srizzier@nd.edu)

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

Fuad-Meša Čičić, University of Pristina (fuad.cicic@gmail.com)

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

Ehlimana Memisevic, University of Sarajevo (ehlimanam@gmail.com)

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

Ilaria Masseroni, KU Leuven (ilaria.masseroni@kuleuven.be)

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

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

New Frontiers in the Legal History of Maoist China (*Room 203*)

Chair & Commentator: **Qiang Fang**, University of Minnesota Duluth (qfang@d.umn.edu)

Man Zhang, University of Munich (Zhang.Man@lmu.de)

Rape Law in Maoist China

Weilin Xiao, The University of Hong Kong (wlxiao@hku.hk)

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

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

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

Weihan Sun, University of Oxford (weihan.sun@history.ox.ac.uk)

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

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

The American Middle: From Class Conflict to the Depoliticization of Class (*Room 203*)

Chair & Commentator: **Joanna Grisinger**, Northwestern University (joanna.grisinger@northwestern.edu)

Dana Zuk, Harvard University (dzukreifer@sjd.law.harvard.edu)

Consumption, and the Shaping of the American Labor Movement

Jake Goodman-Palmer, Northwestern University (jacobpalmer2028@u.northwestern.edu)

Strict Products Liability and the Sovereign Consumer

Yaniv Ron-El, Bar-Ilan University (yanivr@uchicago.edu)

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

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

The Legal Creation and Regulation of Markets in Labor, Health, and Death in the Twentieth-Century United States (*Room 301*)

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

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

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Roundtable: Women and Crime in Medieval and Early Modern Europe and St.-Domingue
(Room 201)

Chair: **Matthew Sommer**, Stanford University (msommer@stanford.edu)

Lidia Zanetti Domingues, Università del Piemonte Orientale (lidia.domingues@uniupo.it)

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

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

"Violent Women in the Low Countries (1440-1540)"

Sara McDougall, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (smcdougall@jjay.cuny.edu)

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

Sara Beam, University of Victoria (sbeam@uvic.ca)

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

J. Michael Gauvreau, McMaster University (mgauvrea@mcmaster.ca) (Co-Author)

Nancy Christie, Oxford Brookes University (nchristie@brookes.ac.uk) (Co-Author)

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

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Change in Islamic Law: From the Foundational Period to Modernity *(Room 303)*

Chair & Commentator: **Mohammad Fadel**, University of Toronto (mohammad.fadel@utoronto.ca)

Marion Katz, New York University (NYU) (marion.katz@nyu.edu)

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

Mariam Sheibani, Brandeis University (msheibani@brandeis.edu)

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

Hina Azam, University of Texas Austin (hina.azam@austin.utexas.edu)

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

Reem Shaikh, University of Texas Austin (rshaikh@utexas.edu)

Doctrinal Change in Hanbali Family Law in Modern Saudi Arabia

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Martial Law, Property, and Empire *(Room 202/204)*

Chair & Commentator: **Doug Harris**, University of British Columbia (harris@allard.ubc.ca)

Lindsay Massara, University of British Columbia (lmassara@student.ubc.ca)

The Disciplining Power of Property: Emergency Law in Ireland

Desiree Valadares, University of British Columbia (desiree.valadares@ubc.ca)

Unlikely Antiquities: U.S. National Monuments, Public Lands, and the Legacy of Martial Law in Hawai'i

Nurfadzilah Yahaya, Yale University (nurfadzilah.yahaya@yale.edu)

Wartime Oil Capture: Corporate Property and the Netherlands East Indies

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Beyond the Common Law: Legacies of England's Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions
(Room 205)

Chair & Commentator: **K. J. Kesselring**, Dalhousie University (krista.kesselring@dal.ca)

Laura Flannigan, The Ohio State University (flannigan.15@osu.edu)

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

Adam Forsyth, The University of Cambridge (abf27@cam.ac.uk)

The Several Courts of High Commission

Daniel Gosling, The National Archives, UK (Daniel.Gosling@nationalarchives.gov.uk)

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

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

The Prison as Legal Laboratory: Conditions of Confinement and the Limit Conditions for Reform
(Room 305)

Chair: **Jessica Adler**, Florida International University (jadler@fiu.edu)

Commentator: **I. India Thusi**, Indiana University (ithusi@iu.edu)

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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

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Authority over the Past: Law, Memory, and Historical Interpretation
(Room 205)

Chair & Commentator: **Carlton Larson**, UC Davis School of Law (clarson@ucdavis.edu)

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

Jennifer Depew, Stanford University (jdepew@stanford.edu)

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

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Interaction of Legal Institutions in the Medieval Mediterranean
(Room 303)

Chair & Commentator: **Ron Harris**, Tel Aviv University (harrisr@tauex.tau.ac.il)

Travis Bruce, McGill University (travis.bruce@mcgill.ca)

Legal Human Trafficking in Christian and Muslim Legal Cultures: 1200-1400

Joel Pattison, Williams College (jsp4@williams.edu)

Brokers in Mediterranean Legal Systems, 1000-1300

Sarina Kuersteiner, Union College (kuerstes@union.edu)

Insurance: From Legal Interaction to an Exclusive Contract, 1181-1397

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Roundtable: Fifty Years of Critical Legal Historiography (*Room 201*)

Chair: **John Witt**, Yale University (john.witt@yale.edu)

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

Robert W. Gordon, Stanford University (rwgordon@stanford.edu)

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Ordinary Law, Extraordinary Power: Policing, Public Order, and the Legalization of “Emergency” in South Asia (*Room 203*)

Chair: **Daniel Waqar**, Tufts University (daniel.waqar@tufts.edu)

Commentator: **Bhavani Raman**, University of Toronto (bhavani.raman@utoronto.ca)

Arighna Gupta, University of Michigan (aurighno@umich.edu)

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

Daniel Waqar, Tufts University (daniel.waqar@tufts.edu)

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

Saumya Dadoo, Columbia University (sd3409@columbia.edu)

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

Srishti Narain, University of Toronto (srishti.narain@mail.utoronto.ca)

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

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Law, Legitimacy, and the Politics of the Family: New Directions in the History of Family Law in the United States (*Room 305*)

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

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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

Julia Bowes, The University of Melbourne (julia.bowes@unimelb.edu.au)

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

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Before 1492: Law and Governance in an Age of Expansion (*Room 301*)

Chair & Commentator: **Ada Kuskowski**, University of Pennsylvania (akusk@upenn.edu)

Rodrigo García-Velasco, University College London (r.garcia-velasco@ucl.ac.uk)

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

Yanay Israeli, University of Michigan (israeli@umich.edu)

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

Adam Kosto, Columbia University (ajk44@columbia.edu)

Promised Lands: A Roman Law Perspective

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Roundtable: Networks of Debt, Moneylending, and Enslavement across Empires (*Room 202/204*)

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

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Plenary Address

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6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Plenary Reception

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

7:30 AM–9:00 AM	Breakfast (<i>Vistas Dining Room</i>)
7:30 AM–12:00 PM	Registration (<i>Galleria Central</i>)
7:30 AM–8:30 PM	Graduate Student Breakfast (<i>Room TBD</i>) <i>All graduate student attendees are welcome.</i>
7:30 AM–8:30 PM	Program Committee Chairs Breakfast (<i>Room 308</i>)
7:30 AM–8:30 AM	Publications Committee Breakfast (<i>Room 306</i>)
7:30 AM–8:30 AM	Digital Initiatives Committee Meeting (<i>Room 304</i>)
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Legal History Poster Session (*Galleria Central*)

See Friday schedule for presenter information.

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Transformations in Canadian Law, 1945-2025 (*Room 203*)

Chair & Commentator: **Brendan Shanahan**, Yale University (Brendan.shanahan@yale.edu)

Constance Backhouse, University of Ottawa (constance.backhouse@uottawa.ca)

Women Judges on the Supreme Court of Canada

Philip Girard, York University (pgirard@osgoode.yorku.ca)

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

Jim Phillips, University of Toronto (j.phillips@utoronto.ca)

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Roundtable: New Perspectives on the History of Regulating Market Power (*Room 305*)

Chair: **William Novak**, University of Michigan (wnovak@umich.edu)

Aaron Freedman, Columbia University (alf2212@columbia.edu)

"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

Alison Gocke, University of Virginia (agocke@law.virginia.edu)

A Civil Rights History of Public Utility Regulation

Jamie Grischkan, Fordham University (jgrischkan@fordham.edu)

Saving Fed Independence

Joshua Macey, Yale University (joshua.macey@yale.edu)

The Origins of the Public Interest Test in American Constitutional History

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

Neoliberal Administrative Law: Foundations and Development

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8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Criminal Justice Across Borders: Histories of Extradition and Interstate Relations (*Room 202/204*)

Chair & Commentator: **Diane Marie Amann**, University of Georgia School of Law (amann@uga.edu)

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Extradition during High Imperialism, c. 1870-1914

Lucas Lixinski, University of New South Wales (l.lixinski@unsw.edu.au)

The Criss-Crossing Politics of Asylum

Megan Donaldson, University College London (megan.donaldson@ucl.ac.uk) (Co-Author)

Jordan Pope, University College London (jordan.pope.21@ucl.ac.uk) (Co-Author)

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

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Resisting Empire: Indigenous Organizing in Canada's Long Seventies (*Room 201*)

Chair: **Liam McHugh-Russell**, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (Liam.McHugh-Russell@dal.ca)

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"We're Not Going to Stop for Anything": Concerned Aboriginal Women and the Constitution Express

Glen Coulthard, University of British Columbia (glen.coulthard@ubc.ca)

Maoism without Guarantees

Emma Feltes, University of Toronto (emma.feltes@utoronto.ca) (Co-Author)

Sharon Venne, Independent Scholar (oldwomanbear@gmail.com) (Co-Author)

Alberta Separatism: Enduring Treaty Obligations of the Many-Headed Crown

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Blackness and Criminal Law in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century America (*Room 205*)

Chair: **Adam Malka**, University of Oklahoma (acmalka@ou.edu)

Commentator: **Felicity Turner**, Georgia Southern University (fturner@georgiasouthern.edu)

Arrannè Rispoli, University of California, Los Angeles (arrannerispoli@ucla.edu)

"Violently, Feloniously, Voluntarily": Mens Rea and the Construction of Black Criminality in Early New England

Whitney Fields, University of Notre Dame (wfields2@nd.edu)

"Charged With Being a Runaway": Constructing Crime and the Prison in the Capital City, 1790-1800

Kate Kushner, Princeton University (khkushner@princeton.edu)

Looking for Violence: Infanticide Investigations and the Governing Authority of Ordinary People in Richmond, Virginia, 1865-1890

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8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

New Directions in Law and Politics in the Early United States (Room 301)

Chair: **Anne Twitty**, Stanford University (atwitty@stanford.edu)

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The Nation at Sea: The Federal Courts and American Sovereignty, 1789-1825

Rachel Shelden, Penn State University (rshelden@psu.edu)

The Political Supreme Court: A Forgotten History of Justices, Parties, and the People's Constitution

Tanner Allread, University of California, Los Angeles (allread@law.ucla.edu)

Republics Within a Republic: Tribal Constitutions and Sovereignty Conflicts in the Era of Southern Indian Removal

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Roundtable: The History and Future of Birthright Citizenship: *Trump v. Barbara* and the Development of American Citizenship Law (Room 303)

Chair: **Bernadette Meyler**, Stanford University (bmeyler@law.stanford.edu)

Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania (rogerss@sas.upenn.edu)

Democratic Self-Governance and the Future of Birthright Citizenship

Michael Ramsey, University of San Diego (mramsey@sandiego.edu)

History, Originalism, and Birthright Citizenship

Gregory Ablavsky, Stanford University (ablavsky@law.stanford.edu)

Native Peoples, History, and the Future of American Citizenship

Kristin Collins, University of Michigan (kacaw@umich.edu)

Defining Citizenship for the American Century

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

United States Queer and Trans Legal History: 1830-1900 (Room 201)

Chair: **TBD**

Commentator: **TBD**

Brianne Felsher, University of California, Berkeley (brianne_felsher@berkeley.edu)

"Know All Men by These Presents": Trans People's Uses of Property Law in the Nineteenth Century United States

Margot Lipin, University of California, Berkeley (margotlipin@berkeley.edu)

A "Right to Garb": Crossdressing, Disguise, and Law in Nineteenth-Century New York

Elissa Branum, Rutgers University (enl30@history.rutgers.edu)

"Wards" of the College: Law & Love on Nineteenth-Century Christian Campuses 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

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Lightning Round: Perspectives on Legal History of Governance and Membership (*Room 303*)

Chair: **Jane Manners**, Fordham University (jane.manners@fordham.edu)

Fatima Shire, University of Toronto (fatmash96@gmail.com)

Status and Belonging: Legal Status and the Integration of Syrian Immigrants and Refugees in Canada

John Sturc, University of Maryland (jsturc@umd.edu)

A Bigger Hammer: The Politics of Corporate Prosecutions and the Rise of the Justice Department as the Regulator of Corporate Governance, 1975-2000

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From Absolute Death to Severed Death: Revisiting the Shusi and Absolute Punishments from Early to Medieval China

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

The Devil is in the Details: Crafting Title VI Compliance, 1964-1974

Sadra Emami, University of Toronto (sadra.emami@mail.utoronto.ca)

Islamic Jurisprudence in Translation: Iranian Political Thought in Western Academic Dissertations

Sarena Martinez, Yale University (sarena.martinez@yale.edu)

Public Obligation, Private Triage: Yale-New Haven Hospital and Indigent Care Before Medicare

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Gender Without Neutrality: Lessons on Gendered Inclusion from the Hijras

Bahar Banaei, York University (bbanaei1@yorku.ca)

The Allure of Citizenship: Race, Power, and Humanity in the Legal History of Citizenship in Canada

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

To Control the Law of Fresno: Police, Race, and Space in California's Central Valley

Megan Knighton, Stony Brook University (megan.knighton@stonybrook.edu)

Unreasonable Doubt: How the 1979 US Supreme Court Case Addington v. Texas changed Civil Commitment Laws

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Gender, Privacy, and Public Identities in Premodern Islamic Law (*Room 205*)

Chair & Commentator: **James Muir**, University of Alberta (jmuir1@ualberta.ca)

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Masculinity and the Pursuit of Knowledge in Islamic Spain and North Africa in the Tenth Century

Rosemary Admiral, University of Texas at Dallas (rosemary.Admiral@utdallas.edu)

Finding Women's Legal Agency: Islamic Law and Historical Sources

Jocelyn Hendrickson, University of Alberta (jnhendri@ualberta.ca)

What's in a Name? Medieval Muftis and the Ethical Duty of Confidentiality

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U.S. Environmental Law in Times of Flux (*Room 305*)

Chair & Commentator: **William Boyd**, University of California, Los Angeles (boyd@law.ucla.edu)

Gabriel Levine, New York University (gabriel.levine@nyu.edu)

The Smog Conspiracy

Rachel Rothschild, University of Michigan (rachel.rothschild@gmail.com)

A Scientific Watergate

Ashton Macfarlane, Harvard University (macfarlane@g.harvard.edu)

Scientific Delegation to the Administrative State

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

New Histories of International Economic Law (*Room 203*)

Chair & Commentator: **Jamie Martin**, Harvard University (jrmartin@fas.harvard.edu)

Commentator: **James Stafford**, Columbia University (jms2533@columbia.edu)

Kevin Keller, University of Missouri Kansas City (k.keller@yale.edu)

Lawyering in a Legalist Empire: The World Trade Organization and the Philippines

Johanne Kjaersgaard, Yale University (johanne.kjaersgaard@yale.edu)

“The Consequences of Anarchy”: Textiles, International Trade Law and Hong Kong in China’s Market Transition, 1970s-1980s

Niko Letsos, Willkie Farr & Gallagher (nikoletsos@nlaw.northwestern.edu)

Coding Hegemony: The Diplomacy of American Digital Law

Jeff Xu, Yale University (jeff.xu.jx327@yale.edu)

Shadow Legality: The Federal Reserve Act and the Making of Global Dollar Dominance

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Belonging and Otherness Afloat: State Action, Race, and Maritime Labor in the 19th and 20th Centuries (*Room 301*)

Chair & Commentator: **Nathan Perl-Rosenthal**, University of Southern California (perlrose@usc.edu)

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Hooe Done It: Slaveholders, Sailors, and the Problem of Race in Military Service before the Civil War

Jiajia Zhang, Harvard University (jiajiazhang@g.harvard.edu)

The Last Chinese Exclusion Act: Racialized Welfare/Warfare and the Magna Carta of the Sea

Michelle Ong, Harvard University (michelleong@harvard.edu)

Contesting Imperial Merchant Shipping at the ILO’s Maritime Labour Conference

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Creating and Conceptualizing Religious Establishment (And Its Absence) (*Room 202/204*)

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

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The Origins of Establishment

Mintae Cha, University of Notre Dame (mcha2@nd.edu)

American Disestablishment vs. Scottish Establishment, 1829-1843

Lael Weinberger, George Mason University (laelweinberger@gmail.com)

Disestablishment and Incorporation in the Early American Republic

Arvind Abraham, Harvard University (aabraham@sjd.law.harvard.edu)

Everson and the Politics of the Vinson Court

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

(*Room 101/103/105*)

President Mitra Sharafi will deliver remarks on the state of the Society, followed by prize presentations and announcements of distinguished honorary fellows.

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Doctrine vs Practice: The Lived Experiences of Defamation, 1800-2000 (*Room 201*)

Chair: **TBD**

Commentator: **TBD**

Lyndsay Campbell, University of Calgary (lcampbe@ucalgary.ca)

D. Algar Bailey and Prosecutorial Choices around Libel in Calgary During World War One

Hayden Bellenoi, US Naval Academy (bellenoi@usna.edu)

The Many Lives of Defamation: Outcasting, Panchayats and Local Jurisdiction in India, 1880-1930

Jessica Lake, University of Melbourne (lakej@unimelb.edu.au)

Sexual Virtue Capitalism: Professional men, defamation, and democracy in the late nineteenth century US

Matthew Zipf, University of Chicago (zipf@uchicago.edu)

"One's Good Name": Reputation as Property after Times v. Sullivan

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2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Interactive Empires: Constructing Legal Authority from the Margins Across the Iberian Atlantic World (*Room 305*)

Chair & Commentator: **Victor Uribe-Uran**, Florida International University (uribev@fiu.edu)

Matilda Sidel, Yale University (matilda.sidel@yale.edu)

Authority, Accountability, and Conflicts Over Captives in the Spanish Atlantic, c.1550-1600

Alexandre Pelegrino, University of Toronto (alex.pelegrino@utoronto.ca)

Indigenous Slavery, Authority, and Empire in Northern Brazil (1688-1755)

Jorge Díaz Ceballos, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (jorge.diaz@csic.es)

Witness Deposition and the Authority of the Judge in the Spanish Atlantic

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Progressive Lawyering and Legal Activism in 1970s and 1980s Era America (*Room 202/204*)

Chair & Commentator: **Karen Tani**, University of Pennsylvania (ktani@law.upenn.edu)

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The Public Hospital and Reproductive Rights after Roe

Myra Billund-Phibbs, University of Minnesota (billu014@umn.edu)

"I Have a Right to My Life": Welfare, Medicine, and the Question of Sex Change Before the 1970s Federal Judiciary

Salonee Bhaman, New York University (salonee.bhaman@nyu.edu)

Diagnosing Disability: Gender, HIV/AIDS, and Welfare Rights Litigation

Brooke Depenbusch, University of Illinois Springfield (bdepe@uis.edu)

Legal Aid Lawyers, Welfare Rights Activists, and the Fight for an Adequate Safety Net in 1970s-Era California

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

African Epistemologies and the Limits of Colonial Law (*Room 301*)

Chair & Commentator: **Elizabeth Thornberry**, Johns Hopkins University (thornberry@jhu.edu)

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African Traditional Religions and French Colonial Law: Emasculating Vodun Religious Leaders in Dahomey (Benin)

Erin Braatz, Suffolk University (ebraatz@suffolk.edu)

Causing Harm: African Beliefs in Common Law Legal Categories

Trina Leah Hogg, Oregon State University (trina.hogg@oregonstate.edu)

Ordeals, Amulets and Ritual Substances: Shifting Evidentiary Practices in Southern Sierra Leone

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2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Manumission in Medieval Law: From Property to Personhood in the Medieval World, ca. 900-1400 (*Room 205*)

Chair: **Carol Symes**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (symes@illinois.edu)

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The Legal Performance of Manumission in Early Medieval England

Anne Lester, Johns Hopkins University (alester5@jhu.edu)

Manumission in Thirteenth Century France: Legal Cultures of Liberty in Practice and Principle

Craig Perry, Emory University (caperry@emory.edu)

The Use of Freedom: Manumission and Jewish Law in an Islamic Society

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Lex and Narrative: Roman Law as a Site of Social Mythology (*Room 303*)

Chair: **Clifford Ando**, University of Chicago (cando@uchicago.edu)

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

Lampreys and the Birth of Imperial Jurisdiction

Karl Shoemaker, University of Wisconsin–Madison (kbschoemaker@wisc.edu)

Ne crimina remaneant impunita

Rafail Zoulis, Yale University (rafail.zoulis@yale.edu)

Law as Narrative: Local Pasts and Imperial Administration in the Early Roman Empire

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

The Ottoman Roots of International Law (*Room 203*)

Chair: **Joshua White**, University of Virginia (jmwhite@virginia.edu)

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Negotiating Law Across Empires: Ottoman Ahidnames and the Making of an Inter-Imperial Legal Order

Tommaso Stefini, Sabanci University (tommaso.stefini@sabanciuniv.edu)

The Ahidnames and the Making of an Inter-State Judicial System

Will Smiley, University of New Hampshire (William.Smiley@unh.edu)

The Ottoman Roots of Non-Recognition in International Law

Aimee Genell, Boston University (genell@bu.edu)

The Ottoman Origins of the Territorial Integrity Norm

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Roundtable: Law and the Production of Ignorance (*Room 301*)

Chair: **Simon Stern**, University of Toronto (simon.stern@utoronto.ca)

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

Fire, Fraud and Suspicion in Late-Nineteenth-Century Australia

Mary Mitchell, New Jersey Institute of Technology (mary.mitchell@njit.edu)

Radiobiological Injury and the Limits of Knowledge in the Twentieth-Century United States

Eva Vaillancourt, Princeton University (ev2527@princeton.edu)

DANGER! Early-Twentieth Century Traffic Control and the Operationalization of Uncertainty

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

Counterfeiting Madness in Nineteenth-Century American Courtrooms

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Women's Capacity Before the Law: Adultery, Bigamy, and Divorce in 19th-Century Australia and the United States (*Room 305*)

Chair: **Diane Mutti Burke**, University of Missouri - Kansas City (muttiburked@umkc.edu)

Commentator: **Yvonne Pitts**, Purdue University (ypitts@purdue.edu)

Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge (lynn.kennedy@uleth.ca)

He Said, She Said, They Said: Gossip as Testimony in the Middleton Divorce Case

Kelly Kennington, Auburn University (kennington@auburn.edu)

Airing Dirty Laundry: Adultery and Capacity in Nineteenth-Century Divorce

Mélanie Methot, University of Alberta (mmethot@ualberta.ca)

Bigamy and Divorce Discourses in New South Wales (1873-1900): Moving from Facts to Blame

Sharon Romeo, University of Alberta (seromeo@ualberta.ca)

When Women Can Witness: Testimonial Capacity in Civil and Criminal Adultery Cases, 1840-1870 Missouri

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Re-Righting History: How Conservatives Created a Constitutional Past (*Room 202/204*)

Chair & Commentator: **Robert Tsai**, Boston University (rltsai@bu.edu)

Logan Sawyer, University of Georgia (lesawyer@uga.edu)

Historiography, Historicism, and Originalism

Austin Steelman, Clemson University (steelm2@clemson.edu)

The Christian Constitution: How Evangelicals Reimagined the American Founding

Tamara Shamir, New York Legal Assistance Group (tshamir@jd25.law.harvard.edu)

The New Equality Wars and the Original(ist) Feminist Fight Against Abortion Criminalization

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Age, Clemency, and the Death Penalty: Legal Discretion and Punishment in Colonial Criminal Justice (*Room 201*)

Chair & Commentator: **Ngozi Nwoko**, Lakehead University (nnwoko@lakeheadu.ca)

Oyinade Adekunle, McMaster University (adekunle@mcmaster.ca)

Not Too Young to Testify: Minor Witnesses in Capital Cases in Colonial Nigeria

Andrew Novak, George Mason University (anovak2@gmu.edu)

Back from the Dead? The Queen's Residual Prerogative of Mercy in Rhodesia in the Aftermath of UDI

Yolanda Chinelo Banjoko, University of Calgary (yolanda.osondu1@ucalgary.ca)

"To Be Detained During His Majesty's Pleasure:" Age, Crime, and Punishment in Colonial Southern Nigeria

Ebunoluwa Iyamu, Sciences Po (Ebunoluwa.iyamu@sciencespo.fr)

Mercantile Governance and the Moral Politics of Debt Enforcement in Colonial Southern Nigeria, 1861-1930s

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Roundtable: Holding the Confederates Accountable: Confiscation, Amnesty, and Political Disqualification in the Wake of the Civil War (*Room 303*)

Chair: **Frank Towers**, University of Calgary (ftowers@ucalgary.ca)

Henry Ishitani, University of Tulsa (mhi5961@utulsa.edu)

The Law of Confederate Political Disqualifications

Cooper Wingert, Fordham University (cwingert@fordham.edu)

Determining Disloyalty under the Second Confiscation Act

Heather Walser, Southern Methodist University (hwalser@smu.edu)

The Limits and Legal Consequences of Amnesty

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Law, Corporations, and Empire across the 20th Century (*Room 205*)

Chair & Commentator: **Idriss Fofana**, Harvard University (ifofana@law.harvard.edu)

Simon Rakei, University of Michigan (srakei@umich.edu)

The Handmaiden of International Taxation: De Beers and the Anglo-Boer South African War, 1888-1907

Haris Durrani, Harvard University (hdurrani@fas.harvard.edu)

Patents Abroad

Sonya Schoenberger, Stanford University (sschoenb@stanford.edu)

Abysmal Concessions: Resource Prospecting and Corporate Ephemerality in the "Post-colonial" Ocean

Allison Powers, University of Wisconsin-Madison (auseche@wisc.edu)

Conserving Power: Debt for Nature Swaps and Corporate Governance in the Amazon

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4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Legal Change *(Room 203)*

Chair & Commentator: **Megan Francis**, University of Washington (meganmf@uw.edu)

Daniel Friedman, New York Law School (daniel.friedman@nyls.edu)

Nearly Justice for the Poor: The Carnegie Corporation and the Founding of the American Law Institute

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

Civil Rights Organizations, the Antiwar Movement, and the Possibilities and Limits of Collaboration, 1909-1945

Camilo Lund-Montano, Whitman College (lundmonc@whitman.edu)

Fundraising for Radicals: Financial Support for the National Lawyers Guild during the 1970s

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Closing Reception

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