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Appointments

Editor-in-Chief, <i>Law and History Review</i>	(8/2017- present)
Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of History, American University	(6/2018-present)
Affiliate Faculty Member, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University	(2021-2022)
Assistant Professor, Department of History, American University	(9/2012-6/2018)
Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France	(5/2014)
Assistant Professor and Director of Pre-Law, Rutgers/NJIT	(9/2009-5/2012)
Postdoctoral Fellow, Library Company of Philadelphia	(1/2009-6/2009)
Samuel I. Golieb Fellow, NYU Law School	(8/2007-6/2008)

Education

Ph.D. Department of History, University of Chicago (with distinction), 2008
 A.M., Department of History, University of Chicago, 2002
 A.B., Department of History, University of Chicago, (with honors) 2000

Scholarly Projects

In Progress

- *Slavery's Leviathan: Fugitive Slaves and the Making of America's Police State* (book manuscript in progress).
- *Failed State: The Legal History of the Confederate States of America* (book manuscript in progress).
- *The West Wing as History: America's Favorite Political Drama Confronts the Past* (book manuscript in progress).
- "The National Archive of Slavery: Rethinking the Federal Government and Slavery." (article manuscript in progress)
- "Whitewashing the American State: The Disappearance of Slavery and Jim Crow from Concepts of the American State." (article manuscript in progress)

Books

National Duties: Custom Houses and the Making of the American State (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016).

(coeditor, with Clara Altman and Winston Bowman), *Approaches to Federal Judicial History* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 2020).

Conferences & Proceedings

Co-Organizer (with Ariel Ron): "Symposium: Taking Stock of the State in Nineteenth-Century America," Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University, April 15-16, 2016.

Articles & Chapters

- “Political Economy in the First Federal Congress,” in *Washington’s Government: Charting the Origins of the Federal Administration*, ed. Max M. Edling and Peter J. Kastor (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021), 86-106.
- “The New Historiography of the Early Federal Government: Institutions, Contexts, and the Imperial State,” *The William and Mary Quarterly* 77, no. 1 (January, 2020), 97-128.
- “[The Posse Comitatus Doctrine in Early America](#),” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, ed. Jon Butler (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).
- (with Jed Handelsman Shugerman) “Emoluments, Zones of Interest, and Political Questions: A Cautionary Tale,” *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* 45, no. 4 (2018), 651-70.
- (with Ariel Ron) “Taking Stock of the State in Nineteenth-Century America,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 38, no. 1 (Spring, 2018), 61-67.
- “*The People’s Welfare* and the Early Federal State,” *American Journal of Legal History* 57, no. 2 (June, 2017), 226-31.
- “The Early American State ‘In Action’: The Federal Marine Hospitals, 1789–1860,” in *Boundaries of the State in United States History*, ed. William J. Novak, James T. Sparrow and Steven Sawyer (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), 21-56.
- “William E. Nelson’s *The Roots of American Bureaucracy* and the Resuscitation of the Early American State,” *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, vol. 89, no. 3 (January, 2014), 997-1018.
- “Administering Entitlement: Governance, Public Health Care, and the Early American State,” *Law and Social Inquiry*, vol. 37, no. 3 (Summer, 2012), 627-656.
- “The State the Slaveholders Made: Regulating Fugitive and Runaway Slaves in the Early Republic,” in *Freedom’s Conditions in the U.S.-Canadian Borderlands in the Age of Emancipation*, ed. Tony Freyer et al. (Carolina Academic Press, 2011).
- “Sailors’ Health and National Wealth: Marine Hospitals in the Early Republic,” *Common-Place*, vol. 9, no. 1 (October, 2008).
- “The Federal *Posse Comitatus* Doctrine: Slavery, Compulsion, and Statecraft in Mid-Nineteenth Century America,” *Law and History Review*, vol. 26, no. 1 (January, 2008).
 *Awarded 2008-09 James Madison Award, Society for the History of the Federal Government
 *Awarded 2008-09 Erwin C. Surrency Prize, American Society for Legal History
- “Cities of Ports: The Warehousing Act of 1846 and the Centralization of American

Commerce,” *Thresholds: The MIT Department of Architecture’s Critical Journal of Architecture, Art, and Media Culture*, vol. 34 (Autumn, 2007).

“Thomas Worthington and the Great Transformation: Land Markets and Federal Power in the Ohio Valley, 1795-1805,” *Ohio Valley History*, vol. 3, no. 4 (Winter, 2003).

Historian’s Amicus Briefs

Brief of Professors of History and Constitutional Law as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioners (with Kevin Arlyck, Brian Balogh, Aziz Z. Huq, Richard R. John, Noah A. Rosenblum) in [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau v. Community Financial Services Association of America](#), May 15, 2023.

Historians’ Amicus Brief (with Jed Shugerman, Jack Rakove, Simon Stern, and John Mikhail) in *Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington v. Donald J. Trump*, August 11, 2017.

Public Work/Op-Eds/Interviews

“History is not on Donald Trump’s Side,” *CNN.com*, June 13, 2023, <https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/13/opinions/trump-arraignment-presidential-records-history-rao/index.html>

“A ‘Hamilton’-esque Scandal Helped Give Trump His Cudgel,” *CNN.com*, June 2, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/02/opinions/insurrection-act-of-1807-history-and-now-rao/index.html>

Interview with FedTalk, Federal News Network, February 20, 2019, <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/fedtalk/2019/02/diving-into-early-presidential-history/>

“When it Comes to Guns, Congress has Always been in the Pocket of Profit Chasers,” *The Washington Post*, October 4, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/10/04/when-it-comes-to-guns-congress-has-always-been-in-the-pocket-of-profit-chasers/?utm_term=.adc6ff42de0e

“Teaching History in the Trump Era,” the *Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History*, August 8, 2017, <https://earlyamericanists.com/2017/08/08/roundtable-teaching-history-in-the-trump-era/>

(with Jed Shugerman) “Presidential Revisionism: The *New York Times* Published the Flimsiest Defense of Trump’s Apparent Emolument Violations Yet,” *Slate*, July 17, 2017, http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2017/07/the_new_york_times_published_the_flimsiest_defense_of_trump_s_apparent_emoluments.html

Contributor to *Fresh Takes on the Declaration of Independence*, Declaration Resources Project, Harvard University, 2017, https://declaration.fas.harvard.edu/files/declaration/files/fresh_takes.pdf

“The Long, Slow, and Lucky Road to Writing my Book,” (September 1, 2016); “Legal History and History Departments, Part 1” (September 13, 2016); “Legal History in History Departments, Part 2” (September 22, 2016); “The State the Slaveholders Made,” (October 10, 2016), *Legal History Blog*, legalhistoryblog.blogspot.com

“The Foundations of the Modern State,” *Balkanization*, June 9, 2014,
<http://balkin.blogspot.com/2014/06/the-foundations-of-modern-state.html>

Interview for *Ben Franklin's World: A Podcast about Early American History*,
<https://www.benfranklinworld.com/episode-098-gautham-rao-birth-american-tax-man/>

Interview with *Politico*, “US, UK Tout 1815 Pact as ‘Brexit’ Question Looms,” December 3, 2105
<http://www.politico.eu/article/u-s-u-k-tout-1815-pact-as-brexit-question-loom/>

Awards & Fellowships

Charles Warren Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, *Crime and Punishment in America*, 2017-18 [declined].

Partner in Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, College of Arts and Sciences, American University, 2016-17.

Semi-finalist, Nancy Weiss Malkiel Junior Faculty Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2016.

Oliver Nelson Cromwell Research Grant, American Society for Legal History, 2015.

Oliver Nelson Cromwell Research Grant, American Society for Legal History, 2010.

Fellow, Hurst Summer Institute, Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2009.

Erwin C. Surrency Prize for Best Article Published in *Law and History Review*, 2008-09, American Society for Legal History.

James Madison Award for Best Article on the History of the Federal Government, 2008-09, Society for the History of the Federal Government.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Program in Early American Economy & Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2009.

Kathryn T. Preyer Award, American Society for Legal History, 2007.

Dianne Woest Fellowship, Historic New Orleans Collection, 2007.

Alfred D. Chandler Fellowship, Harvard Business School, 2006.

Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History, 2006.

New England Regional Consortium Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society & New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, 2006-07.

University Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2002-05.

Arthur Mann Grant, Department of History, University of Chicago, 2004.

Reviews & Other Publications

Review of William D. Adler, *Engineering Expansion: The U.S. Army and Economic Development, 1787-1860* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021), [H-Diplo Roundtable](#), March 24, 2023.

Review of Robert Parkinson, *The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), in *S-USIH*, November 25, 2018, <https://s-usih.org/2018/11/review-of-the-common-cause-creating-race-and-nation-in-the-american-revolution/>

Review of Alfred L. Brophy, *University, Court, & Slave: Pro-Slavery Thought in Southern Colleges & Courts & the Coming of Civil War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), for *Journal of the Civil War Era* 7, no. 3 (Sept., 2017), 481-3.

Review of Nicholas Parrillo, *Against the Profit Motive: The Salary Revolution in American Government, 1780-1940* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013), *Law & History Review*, vol. 35, no. 1 (February, 2017), 263-265.

Review of Tamara Plakins Thornton, *Nathaniel Bowditch and the Power of Numbers: How a Nineteenth-Century Man of Business, Science, and the Sea Changed American Life* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), *American Historical Review* (forthcoming, 2017).

Review of Wendy A. Woloson and Brian P. Luskey, ed., *Capitalism by Gaslight: Illuminating the Economy of Nineteenth-Century America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 36, no. 2 (Summer, 2016), 417-420.

Review of Brian Phillips Murphy, *Building the Empire State: Political Economy in the Early Republic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), *American Journal of Legal History*, vol. 56, no. 2 (May, 2016), 298-299.

Review of Kevin P. McDonald, *Pirates, Merchants, Settlers, and Slaves: Colonial America and the Indo-Atlantic World* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015), *Journal of American History* vol. 103, no. 1 (2016), 177-8.

Review of Peter Andreas, *Smuggler Nation: How Illicit Trade Made America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, vol. 44, no. 3 (Winter, 2014), 396-7.

Review of Benjamin H. Irvin, *Clothed in Robes of Sovereignty: The Continental Congress and the People Out of Doors* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, vol. 69, no. 3 (July, 2012), 655-7.

- Review of Seth Cotlar, *Tom Paine's America: The Rise and Fall of Transatlantic Radicalism in the Early Republic* (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2009), *The Historian*, vol. 74, no. 2 (Summer, 2012), 347-348.
- Review of John Lauritz Larson, *The Market Revolution in America: Liberty, Ambition, and the Eclipse of the Common Good* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), *Journal of American History*, vol. 97 no. 2 (2010), 500-1.
- Review of Brian Balogh, *A Government Out of Sight: The Mystery of National Authority in Nineteenth Century America* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), *Common-Place*, vol. 10, no. 1 (November, 2009).
- Review of Thomas Truxes, *Trading with the Enemy in Colonial New York* (Yale University Press, 2008), in *Business History Review*, vol. 83, no. 3 (September, 2009), 610-11.
- Review of Joshua M. Smith, *Borderland Smuggling: Patriots, Loyalists and Illicit Trade in the Northeast, 1783-1820* (Gainesville, Fla.: University of Florida Press, 2006), in *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 28, no. 4 (Winter, 2008), 705-6.
- Review of Stephen Middleton, *The Black Laws: Race and Legal Process in Early Ohio* (Athens, Ohio: University of Ohio Press, 2006), *Law and History Review* vol. 25, no. 3 (Autumn, 2007), 670-1.
- The Fugitive Slave Clause,” entry in *The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David Tanenhaus (New York: Thompson Publishing, 2009).
- “Blue Book,” entry in *Oxford Companion to the Book*, ed. Michael Suarez and H.R. Woudhuysen (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), 1:538-539.

Invited Comments and Papers

- Judicial Review: Law, Gender, and the Early Republic—Presidential Plenary Panel Roundtable, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 13, 2023.
- Discussant for Lindsay Chervinsky’s *John Adams: An Honest Man*, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, April 21, 2023, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Slavery and the American Police State, University of Chicago Law School Constitutional Law Workshop, November 7, 2022, Chicago, Illinois.
- The Age of Nat Turner: Slave Rebellions in Nineteenth-Century American Law, Rocky Mountain Early American History Seminar, September 21, 2011, Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah.

Comment on Papers by Heather Carlquist Walser, Tanner Allread, and Grace Mallon, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, July 23, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“The American Civil War: The Enslavers State Endures,” University of Minnesota Law School Legal History Workshop, March 31, 2022.

“Slavery National: The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 and the Transformation of the American State,” Missouri Early American History Seminar, November 5, 2020.

George Washington’s Circular Letter, George Washington Teachers Institute, Fred W. Smith Library for the Study of George Washington, June 12, 2019.

The Historiography of American Federalism, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, November 3, 2017.

“The Emoluments Clause and the Trump Presidency,” Marymount University History Department, September 20, 2017.

“Rethinking the Early American State: Origins and New Directions,” George Mason University History Department, September 11, 2017.

“The Law of Smuggling in the Early American Republic,” “The Re-*Union of Interests*” Symposium, Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 7, 2016.

Fashioning the State Anew: The Cultural and Political Economy of Federal Construction in the Early American Republic,” Taking Stock of the State in Nineteenth-Century America, Yale University, April 16, 2016.

Rethinking the Historiography of The Federal Courts in the Early Republic for “Symposium: Federal Courts in American Historiography,” Federal Judicial Center, April 7-8, 2016

The First Congress and the Problem of Statecraft in the Shadow of the American Revolution, The Foundations of National Policy, George Washington’s Mount Vernon, April 2, 2016.

Haiti, The Napoleonic Wars, and the Crisis of Commercial Dependence, New York University Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, October 20, 2014.

Empire Lost: Customhouses, Capitalism, and the American State, 1816-1836, Yale Early American History Colloquium, Yale University, October 1, 2014.

Excavating the Early American State: Law and Administration from Revolution to Republic, Legal History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 6, 2014.

Recovering the Lost History of the Early American State, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., January 28, 2014.

William E. Nelson's *Roots of American Bureaucracy* and the New History of the American State, William E. Nelson, Scholar and Historian: A Roundtable Discussion, hosted by the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* and the American Society for Legal History, November 7, 2013.

Lineages of the Imperial State: Federal Law, Governance, and Legitimacy in the Early American Republic, Interpreting American History Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 28, 2013.

Why do Americans Hate the Federal Government? A Historical Explanation. Law, Technology, and Culture/Albert Dorman Honors College Colloquium, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, New Jersey, March 27, 2013.

"At the Water's Edge: Commerce, Governance, and the Origins of the Early American State," New York University Legal History Colloquium New York University School of Law, December 5, 2012.

"Slavery, Movement, and the Law," Comment on Papers by James Gigantino, Sarah Levine-Gronningsater, and Craig Hollander, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 18, 2012.

"Regulating the Troublesome Market: President Thomas Jefferson's Surprising Expansion of Federal Power," Thomas Jefferson Lecture Series, William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey, May 4, 2011.

"Admiralty Law and the Persistence of the Age of Imperial Conflict: A Response to Kevin Arlyck," Washington, D.C. Legal History Roundtable, Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C., March 25, 2011.

"The State: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis for Revolutionary America?" Symposium on the American State, Remarque Institute, New York, October 21-23, 2010.

"Pitied but Entitled: Merchant Mariners, Marine Hospitals, and the Early Republican Origins of Public Healthcare," New York University Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, February, 3, 2010.

"The Creation of the American State," 2009 Hurst Summer Institute, Institute for Legal Studies, Madison, Wisconsin, June, 2009.

"Rethinking the State in Lincoln's America," Symposium on Abraham Lincoln, Brown University, February 28, 2009.

"Regulating the Market in the Age of Jefferson," Fellows' Seminar, Program in Early American Economy & Society and McNeil Center for Early American Studies, February 20, 2009.

“The Customhouse and the Long History of Smuggling and Regulation,” Address to the United States Customs Lawyers Association, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C., December, 2009.

“The State, The Market, and Nation-Building: The Problem of Governance in the Age of the American Revolution,” Georgetown University Law Center, September, 2008.

“Visible Hands: Customhouses, Law, Capitalism, and The Mercantile State of the Early Republic, Part II,” New York University Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, February 20, 2008.

“Regulation or Subsidization? Customhouses, the Slave Trade, and Corruption,” Business Ethics, Law and History: From the Atlantic Slave Trade to Wall Street, University of Chicago Law School, November 2, 2007.

“The Federal Posse Comitatus Doctrine: Slavery, Compulsion, and Statecraft in Mid-Nineteenth Century America,” Kathryn T. Preyer Award Acceptance, American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Tempe, Arizona, October 25-28, 2007.

“Visible Hands: Customhouses, Law, Capitalism, and The Mercantile State of the Early Republic, Part I,” New York University Legal History Colloquium, New York University School of Law, September 19, 2007.

Comment on Papers by Max M. Edling, and Jeffrey T. Pasley (with Dara Baker, Harvard University), Society for the History of the Early Republic Annual Conference, Worcester, Mass., July 20, 2007.

“The Mercantile State in New England: Customhouses, Law, and Capitalism in Antebellum Rhode Island,” Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, RI, April, 2007.

“Customhouses and Political Economy,” New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH, January, 2007.

“The American Revolution in Light of S.E. Finer’s *History of Government*: Continuities and Innovations in the Construction of the Early American State,” Organizations and State-Building Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, June, 2003.

Conference Papers

“The National Archive of Slavery: Rethinking the Federal Government and Slavery,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2023.

“Perilous Vigilance: Confederate Runaway Slave Laws During the American Civil War,” New England Historical Association Annual Meeting, April 10, 2021, Boston, Massachusetts [virtual event].

Comment on Papers by Andrew Walker, Priya Khangura, and Craig Hollander, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Houston, Texas, November 9, 2018.

Comment on Papers by Emilie Connolly, Alexandra Montgomery, and Lori Daggar, Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Cleveland, Ohio, July 20, 2018.

“The Historian’s Amicus Brief: Friend or Foe?,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 29, 2017.

“How Albert Gallatin Learned to Love the Federalist State,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 22, 2017.

“The Revolutionary State,” book proposal and chapter presentation for Second Book Workshop, Society for the History of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 22, 2017.

“Fugitive Slaves and the Problem of Circulation,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8, 2017.

“Making Sense of *National Duties: Custom Houses and the Making of the American State*,” American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 28, 2016.

The People’s Welfare and the New Federal History, *Journal of Policy History* Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 2, 2016.

Challenging the Socio-legal Turn: Kyle G. Volk’s *Moral Minorities* as a Critique of Legal Historiography, Nashville, Tennessee, June 2, 2016.

Slave Manifests and the Federal Regulation of Slave Status in Antebellum America, Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 14, 2014.

The Legal Architecture of the Slave Manifest, American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, November 8, 2014.

“Slaveholders in the Lobby: The Making of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, July 20, 2013.

“Administering Slavery and Freedom: Customhouses and the Federal Regulation of Slavery,” American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference 2012, St. Louis, Missouri, November 8-11, 2012.

“The Neckerian Revolution: Public Opinion, Public Credit, and Central Statecraft in Postrevolutionary America,” Foreign Confidence: International Investment in North America, 1700-1860, Program in Early American Economy and Society and the Rothschild Archive, The Library Company of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, (forthcoming) October 11-12, 2012.

“Secret Agents of Change: The State, Surveillance, and the Antinomies of the Market Revolution in Jacksonian America,” *Journal of Policy History* Biannual Conference, Richmond, Virginia, June 7, 2012.

“The State of the Market: Commerce and the Transformation of Federal Governance in the Early American Republic,” Business History Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Saturday, March 31, 2012.

“The Transformation of American Administration: Sailors, Public Healthcare, and the Federal Government, 1798-1860,” Ab Initio, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 16-17, 2010.

“Customhouses, Coercion, and Consent: Collecting Taxes in the Early American Republic,” *Journal of Policy History* Biannual Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 3, 2010.

“Administration’s Scandalous Past: Rethinking Jefferson’s Embargo,” American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference 2009, November 12-14, 2009.

“Between Servitude and Freedom: Maritime Labor Along the Antebellum Mississippi,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, November 5-8, 2009.

“Customhouses, Local Power, and the Discrete Origins of the War of 1812,” Society for the History of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, Falls Church, Virginia, June 25, 2009.

“Statecraft, Corruption, and Power in the New Orleans Customhouse, 1817-1834,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Seattle, Washington, March 26-29, 2009.

“The State of the Market: Smugglers, Statecraft, and the Failure of Jefferson’s Embargo,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York, New York, January 2-5, 2009.

“The Armed Haiti Trade and the Failure of Jefferson’s Embargo,” Society for the History of the Early Republic Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Penn., July 17, 2008.

“The Triumph of the Mercantile State: Customhouses and the Failure of Jefferson’s Embargo, 1807-1809,” *Journal of Policy History* Biannual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, May 29-June 1, 2008.

“The Warehousing Act of 1846 and the Centralization of American Capitalism,” *Journal of Policy History* Biannual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, May 29-June 1, 2008.

“Crises of Long-Distance Trade: The Napoleonic Wars, Smuggling, and Statecraft in the Early Republic,” Oklahoma City University School of Law, April 18, 2008.

“The Law of Smuggling in Antebellum America: Customhouses and the Origins of the Merchant State,” History of Capitalism in America Conference, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., October, 2006.

“Sailors Health and National Wealth: The Political Economy of the Federal Marine Hospital System, 1789-1865,” Journal of Policy History Biannual Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, June, 2006.

“The Posse Principle: The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and Federal Policing in Antebellum America,” American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference 2005, Cincinnati, Ohio, November, 2005.

“Sailors’ Health and National Wealth: The Political Economy of the Federal Marine Hospitals, 1799-1860,” Social History Workshop, University of Chicago, November, 2005.

“The Foundations of Federal Power: Courts, Marshals, and the *Posse Comitatus*, 1789-1860,” American Political Development Workshop, University of Chicago, October, 2004.

“Markets, Migrations, and the State: The Political Economy of the Ohio River Valley and the Rise of Federalism in the Early American Republic,” Constructing and Reconstructing a Region: 21st Century Approaches to the Ohio Valley’s History. The Filson Institute, May, 2003, Louisville, Kentucky.

Teaching

Ph.D. Students (Chair)

Jordan Grant, “Catchers and Kidnappers: Slavehunters in Early America”

Rebecca Brenner Graham, “When Mail Arrived on Sundays”

Linda J. Killian

Jonah Estess

Libby Tyson

Henry Dickmeyer

Ph.D. Students (Committee)

Lauren Duval

Nathan Wuertenberg (George Washington University)

Curtis Harris

Amy Langford

Katherine Kitterman

Reza Akbari

Assistant Professor, American University

Complex Problems: Why Big Government?

Historian’s Craft

American Encounters 1

Law, Rights, and the State

Era of the New Republic

Senior Thesis 1

Senior Thesis 2

American Capitalism
 Colloquium in US History 1
 Social Forces that Shaped America
 Conversations in History: American Consumerism
 Founding Fathers (?)
 Arendt, Ethics, Citizenship
 Law and the Crisis of American Democracy

Assistant Professor, NJIT

Foundations of the American Nation
 Law & Society in History
 Law & Disaster
 American Politics and Governance, 1763-1945

Teaching Awards & Grants

Assistant Professor, American University

Complex Problems Fellow, 2017
 Partners in Teaching Fellow, 2016-17
 Departmental Teaching Assistantship Grant, Spring, 2014, Spring 2016.
 Teaching Enhancement Grant, Fall, 2013.
 General Education Faculty Assistance Program Grant, Fall, 2012.
 Teaching Enhancement Grant, Fall, 2012.

Professional Service

Assistant and Associate Professor of History, American University

Director of Graduate Studies, 2018-22, 2023-
 Merit Pay Committee, 2019
 European History Lecturer Search Committee, 2018
 Brandenburg Lecture Organizer, 2017-19
 Brandenburg Lecturer, 2018
 Public History Search Committee, 2015-16
 History Forum Chair, 2015-16, 2016-17
 Graduate Education Committee, 2014 (fall), 2017-2019
 History Day Committee, 2013-14 (Chair)
 Undergraduate Education Committee, 2012-3
 Assistant Professor Committee, 2012-2018
 Organizer, Constitution Day Activities (in coordination with NEH), September, 2012.

Assistant Professor of History, NJIT

Director of the B.A. Program in Law, Technology & Culture
 Organizer (with Jennifer Jensen, and Taquesha Owens: "Through the Looking Glass," March 28, 2012 (Federated Department of History Graduate Student Conference).
 Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2011-12

American Historical Association

Program Committee for the 2021 Annual Meeting

American Society for Legal History

Program Committee, 2010-11

Kathryn T. Preyer Committee, 2008-2011, 2018-

Chair, Kathryn T. Preyer Committee, 2011-2014

Law and History Review, Editorial Board Member, 2012-2017

Editor-in-Chief, *Law and History Review*, 2017-

Projects and Proposals Committee, 2017-

Ad hoc Web Committee, 2018-

Logo Subcommittee, 2018-19

Society for the History of the Early American Republic

Advisory Council, 2021-

Co-Chair, *Ad hoc* Committee on Sexual Misconduct, 2022-

Co-Chair, Nominating Committee, 2019-2020

Nominating Committee (by election), 2017-2019

Program Committee, 2013

Editorial Boards

Papers of Andrew Jackson, 2020-

Cambridge History of the American Revolution, 2019-

Journal of American Constitutional History, 2022-

Manuscript Reviewer (articles and books)

Oxford University Press

Harvard University Press

University of Virginia Press

Cambridge University Press

American Philosophical Society Book Series

University of Chicago Press

Journal of the Early Republic

Journal of American History

Journal of Social History

Journal of Policy History

Law & History Review

Law & Social Inquiry

Ohio Valley History

Political Power & Social Theory

Studies in American Political Development

American Antiquarian Society

Long-Term Fellowships Referee, 2019

Museum Consultant

National Archives of the United States: Records of Rights Exhibit Script Reviewer

Dumbarton House: 2015-16 NEH Grant Reviewer; IMLS Grant Consultant

McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2020-2021

Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture

NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, 2021-2022