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EDUCATION

- PH.D.**, Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), University of California, Berkeley, expected 2026
- M.A.**, Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), University of California, Berkeley, 2022
- J.D.**, Harvard Law School, 2019
- B.A. with distinction**, African American Studies (History), Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College, 2016
- B.A. with distinction**, Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College, 2016

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Property Law; Local Government Law; State Constitutional Law

Secondary: American Legal History; Criminal Law; Corporations

CLERKSHIPS

SUPREME COURT OF HAWAII

Law Clerk, 2023–2024

CHIEF JUSTICE PAUL L. REIBER, SUPREME COURT OF VERMONT

Law Clerk, 2022–2023

PUBLICATION

[*California's Constitutional University: Private Property, Public Power, and the Constitutional Corporation, 1868–1900*](#), 18 CALIFORNIA LEGAL HISTORY 215–71 (2023).

Paper Prize: Awarded 2nd place in the [2023 Selma Moidel Smith Student Writing Competition in California Legal History](#) by the California Supreme Court Historical Society.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt, Germany (2022)

History of Education Doctoral Summer School, European Educational Research Association, Madrid, Spain (2022)

Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Exchange Program, Stanford Graduate School of Education (Winter/Spring 2020–2021)
Completed three graduate courses in the history of American higher education with Professor Emily J. Levine.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Larry McNeill Research Fellowship in Texas Legal History, Texas State Historical Association, Spring 2024

Outstanding GOLD Scholar Alumni Award, Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College, Spring 2023

Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2022

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Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Methodology Training Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2022

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Student Mentoring and Research Team Program Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2022

Graduate Assembly Professional Development Award, UC Berkeley, Spring 2022

Graduate Assembly Outstanding Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UC Berkeley, Spring 2022

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2021

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Selznick Scholarship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2021

Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study, UC Berkeley, Fall 2019

Summer Academic Fellowship, Harvard Law School, Summer 2019

Criminal Justice Program of Study Fellowship, Harvard Law School, Fall 2018

Public Interest Fellowship, Harvard Law School Association of Philadelphia, Summer 2018

Marshal in Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2016

Paterno Fellow, Pennsylvania State University, Spring 2016

Phi Beta Kappa, Pennsylvania State University, 2015

PRESENTATIONS

Boston-Area Legal History Colloquium, Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts, March 18, 2023
“California’s Constitutional University: Private Property, Public Power, and the Constitutional Corporation, 1868–1900”

Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, July 11, 2022
“ ‘The Highest Form of Juristic Person Known to the Law’: Constitutional Universities in the American West, 1850–1900”

History of Education Doctoral Summer School, European Educational Research Association, Madrid, Spain, June 10, 2022
“Constitutional Universities in the American West, 1850–1900”

ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Student Attorney, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA, 2017–2019

Represented low-income clients as attorney of record in Family Law Practice of student-run, civil legal aid office. Responsible for all aspects of representation, including legal research and writing, client counseling, negotiation, oral advocacy, and trial preparation and presentation. Bicentennial Committee, 2017–2018. Board of Directors, 2018–2019. Registered 1,949 pro bono hours.

Summer Intern, Federal Community Defender Office, Capital Habeas Unit, Philadelphia, PA, 2018

Researched and drafted post-conviction briefs involving complex issues of state and federal law in various jurisdictions.

Student Attorney, Harvard Defenders, Cambridge, MA, 2017–2018

Represented low-income clients in the Greater Boston area in criminal show cause hearings.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Tutor, Berkeley Underground Scholars Initiative, UC Berkeley, 2019–2022

Mentor, Getting into Graduate School Program, UC Berkeley Graduate Division, 2019–2022

Reader, Dr. Meg Eppel Gudgeirsson (History 137AC: Immigrants and Immigration as U.S. History), UC Berkeley History Department, Summer 2022

Graduate Mentor, Student Mentoring and Research Team Program, UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Summer 2022

Reader, Dr. Meg Eppel Gudgeirsson (History 123: Civil War and Reconstruction), UC Berkeley History Department, Spring 2022

Mentor, Firebaugh Scholars Program, UC Berkeley Graduate Division, 2021–2022

Reader, Professor Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers (History 136C: Defiant Women in American History), UC Berkeley History Department, Fall 2021

Reader, Dr. Hannah G. Zeavin (History N100: The History of Silicon Valley), UC Berkeley History Department, Summer 2021

Reader, Professor Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers (History 125A: African American History 1450–1860), UC Berkeley History Department, Spring 2021

Graduate Student Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, UC Berkeley, 2020–2021

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Writing Consultant, Graduate Writing Center, UC Berkeley, 2020–2022

Editor-in-Chief, Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal, 2018–2019

Research Assistant, Professor Adriaan Lanni, Harvard Law School, 2017–2019

Research Assistant, Association of Religion Data Archives, Pennsylvania State University, 2014–2016

Research Assistant, Professor Darrell Steffensmeier, Pennsylvania State University, 2013–2015

SERVICE

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Social Science Selection Committee, UC Berkeley, Spring 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association, 2020–present

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2024–present

American Society for Legal History, 2020–present

Law and Society Association, 2020–present

Western History Association, 2020–present