

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), expected 2026
Dissertation: *State, University, and Corporation*

M.A., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), 2022

University of British Columbia

Visiting International Research Student, spring 2025

Stanford University

Stanford-Berkeley Exchange Student, 2020–2021

Harvard Law School

J.D., 2019

Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College

B.A. *with distinction*, African American Studies (History), 2016

B.A. *with distinction*, Criminology, 2016

PUBLICATION

[*California's Constitutional University: Private Property, Public Power, and the Constitutional Corporation, 1868–1900*](#), 18 CALIFORNIA LEGAL HISTORY 215–271 (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

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Constitutional Law; Property Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Family Law

Secondary: Local Government Law; Corporations; American Legal History; State Constitutional Law; Professional Responsibility

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CLERKSHIPS

CHIEF JUSTICE MARK E. RECKTENWALD, SUPREME COURT OF HAWAII

Administrative Law Clerk, 2023–2024

CHIEF JUSTICE PAUL L. REIBER, SUPREME COURT OF VERMONT

Law Clerk, 2022–2023

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs: Native Hawaiians' Constitutional Corporation (with Troy Andrade)

University Legal History

In essay collection on Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn's *The Autocratic Academy: Reenvisioning Rule within America's Universities* (2023)

Corporate Academic Freedom

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History

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

History of Education Doctoral Summer School

European Educational Research Association, Madrid, Spain, Summer 2022

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Bordin/Gillette Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Fall 2024

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, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2022

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Methodology Training Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2022

Student Mentoring and Research Team Program Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2022

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS (CONTINUED)

Graduate Assembly Professional Development Award, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2022

Graduate Assembly Outstanding Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2022

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 2021

Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study, University of California, 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 AND WORKSHOPS

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Faculty Workshop, Villanova, PA, July 3, 2024
“California’s Constitutional University”

Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 18, 2024

Roundtable: Timothy Kaufman-Osborn’s *The Autocratic Academy: Rethinking the Corporate Sensibility*

Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 16, 2024

Graduate Student Workshop

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

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS (CONTINUED)

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

Reader, University of California, Berkeley, Department of History

History 125A: African American History and Race Relations: 1450–1860, Spring 2021, Fall 2024 (Professor Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley, Legal Studies Program

Legal Studies 100: Foundations of Legal Studies, Fall 2024 (Professor Jonathan Simon)

Tutor, University of California, Berkeley

Underground Scholars Initiative, 2019–2022, 2024–Present

Mentor, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division

Getting into Graduate School Program, 2019–2022

Reader, University of California, Berkeley, Department of History

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

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

Graduate Mentor, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division
Student Mentoring and Research Team Program, Summer 2022

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

Graduate Student Mentor, University of California, Berkeley
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, 2020–2021

Mentor, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division
Firebaugh Scholars Program, 2021–2022

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

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

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Tony Platt and Nazune Menka
Land Research Regarding the University of California, Summer 2024

Graduate Writing Consultant, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division
Graduate Writing Center, 2020–2022

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

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

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

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

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SERVICE

Larry McNeill Research Fellowship in Texas Legal History, Texas State Historical Association
Award Committee, 2024–2025

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
Social Science Selection Committee, Spring 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association, 2020–present

American Society for Legal History, 2020–present

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

History of Education Society, 2020–present

Law and Society Association, 2020–present

Western History Association, 2020–present