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## EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

PH.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), expected 2026  
Dissertation: *The American University: A Corporate History*  
Committee: Christopher Tomlins (Chair), Daniel Farber, Dylan Penningroth  
Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study  
M.A., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), 2022  
Stanford-Berkeley Exchange Student, Spring 2021

Harvard Law School

J.D., 2019  
Student Attorney, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, 2017–2019  
Student Attorney, Harvard Defenders, 2017–2018  
Editor in Chief, *Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal*, 2018–2019  
Research Assistant to Professor Adriaan Lanni, 2017–2019  
Registered 1,949 pro bono hours

Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College

B.A. with distinction, African American Studies (History), 2016  
B.A. with distinction, Criminology, 2016  
Marshal in Criminology, Spring 2016  
Phi Beta Kappa, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Articles*

*Using Citizens United*, 106 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW  
(forthcoming 2026) (Symposium: The University and Democracy)

[\*Land-Grant Universities\*](#), 103 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE  
129-61 (January 2026)

[\*University Legal History\*](#), CULTURAL CRITIQUE ONLINE (November 2025)

[\*What Harvard's Lawsuit Should Have Said\*](#), 16 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW ONLINE  
51-68 (August 2025) (AAUP *Academe Blog* [Summary](#))

[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

### ***Shorter Works***

[Universities Need to Go Corporate](#), INSIDE HIGHER ED (July 2025)

[Why Does Harvard Have a Police Force?](#), THE EDU LEDGER (June 2019)

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*College Towns*

### **CLERKSHIPS**

Supreme Court of Hawai'i  
Administrative Law Clerk to Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, 2023–2024

Supreme Court of Vermont  
Law Clerk to Chief Justice Paul L. Reiber, 2022–2023

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

***Primary***: Constitutional Law; Property Law; Local Government Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure

***Secondary***: American Legal History; State Constitutional Law; Professional Responsibility; Education Law; Family Law

### **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

Elmer L. Andersen Research Scholars Program, University of Minnesota, Fall 2025

Gardner Fellowship, UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education, 2025–2026

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2025–2026

Doctoral Completion Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2025

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

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

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS (CONTINUED)**

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

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

State and Local Government Works-in-Progress Conference, Michigan Law, Dec. 5-6, 2025  
Invited Participant

“Land-Grant Universities”

Gardner Seminar, UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education, Dec. 3, 2025  
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Forum, UC Berkeley Law, Nov. 18, 2025  
History of Education Society Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, Nov. 6, 2025

Boston University Law Review Symposium: The University and Democracy, Nov. 14, 2025  
Roundtable entitled “Competing Conceptions of the University”

Institution of Academic Freedom Conference, Amherst College, March 7-8, 2025  
Invited Participant

Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, University of British Columbia, May 18, 2024  
Roundtable entitled “Timothy Kaufman-Osborn’s *The Autocratic Academy: Rethinking the Corporate Sensibility*”

## **SELECTED TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley, Legal Studies Program  
Various undergraduate courses, 2024–Present

Reader, University of California, Berkeley, Department of History  
Various undergraduate courses, 2021–2022, 2024–Present

Tutor, University of California, Berkeley  
Underground Scholars Initiative, 2019–2022, 2024–Present

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

## **SELECTED ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING**

University of British Columbia  
Visiting International Research Student, Spring 2025

Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History  
Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Summer 2022