

**MICHAEL BANERJEE**

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**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Legal History), expected 2026

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

**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

**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

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**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

**Stanford-Berkeley Graduate Exchange Program**

Stanford Graduate School of Education, 2020–2021

**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**, 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

**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

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**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS (CONTINUED)**

**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”

**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”

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**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**

**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)

**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

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**TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)**

**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

**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

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**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**