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EDUCATION

J.D., Magna Cum Laude, University of Michigan Law School, 1995

Ph.D., History, University of Michigan, 1992

Dissertation title: "Partisan Political Theory and the Unwritten Constitution: The Origins of Democracy in Illinois, 1818-1840"

A.B., Oberlin College, 1984

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law and Law Alumni Scholar

Boston University School of Law

2003-present (Law Alumni Scholar since 2007)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Boston University School of Law

2006-2009

Associate Professor of Law

Boston University School of Law

1996-2003

Clerk to the Honorable David H. Souter

United States Supreme Court

Washington, D.C. 1996-1997

Clerk to the Honorable J. Dickson Phillips, Jr.
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1995-1996

Law Clerk
Institute of Government
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1995

Law Clerk
Bodman, Longley and Dahling
Detroit, Michigan, 1994

Assistant to Labor Arbitrator Sol Elkin
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1993

Lecturer in History
University of Michigan, 1991

Teaching Assistant, History
University of Michigan, 1986-1990

PUBLICATIONS

The Invention of Party Politics: Federalism, Popular Sovereignty, and Constitutional Development in Jacksonian Illinois (University of North Carolina Press, Studies in Legal History, 2002)

“Some Reasons Why Criminal Harms Matter,” in Robinson, Ferzan, and Garvey, eds., Criminal Law Conversations (Oxford University Press, 2009)

"Law and Politics Reconsidered: A New Constitutional History of Dred Scott," 34 Law and

Social Inquiry 747 (2009)

“The Consolidation of the Early Federal System,” co-authored with Saul Cornell, in Christopher Tomlins and Michael Grossberg, eds., The Cambridge History of Law in America (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

“Civilizing Darwin: Holmes on Crime,” in Markus Dubber and Lindsay Farmer, eds., Modern Histories of Criminal Law (Stanford University Press, 2007)

“Iredell Reclaimed: Farewell to Snowiss’s History of Judicial Review,” 81 Chicago-Kent Law Review 867 (2006)

“Holmes on the Lochner Court,” 85 Boston University Law Review 1001 (2005)

“Towards a Legal History of American Criminal Theory: Culture and Doctrine from Blackstone to the Model Penal Code,” 6 Buffalo Criminal Law Review 691 (2003)

“Party as a ‘Political Safeguard of Federalism’: Martin Van Buren and the Constitutional Theory of Party Politics,” 54 Rutgers Law Review 221 (2001)

“Rape, Murder, and Formalism: What Happens When We Define Mistake of Law?,” 72 University of Colorado Law Review 507 (2001)

“Comment on Frederick Schauer’s Prediction and Particularity,” 78 Boston University Law Review 931 (1998)

“Federal Law and Athletic Eligibility for Students with Disabilities,” School Law Bulletin, Summer, 1996

“The Ironies of Partyism and Antipartyism: Origins of Partisan Political Culture in Jacksonian Illinois,” Illinois Historical Journal, Spring, 1994

—Winner of the Harry E. Pratt Award of the Illinois Historical Society for best article published in the Illinois Historical Journal for the 1993-94 publishing year.

Book reviews in Law and History Review, Journal of American History, American Historical Review, Journal of the Early Republic, American Journal of Legal History.

PRESENTATIONS

Oberlin College, Doing American History Symposium, February 25, 2012

American Society for Legal History, Annual Meeting, November 12, 2011

University of Georgia School of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 9, 2011

Rutgers-Camden School of Law, Faculty Workshop, April 19, 2010

Massachusetts Historical Society, December 3, 2009

Oxford University Centre for Socio-Legal Studies *and* Rothermere American Institute,

Conference on “Constitutions and the American Classics: Madison and
Jefferson,” July 9, 2009

Harvard Conference on American Constitutional Development, October 18, 2008

Boston College Legal History Roundtable, November 15, 2007

Boston University-University of Cambridge Conference on "The Constitution and Public Policy
in American History," March 10, 2006

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Conference on Larry Kramer's *The People Themselves*,
November 18, 2005

Stanford University, Second Amendment Conference, September 16, 2005

University at Buffalo Law School Conference on Modern Histories of Crime and Punishment,
June 12, 2005

Boston University, Editorial Institute, Conference on James Fitzjames Stephen, April 9, 2005

Boston University, Lochner Centennial Conference, October 16, 2004

Harvard Law School Legal History Series, October 17, 2002

American Bar Foundation Research Seminar, Chicago, September 13, 2002

New York University Legal History Colloquium, January 23, 2002

University of Virginia Conference on Constitutional History, October 6-7, 2001

Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 1991

Illinois History Symposium, 1990

Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes American Studies Association, 1990

Annual Meeting of the Mid-America American Studies Association, 1988

TEACHING

Criminal Law

Legislation

Criminal Sentencing

The Limits of Criminality (seminar)

American Legal History (seminar)

Origins of American Constitutionalism (seminar)

Historical Perspectives on Law, Constitutions, and Culture (workshop seminar)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute for Constitutional Studies and the American Historical Association pamphlet series on constitutional history. Co-editor with Keith Whittington of Princeton University.

Chair, John Philip Reid Prize Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2009-11

Member of Publications Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2007-2010

Member of Program Committee for 2003 meeting of the American Society for Legal History.

Organizer and Moderator, The Elizabeth Battelle Clark Legal History Series at Boston University, 1998-2008.

American Society for Legal History

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Peer review for Cambridge University Press, Duke University Press, Journal of American History, Journal of Historical Sociology, Law and Social Inquiry, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Journal of the Early Republic, Studies in American Political Development, Law and History Review, Harvard Law Review.