

APPOINTMENTS

University of Michigan Law School

Assistant Professor of Law	2020 – Present
Co-Director, Program in Race, Law, and History	2020 – Present
Assistant Professor of History, by courtesy	2020 – Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Inaugural Faculty Fellow	2019 – 2020

EDUCATION

Princeton University, M.A. History, 2014 & Ph.D. History, 2019

Dissertation: “Cows, Cars, and Criminals: The Legal Landscape of the Rural Midwest, 1920-1975”

Prizes: *Julian Mezey Dissertation Award*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2020; *Dissertation Prize*, Law and Society Association, 2020

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D., 2012

California Law Review, *Articles Editor*

Honors: Berkeley Law, *Written & Oral Advocacy Best Brief*; Milani Disability Law National Brief Writing Competition, *2nd Place*; Berkeley Law, *Summer Public Interest–Public Sector Fellowship*

University of Oxford, England, M.Sc. Comparative Social Policy, 2009

Thesis: “A Comparative Analysis of NGO Education Service Provision in Developing Countries”

Indiana University, Bloomington, B.A. with *highest honors* in History & Art History, 2008

(with Sociology & Italian Minors)

Honors: Hutton Honors College Diploma; Phi Beta Kappa; Elvis J. Stahr Distinguished Senior Award; Foundation Scholar; Elvin Hewins Scholarship in History; Dan H. Eikenberry Scholarship in History; Working Student Scholarship; Hutton Honors International Experience Grant

Duke University, *Study Abroad: Duke in Rome Program*

University of Michigan, *Michigan Community Scholars Program*, 2004-2005

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“[Rural Social Safety Nets for Migrant Farmworkers in Michigan, 1942-1971](#),” *Law & Social Inquiry*, 46, no. 4, (November 2021): 1022 – 1061. (peer-reviewed)

“[Winks, Whispers, and Prosecutorial Discretion in Rural Iowa, 1925-1928](#),” *Annals of Iowa* 79, no. 3 (Summer 2020): 247-83. (peer-reviewed)

*Received the 2021 Mildred Throne & Charles Aldrich Academic History Award

“[Law and Laundry: White Laundresses, Chinese Laundrymen, and Hours Restrictions in *Muller v. Oregon*](#),” *Studies in Law, Policy & Society* 83 (2020): 23-56. (peer-reviewed)

[“Law and Local Activism: Uncovering the Civil Rights History of *Chambers v. Mississippi*,”](#)
California Law Review (2013): 445-519.

*Cited in [Kubsch v. Neal](#), 800 F.3d 783 (7th Cir. 2015), reh’g en banc granted, opinion vacated (Nov. 23, 2015), on reh’g en banc, 838 F.3d 845 (7th Cir. 2016).

*Cited in [Brief for the NAACP LDEF as Amicus Curiae](#), *Flowers v. State of Mississippi*, 2018 WL 6921334 (U.S. 2018).

Book Reviews

“Book Review,” *Agricultural History*, 94 (Spring 2020): 308 (reviewing Jonathan Coppess, *The Fault Lines of Farm Policy: A Legislative and Political History of the Farm Bill* (2018)).

[Myth and History in the Midwest: On Kristin L. Hoganson’s *The Heartland*](#), *Cleveland Review of Books* (August 12, 2019) (reviewing Kristin L. Hoganson, *The Heartland: An American History* (2019)).

[A Century of Cars Driving the Fourth Amendment](#), *New Rambler Review* (October 2, 2019) (reviewing Sarah Seo, *Policing the Open Road: How Cars Transformed American Freedom* (2019)).

“Book Review,” *Middle West Review*, 6 (2019): 142 (reviewing Julianne Couch, *The Small-Town Midwest: Resilience and Hope in the Twentieth Century* (2016)).

“Book Review,” *Journal of Arizona History*, 60 (Summer 2018): 255 (reviewing Katrina Jagodinsky and Pablo Mitchell, eds., *Beyond the Borders of the Law: Critical Legal Histories of the North American West* (2018)).

“Book Note,” *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice*, 25 (2010): 236 (reviewing Ruth Rubio-Marin, *The Gender of Reparations: Unsettling Sexual Hierarchies While Redressing Human Rights Violations* (2009)).

Other Writing

[Rural and Racialized: How Property Law Perpetuates Racial Disparities, as part of the Symposium on the Law and Political Economy of Rural America](#), *Law and Political Economy Blog* (March 14, 2023).

Co-authored with Leah Litman, [“Women Also Know Law,”](#) *ACS Expert Forum* March 17, 2021.

Co-authored with Karin Wulf, [“Why Women Also Know History,”](#) *Journal of Women’s History* 32, no 2 (Summer 2020) 113-17.

[The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook.](#)

Contributed on topics including the Equal Rights Amendment, Black Power, and Women’s Rights Movement.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Michigan Law Faculty Award for Innovative, Interdisciplinary, and Inclusive Teaching
Inaugural Recipient

2023

Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin Fellow	2019
Jefferson Scholars Foundation, University of Virginia National Fellow	2018 – 2019
William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Early Career Research Fellowship	2017 – 2018
State Historical Society of Iowa Funded Project: Small-Town Lawyers and Rural Identity	2017 – 2018
Princeton University Teagle Teaching Graduate Fellow	2014 – 2015
Princeton University American Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Funded Project: Life & Law in Rural America	2014
Berkeley Institute for Legal Studies & Earl Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy Funded Project: Law and Local Activism: Uncovering the Civil Rights History of <i>Chambers v. Mississippi</i>	2012
Warren Institute on Law & Social Policy, U.C. Berkeley School of Law Coblentz Fellow	2011
Indiana University, School of Public & Environmental Affairs in partnership with Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea Funded Project: South Korean Civil Society in a Transnational Context	2008

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS & WORKSHOPS

Panel Presentations & Paper Workshops

The Shared Political Rhetoric of Rural School Consolidation & Urban Busing
Political History Conference (June 2023)

Plenary Panel on Rural Law and Planning Issues in the Midwest
International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (May 2023)

The Country Lawyer
University of Minnesota Legal History Workshop. (February 2023)

Zoning for a White Rural Midwest
American Society of Legal History. (November 2022)

Rural Students and a “Right” to Local Schools
Children and the Law Mini-Conference, American Society of Legal History. (November 2022)

Country Lawyers: Remaking Rural Legal Practice
University of Michigan Legal Theory Workshop. (October 2022)

- Country Lawyers: Remaking Rural Legal Practice*
Annual Law & Rurality Workshop, University of Nebraska College of Law. (October 2022)
- One-Room School Houses: Remaking Rural Education*
University of Michigan Legal History Workshop. (September 2022)
- Remaking Rural Education*
Northwestern Law School Legal History Workshop. (April 2022)
- Remaking Rural Education*
University of South Dakota Rural Scholarship Workshop. (October 2021)
- Remaking Rural Education*
Michigan State University Law School. (October 2021)
- Legal Landscapes & Racial Boundaries Across the 20th Century Rural Midwest*
Law and Society Conference. (May 2021)
- Racial Boundaries across the Heartland's Legal Landscapes in the Twentieth Century*
University of Mississippi. (April 2021)
- Women's Political Activism in the Post-War Midwest*
Organization of American Historians Conference. (April 2021)
- Heartland's Legal Landscapes Book Proposal & Education Chapter*
Rural Legal Scholars Workshop. (October 2020)
- Legal Landscapes, Migrant Labor, and Rural Social Safety Nets in Michigan, 1942-1971*
Loyola University Chicago School of Law. (October 2020)
- Winks, Whispers, and Prosecutorial Discretion in Rural Iowa*
University of Michigan Legal History Workshop. (September 2019)
- Margery Burns is Tilting at Windmills: Rural Schools in a Modern America*
Remaking American Political History Conference. (June 2019)
- The People's Pendleton: Rural Communities, Prosecutorial Discretion, and Masculinity in Small Town Iowa, 1920-1928*
Indiana University, Department of History, Invited Paper Talk. (May 2019)
- "Neighbors—yet strangers": Ministering to Migrant Camps before State v. Shack*
Indiana University, Maurer School of Law, Invited Paper Talk. (November 2018)
- Margery Burns is Tilting at Windmills: Rural Schools in a Modern America*
Midwestern History Association Conference. (June 2018)
- Margery Burns is Tilting at Windmills: Rural Schools in a Modern America*
Rural Women's Studies Association Conference. (May 2018)
- Law & Laundry*
Law in Motion Conference on the 14th Amendment, Northwestern University. (May 2018)
- A Memoir and Talk of Law in 1920s Rural Iowa*
Brown University Legal Studies Conference. (April 2018)

- The People's Pendleton: Rural Communities, Prosecutorial Discretion, and Masculinity*
Modern America Workshop, Princeton University Department of History. (April 2018)
- Collaboration for Career Diversity: Locating Expertise at the Institutional and National Levels*
American Historical Association Conference. (January 2018)
- Law & Laundry*
Student Research Colloquium, American Society of Legal History Conference. (October 2017)
- Legal Lives in Muller v. Oregon*
Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality. (June 2017)
- Modern Pioneers in Oneida County: Rural Zoning in the Midwest, 1933-1953*
Legal History Graduate Student Conference, Brown University. (April 2016)
- Rural Schools in a Modern America*
Modern America Workshop, Princeton University Department of History. (April 2016)
- Views from the Midwest: Rural Communities, Law, and Nation—1910-1970*
Law & Society Association, Graduate Student Workshop. (May 2015)
- Views from the Midwest: Rural Communities, Law, and Nation—1910-1970*
Graduate Student Salon, Princeton Program in American Studies. (April 2015)
- New Deal Resettlement Communities: Nation, Law & Family*
Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, Urban History Association. (October 2014)
- Indiana Will Point the Way: A Study of Indiana's Ratification of the ERA*
Paper Workshop. Princeton Gender & Sexuality Studies Graduate Works-in-Progress Colloquium. (Spring 2013)

Organizer

- Legal History Events, University of Michigan Law School*
Sean Vanatta, "The Financialization of U.S. Public Pensions, 1945-1974." (co-organized with Jeff Zhang, March 2023)
Anne Gray Fischer, "The Streets Belong to Us." (October 2022)
- Children and the Law: A Conference in Honor of Michael Grossberg*
Co-Organizer and Panelist, American Society of Legal History. (November 2022)
- Race & Property Law in Historical Perspective 2020 Speaker Series*
Organizer and Moderator, University of Michigan. (Fall 2020)
K-Sue Park, *Conquest & Slavery as Foundational to the Property Law Course*
December 2020 blog post of Park's interview was one of the top ten most-read posts in 2020 for the Law & Political Economy Blog.
Justin Simard, *Citing Slavery*
Taja-Nia Henderson & Jamila Jefferson-Jones, [#LivingWhileBlack: Blackness as Nuisance](#)
- Taking the Rural Seriously in Twentieth-Century Legal History: Centering Gender & Sexuality*
Panel Organizer, American Society for Legal History. (November 2019)
Paper: *Prosecutorial Discretion & Masculinity in Small-Town Iowa, 1920-1928*

Life & Law in Rural America: Cows, Cars, and Criminals Conference

Conference Co-Organizer, Princeton University Program in American Studies. (March 2016)

Paper: *Modern Pioneers in Oneida County: Rural Zoning in the Midwest, 1933-1953*

Comments & Roundtable Participation*#CottageCore: The Consequences of Romanticizing Rural Life*

Roundtable Panelist, University of Michigan School of Information. (September 2022)

Rural Political History Panel

Moderator, American Political History Conference: The Past, Present, and Future of American Democracy. (June 2022)

Legal History Panel

Jefferson Scholars Foundation Reunion Conference, University of Virginia. (May 2022)

Comment for Law and Society Panel

Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan. (April 2021)

Invited Panel Participant, Legal History and the Persistent Power of State and Local Governments

Pre-Conference Symposium, American Society for Legal History. (November 2019)

Legal History Roundtable Participant

American Bar Foundation. (2017, 2018, 2019, 2023)

Roundtable: Grandmothers & Granddaughters of RWSA (Spatial Politics of Gender & Sexuality)

Rural Women's Studies Association Conference. (May 2018)

Comment for Andrew Needham, "Engineering Sustainability: The Chicago River and the Scales of Environmental Inequality."

Modern America Workshop, Princeton University Department of History. (March 2018)

Comment for Colin R. Johnson, "Lesser Intimacies."

U.S. History Workshop, Indiana University. (February 2018)

Comment for Beth Lew Williams, "Rape Across Another Color Line: Courtroom Narratives against Chinese Men in California, 1850-1915."

Modern America Workshop, Princeton University Department of History. (Spring 2015)

Comment for Stacie Taranto, "Goodbye to the Party of Rockefeller: Women's Grassroots Politics and the GOP's Embrace of Feminism."

Modern America Workshop, Princeton University Department of History. (Fall 2013)

Invited Talks & Interviews*Workshop Leader: Legal History for Political Historians*

Jefferson Scholars Foundation, National Fellows Program. (September 2022)

The Myth and Realities of Country Lawyers in Iowa and the Midwest

Iowa History 101. (May 2022)

Keynote Address: Rethinking the History of Rural Education

Robert M. Taylor, Jr. Memorial Lecture
Indiana Association of Historians Conference. (April 2022)

Racial Boundaries across the Heartland's Legal Landscapes in the Twentieth Century

University of Nebraska College of Law. (March 2021)

Rural Law, Resentment, and Development

Mainstreet Speaks Podcast. (February 2021)

PLACE and Power: A Conversation with Emily Prifogle and Earl Swift

University of Virginia School of Law. (September 2020)

TEACHING & ADVISING

University of Michigan Law School

Law in Rural America, Seminar	Winter 2020, Winter 2024
Law in Rural America, Mini-Seminar	Winter 2023
Property Law	Fall 2020, Winter 2023, Winter 2024

Advising & Dissertation Committee MembershipDissertation Committee Member, University of Michigan

- Surabhi Balachander (English)
- Katherine Brausch (History)
- Allie Goodman (History)

Law 900: Independent Research Supervisor

AY 2021-2022

- Martin Greene, Artificial Intelligence in the Art World: Authenticate with Caution
- Sarah Gargaro, Memo on Nonpayment Eviction Cases for Detroit Legal Aid

AY 2021-2022

- Alaina Richert, “Common Law Marriage/Cohabitation Criminalization” and “[Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Homelessness Post-Bostock](#)” *Published as 56 Michigan Journal of Law Reform 217 (2023).
- Nicole Garson, “Preservation and Erasure: Urban Renewal in Modern-Day Detroit”

AY 2020-2021

- Rebecca Wasserman, “Renaming Landmark in Honor of Abolitionist” *Successfully used research to petition the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to rename “Negro Hill” as “Fitch Hill” in honor of the African American family of abolitionists who lived in the area.
- Bailey Tulloch, “[Book Notice: Reconstructing Rural Discourse](#),” 120 Mich. L. Rev. 1337 (2022). *Winner of the William Lewis Kaufmann Memorial Award for the best student contribution to the Michigan Law Review.
- Marlee Goska, “‘The Fight Brought to our Cultural Doorstep’: Tribal Access to and Co-Management of their Dispossessed Lands” *Race, Law and History Fellow; Winner of ABA SEER Public Land and Resources Law Student Writing Competition and published as “[If Not Now, When?](#)”

- Tamar Alexanian, “Racism & The Child Welfare System: The Impact on Families from 1900-2008” **Race, Law and History Fellow*
- Aiden Park, “Public Defender Systems in Rural Texas” **Accepted for publication with the Michigan Journal of Law Reform*
- Hannah Berl, “Reparations & Land Contracts”
- Will Harris, “Property Rights & Litigation Finance”
- Ronica Hutchinson, “Medicaid Reimbursement for Certified Professional Midwives”
- Lily Sawyer-Kaplan, “A Property Right to Wander”
- Matt Lustbader, “Making Sense of Right of First Refusal Provisions within LIHTC Project Partnership Agreements”
- Hannah Paton, “Reframing Right to Farm Laws”
- Becca Rogers, “Waiting for Gorsuch: How McGirt Could Help Decolonize Federal Indian Law”

AY 2019-2020

- Jasmine Wang, “No Archetypal Chinese Woman” **Race, Law and History Fellow*
- Marlee Goska, “Rural Oregon’s Timber Counties and Collaborative Forest Work: Fraught Relationships Turned to Productive and Sustainable Partnerships”
- Katherine Klein, “Competency Procedures in Rural Mississippi”
- Jackson Powers, “Hoosier Courts”

Undergraduate Honors Theses, History Department

AY 2022-2023

- William Stieg, Slaughterhouse Cases, *Primary Advisor*

AY 2020-2021

- Rohit Soman, “The Stories They Tell Themselves: Legal Narratives in the Supreme Court and *Floyd v. New York* about Stop and Frisk and Policing,” *Primary Advisor*
- Alexander Gavulic, “Legacy: The Immigration Act of 1924 and Those Who Opposed Its Passage,” *Second Reader*

Princeton University

Teaching Assistant, American Studies 101: America Then & Now Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant, History 384: Gender & Sexuality in Modern America Fall 2014

McGraw Center for Teaching & Learning

Graduate Teaching Fellow 2015 – 2019

Teagle Teaching Seminar, Fellow 2014 – 2015

Teaching Transcript 2015

Princeton University Writing Center

Writing Fellow 2014 – 2015

Independent Work Mentor 2014 – 2015

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Teaching Assistant, Legal Research & Writing Fall 2010, Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, Written & Oral Advocacy Spring 2011, Spring 2012

Indiana University, Office of Service Learning

Advocate for Community Engagement

2006 – 2008

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Course Facilitator, Sociology 389: Diversity & Education

Spring 2005

SERVICE

*University Service***University of Michigan**Committee Service

University of Michigan

Inclusive History Project, Framing and Design Committee

2022 - 2023

Law School

Simpson/Dawson Lecture Committee

2020 – 2022, 2023 – 2024

Intellectual Life Committee

2022 – 2023

Entry Level Hiring Committee

2021 – 2022

Student Selection, Recruitment, and Recognition

2020 – 2021

Program in Race, Law & History

Co-Director

2020 – Present

Selection Committee

2019 – 2021

Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Advising

Law and Society Faculty Advisor

2021 – 2023

Rural Studies Working Group Faculty Advisor

2022 – 2023

Princeton University

Women's History Tour, Interpretive Text Advisor

2018

Job Search Committee, Graduate Student Representative,

2014

Department of History, Asian American History

Princeton University Graduate Writing Days, Manager

2013

Graduate History Association

Women's Committee

2012 – 2014

Professional Development Officer

2014 – 2015

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Advocates for Youth Justice, Education Advocacy Clinic, Co-Director

2010 – 2011

Boalt Hall Women's Association, Vice-President of Operations

2010 – 2011

Indiana University

Job Search Committee, Office of Service Learning, Director

2008

*Journal & Publishing Service***Michigan Journal of Law & Society**

2021-Present

Faculty Editorial Board Member

Peer Reviewer

University of Chicago Law Review	2023
Stanford Law Review	2021
Yale Law Review	2021
Cambridge University Press	2020
Law & History Review	2013

California Law Review 2010 – 2012
Article Editor

Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice 2009 – 2011
Book Review Editor

*Professional Service***American Society for Legal History**

Cromwell Dissertation Prize Committee	2023 – 2025
Working Group on Digital Programming	2023 – 2025
Discussant, Student Research Workshop	2022
Graduate Student Outreach Committee	2019 – 2021
Student Research Colloquium Selection Committee	2019 – 2021
Graduate Student Liaison	2020

Women Also Know Law 2019 – Present

Co-Founder with Leah Litman

Women Also Know History 2017 – Present

Co-Founder with Karin Wulf and Keisha Blain
Advisory Board Member

Legal History Blog 2013 – 2016

Weekly Contributor and Social-Media Coordinator
(with Tomiko Brown-Nagin, Daniel Ernst, and Karen Tani)

Midwest History Association

Jon Gjerde Book Prize (for best work in Midwest History) Committee 2020, 2021

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit 2016 – 2017

Clerk to Honorable David F. Hamilton

Goodwin Procter, San Francisco, CA 2011

Summer Associate, Litigation

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth, San Jose, CA 2010

Summer Intern

Advocates for Youth Justice, Berkeley, CA 2009 – 2011

Student Clinic Co-Director, Court Appointed Education Advocate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Historical Association
- American Society for Legal History
- American Studies Association
- Law & Society Association
- Midwest History Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Rural Women's Studies Association
- Urban History Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals