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EDUCATION

Yale University

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Concentration: History (Medieval).

Ph.D., 2009
M.Phil., 2001
M.A., 2000

Thesis: "Advowson Law and Litigation in the English Royal Courts, 1154-1250."

Readers: Paul Brand, Charles Donahue, Paul Freedman, James Whitman, Anders Winroth.

Yale Law School

Yale Law Journal: Executive Editor, vol. 110.

Yale Journal of International Law: Executive Editor, vol. 25; Articles Editor, vol. 24.

J.D., 2002

University of Cambridge

Concentration: Classics (Roman Law).

Thesis: "*Filii Naturales* in Postclassical Legislation Before 439."

Supervisor: David Johnston, Regius Professor of Civil Law.

M.Phil., 1997

Pomona College

Major: History (Ancient & Medieval).

Archibald Prize (for highest GPA in the graduating class).

B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1996
Phi Beta Kappa
GPA: 12.0/12.0

University of Colorado at Boulder

Major: History.

1992-93
GPA: 4.0/4.0

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SMU Dedman School of Law

Professor of Law, 2017-present.

Associate Professor, 2010-17; Assistant Professor, 2005-10.

Courses: Trusts and Estates; Property; History of Anglo-American Legal Institutions.

University of Pennsylvania Law School

Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2008.

Yale University

Teaching Assistant to Professors Judith Resnik (Fall 1999) and Paul Freedman (Fall 2001).

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Trust and Estate Law and Taxation

A TEXAS COMPANION FOR THE COURSE IN WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES
(Aspen Publishers, biennial editions 2011-present).

Spousal Shares in Intestacy: Evidence from Harris County, Texas, 62 REAL PROP., TR. & EST. J. (forthcoming 2027).

Personal Reality: Delusion in Law and Science, 49 CONN. L. REV. 893 (2017).

Perpetuities and the Genius of a Free State, 67 VAND. L. REV. 1823 (2014) (symposium issue).

Should Charitable Trust Enforcement Rights Be Assignable?, 85 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 1045 (2010) (symposium issue).

Immortal Fame: Publicity Rights, Taxation, and the Power of Testation, 44 GA. L. REV. 1 (2009) (lead article).

Caregiving and the Case for Testamentary Freedom, 42 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 129 (2008).

Conditional Love: Incentive Trusts and the Inflexibility Problem, 41 REAL PROP. PROB. & TR. J. 445 (2006) (lead article).

Perpetual Trusts and the Settlor's Intent, 53 U. KAN. L. REV. 595 (2005); substantially republished as *Perpetuities and Trust Law Reform in the United States*, 2005 TRUSTS E ATTIVITÀ FIDUCIARIE 504 (Part I), and 2006 TRUSTS E ATTIVITÀ FIDUCIARIE 59 (Part II).

Celebrity, Death, and Taxes: Michael Jackson's Estate, 125 TAX NOTES 345 (2009) (with Bridget J. Crawford, Mitchell M. Gans & Jonathan G. Blattmachr).

Marilyn Monroe's Legacy: Taxation of Postmortem Publicity Rights, 118 YALE L.J. POCKET PART 38 (2008).

Legal History

POWER AND JUSTICE IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND: THE LAW OF PATRONAGE AND THE ROYAL COURTS (Yale University Press, 2022).

GLOBAL LEGAL HISTORY: A COMPARATIVE LAW PERSPECTIVE (ed. with José Reinaldo de Lima Lopes and Andrés Botero-Bernal) (Routledge 2018).

Liberty as Entitlement in the Common Law, 63 SAN DIEGO L. REV. (forthcoming 2026).

From Land to Liberty: Immigration and Property Rights in the Declaration of Independence, in STUDIES IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR LAURENT MAYALI (Emanuele Conte, Raphaël Eckert & Corinne Leveleux-Teixeira eds., forthcoming 2025).

Magna Carta and the Definition of Fundamental Rights, 59 TULSA L. REV. 39 (2024).

Royal Privilege and Episcopal Rights in the Later Thirteenth Century: The Case of the Ashbourne Advowson, 1270-1289, in LAW AND SOCIETY IN LATER MEDIEVAL ENGLAND AND IRELAND: ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF PAUL BRAND, at 97 (Travis R. Baker ed., 2017).

Glanvill and the Development of the English Advowson Writs, in TEXTS AND CONTEXT IN LEGAL HISTORY: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF CHARLES DONAHUE, at 129 (Sara McDougall, Anna di Robilant & John Witte, Jr., eds., 2016).

Magna Carta and the Fundamental Right to Due Process, in MAGNA CARTA: 800 ANOS DE INFLUÊNCIA NO CONSTITUCIONALISMO E NOS DIREITOS FUNDAMENTAIS, at 129 (Zulmar Fachin, Jairo Néia Lima & Éverton Willian Pona eds., 2015), *reprinted in* 11 FRONTIERS OF LAW IN CHINA 236 (2016) (symposium issue).

Episcopal Power and Royal Jurisdiction in Angevin England, in STUDIES IN CANON LAW AND COMMON LAW IN HONOR OF R.H. HELMHOLZ, at 15 (Troy L. Harris ed., 2015).

Competing Institutions and Dispute Settlement in Medieval England, in LAW AND DISPUTING IN THE MIDDLE AGES: PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH CARLSBERG ACADEMY CONFERENCE ON MEDIEVAL LEGAL HISTORY 2012, at 235 (Per Andersen et al. eds., 2013).

The Third Lateran Council and the Ius Patronatus in England, in PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDIEVAL CANON LAW: ESZTERGOM, 3-8 AUGUST 2008, at 589 (Peter Erdö & Sz. Anzelm Szuromi eds., Monumenta Iuris Canonici, C:14, 2010).

Inheritance Rights of Nonmarital Children in Late Roman Law, 4 ROMAN LEGAL TRADITION 1 (2008) (lead article).

Codification of Late Roman Inheritance Law: Fideicommissa and the Theodosian Code, 76 LEGAL HIST. REV. (TIJDSCHRIFT VOOR RECHTSGESCHIEDENIS) 237 (2008).

Christianity and the Legal Status of Abandoned Children in the Later Roman Empire, 24 J.L. & RELIGION 123 (2008).

Gambling, Commodity Speculation, and the "Victorian Compromise," 19 YALE J.L. & HUMAN. 97 (2007).

Ownership and Possession in the Early Common Law, 48 AM. J. LEGAL HIST. 280 (2006), reprinted in *RELATIONS BETWEEN THE IUS COMMUNE AND ENGLISH LAW* 129 (Richard H. Helmholz & Vito Piergiovanni eds., 2009).

New Thoughts on the "Will of Dasumius," 122 ZEITSCHRIFT DER SAVIGNY-STIFTUNG FÜR RECHTSGESCHICHTE, ROMANISTISCHE ABTEILUNG 166 (2005).

The Origins of Quare Impedit, 25 J. LEGAL HIST. 203 (2004) (lead article).

Roman and Visigothic Procedural Law in the False Decretals of Pseudo-Isidore, 90 ZEITSCHRIFT DER SAVIGNY-STIFTUNG FÜR RECHTSGESCHICHTE, KANONISTISCHE ABTEILUNG 510 (2004).

Justice, in *A CULTURAL HISTORY OF LAW IN THE MIDDLE AGES* 11 (Emanuele Conte & Laurent Mayali eds., 2019).

La Carta Magna y los orígenes del procedimiento judicial o legal, 6 PRECEDENTE, Jan.-June 2015, at 145 (in Spanish).

William Blackstone, in 1 OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN POLITICAL AND LEGAL HISTORY 77 (Donald T. Critchlow & Philip R. VanderMeer eds., 2012).

Gambling and the Law in the Nineteenth-Century South: Evidence from Nacogdoches County, Texas, 1838-1839, 15 J. S. LEGAL HIST. 131 (2007).

Translation of *Stemma Bulgaricum* (with Anders Winroth), in *LAW AND LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE AGES* 56 (Helle Vogt & Mia Münster-Swendsen eds., 2006).

Review of SARA M. BUTLER, *PAIN, PENANCE, AND PROTEST: PEINE FORTE ET DURE IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND*, in 93 CHURCH HISTORY 170 (2024).

Review of NICHOLAS VINCENT, *MAGNA CARTA: ORIGINS AND LEGACY*, in 33 MEDIEVAL PERSPECTIVES 151 (2018).

Review of SUSANNA L. BLUMENTHAL, *LAW AND THE MODERN MIND: CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN AMERICAN LEGAL CULTURE*, in *CIVIL WAR BOOK REV.*, Winter 2017 (online journal).

Review of DAVID CARPENTER, *MAGNA CARTA*, and ANTHONY ARLIDGE & IGOR JUDGE, *MAGNA CARTA UNCOVERED*, in 53 IRISH JURIST 176 (2015).

Review of KARL SHOEMAKER, *SANCTUARY AND CRIME IN THE MIDDLE AGES, 400-1500*, in 8 LAW CULTURE & HUMAN. 517 (2012).

Review of PAOLO GROSSI, A HISTORY OF EUROPEAN LAW, in 29 LAW & HIST. REV. 899 (2011).

Review of R.B. OUTHWAITE, THE RISE AND FALL OF THE ENGLISH ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS, 1500-1860, in 95 ZEITSCHRIFT DER SAVIGNY-STIFTUNG FÜR RECHTSGESCHICHTE, KANONISTISCHE ABTEILUNG 666 (2009).

Review of JOSEPH BIANCALANA, THE FEE TAIL AND THE COMMON RECOVERY IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND 1176-1502, in 23 LAW & HIST. REV. 205 (2005).

Review of ROBERT C. PALMER, SELLING THE CHURCH: THE ENGLISH PARISH IN LAW, COMMERCE, AND RELIGION, 1350-1550, in 46 AM. J. LEGAL HIST. 506 (2004).

The Grand Jury in Historical Perspective, EL PASO B. J., Apr./May 2016, at 13 (Part I), and June 2016, at 18 (Part II).

Magna Carta and the Surprising Survival of Jury Trial, EL PASO B. J., Feb./Mar. 2015, at 5 (Part I), Apr./May 2015, at 5 (Part II), and June 2015, at 5 (Part III).

The Selden Society in Texas, EL PASO B. J., June 2014, at 8.

Other

Regis W. Campfield: Colleague, Mentor, and Friend, 63 SMU L. REV. 13 (2010).

Review of RICHARD FENTIMAN, FOREIGN LAW IN ENGLISH COURTS: PLEADING, PROOF AND CHOICE OF LAW, in 24 YALE J. INT'L L. 617 (1999).

Case Note, *Game Over*, 109 YALE L.J. 1709 (2000).

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, American Bar Foundation.

Academic Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Miembro de Honor, Comité Ejecutivo de la Abogacía Colombiana.

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Visiting Professor, August 2018.

University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), Lloyd M. Robbins Senior Research Fellow, Fall 2012.

New York University School of Law, Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History, 2004-05.

University of Colorado Law School, Visiting Scholar, Summer 2004.

Yale Law School, Irving S. Ribicoff Postgraduate Research Fellow, 2003-04.

Honorary Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, 1996-97.

Pomona College/Downing College Scholar, 1996-97.

LEGAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Carlos F. Lucero, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver, CO
Law Clerk, 2002-03.

Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY/Moscow, Russia
Summer Associate, 1999 (offer extended).

Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL
Summer Associate, 1998 (offer extended).

MEDIA

Interview, “Mid-Morning with Aundrea,” WCBI-TV, Columbus, Mississippi (February 2017).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Trust and Estate Law and Taxation

Codification of Texas Trust Law, 1943-2017

Legal History and Empires: Perspectives from the Colonized, Cave Hill, Barbados, July 2018.

Fifth Biennial Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History, Paris, France, June 2018.

University of Warsaw, Family and Inheritance Law Society, Warsaw, Poland, May 2017.

University of Tokyo, Japan, November 2015.

Personal Reality: Delusion in Law and Science

Legal Education Committee, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Fall Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2017.

Twenty-Seventh World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR World Congress), Washington, D.C., July 2015.

“The Next Generation of Trusts and Estates Scholarship,” Section on Trusts and Estates, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New York, New York, January 2014.

Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2012.

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2012.

Perpetuities and the Genius of a Free State

Symposium on the Role of Federal Law in Private Wealth Transfer (sponsored by the ACTEC Foundation and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*), Nashville, Tennessee, February 2014.

Immortal Fame: Publicity Rights, Taxation, and the Power of Testation (and previous titles)

Dallas Bar Association, Tax Section, February 2010.

William and Mary Law School, Faculty Colloquium, October 2009.

SMU Dedman School of Law, Tax Policy Colloquium, August 2009.

Property Works-in-Progress Conference, Boulder, Colorado, June 2009.

Internal Revenue Service, North Texas Estate and Gift Tax Group, March 2009.

“New Voices in Trusts and Estates,” Section on Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries, and Estate Planning, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, San Diego, California, January 2009.

Should Charitable Trust Enforcement Rights Be Assignable?

Symposium on the Law of Philanthropy in the Twenty-First Century (sponsored by the ACTEC Foundation and the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*), Chicago, Illinois, October 2009.

Caregiving and the Case for Testamentary Freedom (and previous titles)

SMU Dedman School of Law, Faculty Forum, September 2008.

Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Berkeley, California, March 2008.

University of Miami Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 2008.

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Ad Hoc Workshop, February 2008.

Texas Junior Legal Scholars Conference, August 2007.

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany, July 2007.

Gloucester Summer Legal Conference, Gloucester, England, July 2007.

Property Works-in-Progress Conference, Boulder, Colorado, June 2007.

Legal History

From Land to Liberty: Immigration and Property Rights in the U.S. Declaration of Independence

Twenty-Fifth British Legal History Conference, Nottingham, England, July 2026.

“The Declaration of Independence at 250,” Section on Legal History, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2026.

Eighth Biennial Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History, Szeged, Hungary, July 2025.

The King’s Pirates: Medieval Privileges of the Cinque Ports

Selden Society Annual Lecture, Gray’s Inn, London, England, June 2025.

Liberty as Entitlement in the Common Law

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Denver, Colorado, June 2024.

Power & Justice in Medieval England: The Law of Patronage & the Royal Courts

Author-Meets-Readers Panel, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2023.

Magna Carta and the Definition of Fundamental Rights

Annual Meeting of the Haskins Society, Richmond, Virginia, October 2022.

Sixty-Second Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, February 2019.

Plenary Lecture, Seventh Congress of the Latin American Institute for Legal History, Puebla, Mexico, November 2018.

“800 Years of Comparative Constitutionalism: The Unique Legacy of Magna Carta,” Section on Legal History, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New York, New York, January 2016.

Royal Privilege and Episcopal Rights in the Later Thirteenth Century: The Case of the Ashbourne Advowson, 1260-1278

Fifteenth Annual Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Paris, France, July 2016.

Episcopal Power and Royal Jurisdiction in Angevin England

Mexico Autonomous Institute of Technology (ITAM), Law Faculty Seminar, Mexico City, Mexico, January 2015.

Seminar on Sociology of Law, Legal Research Institute, National Autonomous University of Mexico (IIJ-UNAM), Mexico City, Mexico, November 2014.

Third Biennial Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History, Macerata, Italy, July 2014.

Torcuato Di Tella University, Law Faculty Workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2014.

Thirty-Second Annual Australian and New Zealand Law and History Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, November 2013.

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Miami, Florida, November 2013.

Competing Institutions and Dispute Settlement in Medieval England (and previous titles)

Twenty-Sixth World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR World Congress), Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 2013.

U.K. IVR Annual Conference, London, England, April 2013.

Ninth Carlsberg Academy Conference on Medieval Legal History, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 2012.

Property, Patronage, and the Birth of the Common Law (and previous titles)

Renmin University Law School, Beijing, China, March 2013.

SMU Dedman School of Law, Faculty Forum, January 2013.

Forty-Fifth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2010.

SMU Dedman School of Law, Executive Board Meeting, April 2010.

Eighty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, New Haven, Connecticut, March 2010.

SMU Board of Trustees, Committee on Academic Policy, Planning, and Management, February 2010.

SMU Medieval Studies Reading Group, April 2009.

Dallas Bar Association, Legal History Discussion Group, December 2008.

Property Works-in-Progress Conference, Boulder, Colorado, June 2008.

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, May 2008.

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Tempe, Arizona, October 2007.

New York University School of Law, Legal History Colloquium, September 2004.

Yale Law School, Legal History Forum, March 2004.

The Third Lateran Council and the Ius Patronatus in England

Twenty-Eighth International Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2009.

Thirteenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary, August 2008.

Eighteenth British Legal History Conference, Oxford, England, July 2007.

Advowson Litigation in Medieval England: A Quantitative Approach

Nineteenth British Legal History Conference, Exeter, England, July 2009.

The Legal Status of Abandoned Children in the Later Roman Empire

Law and Literature International Colloquium, Swansea, Wales, July 2007.

Ownership and Possession in the Early Common Law: The Advowson Writs

American-Italian Seminar on Relations Between the *Ius Commune* and English Law, Genoa, Italy, September 2006.

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2005.

Roman and Visigothic Procedural Law in the False Decretals of Isidorus Mercator

Eleventh International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Catania, Sicily, August 2000.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

The King's Pirates: Magna Carta and the Cinque Ports

Dallas Bar Association, Legal History Committee, Dallas, Texas, December 2024.

Curbing the Judiciary: Political Pressure and Judicial Self-Restraint in Modern Latin America (1880s-1950s)

Session Chair and Commentator, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, San Francisco, California, October 2024.

The History of the English Court of Chancery and the Division of Law and Equity

Midland County Bar Association, November 2019.

Atlanta Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, September 2016.

Magna Carta and the American Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution, Nancy Horton Davis Chapter, Dallas, Texas, April 2019.

Keys to Law School Success

University of Alaska at Fairbanks, March 2019.

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, February 2019.

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, February 2019.

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, February 2019.

Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri, April 2017.

University of California at Merced, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2017.

Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama, April 2017.

University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 2017.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, March 2017.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, March 2017.

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, March 2017.

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, January 2017.

University of California at Riverside, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2016.

University of California at Irvine, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2016.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, October 2015.

University of Texas at Arlington/AT&T Mentoring Program, Dallas, Texas, April 2015.

Magna Carta and the Charter of the Forest

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, October 2017.

Dallas Bar Association, Real Property Law Section, October 2017.

Rice University, Pre-Law Society (Legalese), Houston, Texas, September 2017.

Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, September 2017.

Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas, August 2017.

Annual Convention of the State Bar of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, June 2017.

Sacramento County Bar Association, Sacramento, California, June 2017.

Smith County Bar Association, Tyler, Texas, June 2017.

Tenth Circuit Historical Society (co-sponsored by Faculty of Federal Advocates), Denver, Colorado, May 2017.

U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society (co-sponsored by Federal Bar Association), Portland, Oregon, April 2017.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 2017.

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, March 2017.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, March 2017.

Midland County Bar Association, Midland, Texas, March 2017.

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, February 2017.

Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 2017.

Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, February 2017.

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 2017.

Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia, February 2017.

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, January 2017.

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, January 2017.

Donald Trump and the State of American Democracy

Rotary Club International of Munich, Germany, August 2017.

Medieval Remedies and Jurisdictions

Session Chair, 25th British Legal History Conference, London, England, July 2017.

Comparative History of Legal Cultures (Private Law)

Session Organizer and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

Comparative History of Legal Education

Session Organizer and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

Comparative History of Legal Cultures (Public Law)

Session Organizer and Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

The Development of Law in Comparative Perspective

Session Organizer and Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

The Transmission of Legal Knowledge

Session Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

Legal Education in the United States

University of Warsaw, Poland, May 2017.

Monteávila University, Caracas, Venezuela, November 2014.

Why a History and/or Humanities Degree Is a Great Preparation for Law School

University of California at Merced, Center for the Humanities, April 2017.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 2017.

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, March 2017.

Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, March 2017.

The Doctrine of Discovery and the Founding of Virginia

Jamestowne Society, First Mississippi Company, Jackson, Mississippi, April 2017.

Jamestowne Society, Lone Star Company, Dallas, Texas, October 2016.

The Grand Jury in Historical Perspective

Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, December 2016.

Constitutional Court of Peru, Center for Constitutional Studies, Lima, Peru, December 2016.

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, Huntsville, Alabama, December 2016.

Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee, December 2016.

San Juan County Bar Association, Aztec, New Mexico, December 2016.

Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado, December 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 2016.

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, November 2016.

San Antonio Bar Association, October 2016.

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 2016.

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, October 2016.

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, September 2016.

University of Louisiana at Monroe, September 2016.

Selden Society, Texas Chapter (co-sponsored by the Houston Bar Association), Houston, Texas, September 2016.

32nd Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, September 2016.

Smith County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (co-sponsored by the Smith County Bar Association), Tyler, Texas, August 2016.

Washington County Bar Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 2016.

Jackson County Law Library, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2016.

Selden Society, Tennessee Chapter (co-sponsored by the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General), Nashville, Tennessee, July 2016.

National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter, July 2016.

Selden Society, Missouri Chapter (co-sponsored by the St. Louis Law Library Association), St. Louis, Missouri, June 2016.

Lighthouse Rotary Club, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, May 2016.

Dallas Bar Association, Legal History Discussion Group, May 2016.

El Paso Bar Association, May 2016.

Law Day Luncheon, Comanche County Bar Association, Lawton, Oklahoma, May 2016.

Rotary Club, Altus, Oklahoma, May 2016.

University of Mississippi, Department of Legal Studies, Oxford, Mississippi, April 2016.

Midland County Bar Association, Midland, Texas, April 2016.

Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2016.

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, March 2016.

St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, February 2016.

Society of Magna Charta Dames and Barons, Dallas-Fort Worth Colony, February 2016.

Judges and Judging in the Medieval English Courts

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Toronto, Canada, October 2016.

The Future of Comparative Legal History

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2016.

Magna Carta and the Origins of Due Process

Comillas Pontifical University, Faculty of Law, Madrid, Spain, December 2015.

University of Valladolid, Faculty of Law, Valladolid, Spain, December 2015.

Legal History Colloquium, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, December 2015.

University of Tokyo, Japan, November 2015.

Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2015.

Selden Society, Texas Chapter, Dallas, Texas, November 2015.

Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida, November 2015.

University of California at Santa Barbara, November 2015.

Rotary Club, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 2015.

Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile, October 2015.

Selden Society, Illinois and Wisconsin Chapters, Chicago, Illinois, September 2015.

University of the North (Uninorte), Barranquilla, Colombia, September 2015.

Pomona College, Claremont, California, September 2015.

Forum on the Past, Present, and Future of the Rule of Law, Renmin University Law School, Beijing, China, September 2015.

Panamerican University, Bonaterra Campus, Aguascalientes, Mexico, August 2015.

Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence, Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat, India, August 2015.

Pontifical Bolivarian University, Medellín, Colombia, August 2015.

University of the Andes (Uniandes), Bogota, Colombia, August 2015.

Executive Committee of the Colombian Bar and University of the Republic, Bogota, Colombia, August 2015.

University of Cape Town, South Africa, August 2015.

University of Pretoria and University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa, August 2015.

University of the Witwatersrand, Oliver Schreiner School of Law, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2015.

Netanya Academic College, School of Law, Netanya, Israel, June 2015.

Soochow University (Taiwan), School of Law, Taipei, June 2015.

Dalian Maritime University Law School, Dalian, China, May 2015.

Korea University School of Law and Ewha Law School, Seoul, Korea, May 2015.

University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law, Dublin, Ireland, May 2015.

University of the Pacific, Lima, Peru, May 2015.

Iberoamerican University, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2015.

University of São Paulo, Faculty of Law, São Paulo, Brazil, April 2015.

Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile, March 2015.

ICESI University, Cali, Colombia, February 2015.

Nanjing University Law School, Nanjing, China, December 2014.

Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School, Hangzhou, China, December 2014.

University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica, November 2014.

Catholic University of Santa María La Antigua, Panama City, Panama, November 2014.

Pontifical Catholic University of Goiás, Goiânia, Brazil, September 2014.

Escuela Libre de Derecho and Anáhuac University, Mexico City, Mexico, September 2014.

University of Brasília, Brazil, August 2014.

Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil, August 2014.

State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2014.

Forum on Law, Politics, and Society, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, August 2014.

Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, August 2014.

University of Antioquia and EAFIT University, Medellín, Colombia, August 2014.

National Taiwan University, Taipei, May 2014.

Foreign Authority Forum, Seoul National University School of Law, Seoul, Korea, May 2014.

Yonsei University College of Law and Soongsil University College of Law, Seoul, Korea, May 2014.

Wuhan University Law School, Wuhan, China, May 2014.

Silk Road Institute for International and Comparative Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China, May 2014.

Global Seminar in Law, San Andrés University, Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 2014.

Rosario University, Bogota, Colombia, February 2014.

Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (Tec de Monterrey), Monterrey, Mexico, October 2013.

Shanghai Jiaotong University KoGuan Law School and Fudan University Law School, Shanghai, China, May 2013.

Magna Carta and the Surprising Survival of Jury Trial

Wichita County Bar Association, Wichita Falls, Texas, October 2015.

Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee, October 2015.

Amarillo Area Bar Association, Amarillo, Texas, October 2015.

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, September 2015.

Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association, Beaumont, Texas, August 2015.

Grayson County Bar Association, Sherman, Texas, July 2015.

University of Texas at Arlington, March 2015.

Dallas Bar Association, February 2015.

El Paso Bar Association, Nineteenth Annual Civil Trial Practice Seminar, February 2015.

Commercial Trusts in the United States: Creating Confidence for Business Transactions

Hanoi Law University, Vietnam, June 2015.

Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hanoi, Vietnam, June 2015.

Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam, December 2014.

Peruvian University of Applied Sciences, Lima, Peru, March 2014.

Magna Carta and the Future of Liberty, Taiwan, and the World

American Club, Taipei (co-sponsored by the British Office, Taiwan Foreign Correspondents' Club, Yale Club of Taipei, and international chambers of commerce), June 2015.

Perspectives on Magna Carta

Panelist, SMU Godbey Lecture Series, February 2015.

Migratory Clients and the Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act

American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section Spring Symposia, Chicago, Illinois, May 2014.

Gambling and the "Free State of Galveston," 1918-1957

Speaker, Winter Meeting of the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association, Dallas, Texas, January 2014.

History of Anglo-American Legal Institutions

Lecturer, Appellate Judges Certificate Program, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2012.

Author Meets Reader: Karl Shoemaker, Sanctuary and Crime in the Middle Ages

Panelist, Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2012.

Incentive Trusts: Control from the Grave

Panelist, East Texas Estate Planning Council, March 2011.

Panelist, Estate Planning Council of North Texas, May 2010.

The Changing World of Trusts and Estates: Pedagogy

Panelist, Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, August 2010.

Rational Choice Approaches to Ancient Law

Commentator, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Dallas, Texas, November 2009.

Basic Planning for Incapacity: Issues and Options

Speaker, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program and Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Elder Law Committee, April 2009.

Marginalized People, Contested Use, and the Regulation of Space

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, May 2008.

Recent Developments in Trust and Estate Law and Taxation

Speaker, Dallas Bar Association, Probate, Trusts, and Estates Section, November 2007.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Southern Methodist University

Educational Programs Committee, 2017-22.

Faculty Advisor, SMU Mock Trial Team, 2017-21.

Faculty Senator, 2011-12; 2013-19 (Secretary, 2014-17).

Subcommittee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, 2016-18.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2013-17.

All-University Finance Committee, 2014-17.

Faculty Senate Research Committee, 2011-12; 2013-14.

Second Language Proficiency Committee, 2010-11.

Sustainability Committee, 2010-11.

Office of Institutional Access and Equity, Hearing Panel Committee, 2009-10.

SMU Dedman School of Law

Standing Committee on Teaching, 2015-18, 2026-present.

Standing Committee on Career Services, 2026-present.

Standing Committee on Library and Technology, 2020-24; Spring 2026 (Chair, 2020-24).

Standing Committee on Faculty Appointments, 2024-25.

Standing Committee on Public Service, 2019-23.

Standing Committee on Graduate Legal Studies, 2013-14; 2016-17.

Standing Committee on Curriculum and Academic Standards, 2011-12.

Standing Committee on Endowed Lecturers, 2005-12 (Chair, 2009-12).

Executive Committee, 2010-12.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Faculty Appointments Process, 2024.

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2023.

Delegate to AALS House of Representatives, 2014-17.

Faculty Forum Committee, 2014-15.

Dean Search Committee, 2013.

Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2005-13.

SMU Law Review (Faculty Co-Advisor, 2007-12).

Mentoring Group, 2011-12.

Reputation Committee, 2009-10.

Faculty Secretary, 2006-07.

American Bar Association

Uniform Acts Committee, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section (Co-Chair, 2012-20; Co-Vice-Chair, 2011-12).

American Society for Legal History

Program Committee, 2010-11 (2011 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA); 2017-18 (2018 Annual Meeting, Houston, TX).

Sutherland Prize Committee, 2012-15 (Chair, 2013-14).

Standing Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting, 2009-12.

Local Arrangements Committee, 2008-09 (Co-Chair, 2009 Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX).

Communities Foundation of Texas

Professional Seminar Committee, 2009-13.

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Elder Law Committee, 2008-09.

International Law Conference Liaison Committee, 2007-09 (Community Program Director).

Journal of Legal History

Editorial Committee, 2013-present.

Selden Society

Council Member, 2018-present.

Honorary Secretary for the United States of America, 2013-15; 2025-present.

Honorary Treasurer for the United States of America, 2013-present.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools

International Committee, 2013-16.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas (admitted 2011).

Connecticut (admitted 2004).

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