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EDUCATION

PH.D. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, 2013

Dissertation: *Murder in the Shenandoah: Commonwealth v. John Crane and Law in Federal Virginia*. Committee: Hendrik Hartog (Advisor), Daniel Rodgers, Stanley N. Katz, William Nelson, Peter Onuf
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Davis Merit Prize, Princeton Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellow, Princeton Graduate Alumni Teaching Award

J.D. HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, *cum laude*, 2002

Managing Board, Harvard Journal on Legislation.
Teaching Fellow, "Social Analysis 10," four semesters, fall 2000-spring 2002 (see below)

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL, 1998-99

Marquand Scholar (top first-year students), Associates-Advisors Scholarship

B.A. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, *high honors*, 1998

Political and Social Thought, Economics
Phi Beta Kappa, Sorensen Prize (best departmental thesis), Anne Hope Van Schaack Prize (best essay on Jefferson) for "Ten Thousand Recollections: The Struggle over Thomas Jefferson and Slavery," advisors Peter Onuf, William Lee Miller
Lawn Resident, Omicron Delta Kappa, Honor Advisor, Transfer Student Peer Advisor, University Guide Service Historian, "Historian's Column" Cavalier Daily.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, 1994-1995

National Merit Finalist Scholarship, Honors Program, Dean's List

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, 1994

Northwest Local Schools, Canal Fulton, OH
Valedictorian, National Merit Finalist, National Merit Finalist Corporation Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholar, Student Council President

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA

Associate Professor (2012-2017); Visiting Scholar (while on medical leave 2017-present)

Courses: Crime and Punishment in American History; Constitutional History I; Legal History Colloquium Seminar

CENTER OF THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY, Princeton, NJ

Fellow, Inquiry on Law and Religious Freedom, 2014-15

Templeton Grant, joint inquiry with the Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, NJ

Teaching Fellow, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, 2011-12. Responsibilities included leading orientation and facilitating teaching workshops. Position received by invitation.

Preceptor, History 385, "Law in American Society," Fall 2010. Received Princeton's highest graduate student teaching honor, the 2011 Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Teaching Award, based on nominations from students, the course professor, and the Department of History.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA

Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, "Social Analysis 10, Introduction to Micro- and Macro-Economics," 2000-02. Primary instructor for 20 students in Harvard's year-long introductory Economics course, responsible for delivering course content by lecture 2-3 times per week.

Developed and graded problem sets and examinations in conjunction with other instructors.

Students in my section consistently had some of the highest average grades – graded blindly by other instructors – in the 1000+ person course.

CLERKSHIPS AND LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

The Hon. Robert B. King, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2004-2005

The Hon. Janet C. Hall, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 2003-2004

Jones Day, Washington D.C., 2002-2003; Summer 2003, 2004

Assisted with several cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including *Patrickson v. Dole Food Co.*, 538 U.S. 468 (2003) (drafted petition for certiorari), *Archer v. Warner*, 538 U.S. 314 (2003), *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306 (2003), and *Smith v. City of Jackson*, 544 U.S. 228 (2005). Coordinated initiation of class action lawsuit by physicians against major insurer.

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Va., Summer 2000

Intern in Major Crimes Unit, participated in pleading, trial, and sentencing preparation, witness interviews, and sat in on day of training at Quantico.

BOOKS

MURDER IN THE SHENANDOAH: MAKING LAW SOVEREIGN IN REVOLUTIONARY VIRGINIA (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019). Finalist/Runner-up, David J. Langum Sr. Prize in American Legal History

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

The Partisan Democracy (Review Essay on *The Partisan Republic*, by Gerry Leonard and Saul Cornell), JOURNAL OF FEDERAL HISTORY (forthcoming 2023)

“Our Experiences Make Us Who We Are”: Lessons from Thomas Ruffin and Dirk Hartog, in *IN BETWEEN AND ACROSS: LEGAL HISTORY WITHOUT BOUNDARIES* (Jacob Cogan and Kenneth Mack eds., forthcoming 2024).

Thank You Mr. Madison, 53 *TULSA LAW REVIEW* 279 (2018)

Radicalism’s Legacy: Developments in American Legal History Since 1998, 36 *ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR NEUERE RECHTSGESCHICHTE* 288 (2015)

Ideas that Matter: Beard’s Legacy for Today’s History, 29 *CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY* no.3, 525 (2014)

Guarding Republican Liberty: St. George Tucker and Judging in Federal Virginia, in Sally Hadden and Patricia Minter eds., *SIGNPOSTS: NEW DIRECTIONS IN SOUTHERN LEGAL HISTORY* (Sally Hadden and Patricia Minter eds., 2013).

A Separate Peace? The Politics of Localized Law in the Post-Revolutionary Era, 36 *LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY* 788 (Summer 2011).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Kristin Olbertson, *The Dreadful Word: Speech Crime and Polite Gentlemen in Massachusetts, 1690-1776*, 62 *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL HISTORY*, Issue 4, 374 (December 2022).

Review of Peter Charles Hoffer and Williamjames Hull Hoffer, *The Clamor of Lawyers: The American Revolution and Crisis in the Legal Profession*, 76 *WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY* 571 (2019).

Review of Lorrie Glover, *The Fate of the Revolution: Virginians Debate the Constitution*, H-SHEAR, H-Net Reviews (June 2017).

Review of Jonathan Bryant, *Dark Places of the Earth: The Voyage of the Slave Ship Antelope*, 82 *JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY* 669 (2016).

Review of Charles F. Hobson, ed., *St. George Tucker’s Law Reports and Selected Papers, 1782-1825*, 80 *JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY* 453 (2014).

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Featured author, Shenandoah Valley Regional Studies Seminar, April 22, 2022.

Featured author, “Murder in the Shenandoah: A Conversation with Jessica Lowe,” George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Webinar, July 21, 2020.

Featured author, “Making Sense of Murder in the Shenandoah,” Conversations at the Washington Library, The George Washington Presidential Library, Summer 2019.

Featured author, New Books in History, New Books Network, Podcast Interview, July 29, 2019.

Interview on the history of the jury, Olivier Knox, The Big Picture, Sirius XM Radio POTUS Channel, July 24, 2019.

“Jefferson, Beccaria, and the Bill for Proportioning Crimes and Punishments,” Conference on Jefferson’s Legal Commonplace Book, Princeton University, May 2019.

“The Bible in American Court Cases, to 1900: Preliminary Findings,” Center of Theological Inquiry Colloquium, March 9, 2015.

“Sacred Texts,” Constitutional Law Schmooze, Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs, December 5-6, 2014.

“Sacred Texts,” Center of Theological Inquiry Colloquium, November 25, 2014.

“Murder in the Shenandoah,” St. George Tucker Society Annual Meeting, August 2, 2014.

“Murder in the Shenandoah,” Princeton University History Department, January 9, 2014.

“Guarding Republican Liberty: St. George Tucker and Judging in Federal Virginia,” Hurst Institute for Legal History, University of Wisconsin Institute for Legal Studies, June 19, 2013.

“Assistance of the Court: Special Verdicts in Post-Revolutionary Virginia,” Early America Seminar, University of Virginia, April 30, 2013.

“Republican Deference: Judges, Juries, and the Rule of Law in Federal Virginia,” Golieb Seminar in Legal History, New York University Law School, February 27, 2013.

“Murder in the Shenandoah: *Commonwealth v. John Crane* and Law in Federal Virginia,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (“SHEAR”) Annual Meeting, July 22, 2012.

Chair, “Most Blessed of Patriarchs,” Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter Onuf, keynote address for the 2012 Conference “Jeffersonian Democracy: From Theory to Practice,” May 17, 2012.

“Writing Republican Liberty: St. George Tucker and Law in Federal Virginia,” The Virginia Forum, James Madison University, March 31, 2012.

“Murder in the Shenandoah: *Commonwealth v. John Crane* and Law in Federal Virginia,” Mount Holyoke College, February 6, 2012.

“A Separate Peace? *Commonwealth v. John Crane* and Law in Federal Virginia,” University of Virginia Law School, January 19, 2012.

“Murder in the Shenandoah: From Center to Periphery in the Case of John Crane,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2, 2011.

“Murder in the Shenandoah: The Case of *Commonwealth v. John Crane*,” University of Virginia Early America Seminar, March 28, 2011.

“Rethinking Virginia Identity through *Commonwealth v. John Crane*,” The Virginia Forum, Washington and Lee University, March 26, 2011.

“Rules of Engagement: Adjudicating the ‘Fair Fight’ in Early National Virginia,” The McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Conference, September 25, 2009.

“Farming, Fighting, and the Hermeneutics of Southern Legal History,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, September 21, 2009.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Convenor, “Charles Beard 100th Anniversary Symposium,” with Mark Graber (University of Maryland) October 2013 interdisciplinary conference commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Charles Beard’s *AN ECONOMIC INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION*, co-sponsored by the UVA Miller Center for Public Affairs

Founder, “Legal History Writing Group,” interdepartmental writing group of 15-20 faculty and graduate students from law, history, politics, and other departments, 2012-14

Co-convenor, “Legal History Workshop,” UVA Law School, 2012-14

Participant, “Early America Seminar,” bi-weekly seminar comprised of faculty and graduate students from the Department of History and fellows at Monticello’s International Center for Jefferson Studies

Faculty fellow, Brown residential college (undergraduate), 2012-14

Organizer, “Jeffersonian Democracy: From Theory to Practice” (Princeton, 2012) a three-day roundtable of junior and senior scholars from around the country (keynotes Peter Onuf and Annette Gordon-Reed, and conference summary by Sean Wilentz), hosted in conjunction with the Papers of Thomas Jefferson and co-sponsored by the Program in American Studies, the Department of History, the Council on the Humanities, the Program in Law and Public Affairs, and the James Madison Program

Organizer, “Southern Nation” (2010), a graduate conference sponsored by the Princeton Program in American Studies

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

Finalist, David J. Langum Senior Prize in American Legal History

Fellow, Center of Theological Inquiry/Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs, Joint Inquiry on Law and Religious Freedom (John Templeton Foundation grant) (2014-15)

Bradford Dissertation Prize (best Southern Studies dissertation), St. George Tucker Society (2014)

Fellow, Hurst Institute for Legal History, University of Wisconsin (2013)

University of Wisconsin Law and Society postdoctoral fellowship (2012-13) (declined)

American Bar Foundation Fellowship (2012-13) (declined)

Library Company of Philadelphia/NEH Fellowship (2012-13) (declined)

Princeton University Center for Human Values, Graduate Prize Fellow (2011-12)

Association of Princeton graduate alumni teaching award (highest award for graduate teaching) (2011)

Program in American Studies, summer research prize (2011)
PEO Scholar, PEO International (2010-2011)
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2010-2011)
Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation (2009-12)
Princeton University Graduate School Fellowship (2005-10)
Princeton University History Department, Davis Merit Prize (2005-06)
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (2005-06)
Marquand Scholar, Yale Divinity School (1998-99)
Sorensen Prize (best departmental thesis), University of Virginia (1998)
Anne Hope van Schaack award for Jefferson Studies, University of Virginia (1998)
Phi Beta Kappa (1998)
Omicron Delta Kappa (1997)
Lawn resident, University of Virginia (1997-98)
Echols Scholar, University of Virginia (1995-98)
Dean's List, University of Virginia (1995-98)
National Merit Finalist Scholarship (full tuition and fees), University of Kentucky (1994-95)
Dean's List, University of Kentucky (1994-95)
Robert C. Byrd Scholar (1994-98)
National Merit Finalist Corporation Scholarship, Maytag Corporation (1994-98)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

District of Columbia bar (2003)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2002)
Virginia State Bar (2002)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S MONTICELLO, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, 1996-1998

Led tours of Jefferson's home and of nearby enslaved quarters at Mulberry Row, facilitating discussions among visitors about Jefferson and slavery; assisted on a volunteer basis with the "Getting Word Project," which interviewed descendants of Monticello's enslaved community,

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT VERNON, MERRIFIELD VA, Summer 1999

Worked as paid historical interpreter at George Washington's home, Mount Vernon.

HON. RALPH REGULA, U.S. CONGRESS (OH-16TH), WASHINGTON, DC, Summer 1998.

Intern for home district congressman, and worked on FY1999 appropriations for the Department of Interior, including controversial funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, CANTON, OH, Summer 1994

Volunteer docent at museum dedicated to life and legacy of President William McKinley.