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**Legal history has long been a curricular priority  
at the Law School and a strength of its faculty.**

**UVA's curriculum** places the development of the law in historical context so that students can better understand both the past and present legal landscape.

With 20 scholars in the Law School and 15 scholars in the Corcoran Department of History all teaching or doing work in legal history, UVA offers an unparalleled variety of lecture courses, seminars and clinics in the field.

# Legal History



**Dual-Degree  
J.D.-M.A. in  
Legal History**

The heart of the program is the Dual-Degree (J.D.-M.A.) Program in Legal History, which enables law students to earn an M.A. in history during the same three years they are earning their J.D. As part of the program, J.D.-M.A. candidates present drafts of their theses to faculty. Several veterans of the dual-degree program have gone on to successful careers in legal academia, and recent graduates have clerked for U.S. Supreme Court justices.

**Global  
Legal  
History**

UVA is an international leader in opening global legal history to serious study worldwide. The Law School's Legal History Program is affiliated with GLH@UVA, a cross-disciplinary enterprise focusing on global legal history based in UVA's Corcoran Department of History. GLH@UVA aims to broaden awareness of the history of legal life around the globe.

**LAW SCHOOL FACULTY**

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| <b>Kenneth S. Abraham</b><br>history of torts, insurance law             | <b>A. E. Dick Howard</b><br>constitutional history, Supreme Court    | <b>Cynthia L. Nicoletti</b><br>American legal history                             |
| <b>Charles Barzun</b><br>history of legal thought                        | <b>Jessica Lowe</b><br>18th- and 19th-century American legal history | <b>Saikrishna B. Prakash</b><br>separation of powers, presidential power          |
| <b>Michael G. Collins</b><br>legal history, procedure, federal courts    | <b>Leslie Kendrick</b><br>torts and freedom of speech                | <b>George Rutherglen</b><br>civil rights history, admiralty                       |
| <b>Thomas Frampton</b><br>historical context of criminal law, inequality | <b>Edmund W. Kitch</b><br>legal and economic history                 | <b>Lawrence B. Solum</b><br>constitutional originalism, legal theory              |
| <b>Risa Goluboff</b><br>legal history of civil rights                    | <b>Julia D. Mahoney</b><br>property and constitutional law           | <b>Richard Schragger</b><br>local government, property, church and state          |
| <b>Alison Gocke</b><br>environmental legal history                       | <b>Joy Milligan</b><br>law and inequality                            | <b>G. Edward White</b><br>American legal history, Supreme Court, history of torts |
| <b>John C. Harrison</b><br>constitutional history                        | <b>Caleb E. Nelson</b><br>federal courts, statutory interpretation   |   |

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| <b>Fahad Bishara</b><br>economic and legal history of the Indian Ocean and Islamic world                        | <b>Justene Hill Edwards</b><br>African American history, American economic history, history of American slavery | <b>Neeti Nair</b><br>18th-20th century South Asian history  |
| <b>Emily Burrill</b><br>20th-century West African history, history of gender and sexuality in the French empire | <b>S. Deborah Kang</b><br>history of U.S. immigration   | <b>Brian P. Owensby</b><br>19th- and 20th-century Brazil, legal/imperial history of 17th-century Mexico   |
| <b>Christa Dierksheide</b><br>Early American history, with an emphasis on empire, race and slavery              | <b>Christian W. McMillen</b><br>history of pandemics  | <b>Bradly W. Reed</b><br>late imperial and modern China   |
| <b>Paul D. Halliday</b><br>(with law joint appointment)<br>British legal history                                | <b>Elizabeth A. Meyer</b><br>Greek and Roman political and social history                                       | <b>Jeffrey Rossman</b><br>Russia, modern Europe   |
|   | <b>Sarah Milov</b><br>20th-century American history   | <b>Joshua M. White</b><br>early modern Ottoman Empire, Mediterranean social, legal and diplomatic history |

**COURSES  
AND SEMINARS**

- American Legal History Seminar
- An American Half-Century
- Barbarian Law
- Cause Lawyers in American History
- Civil War and the Constitution
- Constitutional Law II: Poverty
- English Legal History to 1776
- Federalism
- Founders and Foes
- Global Legal History
- History of American Federalism
- Law and Inequality Colloquium
- Law and Riots
- Law in American History: 20th Century
- Law Reform and Impact Litigation Seminar
- Monetary Constitution Seminar
- Race and Slavery on UVA's North Grounds
- The Institutional Supreme Court
- Virginia and the Constitution
- World War I

These courses represent the 2020-23 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.