THE LAW SCHOOL’S CURRICULUM places the history of law and the ongoing story of the Constitution in context so that students can better understand both the past and present legal landscape. With more than 25 faculty members in constitutional law and legal history, Virginia offers an unparalleled variety of lecture courses, seminars and colloquia in the field. Students interested in exploring legal history in depth have the option to complete a dual J.D.-M.A. in history in three years, working closely not only with Law School faculty but also with a wide range of faculty in the Corcoran Department of History. Hands-on experiences are also available through three clinics, on appellate litigation, the First Amendment and Supreme Court litigation, which offer students access to the practice of appeals based on constitutional argument. Virginia enriches its curriculum through lunch workshops and other events in which new and established scholars in the field discuss their work.

PROGRAM ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY
Virginia’s Program on Legal and Constitutional History creates a rich intellectual community of scholars and students with shared historical interests. It sponsors a dual-degree opportunity and a fellowship, and organizes workshops and author talks focused in the field.

J.D.-M.A. PROGRAM In cooperation with the University of Virginia’s Corcoran Department of History, the Law School allows students to obtain a J.D. and an M.A. in history in three years. 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. MORE: bit.ly/uvalawhistory

CHARLES W. MCCURDY FELLOWSHIP IN LEGAL HISTORY Offered through a partnership between the Miller Center and the Law School, the yearlong McCurdy Fellowship allows scholars to work in residence at the Law School while completing dissertations in legal and political history. The fellowship, which carries a $32,000 stipend, includes a mentorship program and the opportunity to coordinate and present work at the Law School’s legal history workshop and the Miller Center’s Spring Fellowship Conference.

EVENT PROGRAMMING The program sponsors a series of monthly legal history lunch workshops in which scholars and Virginia faculty members present works in progress. Advanced

COURSES AND SEMINARS
Virginia has concentrations in constitutional law and legal history.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)
American Constitutional Development
Citizenship and Group Identity
Civil Liberties
Civil Rights Litigation
Civil War and the Constitution
Comparative Constitutional Design
Comparative Constitutional Law
Constitutional Law II: Freedom of Speech and Press
Constitutional Law II: Law and Theory of Equal Protection
Constitutional Law II: Parents, Children and Reproduction
Constitutional Law II: Religious Liberty
Constitutional Law II: Survey of Civil Liberties

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND LEGAL HISTORY

The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear PROFESSOR DOUGLAS LAYCOCK’S argument on behalf of an Arkansas inmate who is seeking to wear a beard, in accordance with his religious convictions.

Gregory Holt, who is serving a life sentence for burglary and domestic battery, claims prison policy infringes upon his ability to practice his Muslim faith. He seeks a compromise in the security-related policy that would allow him to wear a half-inch beard, Laycock said. “Forty-three states, the District of Columbia, and the federal Bureau of Prisons would allow him to wear a half-inch beard,” Laycock said. “There is no security problem in Arkansas different from what all these other systems face.”

Holt v. Hobbs, Laycock’s fifth case before the Supreme Court, will be heard in October 2014.
J.D.-M.A. candidates participate in these workshops and even present drafts of their own M.A. theses. The program also sponsors a series of lectures and panel discussions in which authors of recent important books are invited to engage in discussions of their work with students and faculty participating in the Colloquium in American Legal History. An informal legal history writing group allows faculty, law students and graduate history students to present works-in-progress over dinner at the homes of faculty members.

**CLINICS**

**APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC**
Working in teams, students in this yearlong clinic engage in appellate litigation through actual cases before various federal circuit and/or state appellate courts of appeals.

**FIRST AMENDMENT CLINIC**
Run in conjunction with the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and the law firm Baker Hostetler, the yearlong First Amendment Clinic gives students practical legal experience involving timely free speech and press issues. Students research, meet with clients and co-counsel, and draft legal memoranda and briefs, typically for appellate-level litigation. Non-litigation projects may include reviewing proposed municipal ordinances for potential First Amendment flaws.

**SUPREME COURT LITIGATION CLINIC**
Students in this yearlong clinic handle actual cases, from seeking Supreme Court review to briefing on the merits. After identifying candidates for Supreme Court review, students draft petitions for certiorari, amicus merits briefs and party briefs, typically for appellate-level litigation. Non-litigation projects may include reviewing proposed municipal ordinances for potential First Amendment flaws.

**FACULTY**
Virginia’s faculty members have a broad range of expertise in constitutional law and legal history. Many are experts on the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and several have argued before the court, including three full-time faculty members since 2010. OUR FACULTY INCLUDES:

**PROFESSOR FREDERICK SCHAUER**
one of the nation’s leading experts and the author of numerous books on constitutional law, free speech and legal theory.

**PROFESSOR LESLIE KENDRICK**
an expert on the freedom of expression who teaches courses in torts, property and constitutional law.

**PROFESSOR MILA VERSTEEG**
has applied quantitative methods to studying the world’s constitutions.

**PROFESSOR G. EDWARD WHITE,** a Pulitzer Prize finalist, is working on a three-volume series, “Law in American History.”

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