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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

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

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

Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

(2014-2015)

Fellow, Inquiry on Law and Religious Freedom

- Templeton Grant, joint inquiry with the Program in Law and Public Affairs.

EDUCATION:

Princeton University, M.A. and Ph.D. in American History

(2005-2013)

- 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 (NYU Law School), Peter Onuf (University of Virginia).

Harvard Law School, J.D. cum laude

(1999-2002)

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

Yale Divinity School

(1998-1999)

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

University of Virginia, B.A. in Political & Social Thought/Economics, high honors (1995-1998)

- Thesis: "Ten Thousand Recollections: The Struggle over Thomas Jefferson and Slavery,"
- Sorensen Prize (best departmental thesis), Anne Hope Van Schaack Prize (best essay on Jefferson).
- Advisors: Peter Onuf, William Lee Miller
- Lawn Resident, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa

CLERKSHIPS AND LEGAL PRACTICE:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

(2004-2005)

Chambers of Hon. Robert B. King, Charleston, WV

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
Chambers of Hon. Janet C. Hall, Bridgeport, CT

(2003-2004)

Jones Day, Washington D.C.

(2002-2003; Summer 2003 and 2004)

New Associates Group/Issues & Appeals: Assisted with several matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, including *Patrickson v. Dole Food Co.*, *Archer v. Warner*, *Grutter v. Bollinger*, and *Smith v. City of Jackson*. Coordinated initiation of class action lawsuit by physicians against major malpractice insurer.

U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia

(Summer 2000)

Worked on kidnapping and drug prosecutions, drafted motions and appellate brief; attended day of FBI training at Quantico, VA, facility.

BOOKS:

Murder in the Shenandoah: Making Law Sovereign in Revolutionary Virginia (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019). Finalist/Runner up for the David J. Langum Sr. Prize in American Legal History.

Sacred Texts: How America Became a Nation of the Word (in progress).

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

"Citing the Sacred: The Bible in American Court Cases, 1776-1900" (in progress).

"Bloody Codes: Mapping American Criminal Punishment from Past to Present" (in progress).

"'Our Experiences Make Us Who We Are': Lessons from Thomas Ruffin and Dirk Hartog," Festschrift volume in honor of Hendrik Hartog, forthcoming 2020.

"Thank You Mr. Madison," *Tulsa Law Review* 53 (2018): 279-292.

"Radicalism's Legacy: Developments in American Legal History Since 1998," *Zeitschrift für Neuere Rechtsgeschichte* 36 (2015): 288-297 (commissioned piece).

"Ideas that Matter: Beard's Legacy for Today's History," *Constitutional Commentary* 29 no. 3 (2014): 525-532.

"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* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2013).

"A Separate Peace? The Politics of Localized Law in the Post-Revolutionary Era," 36 *Law & Social Inquiry* 36 (Summer 2011): 788-817.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Peter Charles Hoffer and Williamjames Hull Hoffer, *The Clamor of Lawyers: The American Revolution and Crisis in the Legal Profession*, *William and Mary Quarterly* 76 no. 3 (2019): 571-574.

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*, *Journal of Southern History* 82 no. 3 (2016): 669-670.

Review of Charles F. Hobson, ed., *St. George Tucker's Law Reports and Selected Papers, 1782-1825*, *Journal of Southern History* 80 no. 2 (2014).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES:

“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.

Reviewer:

The Historical Journal, Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Legal History Review, William and Mary Quarterly.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES:

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, The 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)

SERVICE:

Coordinator, "Charles Beard 100th Anniversary Symposium." Co-coordinator with Mark Graber (University of Maryland) and host for October 2013 interdisciplinary conference commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Charles Beard's *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution*, co-sponsored by Miller Center for Public Affairs.

Founder, "Legal History Writing Group." Creator of interdepartmental writing group of 15-20 faculty and graduate students from Law, History, Politics, and other departments.

Co-convener, "Legal History Workshop." Coordinate visits of external speakers for law school legal history workshops.

Participant, "Early America Seminar." Regular participant in bi-weekly Early America Seminar, comprised of faculty and graduate students from the Department of History and fellows at Monticello's International Center for Jefferson Studies.

Faculty fellow, UVA's 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 Program in American Studies.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

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

PREVIOUS TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning **2011-12**
Princeton University

Fellow: One of a small group of veteran graduate student teachers charged with training Princeton University graduate preceptors (teaching assistants) for 2011-2012 academic year. Responsibilities included leading orientation and facilitating teaching workshops. Position was received by invitation.

History 385, Law in American Society **Fall 2010**
Princeton University

Preceptor: Led discussions and graded papers for two sections of sophomore, junior, and senior students in large lecture course focusing on American legal history, taught by Professor Hendrik Hartog. Course topics ranged from the legal history of the American Revolution to the law of slavery to contemporary legal ethics. 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.

Social Analysis 10, Introduction to Micro- and Macro-Economics **2000-02**
Harvard University

Teaching Fellow: Primary instructor for 20 students in Harvard’s year-long introductory macro- and micro-economics course. Unlike a typical course arrangement, in “EC 10” material is delivered in section, and students attend large lectures with faculty only occasionally and on specialized subjects – such as the trading of “rights to pollute” – to demonstrate the ways in which course concepts are applied in faculty research. Teaching fellows are responsible for introducing and delivering the content of the course by lecturing two to three times per week, and for developing and grading problem sets and examinations in conjunction with other instructors. For two semesters, the students in my section had among the highest average grades – graded by other instructors, blindly and according to objective criteria – in the 1000+ person course.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association (Monticello) **1996-98**
Charlottesville, VA

Interpreter, Plantation Life Guide: Led tours of Jefferson’s home and of nearby slave quarters at

Mulberry Row, facilitating discussions among visitors about Jefferson and slavery at Monticello. Assisted on a volunteer basis with the “Getting Word” project, which interviewed descendants of Monticello slaves.

University of Virginia Guide Service **1996-98**

Charlottesville, VA

Historian (1997-1998): Volunteered as campus tour guide, and trained students to serve as guides for the University’s admission and historical tours; wrote a bi-weekly column for the student newspaper on University and Virginia history.

Mount Vernon Ladies Association (Mount Vernon) **Summer 1999**

Merrifield, VA

Docent: Worked as paid historical interpreter at George Washington’s home, Mount Vernon.

Hon. Ralph Regula, U.S. Congress (OH-16th) **Summer 1998**

Washington, DC

Intern: Served as legislative 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.

University of Virginia Honor System **1996-98**

Charlottesville, VA

Honor Advisor: Counseled students accused of Honor offenses and facing expulsion under the University’s Honor System. Also worked amidst great controversy to institute various measures designed to address and remedy Honor System’s racial bias.

William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum **Summer 1994**

Canton, OH

Docent: Worked as volunteer docent at museum dedicated to life and legacy of President William McKinley.