



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND LEGAL HISTORY

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 30 faculty members in constitutional law and legal history, Virginia offers an unparalleled variety of lecture courses, seminars and clinics in the field.



DEAN RISĀ GOLUBOFF recently testified in her personal capacity at Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. Goluboff has known Jackson personally and professionally since 1998. In her testimony, she compared Jackson to retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, whose seat Jackson filled and for whom Jackson and Goluboff clerked. Goluboff, a legal historian, is the author of "Vagrant Nation: Police Power, Constitutional Change and the Making of the 1960s" and "The Lost Promise of Civil Rights."

VIRGINIA'S PROGRAM ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

creates a rich intellectual community of scholars and students with shared historical interests.

J.D.-M.A. PROGRAM IN HISTORY

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. 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.

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RELATED CENTERS

Several centers at the Law School connect to topics relating to legal and constitutional history, and also serve as hubs for faculty scholarship and intellectual life for their respective fields.

The **KARSH CENTER FOR LAW AND DEMOCRACY** promotes civil discourse, civil engagement, ethics and integrity in public office, and respect for the rule of law.

The **CENTER FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT** includes renowned scholars of both the religion clauses and the speech and press clauses of the First Amendment.

The **CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE** explores paths for reform via faculty efforts and features robust clinical and curricular opportunities.

The **CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE AND LAW** helps students fully understand the American legal landscape by promoting events and scholarship exploring the impact of race.

CLINICS

APPELLATE LITIGATION CLINIC

Students in this yearlong clinic engage in appellate litigation through actual cases before various federal circuit and/or state appellate courts of appeals.

CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC

Students provide relief and legal support to people and communities that have been harmed by the criminalization of poverty and other forms of discrimination or deprivation of rights.

FIRST AMENDMENT CLINIC

This yearlong clinic gives students practical legal experience involving timely free-speech and press issues.

SUPREME COURT LITIGATION CLINIC

Students in this yearlong clinic handle actual cases, from seeking Supreme Court review to briefing on the merits.

Professor and legal historian **CYNTHIA NICOLETTI** won the 2018 Cromwell Book Prize for "Secession on Trial: The Treason Prosecution of Jefferson Davis" and the George and Anne Richards Prize for the best article published in The Journal of the Civil War Era in 2021, for "William Henry Trescott: Pardon Broker."



PROFESSOR DOUGLAS LAYCOCK frequently returns to the **SUPREME COURT** to argue religious liberty cases. His most recent win was with *Holt v. Hobbs*, a case in which he represented an Arkansas prisoner who sought to wear a beard per his religious beliefs, but in contrast to prison policy. The justices decided unanimously in Holt's favor.



COURSES AND SEMINARS

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Administrative Law
Advanced Campaign Finance Seminar
Advanced Topics in Law of the Police
Advanced Topics in the First Amendment (Religion Clauses)
Asian Americans and the Law
Balancing Public Safety and Civil Liberties: Law Enforcement

Policymaking
Civil Rights and Anti-discrimination Law
Civil Rights Litigation
Civil War and the Constitution
Comparative Constitutional Law and Economics
Constitutional Law II: Freedom of Speech and Press
Constitutional Law II: Poverty
Constitutional Law II: Religious Liberty
Constitutional Law II: Survey of Civil Liberties Constitutional

Originalism
Constitutionalism: History and Jurisprudence
Constitutionalism: Nation, Culture and Constitutions
Criminal Procedure Survey
Death Penalty Law
Designing Democracy: Participation
Discrimination Theory
Education Law Survey
Federal Sentencing
Free Speech and the Digital Age
Gun Legislation and the Second Amendment
Higher Education and

the Law
Introduction to American Law for LL.M.s
Land Use Law
Law of Armed Conflict
Law of Corruption
Law of the Police
Legislation
Legislation and Regulation
Monetary Constitution Seminar
Negotiating Constitutions
Presidential Powers
Pretrial Litigation Skills: Civil Rights
Privacy
Race, Education and

Opportunity
Racial Justice and Law
Regulation of the Political Process
Reproductive Rights and Justice
Research in Public Law Seminar
Separation of Powers in the Federal Courts Seminar
State Constitutions
Supreme Court from Warren to Roberts
Supreme Court Justices and the Art of Judging
Supreme Court: October Term
The Institutional Supreme Court

The Mueller Report and the Role of the Special Counsel
Understanding Police Use of Force: Investigation and Litigation Concepts

CLINICS

Civil Rights Clinic
Appellate Litigation Clinic
First Amendment Clinic
Project for Informed Reform Clinic
Supreme Court Litigation Clinic

LEGAL HISTORY

American Legal History Seminar

An American Half-Century
Barbarian Law
Cause Lawyers in American History
Civil War and the

Constitution
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: Twentieth Century
Race and Slavery on UVA's North Grounds

Virginia and the Constitution
World War I

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

THOMAS FRAMPTON studies criminal law and constitutional criminal procedure within the historical context of racial and economic inequality.



CHARLES BARZUN'S classes and scholarship explore the connections among constitutional theory, jurisprudence and history.



DEBORAH HELLMAN focuses on equal protection and its philosophical justification, and the relationship between money and legal rights.



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



DAVID S. LAW'S expertise is in the comparative study of public law and courts; he is a pioneer in the application of empirical social science methods to the study of legal texts.



JOY MILLIGAN, a civil rights expert, studies the intersection of law and inequality, with a particular focus on race-based economic inequality.



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 four full-time faculty members since 2010.



SAIKRISHNA PRAKASH is an expert in presidential power and separation of powers. He is the author of books on the American presidency.



BERTRALL ROSS is focused on democratic responsiveness and accountability, as well as the inclusion of marginalized communities in administrative and political processes.



FREDERICK SCHAUER is one of the nation's leading legal scholars and the author of numerous books on constitutional law, free speech and legal theory.



LAWRENCE B. SOLUM is an internationally recognized legal theorist who works in constitutional theory, procedure and the philosophy of law.



G. EDWARD WHITE, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, recently completed a three-volume series, "Law in American History."



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