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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Law, Gender, Socio-legal History, Property Law, Race, Slavery

CURRENT POSITION

University of California, Berkeley Law, Robbins Collection in Religious and Civil Law Berkeley, CA
Postdoctoral Research Fellow Oct. 2018-present
Revising dissertation manuscript into a book, tentatively titled, *Black Women, Free Soil Suits, and the Civil Law*.
Preparing an article on disruptive lawyering in an absolutist regime for final resubmission to a peer-reviewed journal.
Teaching a seminar on race, gender, and property law in comparative perspective. Participating in international research collaborations in the areas of civil law, comparative law, and canon law.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA
Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program Fall 2018
Dissertation: "Free for a Moment in France: How Enslaved Women and Girls Claimed Liberty in the Courts of New Orleans (1835-1857)"
Committee: Christopher Tomlins (Chair), Laurent Mayali, Rebecca McLennan, Dylan Penningroth
Exam Fields: Law and History, Laws of Slavery and Freedom in French America

J.D. 2018
Honors: Order of the Coif, American Jurisprudence Award for highest grade in Legal Profession
Activities: *Berkeley Journal of International Law*; Berkeley Law Mindfulness Group (Student Director)

McGill University Montréal, QC, Canada
M.A., History 2011
Thesis: "Troublesome Trials in New France: The Itinerary of an Ancien Régime Legal Practitioner (1740-1743)"

B.A., History and Political Science 2008
Honors: First Class Joint Honors, Special Intensive French Language Program Certificate

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

"How a California Settler Unsettled the Proslavery Legislature of Antebellum Louisiana," *California Legal History*, forthcoming Dec. 2019 (Winner of 2018 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition).

"Practicing Law in the 'Lawyerless' Colony of New France," eds. Lyndsay Campbell, Ted McCoy and Mélanie Methot, *Canada's Legal Past: Looking Forward, Looking Back* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, forthcoming).

In Progress

"Troublesome Trials: How One Parisian Attorney Disrupted the Order of New France," preparing for final revision and resubmission. Has passed two rounds of peer review with the Tier 1 journal, *William & Mary Quarterly*.

Revising dissertation manuscript into first book project, tentatively titled *Black Women, Free Soil Suits, and the Civil Law*.

Peer Review Service

Law and History Review

TEACHING

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Instructor, UC Berkeley Extension Fall Program for Freshmen

Designed course syllabus for a reading and composition seminar in connection with the law as a social institution. Three hours of instruction per week, including lecturing, group discussions, and peer review research and writing workshops. Evaluated students on in-class participation and written work (incremental writing assignments culminating in a final research paper on a topic of their choice).

Class: Race, Gender, and Property Law

Fall 2018

Graduate Student Instructor (G.S.I.), History and Legal Studies

Led two weekly discussion sections, created assignments, evaluated students on their written work (midterms, final exams, essays, and short written assignments), held office hours, managed course websites, occasionally lectured, wrote recommendation letters for excellent students. Subject areas included comparative law, constitutional law, international human rights, legal history, and property law.

Classes: Property and Liberty (Prof. Robert B. Brown)

Fall 2016

Survey of U.S. Legal and Constitutional History (Prof. Robert B. Brown)

Spring 2016

Comparative Perspectives on Norms and Legal Traditions (Prof. Laurent Mayali)

Spring 2015

History and Practice of Human Rights (Prof. Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann)

Fall 2013, Fall 2012

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Tenants' Rights Workshop, East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, CA

Volunteer

Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Interviewed tenants under the supervision of an attorney in weekly tenants' rights workshops to address issues including evictions, habitability, racial and gender discrimination, rent increases, and reasonable accommodation. Interviewed potential clients and assessed their appropriateness for legal services. Drafted letters to landlords and petitions to housing authorities.

East Bay Dreamer Clinic, East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, CA

Volunteer

Fall 2017

Trained in immigration laws. Corresponded with individuals seeking information about DACA renewal. Provided information on immigration laws to local adult schools, community colleges, high schools, and public libraries to inform individuals of their DACA renewal eligibility.

German Bundestag

Berlin, Germany

International Parliamentary Fellow

Feb.—July 2010

Reported to Member of Bundestag (MdB) Horst Meierhofer on environmental policy trends in the U.S.A. Participated in German-language seminars on the German political system.

Embassy of Canada, Public Affairs

Washington, D.C.

Academic and Research Relations Intern

Jan.—May 2009

Compiled Canada Watch (a bilingual report on Canadian think tank research) for distribution to an American audience of over 10,000. Planned education outreach events for Canadian universities in the Washington, D.C. area and beyond.

Y des Femmes (YWCA)

Montréal, QC, Canada

Communications Agent for Community Service

June-August 2007

Market research and community outreach for the potential implementation of YWCA ENCORE, a post-breast cancer recovery program, in the Montréal area. Wrote grants and raised funds for a non-profit in a bilingual environment.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

First-Place Winner, Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition, awarded by the California Supreme Court Historical Society, 2018

American Association of University Women Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2017-18

Tulane University New Orleans Center for the Gulf South Global South Research Grant, 2017-2018

Dorothy and Kenneth Hill Bancroft Library Study Award, 2017-2018

U.C. Berkeley Center for Race and Gender Graduate Student Research Grant, 2017

William Nelson Cromwell Fellowship, awarded by the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation, with the advice of the American Society for Legal History, 2016

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, awarded by the Center for the Study of Law and Society, 2014-15

Austin Sarat Award for outstanding graduate student paper, awarded by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, 2014

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-2015

Hildebrand Research Fellowship in Canadian Studies, 2012

Graduate Division Summer Fellowship, 2012

Philip Selznick Doctoral Fellowship, 2011-2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“A Spirit of Liberty that is Dangerous to the Republic: The World American Slaves Encountered in France (1818-1848),” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, 2018

“A Spirit of Liberty that is Dangerous to the Republic: The World Louisiana Slaves Encountered in France (1818-1848),” American Council for Québec Studies Biennial Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2018

“California’s Place in Anti-Slavery Litigation on the Eve of the Civil War,” Bancroft Roundtable, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2018

“Free Under the Laws of France: How Enslaved Women and Girls Argued for Liberty in Louisiana Courts (1835-1857),” Keynote Speaker, American Association of University Women, Tiburon, CA, 2018

“Practicing Law in a Lawyer-less Colony: The Curious Case of Jacques Nouette de la Poufellerie,” Canada’s Legal Past: Future Directions in Canadian Legal History, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Calgary, AB, Canada, 2017

“Troublesome Trials in New France: The Itinerary of an Ancien Régime Legal Practitioner,” French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting, Aix-en-Provence, France, 2017

“Invoking the Freedom of French Soil in Antebellum Louisiana: An Atlantic Archival Prospectus,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016

“Practitioners and Procurators in the Litigious Society of New France: An Atlantic Perspective,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference on Emerging Histories of the Early Modern French Atlantic, Williamsburg, VA, 2015

“Law, Emotions, and the Policing of Social Norms in New France,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2015

“Slaves to our Sovereign? Sixteenth-Century French Theories on Liberty and Servitude,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, VA, 2014

“ ‘We Contest Her Status for Her’: Resisting the Legality of Slavery in the French Atlantic (1740),” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting, London, U.K., 2013

“Troublesome Trials in New France: The Itinerary of an Ancien Régime Legal Practitioner, 1740-1743,” Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress, Waterloo, ON, Canada, 2012

WORKSHOPS

Graduate Student Workshop Participant, French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 2017 (led by Sue Peabody)

“Contesting the Status of Slavery in Early Canada,” Student Research Colloquium at the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2014 (led by Margot Canaday, Matthew Mirow, and John Wertheimer)

J. Saunders Interdisciplinary Workshop for University Instructors in Constitutional History, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, 2014 (led by Robert Gordon)

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Berkeley Law Mindfulness Group Student Director, 2017-2018

Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Directors, American Society for Legal History (2017-2019 Annual Meetings)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair, “Familles, droit et justice au Québec: Out of the Archives,” Canada’s Legal Past: Future Directions in Canadian Legal History, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Calgary, AB, Canada, July 2017

Session Organizer, “Litigating Race, Slavery, and Freedom in Antebellum Louisiana,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016

Chair and Discussant, “American Slavery, American Commerce: Rethinking the Political Economy of the Antebellum United States,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

American Society for Legal History
Law and Society Association
French Atlantic History Group (Montréal, QC, Canada)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent; spoken and written)
French (fluent; spoken and written)
German (fluent spoken, proficient written)
Ukrainian (fluent spoken, proficient written)