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EMPLOYMENT

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1992 -present            Harvard Law School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
                                 Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law: 2013-present  
                                 Professor of Law: 1998-2013  
                                 Assistant Professor of Law: 1992-1998

                                 Research areas: Political economy; Law and history of money;  
                                 International monetary systems; Constitutional history;  
                                 Legal history

                                 Courses taught: Constitutional Law: Money and the Making of American  
                                 Capitalism; Legal Architecture of Globalization: Money, Debt, and  
                                 Development; Money Design and Inequality; Political Economy of  
                                 Capitalism; Civil Procedure

                                 JustMoney.org  
                                 Founder and Managing Editor: 2019-present

1986-1992                Appellate Counsel – State and Local Legal Center  
                                 Assistant to the Solicitor General – U.S. Department of Justice  
                                 Law Clerk to Judge Stephen Breyer – U.S. Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

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Yale Law School, Yale University, New Haven, CT

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA  
J.D./ Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, 1987  
Yale Law Journal - Editor (1985-86)  
Graduate concentrations: Comparative Legal &  
Political Development; Developmental Economics

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
A.B. *Magna cum Laude* in Religion, 1981  
Phi Beta Kappa

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2024 Winner, Sacks-Freund Award for Teaching Excellence, Harvard Law School  
Legal & Institutional Origins of Economic Development Keynote, Univ. of Manchester, 2024  
WMQ-ESMI Money in Vast Early America Workshop Convenor, Huntington Library, 2023  
Our Money, Our Future Conference Keynote, Willamette Law School, 2023  
C. Warren Center Fellowship (“Capitalism’s Hardwiring”) Convenor, Harvard Univ., 2022-23  
Adam Smith Annual Lecture, University of Glasgow, 2019  
Baldy Distinguished Speaker, Buffalo Law School, 2017  
Massachusetts Historical Society, Elected Fellow, 2017  
Linecar Lecture, British Numismatic Society, London, 2016  
Philip Pro Lectureship in Legal History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2016  
Massachusetts Historical Society, NEH Fellowship, 2016  
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship, 2015-16  
Institute for Global Law and Policy, Pro-Seminar Grant, 2011-2013  
Frank Boaz Professorship, University of Hawaii Law School, 2012  
Centre National Recherche Scientifique Grant, 2005-2008  
Fulton Lectureship, Univ. of Chicago, 2007  
Charles Warren Center for American History, Fellowship, 2003-04  
American Philosophical Society, Sabbatical Fellowship, 2000  
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1999-2000  
John Carter Brown Library, NEH Fellowship, 1999-2000 (declined)  
American Antiquarian Society, NEH Fellowship, 1999-2000 (declined)  
Surrency Prize, American Society for Legal History, 1999  
Fellowship for University Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1995-96  
Soroptimist International, North Atlantic Region Fellowship, 1985-86

## BOOKS

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*Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism* (Oxford University Press, 2014).  
Reviewed in the *American Historical Review*, the *Economist*, the *Economic History Review*, the  
*Financial Post*, the *Medieval Review*, the *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Reviews in History*,  
*Journal of Legal History*, the *Journal of Int’l Constitutional Law*, *Library of Law and Liberty*,  
*Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, and on the *Baseline Scenario*.

Forum: Christine Desan’s *Making Money*, *Law and History Review*, *The Docket* 2022, available  
at: <https://lawandhistoryreview.org/article/forum-christine-desans-making-money-editors-note/>.

*American Capitalism: New Histories*, Sven Beckert and Christine Desan, eds. (Columbia  
University Press, 2018).

*A Cultural History of Money in the Age Enlightenment*, Christine Desan, ed., *The Cultural  
History Series on Money*, William Maurer, gen. ed. (Bloomsbury Publishing Co., 2019).

How to Spend a Trillion Dollars: Our Monetary Hardwiring, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It (March 12, 2022). Harvard Public Law Working Paper No. 22-04, available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4056241> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4056241>.

ARTICLES AND WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

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“The Legal Aspects of Money Creation,” in S. Ugolini and C. Jobst, eds., *Handbook on the History of Central Banks* (Routledge, forthcoming).

Property, Money, and the Claim of Capital: A Forward to Jamee Moudud, *Legal and Political Foundations of Capitalism: the End of Laissez-Faire?* (forthcoming 2024)

“The Monetary Structure of Economic Activity: A Constitutional Analysis,” 86 *Law and Contemporary Problems* 77 (2024).

“Public Banking in the United States: Historical Lessons for Today,” 59 *Willamette Law Journal* 331 (2024).

“Mapping the Field of Money Studies,” Docket, *Law and History Review*, Forum on *Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism* (March 2023), available at <https://lawandhistoryreview.org/article/forum-christine-desans-making-money-editors-note/>.

Christine Desan, Lev Menand, Raúl Carrillo, Rohan Grey, Dan Rohde, Hilary J. Allen, “Six Reactions to the Silicon Valley Debacle,” *The Law and Political Economy Project* (March 2023), available at <https://lpeproject.org/blog/six-reactions-to-the-silicon-valley-bank-debacle/>.

“Money’s Design Elements: Debt, Liquidity, and the Pledge of Value from Medieval Coin to Modern ‘Repo’,” 38 *Banking Law and Finance Review* 331 (2022).

“The Constitution and the Fed after the COVID-19 Crisis,” co-authored with Nadav Orian Peer, *Policy Spotlight*, JustMoney.org (June 2020).

“The Key to Value: The Debate over Commensurability in Neoclassical and Credit Approaches to Money,” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 83 (May 2020).

\_\_\_\_\_, revised and condensed in I. Feichtner and G. Gordon, eds., *Constitutions of Value: Law, Governance and Political Ecology* (Routledge, 2022).

“Strange New Music: The Monetary Composition Made by the Enlightenment Quartet,” in *A Cultural History of Money in the Age Enlightenment*, Christine Desan, ed., The Cultural History Series on Money, William Maurer, gen. ed. (Bloomsbury Publishing Co., 2019).

"Über Die Verfasstheit Des Geldes: Die Produktion Der Modernen Welt Und Die Gestaltung Von Geld." 28:3/4 *Mittelweg* 36, 103 (2019).

"The Impact and Malleability of Money Design." *The Law and Political Economy Project* (2019), available at <https://lpeproject.org/blog/the-impact-and-malleability-of-money-design/>.

"Introduction to American Capitalism," in *American Capitalism: New Histories*, Sven Beckert and Christine Desan, eds. (Columbia University Press, 2018).

"Central Banking," in Annelise Riles, ed., *The Changing Politics of Central Banking* (Meridian 180, 2017).

"The Constitutional Approach to Money: Monetary Design and the Production of the Modern World," in Nina Bandelj and Frederick Wherry, eds., *Money Talks: Essays in Honor of Viviana Zelizer*, 109 (Princeton: Princeton University Press 2017).

"Money as a Constitutional Medium." *The Law and Political Economy Project*, (2017), available at <https://lpeproject.org/blog/all-debts-public-and-private/>.

"Money as a Legal Institution," (Chapter 1), in *Money in the Western Legal Tradition: Middle Ages to Bretton Woods*, David Fox and Wolfgang Ernst, eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

"Decoding the Design of Money," *The European Financial Review* 24 (Feb/Mar 2015).

"Law and the Economy of Early America: Markets, Institutions of Exchange, and Labor," in *The Blackwell Companion to American Legal History*, 269 Sally E. Hadden and Alfred L. Brophy, eds. (Wiley-Blackwell, Feb 2013).

"Coin Reconsidered: The Political Alchemy of Commodity Money," 11:1 *Theoretical Inquiries in Law* 361 (January 2010).

"Beyond Commodification: Contract and the Credit-Based World of Modern Capitalism," in *Transformations in American Legal History II: Law, Ideology, and Methods – Essays in Honor of Professor Morton J. Horwitz* (2010).

"Legislative Power," in *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History*, Oxford University Press (2009).

"From Blood to Profit: The Transformation of Value in the American Constitutional Tradition," 20 *Journal of Policy History* 26 (2008).

"Money Talks: Listening to a History of Value," *Common-Place* 6:3 (April 1, 2006).

"Out of the Past: Time and Movement in Making the Present" *Unbound, Harvard Journal of the Legal Left* I (online) (Spring 2005), available at <https://journals.law.harvard.edu/legalleft/wp->

content/uploads/sites/81/2015/09/1UNB039-Desan.pdf.

"The Market as a Matter of Money: Denaturalizing Economic Currency in American Constitutional History," 30:1 *Law and Social Inquiry* (Winter 2005).

"The Market as a Matter of Money: Denaturalizing Economic Currency," *Unbound, A Journal of Legal Reconstruction* 1 (online) (2003).

"Contesting the Character of the Political Economy in the Early Republic: Rights and Remedies in *Chisholm v. Georgia*," in *The House and the Senate in the 1790s: Petitioning, Lobbying, and Institutional Development, v. 3, Perspectives on the History of Congress, 1789-1801*, eds. Kenneth R. Bowling and Donald R. Kennon (Ohio University Press, 2002).

"The Constitutional Commitment to Legislative Adjudication in the Early American Tradition," 111:6 *Harvard Law Review* 1383 (April 1998).

"Remaking Constitutional Tradition at the Margin of the Empire: The Creation of Legislative Adjudication in Colonial New York," 16 *Law and History Review* 257 (1998).

"Writing Constitutional History Beyond the Institutional/Ideological Divide," 16:2 *Law and History Review* 391 (1998).

"Stephen G. Breyer," *The Supreme Court Justices: Illustrated Biographies, 1789-1995*, 2nd ed., Congressional Quarterly (1995).

Essay, "Perfect Violence," 7:1 *Journal of Law and Religion* 99 (1989).

"Expanding the Legal Vocabulary: The Challenge Posed by the Deconstruction and Defense of Law." 95:5 *Yale Law Journal* 969 (1986).

#### WEBSITE AND CONFERENCES

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JustMoney.org – Founded 2019 to explore money as a legal project. Website dedicated to encouraging discussion, debate, and scholarship on money's design and its reform towards a world that is as just as it is (economically) productive. Available at <https://justmoney.org>.

Money as a Democratic Medium 2.0, Cambridge, MA, Hamburg, GE, and online – June 15-17, 2023. Organized and chaired. Available at <https://justmoney.org/money-as-a-democratic-medium-2-0/>.

Money as a Democratic Medium, Cambridge MA – Dec. 14-15, 2018. Organized and chaired. Available at <https://hls.harvard.edu/today/money-as-a-democratic-medium/>.

Testimony of Massachusetts Public Banking in support of S.632/H.975, An Act to Establish a Massachusetts Public Bank,” coauthored with Ruth Caplan, Douglas Cliggott, Cate McAnulty, Nadav Orian Peer, Nancy Ryan, Michael Swack, and Rory Van Loo (November 30, 2023).

“SVB, Financialization, and the Flighty Depository,” LPE Blog (March 23, 2023).

“Recapturing the Elusive, Complex, and Utterly Essential Unit of Account: A Comment on Robert Rosenswig’s ‘Money, Currency and Heterodox Macroeconomics for Archaeology,’” *Current Anthropology* (forthcoming).

Testimony of Massachusetts Public Banking in support of S.665/H.1223, An Act to Establish a Massachusetts Public Bank,” coauthored with Ruth Caplan, Cate McAnulty, Nadav Orian Peer, Nancy Ryan, and Michael Swack (November 20, 2021).

Open Letter to Our Students and the Community, “We write to condemn a series of acts by President Trump and other public servants that endorse violence and are inconsistent with a democratic legal order.” *Harvard Law Record* (June 1, 2020) – co-author, signed by 168 Harvard Law School faculty (68 permanent faculty, 100 clinical, lecturer, and law librarians).

“The Power of Paradigms in Histories of Economic Development,” in *Banking: Intermediation or Money Creation* Roundtable, JustMoney.org (March 12, 2020).

“Money as a Constitutional Medium,” in *Piercing the Monetary Veil* Symposium, Law and Political Economy (May 13, 2019).

“The Impact and Malleability of Money Design,” *The Color of Money* Symposium on Racial Capitalism, Law and Political Economy (March 25, 2019).

Review of Mehrsa Baradaran’s *How the Other Half Banks: Exclusion, Exploitation, and the Threat to Democracy*, in *16 Labor: Studies in Working Class History 2*: 136-137 (May 2019).

Open Letter to Our Students, “We Condemn President Trump’s Incitation to Violence,” *Harvard Law Record* (Dec. 7, 2017) – author, signed by 81 Harvard Law School faculty and administrators.

The Politics of Central Banking, blog post at Meridien 180 (April 16, 2016), available at <https://meridian.northwestern.edu/en/forums/changing-politics-central-banking>.

Review of Samuel Knafo’s *The Making of Modern Finance*, blog post at *Progress in Political Economy* (Nov. 8, 2015), available at <http://ppesydney.net/historicising-finance/>.

Review of Richard Timberlake’s, *Constitutional Money: A Review of the Supreme Court’s Monetary Decisions*, in *Journal of Economic Literature* (December 2015).

Open Letter to the U.S. Congress Concerning Human Rights Abuses at Abu Ghraib (presented

June 16, 2004) – co-authored with Professor Elizabeth Bartholet and James Cavallaro & signed by 509 law professors, available at <https://hls.harvard.edu/today/hls-professors-urge-congress-to-review-interrogation-policy-hold-executive-branch-accountable/>.

#### OUTSIDE TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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Land Care Congress, Rochester, VT (Jan. 8-10, 2024).

SVB, Uninsured Depositors, and the Odd Architecture of Modern Money, Harvard University, Lowell House (Apr. 13, 2023).

The Character of Money, Money, Political and Financial Education Workshop, Ujima Boston (Jan. 11, 2022).

The Operation of Banking. Money, Political and Financial Education Workshop, Ujima Boston (Jan. 23, 2022).

“Making Money,” Book Discussion, INET-Young Scholars Initiative on The Money View (July 14, 2021).

Law and Political Economy, Scholarship Judge, Harvard Law School (May 2021).

“The Constitutional Approach to Money,” Workshop, University of Amsterdam (Dec. 17, 2019).

“The Constitutional Law of Money: The Gold Clause Cases,” New Trends in Constitutional Law, Real Colegio Complutense, Harvard Law School (May 11, 2018, and June 7, 2019).

“Credit and American Inequality,” Cambridge Center for Adult Education (Mar. 15, 2018).

“Law and Money: The Design of Money and Banking,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Madrid, Spain (July 17-23, 2016).

Capital as a Constitutional Issue: Land and Money, 1776-1900, Institute for Constitutional History, New York Historical Society (Spring, 2016).

“Law and Money: An Alternative Approach to Law and Economics,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (June 3- 7, 2013).

“The Legal Architecture of Monetary Integration: Part II,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (June 6, 7, and 8, 2011).

“The Legal Architecture of Monetary Integration,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (June 2, 3, and 11, 2010).

“A Model for Fair Campaigns,” co-authored with Jane Manners, Boston Globe (Aug. 18, 2006).

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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“The Monetary Structure of Economic Activity: A Constitutional Analysis,” Keynote Lecturer, Legal and Institutional Origins of Economic Development, Arthur Lewis Lab Conference #5, The University of Manchester (June 18, 2024).

Nakita Cuttino, “Presumption of Creditworthiness,” Comment, Culp Conference, Harvard Law School (May 29, 2024).

“Design and Misdirection: The Divergence between Theory and Practice in Retail Money Creation,” Finance and Society Conference, Cutting the Gordian Knot of Finance, University of Sydney AU and online (April 4, 2024).

My Nora Hedlin, “The Payment System and Private Creation of Money,” Comment, Safra Center, Harvard University (March 19, 2024).

“The Monetary Structure of Economic Activity: A Constitutional Analysis,” Warren Center Money Fellows Discussion Section (March 11, 2024).

Gerald Epstein, *Busting the Bankers’ Club*, Comment, PERI. Univ. of Massachusetts (Feb. 2, 2024).

“Money Design for Sustainable Development,” Speaker, Land Care Conference (Jan. 9, 2024).

“Community Cooperation, Catchment Contracting, and Economic Democracy,” Speaker, Vermont Farm to Plate (Nov. 17, 2023).

“Democratizing Monetary Issue: Tools for Resilience,” Speaker Schumacher Center (Sept. 21, 2023).

“Public Banking in the United States: Historical Lessons for Today,” Keynote, Conference on Our Money, Our Future, Willamette Law School (March 24, 2023).

“The Constitution and Political Economy,” Plenary Panel, Columbia Law School (March 3, 2023).

J. Berkowitz, “America’s First Corporate Person: The Bank of the United States, 1789-1812,” Comment, Massachusetts Historical Society (Feb. 8, 2023).

“The Monetary Structure of Economic Activity: A Constitutional Analysis,” Methodological Tensions in Understanding Markets, Safra Center, Tel Aviv (Dec. 14-15, 2022).

“Democratizing Money,” Panel, Democratic Central Banking: Danger or Salvation (July 7, 2022); also presented to the American Monetary Institute (Oct. 8, 2022).

“The History of Money,” Panel, Levy Institute (June 14, 2022).



L. Edwards, *Only the Clothes on Her Back*, Comment, Massachusetts Historical Society (June 14, 2022).

Discussion with Mervyn King, former Gov., Bank of England, on “How to Spend a Trillion Dollars,” Private Law Seminar, New York University (March 31, 2022)

P. Krishnamurthy, “The Economic Case for Public Banking,” Comment, Boston University Consumer Law Scholars Conference (March 4, 2022).

M. Baradaran, “The Legal Coup,” Comment, Law and Political Economy Seminar (March 3, 2022).

“How To Spend a Trillion Dollars: Our Monetary Hardwiring, Why It Matters, and What We Should Do About It,” Harvard Law School Faculty Workshop (January 28, 2022); Yale Institute for Security Studies (May 4, 2021); Hastings Law School Faculty Workshop (March 23, 2021).

L. Menand, “Administering Money,” Comment, Vanderbilt Conference on Financial Regulation (June 24, 2021).

“Humanization as Money,” Plenary Panel, Binghamton University, SUNY (June 19, 2021).

C. Priest, *Credit Nation: Property Laws and Institutions in Early America*, Comment, Georgetown University Law Legal History Colloquium (April 19, 2021).

“Money, Finance, and Consumers,” Panel on COVID-19 and the Law, Harvard Law School (October 21, 2020), available at <https://covidseries.law.harvard.edu/agenda/>.

“Early American Money Symposium,” Plenary Panel, Brown University, the Rhodes Center (October 1, 2020).

“Money and Distribution,” Jurisprudence of Distribution Conference, Boston College (September 12, 2020).

“A Comment on the Monetary Structure of the Economy,” University of Amsterdam (Dec. 16, 2019)

“The Key to Value: The Debate over Commensurability in Neoclassical and Credit Approaches to Money,” Yale Law School Conference on the Market as a Legal Construct (Sept. 21, 2010), and the University of Würzburg, GE (Dec. 12, 2019)

Adam Smith Annual Lecture: The Monetary Structure of Economic Activity, University of Glasgow (May 28, 2019)

Italy and the Origins of Capitalism, Comment, Harvard Business School (March 1, 2019)

Money as a Democratic Medium, Organizer, Convener, Panelist, Harvard Law School (Dec. 14-15, 2018)

Petitioning in the American Experience, Comment, American Society of Legal History (Nov. 9, 2018)

“Strange New Music: The Monetary Composition Made by the Enlightenment Quartet,” North Atlantic Conference on British Studies, Providence, RI (Oct. 28, 2018)

Plenary: “Democratizing Money,” in HLS Things Big, Harvard Law School (Oct. 26, 2018)

Plenary: Monetary Theory after MMT, Invited Presentation, MMT International Conference, The New School of Social Research, New York City (September 28, 2018)

Plenary: Law, Finance, and the Economy, Invited Presentation, APPEAL-PERI, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (June 15, 2018)

“Why the Ability to Repay Rule Is Vital,” Comment on Patricia McCoy and Susan Wachter, Tulane Financial Regulation Roundtable (May 26, 2018)

“The Gold Clause Cases and the Eurozone,” Invited Presentation, New Trends in Constitutional Law, Harvard Law School (May 11, 2018)

“As Mainstream as the Mail: Re-imagining Money, from Theory to (Postal)Practice.” Sarah Lawrence College Inaugural Year Event on Democracy and Education (May 1, 2018)

“*American Capitalism: New Histories*,” Book talk, Harvard Law School (Mar. 7, 2018)

“*Law and the Wealth of Nations, A Comment on Tamara Lothian*,” Chair and Commentator, Harvard Law School (Jan. 26, 2018)

“The Legalities of Exchange,” Comment on Jeffrey Sklansky, Laura Edwards, and Susanna Blumenthal, at the American Society for Legal History (Oct. 27, 2017)

“The Parish as a Corporation and Institution of Governance,” Comment, Harvard University Graduate Student Conference on Capitalism in the Countryside (Oct. 19, 2017)

“The Dollar as a Democratic Medium,” *Harvard Thinks Big*, Harvard Law School (May 23, 2017)

“The Constitutional Approach to Money: Monetary Design and the Production of the Modern World,” Video-Presentation for the Group on the Analysis of Risk, Money, and Regulation, University of Sao Paulo Law School (April 26, 2017) and History, Culture and Society Workshop, Harvard University (November 18, 2016).

“Money as a Revolutionary Medium,” Linecar Lecture, British Numismatic Society, London (October 25, 2016).

“Formalizations of the Economic,” Comment on Yahya Madra, Till Duppe, Rachel Knecht, and Philippe Steiner, at Historicizing ‘the Economy’ Conference, Harvard University (Sept. 23, 2016).

“Making the Modern Market: Capitalism and Legal Design,” Plenary Address, Law in the History of Capitalism Conference, American Bar Foundation (June 27, 2016).

“The Economy in Time,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Organizer and Presenter, Introduction to “The Economy in Time,” and Panel Presentation, “Money in Time” (June 7, 2016).

“Designing Value: A Trio of Moneys and the Worlds They Made,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (March 28, 2016).

“Bullion and its Importance in English Industry,” Comment, Conference on International History, Harvard University (March 11, 2016).

“The 18th Century Innovation That Constituted Capitalism: New Money and its Epochal Aftermath,” Philip Pro Lecture in Legal History, University of Nevada Las Vegas (February 25, 2016), and Georgetown University Faculty Workshop (March 1, 2016).

“Beyond Credible Commitment: How the British Broke the Monetary Barrier to Financial Development,” Keynote, First Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference (DebtCon1), Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University Law Center (January 21, 2016).

“Critical Perspectives on Money,” Public Lecture sponsored by Unbound: Journal of the Legal Left, Harvard Law School (November 11, 2015).

“*No Freedom Without Regulation: The Hidden Lesson of the Subprime Crisis* (2015): A Comment on Joseph Singer,” Book Review Comment, Harvard Law School (October 7, 2015).

“The Eighteenth Century Innovation That Constituted Capitalism: New Money and Its Epochal Aftermath,” Keynote, The Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences, Yale University, 2015 Annual Conference (October 2, 2015).

“The Political Economy of Capitalism: Subject Studies,” Invited Speaker, Roundtable on Capitalism, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (July 16, 2015).

“Money as a Legal Claim: from Covenant to Contract,” Plenary Lecture, Workshop on Legal and Economic Theories of Liquidity, Collateral, and “Moneyness,” Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (June 9, 2015).

“Musings on the Monetary Unit of Account,” Conference on Money Design, Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (June 1, 2015).

“The Revolution in Money’s Design,” Conference Panel on Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism (Oxford University Press, 2014), Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University (May 8, 2015).

“The Institutional Architecture of Capitalism: A Comment on Thomas Piketty,” Piketty’s Capital in the 21st Century, Workshop on the Political Economy of Modern Capitalism, Harvard University (March 6, 2015).

“Introduction to *Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism* (Oxford University Press, 2014),” Book Presentation and Commentary from Professors John Coates, Lauren Coyle, Duncan Kennedy, and Sir Paul Tucker, Harvard Law School (November 12, 2014).

“The Geography of Money in Britain and its Empire, 1690-1763,” North American Conference on British Studies and Midwest Conference on British Studies, Minneapolis, MN. (November 7, 2014).

“The Market Itself as Insider Trading,” Conference on Opportunities for Law’s Intellectual History, Buffalo Law School (October 10, 2014).

“Money as a Constitutional Project,” Money Talks Symposium, Yale University (September 12, 2014).

“The Pound Sterling and the Revolution in Money’s Design,” Keynote, Symposium on Finance and Financial Law, Newcastle Law School, UK (June 17, 2014).

“Making Money: Coin, Currency, and the Coming of Capitalism,” Legal History Colloquium, University of Oxford, UK (June 10, 2014).

“What Does Money Mean? World-Making through Currency and Credit,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (November 24, 2013).

“Money as a Legal Institution,” Faculty Colloquium, University of Texas School of Law (October 31, 2013).

“What Was Medieval Money?” Roundtable, Harvard University, Committee on Medieval Studies (September 16, 2013).

“Money as a Hierarchical System: Legal and Economic Perspectives,” Columbia Law School (September 12, 2013).

“Capitalism and its Discontents,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Harvard Law School (June 3, 2013).

“Re-Theorizing Money: The Struggle over the Modern Imagination,” Political Economy and Empire in the Early Modern World, Yale University (May 3, 2013), University of Michigan Legal History Seminar (April 2, 2013), and University of Minnesota Legal History Seminar (March 1, 2013).

“Money As Governance,” Columbia Law School (January 25, 2013).

“Reinventing Money,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, (November 1, 2012).

“Money as a Legal Project,” University of Cambridge, Money in the Western Legal Tradition (August 13, 2012).

“Redefining Money: Home-Grown Credit, Traders’ Silver, and the Struggle over the Modern Imagination” Money, Power, and Print, Halifax, NS (June 13, 2012).

“Reinventing Money: The Bank of England” Faculty Workshop, Harvard Law School (June 21, 2012).

#### PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Land Care Congress, Member (2024-present)

Public Banking Institute, Advisory Board (2022-present)

Finance and Society, Advisory Board (2021-present)

Associated Faculty, Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative (2020-present)

Founder and managing editor, JustMoney.org, (2019-present)

Steering Committee, Massachusetts Public Banking Group (2019-present)

Co-director, Harvard Program on the Study of Capitalism (2010-present)

Co-founder and convener, Harvard Workshop on the Political Economy of Modern Capitalism (2005-2015)

The Program on American Studies, Harvard University, Committee (2000-present)

The Warren Center for American History, Administrative Committee (2006-present)

Institute for Global Law and Policy, Board of Directors (2010-present)

Capitalism and History, Advisory Board (2017-present)

Journal of Law and Political Economy, Advisory Board (2018-present)

American Society for Legal History, Member (1992- present)

Board of Directors (2006-2009)

Preyer Committee (2006-2011); Chair (2010-2011)

Program Committee (1998-99, 2004-2005)

Site Committee (1999- 2005)

J. Willard Hurst Prize Committee (1999-2000)

Eighteenth Century Studies, Editorial Board (2013 – present)

President, Ames Foundation, Harvard Law School (2003-2014)

Committee on Campaign Finance Reform, Town of Brookline, MA (2004-2011)

Co-coordinator, CNRS-Harvard Workshop on the Political Economy (2005-2008)

Co-chair, Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School (2003 - 2006)  
Law and History Review, Editorial Board (2001- 2009)  
American Association of Law Schools, Section on Legal History, Chair (1998-99)

#### LEGAL COMMUNITY WORK

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Steering Committee, The Public Banking Group of Massachusetts (2018-present)  
Committee on Campaigns, Town of Brookline, MA (2007-2011) (electoral reform)  
Town Meeting -- Moderators' Committee on Campaign Finance Reform (2004- 2006) (electoral reform)

Pierce Neighborhood Concerns (2000 – 2010) (zoning)

#### BAR MEMBERSHIP

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Massachusetts (1987)  
District of Columbia (1990)  
Supreme Court (1990)