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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard Law School Austin Wakeman Scott Professor of Law, 2021-present
Deputy Dean, 2020 – 2023
Professor of Law, 2020 – 2021
Assistant Professor of Law, 2015 – 2020

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Department of History, M.A., 2012, Ph.D., 2015
Dissertation: *A Felonious State of Mind: Mens Rea in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century England*
(Co-Chairs: Thomas A. Green and Charles Donahue)
Paper Prizes: Arthur Fondiler Dissertation Prize, University of Michigan (2016)
Honorable Mention, ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award (2015)
Medieval Academy of America Graduate Student Prize for best grad student paper (2013)
American Society for Legal History Kathryn T. Preyer Award (2013)
Fellowships: University of Michigan History Department Finishing Fellowship (2015)
Rackham Humanities Dissertation Fellowship (2013-2014)
Rackham Humanities Research Candidacy Fellowship (2012-2013)
Rackham Centennial Spring/Summer Fellowship (2012)
Gladys Davis Fellowship, University of Michigan Department of History (2012)

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2007
Internship: U.S. Attorney's Office, Boston, MA, Criminal Appeals Division (2006)
Fellowship: Harvard Law School Summer Research Fellowship (2007)

Harvard College, A.B., *magna cum laude* with highest honors in History, Phi Beta Kappa, 1997
Paper Prize: Colton Award for excellence in preparation of senior thesis in Department of History (1997)

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book:

Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Studies in Legal History Series, 2019). <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108670890>

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review* [126:1](#), *American Journal of Legal History* [60:2](#), *Choice* [57:5](#), *English Historical Review* [136:581](#), *History* [105:365](#), *Journal of British Studies* [59:3](#), *The Mediaeval Journal* [10:2](#), *Renaissance Quarterly* [74:3](#), *Speculum* [96:1](#).

Book Prizes:

2019 David Yale Prize, Selden Society.

Exemplary Legal Writing, 2019 Honoree, *The Green Bag Almanac & Reader*.
Honorable Mention, 2020 Peter Gonville Stein Book Award, American Society for Legal History.

Book (as co-editor):

Leading Constitutional Cases on Criminal Justice (Foundation Press, 2022, 2023) (with Lloyd L. Weinreb, who edited the book solo through 2021).

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Consent in Medieval English Marriage and Misconduct.” In *The Learned and Lived Law: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue* (forthcoming).

Review Essay on Ada Maria Kuskowski, *Vernacular Law: Writing and the Reinvention of Customary Law in Medieval France* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), *The Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* (forthcoming).

“The Audacity of Judging Mind in Medieval England,” *The Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 53:3 (2023), 493-518. <https://doi.org/10.1215/10829636-10689631>

“Finding Facts in Medieval English Law,” *Journal of Legal Analysis* 15:1 (2023), 158-182.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jla/laad009>

“The Horrible Sepulture of Mannes Resoun: Intoxication and Medieval English Felony Law,” *Rechtsgeschichte—Legal History* 30 (2022), 20-44. <http://dx.doi.org/10.12946/rg30/020-044>

“Tales of the Living Dead: Dealing with Doubt in Medieval English Law,” *Speculum* 96:2 (2021), 367-417.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/713056>

Paper Prize: 2022 Sutherland Prize, American Society for Legal History.

Review Essay on R. H. Helmholz, *The Profession of Ecclesiastical Lawyers: An Historical Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *The Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 37 (2020), 271-290.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/bmc.2020.0008>

“Trial by Ordeal by Jury in Medieval England, or Saints and Sinners in Literature and Law.” In *Emotion, Violence, Vengeance and Law in the Middle Ages: Essays in Honour of William Ian Miller*, edited by Kate Gilbert and Stephen D. White, 49-79. Leiden: Brill, 2018. http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/9789004366374_006

Paper Prize: Honorable Mention, 2019 Sutherland Prize, American Society for Legal History.

“A Crossroads in Criminal Procedure: The Assumptions Underlying England’s Adoption of Trial by Jury for Crime” (coauthored with Thomas A. Green). In *Law and Society in Later Medieval England and Ireland: Essays in Honour of Paul Brand*, edited by Travis Baker, 51-81. Abingdon: Routledge, 2018.

“The Devil’s Daughter of Hell Fire: Anger’s Role in Medieval English Felony Cases.” *Law and History Review* 35:1 (2017): 155-200. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/s0738248016000481>

“Law and Equity in a Medieval English Manor Court.” In *Texts and Contexts in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue*, edited by John Witte, Jr., Sara McDougall, and Anna di Robilant, 257-275. Berkeley: Robbins Collection, 2016.

“Felonia felonice facta: Felony and Intentionality in Medieval England.” *Journal of Criminal Law and Philosophy* 9:3 (2015): 397-421. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11572-013-9273-2>

“Quincy’s Latin Legal Maxims.” In *Portrait of a Patriot: The Major Political and Legal Papers of Josiah Quincy Junior*, vol. 2, edited by Daniel R. Coquillette and Neil Longley York, 323-427. Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2007.

Shorter Works:

Review of *Medieval Women and Urban Justice: Commerce, Crime and Community in England, 1300-1500*, by Teresa Phipps, *Speculum* 97:1 (2022): 237-239. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/717797>

Review of *From England to France: Felony and Exile in the High Middle Ages*, by William Chester Jordan, *The Mediaeval Journal* 6:1 (2016): 146-149. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1484/j.tmj.5.110988>

“Felonies.” In *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by Jay S. Albanese (2014).

Works in Progress:

“Late Ordeal Practice in Medieval England.”

“Intoxication and Insanity in Medieval English Law and Society.”

“Proving Felony in Medieval English Law.”

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

“Consent in Medieval English Marriage and Misconduct,” International Congress on Medieval Canon Law, Canterbury (upcoming July 2024).

“Eye Has Not Seen: Proof in Medieval English Felony Law,” Workshop on Iustitia X Ecclesia, Florence (upcoming, 30 May 2024).

“Felony and the Holy Face,” lecture on occasion of appointment as Austin Wakeman Scott Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (April 9, 2024).

“Mens Rea in Medieval English Felony Law (13th-14th c.),” lecture in a doctoral atelier on L’intenzione nella cultura teologica-giuridica occidentale, École française de Rome (February 28, 2024).

“Intoxication and Criminal Responsibility in Medieval English Law and Society,” Yale Lectures in Medieval Studies (December 1, 2022).

Commentator for panel on Individual, Community, and Law in Ancient Athens, American Society for Legal History Conference, Chicago, IL (November 12, 2022).

“Finding Facts in Medieval English Law: The Strategies of Confessors and Coroners,” 16th International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Saint Louis University (July 18, 2022).

Participant in panel addressing: “In what ways did consent matter in sexual relations and in marriage?,” Radcliffe Exploratory Seminar on [Historicizing Consent](#), Cambridge, MA (April 11, 2022).

“Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England,” Late Medieval Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London (March 11, 2022).

“Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England,” Centre for English Legal History Seminar, University of Cambridge (November 30, 2021).

“Finding Facts in Medieval English Law: The Inquisitorial Strategies of Confessors and Coroners,” Respondent: Karl Shoemaker (University of Wisconsin), American Society for Legal History Conference, New Orleans, LA (November 5, 2021).

“Doubt and Proof in Medieval English Law,” [Torture, Death Penalty, Imprisonment: Beccaria and His Legacies](#), Columbia University, NY (October 15, 2021).

“Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England,” *Student Advisory Board Lecture in History*, Trinity College, Hartford, CT (April 21, 2021).

“Intoxication in Medieval English Law,” *Oxford Legal History Forum* (March 1, 2021).

“Doubt(s),” *Harvard History Department Seminar* (November 17, 2020).

“The Horrible Sepulture of Mannes Resoun: Drunkenness and the Medieval English Common Law,” *Harvard Law School Legal History Workshop* (November 2, 2020).

Workshop on Legal Materiality in Theory and History, School of Law, Queen Mary University of London (April 3, 2020; cancelled due to pandemic).

Author-Meets-Reader: Elizabeth Papp Kamali, *Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England*, American Society for Legal History Conference, Boston, MA; Commentators: Steven Bednarski, Richard Helmholz, and Shannon McSheffrey (November 22, 2019).

Harvard Law School Library Book Talk: *Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England* by Elizabeth Papp Kamali; Respondents: Charles Donahue, Intisar Rabb, and Nicholas Watson (November 13, 2019).

“Dealing with Doubt in Medieval English Law,” Respondent: Nicholas Vincent (University of East Anglia), Davis Center Seminar, Princeton University (September 20, 2019).

“Tales of the Living Dead: Dealing with Doubt in Medieval English Criminal and Civil Law,” British Legal History Conference, St Andrews, Scotland (July 12, 2019).

“Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” Federal Judicial Center Law and Society Program, Harvard Law School (April 25, 2019).

“Felony and the Guilty Mind in Medieval England,” Invited Lecture, St. Jerome’s University / University of Waterloo, Ontario (January 17, 2019).

Respondent, “Copy, Licence, Bill, and Bond: Law and the Documentary Revolution in Late-Medieval England” by Tom Johnson, Davis Center Seminar, Princeton University (December 14, 2018).

“Drunk on AALT: Drunkenness and the Medieval English Common Law,” Respondent: Charles Donahue (Harvard Law School), American Society for Legal History Conference, Houston, TX (November 10, 2018).

“Tales of the Living Dead: Dealing with Doubt in Medieval English Criminal and Civil Law,” Northwestern University School of Law Faculty Workshop (November 5, 2018).

“Tales of the Living Dead: Dealing with Doubt in Medieval English Criminal and Civil Law,” University of Minnesota Law School Legal History Workshop, Minneapolis, MN (October 11, 2018).

“A Wykkede Stirrynge of Herte: Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” Invited Lecture, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel (June 18, 2018).

“From Trial by Ordeal to Trial by Jury,” Federal Judicial Center Law and Society Program, Harvard Law School (April 24, 2018).

“The Living Dead: The Legal Afterlife of a Classical Trial Tale,” Respondent: Paul Brand (All Souls College, Oxford), Medieval Academy of America Meeting, Atlanta, GA (March 2, 2018).

“Trial by Ordeal by Jury in Medieval England, or Saints and Sinners in Literature and Law,” William & Mary Law School Faculty Enrichment Workshop (January 11, 2018).

“Trial by Ordeal by Jury in Medieval England,” Penn Law Legal History Workshop (October 11, 2017).

“Gossip Networks, Craft Connections, and Legal Investigation: Homicide Inquests in London, 1321-1340,” British Legal History Conference, London, England (July 6, 2017).

“Judging Judges: Three Tales as a Window into Medieval English Adjudication,” Respondent, James Q. Whitman (Yale Law School), American Society for Legal History Conference, Toronto, Ontario (October 29, 2016).

“The Sources of Medieval English Legal History: Law and Literature, Law in Literature, Law as Literature,” Medieval Studies Seminar (Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places: Medieval Legal History and the Problem of Sources), Cambridge, MA (September 12, 2016).

“Perilous and Prosaic: Felony Judging in Medieval England,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI (May 14, 2016).

“The Devil’s Daughter of Hell Fire: Anger’s Role in Medieval English Felony Cases,” Stanford Law & Humanities Workshop (January 12, 2016).

“Anger’s Place in the Medieval English Law of Felony,” Yale Legal History Forum (November 17, 2015).

“Anger and Criminal Intent in Medieval English Law,” Law and Governance in Pre-Modern Britain, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario (October 24, 2015).

Respondent, Symposium on “Law, Legal Culture, and Lived Lives in the Medieval North,” Harvard University (October 9, 2015).

- “Common Law for an Uncommon City: Conflict between Royal and Local Authority at the 1321 London Eyre,” The British Legal History Conference, Reading, England (July 8, 2015).
- “A Wykkede Stirrynge of Herte: The Role of Anger in Medieval English Felony,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI (May 17, 2015).
- “Anger’s Role in Medieval English Felony Trials,” Emotion in the Courtroom, University of St Andrews, Scotland (May 5, 2015).
- “Mens Rea and Judging in Late Medieval England,” Premodern Colloquium, University of Michigan (April 12, 2015).
- “Mens Rea and the Meaning of Felony in Medieval England,” Legal History Roundtable, Boston College Law School (January 22, 2015).
- “The Devil’s Daughter of Hell Fire: The Role of Anger in Medieval English Felony Adjudication,” Respondent, David J. Seipp (Boston University School of Law), Pre-Conference Workshop on Medieval Legal History, American Society for Legal History Conference, Denver, CO (November 6, 2014).
- “A Felonious State of Mind: Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” Respondent: Karl Shoemaker (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Kathryn T. Preyer Prize Panel, American Society for Legal History Conference, Miami, FL (November 8, 2013).
- “The Authority to Bind and Loose: Guilt Assessment in Medieval England,” The British Legal History Conference, Glasgow, Scotland (July 12, 2013).
- “The Authority to Bind and Loose: Guilt Assessment in Fourteenth-Century England,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI (May 10, 2013).
- “A Felonious State of Mind: Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” Medieval Academy of America Meeting, Knoxville, TN (April 6, 2013).
- “Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” Faculty Brownbag, University of Kentucky Law School (February 22, 2013).
- “Felony in the (Digital) Archives,” Thoughts on the Future of the Past, a symposium hosted by the Medieval and Early Modern Studies program at the University of Michigan (September 7, 2012).
- “*Felonia Felonice Facta*: Felony and Intentionality in Medieval England,” Respondents: Antony Duff (University of Minnesota Law School) and Lindsay Farmer (University of Glasgow School of Law), Criminal Responsibility and Its History, an invitation-only workshop at the University of Minnesota Law School (April 13, 2012).
- “Royal City, Self-Ruled City: Orality, Writing, and the Legal Status of Fourteenth-Century London,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI (May 14, 2011).
- “The ‘Idea of Rome’ as a Key to Understanding Roman Law Influence in the Age of Glanvill and Bracton,” Respondent: Richard H. Helmholz (University of Chicago School of Law), American Society for Legal History Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 20, 2010).

“The ‘Idea of Rome’ and the Medieval English Common Law,” University of Michigan Medieval Brownbag Series (October 11, 2010).

“Royal City, Self-Ruled City: Orality, Writing, and the Legal Status of Fourteenth-Century London,” Respondent: Ana María León, Writing Cities Workshop, MIT, Cambridge, MA; (October 1, 2010).

“Rome in the Medieval English Legal Imagination,” Respondent: Rabia Belt (University of Michigan), University of Michigan Law School, Student Research Roundtable (October 5, 2009).

“Provocation Doctrine Reevaluated: Self-Help Homicide of Adulterers in Ancient Athens and Modern America,” Harvard Law School Summer Research Program (August 21, 2007).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, 2015-present

Criminal Law (Fall 2016, Spring 2019; Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

English Legal History, cross-listed with FAS as Medieval Studies 117 (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021)

Mind and Criminal Responsibility in the Anglo-American Tradition (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023; Fall 2023)

Legal History Writing Group (Spring 2021, Fall/Spring 2022-23)

Medieval English Law, a reading group (Fall 2016)

Bloodfeuds in the Icelandic Sagas, a 1L reading group (Fall 2015)

Other Teaching:

Preparation for general exams and service on doctoral committees for Harvard University students in History, Sociology, and English.

Guest Lecturer, “Felony and Mens Rea in Medieval England,” in Professor Kathryn Reyerson’s History course, *Murder in the Middle Ages: Criminal Law*, University of Minnesota (September 20, 2023).

Visiting Scholar, NEH Summer Institute on *Law and Culture in Medieval England*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (held online); teaching on the theme of “Crime, Gender, and Violence” (July 12-13, 2021).

Invited Instructor, Professor Sonu Bedi’s seminar on *Kahler v. Kansas*, 2020 Law and Ethics Fellowship Program, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College (February 14, 2020).

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Pre-Modern Europe, Prof. Katherine French (Fall 2014)

The Origins of Europe II (1000-1500), Prof. Hussein Fancy (Winter 2012)

Early Medieval Europe, Prof. Paolo Squatriti (Fall 2010)

Late Medieval Europe, Visiting Prof. Ted Blanton (Winter 2010)

Medieval, Renaissance, Reformation, Prof. Diane Owen Hughes (Fall 2009)

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge, LLP, Boston, MA, *Summer Associate*, 2006

Orion Consultants, New York, NY, *Associate*, 1997-2004

Advised broker/dealers on their relationships with institutional investors in the fixed income arena. Managed client relationships with Lehman Brothers, Chase Securities, and PaineWebber.

CASA of Tulare County, Visalia, CA, *Court-Appointed Special Advocate*, 2001-2004
Represented children in foster care in juvenile court hearings as a trained volunteer advocate.

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Prof. Daniel Coquillette, HLS History Project, *Research Assistant*, 2005-2007
Researched history of Harvard Law School, focusing on Isaac Royall. Translated and annotated the Latin legal maxims compiled by Josiah Quincy, Jr.

Prof. Don Babai, Islamic Investment Project, *Research Assistant*, 1994-1997
Investment study involving the faculty of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Law School.

Prof. George H. Williams, Harvard Divinity School, *Editorial Assistant*, 1996-1997
Assisted with final stages of manuscript entitled *Divinings: An Ecclesiastical History of Harvard*.

SERVICE

Harvard University:

Standing Committee on Medieval Studies, 2015-2023.
Events and Research Subcommittee, 2015-2019. Chair, 2018-2019.
Strategy and Planning Subcommittee, 2020-2023.
Selection Committee, Medieval Studies Ph.D. Thesis Prize, 2023.
Harvard Initiative for Learning & Teaching (HILT) Grant Faculty Selection Committee, 2018.
Academic Appointments Advisory Group, 2020-2023.
Anti-Bullying Policy Working Group, 2021.
Drafting Subcommittee, 2021.

Harvard Law School:

Deputy Dean, 2020-2023.
Lateral Appointments Committee, 2022-2023.
Entry-Level Appointments Committee, 2020-2022.
Curriculum Committee, 2020-2023.
Library Committee, 2016-present. Co-Chair, 2023-2024
1L Section Leader, 2018-2020.
Section Five (2018-2019)
Section Three (2019-2020)
Advising Faculty, Program of Study in Law and History, 2015-present.
Reviewer, Stephen L. Werner Prize in Criminal Justice, 2019-2023.
Mentor, Emerging Leaders Program, 2019-2020, 2022-2023.
Faculty Coordinator (with Adriaan Lanni and Tamar Herzog), Annual Lecture on Latin American and European Legal History, sponsored by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and Fundación Asisa, 2016-present.

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

Associate Editor (Book Reviews, Europe), [Law and History Review](#), 2017-present.
Co-Editor, [Journal of Legal Analysis](#), 2024-.

Editorial Board, [*Law, Peace, and Justice in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*](#) series, Durham University IMEMS Press and Boydell & Brewer, 2021-present.

Advisory Board, [*Premodern Crime and Punishment*](#) series, University of Amsterdam Press, 2017-present.

Editorial Advisory Board, [*Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Canon Law*](#) series, The Catholic University of America Press, 2020-present.

International Advisory Board, [*Carolingian Canon Law \(CCL\)*](#), 2022-present.

J. Willard Hurst Book Prize Committee, Law and Society Association, 2018.

Collaborating Member, [*History of Law and Emotions Research Cluster*](#) (Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions and the Institute of Legal and Constitutional Research, St Andrews, Scotland), 2016-.

Article Referee, *American Journal of Legal History* (2019, 2020), *Crime, Histoire et Sociétés* (2019), *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient & Medieval Pasts* (2016), *History Compass* (2019), *Law and History Review* (2020), *Speculum* (2019, 2020, 2022, 2023), *Yale Law Journal* (2017).

Book Referee, *Amsterdam University Press* (2021), *Cambridge University Press* (2020), *Oxford University Press* (2021, 2023), *Yale University Press* (2019).

Remote Referee, European Research Council Advanced Grant (2024).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, 2015-present.

American Historical Association, 2008-present.

American Society for Legal History, 2001-present.

Local Arrangements Committee, 2019.

Nominating Committee, 2020-2023; Co-Chair, 2021-2023.

Board of Directors, 2023- (3-year term)

Executive Committee, 2023- (2-year term)

Sutherland Prize Committee, 2023- (3-year term)

Ames Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017-present. Trustee, 2023-present.

The Early English Text Society, 2017-present.

Fourteenth Century Society, 2013-present. Secretary, 2014-2016.

Medieval Academy of America, 1998-present.

Program Committee for 2025 Centennial Conference, 2023-

North American Conference on British Studies, 2018-present.

Selden Society, 2009-present.

LANGUAGES

Strong reading knowledge of Middle English, Spanish, French (including Anglo-Norman), Latin. Elementary reading knowledge of German. Rudimentary Persian.

BAR ADMISSION

Member of the New York Bar.