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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

PHD, history, 2018

JD, 2014

AM, history, 2011

YALE UNIVERSITY

BA, history, 2009

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Louis D. Brandeis professor of law, 2022-

Assistant professor of law, 2018-22

Reginald Lewis law teaching fellow, 2017-18

Berger-Howe legal history fellow, 2016-17

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Law clerk to Justice Sonia Sotomayor, 2015-16

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

Law clerk to Judge Jeffrey Sutton, 2014-15

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democracy

Federal & state constitutional law

Legal history

Local government law

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD & PANEL MEMBERSHIPS

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Charter review committee member, 2022-

ACLU OF MASSACHUSETTS

Board member, 2021-

PEOPLE'S PARITY PROJECT

Board member, 2020-

MASSVOTE

Board member, 2020-

MASS. CITIZENS COMMISSION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Member, 2019-20

LAWYERS FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Board member, 2018-

CAMBRIDGE PLANNING BOARD

Associate member, 2018-21

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES

Postconviction & Appeals Panel member, 2017-

HARVARD LAW REVIEW

Forum and online content chair, 2013-14

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

Law & Society Association

Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

BOOKS

FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (Foundation Press, 2022) (casebook for course on U.S. Constitutional Law)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

The Separation-of-Powers Counterrevolution, 131 YALE L.J. 2020 (2022)
(with Daphna Renan)

The Imaginary Immigration Clause, 120 MICH. L. REV. 1419 (2022) (with Norah Rast)

Antidemocracy, 135 HARV. L. REV. 160 (2021)

The Constitutional Right of Self-Government, 130 YALE L.J. 1801 (2021)

Why the Constitution Was Written Down, 71 STAN. L. REV. 1397 (2019)

The Government-Could-Not-Work Doctrine, 105 VA. L. REV. 1 (2019)

Corporate Personhood v. Corporate Statehood, 132 HARV. L. REV. 2009 (2019) (book review)

High Crimes Without Law, 132 HARV. L. REV. F. 59 (2018)

Corporate Democracy: How Corporations Justified Their Right to Speak in 1970s Boston, 36 L. & HIST. REV. 689 (2018) (peer reviewed)

Dissertation, *Corporate America: A History of Corporate Statehood Since 1629* (2018) (Emma Rothschild, James Kloppenberg, Morton Horwitz, and Ken Mack, committee)

Note, *Congress's Power to Define the Privileges & Immunities of Citizenship*, 128 HARV. L. REV. 1206 (2015)

Case Comment, *Massachusetts v. U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Services*, 682 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 2012), 126 HARV. L. REV. 611 (2012)

Poison Ivy: The Problem of Tax Exemption in a Deindustrializing City; Yale and New Haven, 1967-1973, 3 FOUNDATIONS 61 (2009)

EDITORIAL & OPINION ARTICLES

The Supreme Court Is Not Supposed to Have This Much Power, THE ATLANTIC (Jun. 8, 2022)

How the Supreme Court Dominates Our Democracy, WASH. POST (Jul. 16, 2021)

Do We Have to Pay Businesses to Obey the Law?, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 20, 2021)

The Challenges of Teaching the Constitution in the Age of Trump, WASH. POST (Jan. 18, 2021)

Preventing Female Genital Mutilation in the United States: The Legal Threat to Effective Action, 110 AM. J. PUB. HEALTH 813 (2020) (with I. Glenn Cohen, Megan Jones & Eli Y. Adashi)

Don't Be Confused by Trump's Defense. What He Is Accused of Are Crimes, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 27, 2020)

Will Puerto Rico Still Be Allowed to Govern Itself?, N.Y. TIMES (Oct. 9, 2019)

The NFL Anthem Policy Violates Several State Constitutions, SLATE (Jun. 4, 2018)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Albert M. Sacks-Paul A. Freund Award for Teaching Excellence, 2021

Delancey K. Jay Prize, best dissertation on American institutions, 2019

Irving Oberman Memorial Prize, best paper on legal history, 2014

Ames Moot Court Competition, best brief & overall team, 2013

Williston Negotiation Competition, best representation of client, 2012

Harvard/Cambridge Centre for History & Economics Mellon Prize, 2011
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Fellowship, 2010
The Tobin Project Graduate Fellowship, 2010
Harvard JD/PHD Graduate Fellowship, 2009-18

YALE UNIVERSITY

John A. Porter Prize, best senior thesis on American history, 2009
Charles Garside Jr. Cup, best residential-college work on history, 2009
Mellon Mays / Bouchet Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2007-09
E. Francis Riggs Memorial Prize, excellence in Directed Studies, 2006