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EMPLOYMENT

University at Buffalo, 2022-

- Lecturer, School of Law, 2022-
- Honors Faculty Fellow, 2025-2027.

University of Florida, 2016-2022.

- Lecturer, Department of History, 2021-2022.
- Lecturer, Department of Political Science, 2020-2022.
- Levin College of Law Liaison, 2016-2020.
- Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, 2016-2020.

University of Oregon, 2011-2016.

- Instructor, School of Law Undergraduate Legal Studies, 2014-2016.
- Instructor, Clark Honors College, 2011-2014.
- Faculty Fellow, Department of History, 2010-2011.

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

PhD, August 2010, Social, Legal, Constitutional History

Legal Minor, 2007-2009, Levin College of Law: Labor Law, Constitutional Law,
Property Law, English Legal History

Dissertation: "Idlers, Outliers and Dependents: The Free Labor Order In Industrial
Chicago, 1870-1930"

Award: Honorable Mention, Richard Milbauer Award for Best Dissertation

Dissertation Director: **Elizabeth Dale**

Committee Members: Danaya Wright, William Link, Dan Smith & Joseph Spillane

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, History Department, 2003

Master's Thesis: "Arrested for Selling Poetry!" or "You Wouldn't Want Your Children
Reading This": The Historical Significance of the "Howl" Obscenity Trial

University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, B.A. (Honors) 2000, History Department.

BOOKS

Published

Structuring Poverty in the Windy City: Autonomy, Virtue, and Isolation in Post-Fire Chicago (University Press of Kansas, 2019) (See the book's Amazon page: [Here](#))

In Progress

The Rise of Residential Racial Segregation: Law, Land Use, and Violence in the Jim Crow City, 1910-1926

ESSAYS

Published – Peer Reviewed

“Healing the Sick City: Local Guides, Visiting Nurses, and Vernaculars of Pain on New York’s Lower East Side,” with Erin Cunningham, *Journal of Urban History* Volume 48 Issue 2, March 2022, 285-301.

“Citizen Kane: The Everyday Ordeals and Self-Fashioned Citizenship of Wisconsin’s ‘Lady Lawyer,’” *Law and History Review* 33 (February, 2015), 201-230.

"A Theory of African-American Citizenship: Richard Westbrook, The Great Migration, and the *Chicago Defender's* "Legal Helps" Column," *Journal of Social History* 46 (2013): 896-915.

"Space and Status in Chicago's Legal Landscapes," *Journal of Planning History* 12 (2013): 227-244.

"Ferlinghetti on Trial: The Howl Court Case and Juvenile Delinquency," *Boom: A Journal of California*. 2 (2012): 27-43.

“A Crime to Live Without Work: Free Labor and Marginal Workers in Industrial Chicago, 1870-1920,” *Michigan Historical Review* 36: 2 (Fall 2010).

Published – Law Review

With William Mercer, “Inspired Filth: Working Blue in Vaudeville America,” *University of Memphis Law Review*, Vol. 53, No. 1, 2022.

In Progress

“The Battle for Hull House’s Neighborhood: Grassroots Renewal on Chicago’s Near West Side.”

REVIEWS

- With Ruth L. Steiner. "Social Planning in a Physical World." *Journal of Urban History* 47, no. 1 (January 2021): 195–201.
- "Planning for the Social City?" *Journal of Planning History* 17, no. 2 (May 2018): 153–57.
- Child Labor in America: A History* by Chaim M. Rosenberg, *H-Law Reviews*, 2014.
- Looking South: Race, Gender, and the Transformation of Labor from Reconstruction to Globalization* by Mary E. Frederickson. *H-Law*. 2012
- Freedom Struggles: African Americans and World War One* by Adriane Lentz-Smith, *Law and History Review* 28 (2010): 876.
- A Consumers' Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Cold War America* by Lizabeth Cohen, *Alpata History Journal* 3 (2006).

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Selected Participant, "Westward Expansion and the Constitution in the Early American Republic," NEH Summer Seminar, Norman Oklahoma, June 2014
- Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon, Fall 2012
- Faculty Fellow, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 2010-2011
- Selected Participant. "The Economic Constitution: Coercion or Freedom?" Institute for Constitutional Studies, Summer Research Seminar. Washington, DC, 2010
- Selected Participant. Graduate Student Workshop at the Law and Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2010
- Bertram Wyatt-Brown Dissertation Research Award, University of Florida, 2008
- Research Award, Milbauer In-Aid, University of Florida, 2007, 2008
- History Department Travel Award, University of Florida, 2007, 2008, 2009
- CLAS Travel Award, University of Florida, 2007-2009
- Graduate Student Council Travel Award, University of Florida, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Grinter Fellowship, History Department, University of Florida, 2004-2005

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Geographies of Race: Post-Civil War Black Land Ownership and the Roots of Urban Precarity," *Urban History Association*, Pittsburgh, October 2023.
- "Geographies of Race: Covenants, Corrigan v. Buckley, and the Building of the Black City," *Law and Society Association*, San Juan (Puerto Rico), June 2023.
- "Airport Homes: Race and Law in the American City at Midcentury," *Urban History Association Conference*, Detroit, October 2021. (conference cancelled)
- "Inspired Filth: Working Blue in Vaudeville Era America," *Popular Culture Association*,

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- Philadelphia, April 2020 (conference cancelled)
- “The Billboard Cases,” *Society for American City and Regional Planning History*, Cleveland, Ohio, October, 2019.
- "Planning the City Through Pain," *Urban History Association*, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2018.
- "The Despair of Being in a Static Position," *Urban History Association*, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2018.
- “‘Working Blue’: Stand-Up Comedy and Free Speech in 19th-Century Vaudeville and Burlesque,” *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities* (ASLCH) Washington, DC, March 2018.
- “Law Matters: Making Small Claims in Cleveland,” *Society for American City and Regional Planning History*, Cleveland, Ohio, October, 2017.
- “A Vernacular of Pain: The Architecture of New York’s Lower East Side,” *Vernacular Architecture Forum*, Chicago, June 2015.
- “Small Claims: Citizenship and the Spaces of Local Law,” *Center for the Study of Citizenship*, Wayne State University, March 2014.
- “‘Penniless Beginnings’ or ‘Idle Tramps’: Free Labor and the Administration of Poverty in Progressive Era Chicago,” *Law and Society Association*, Boston, June 2013.
- “Commercialized Justice: Law and the Working Class in Progressive Era Chicago,” *Business History Conference*, Columbus, Ohio, March 2013.
- "Untrammelled by Ordinary Convention:" The Citizenship of Kate Kane, Wisconsin’s “Lady Lawyer,”” *Center for the Study of Citizenship*, Wayne State University, March 2013.
- “Marginal Workers and the Free Labor Order in Progressive-Era Chicago,” *North American Labor History Conference*, Detroit, Michigan, October 2012.
- “Sometimes the Dissents Matter: Citizenship, Rights and the Legacy of Dred Scott,” *San Francisco Right Conference*, San Francisco, California, September 2011.
- “Segregated Landscapes: Race, Sex and Space in Industrial Chicago,” *Organization of American Historians*, Houston, Texas, March 2011.
- “Contesting Legal and Economic Geographies of Working Women in Industrial Chicago,” *Social Science History Association*, Chicago, Illinois, November 2010.
- “Economic Rights and Community Membership in Black Industrial Chicago, 1890-1930,” *American Society For Legal History*, Dallas, Texas, November 2009.
- “Black Vagrants: Wage Work and Dependency in Chicago, 1900 1920,” *Law and Society*, Denver, Colorado, May 2009.
- “‘It Beats the Hell Out of the Department Store Game’!: Reconstituting Women's Wage Work in Chicago, 1890-1920.” *Social Science History Association*, Miami, Florida, November 2008.
- “The Tramp Menace: Law, Labor and the Construction of Order in Early Twentieth Century Chicago.” *Social Science History Association*, Chicago, Ill., November 2007.
- “‘Arrested For Selling Poetry!’ or ‘You Wouldn’t Want Your Children Reading This’:

The Historical Significance of the “Howl” Obscenity Trial.” *Social Science History Association*, Portland, Oregon, November 2005.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo

- **Undergraduate Law BA**
 - Law 101 Introduction to American Legal Systems
 - Law 201 Common Law
 - Law 301 Legal Reasoning
 - Law 401 American Legal History
 - Law 407 Law, Race, and the Built Environment
 - UB 199 Seminal (General Education)

University of Florida

- **Quest 1, General Education**
 - IDS2935 Race and Law in the American City (General Education)
- **Political Science**
 - POS3679 Trial Advocacy
 - POS4931 Planning Justice
- **History**
 - AHM2020 (General Education)
- **Regional and Urban Planning**
 - URP6100 Planning in History and Theory
 - URP 6131 Land Use Planning Law
 - URP4905 Race and Planning in American Law
 - URP4740 Housing and Urban Development
 - URP6745 Housing Public Policy and Planning
- **Honors Program**
 - IDH2930 Introduction to Law @ Levin
 - IDH2952 Rent!
 - IDH3931 Three Days in Hamilton’s New York
 - IDS4930 Social Justice and the Law
 - IDH3731 Sex and Law
 - IDH2930 Carnival of Crime
 - IDH2930 The Analogous State
 - IDH2930 The Zoning of America
 - IDH 2930 Stamped! (from the Beginning)

University of Oregon

- **Legal Studies**
 - LAW199 Courts and Capitalism
 - LAW199 Sex and Law
 - LAW199 The African American Experience in Law
 - LAW199 American Legal History I
 - LAW199 American Legal History II
 - LAW199 American Legal History III
- **Clark Honors College (General Education courses)**
 - HC231 Trials in the Ancient World
 - HC231 Trials in Classical Athens
 - HC232 Struggles for Citizenship
 - HC232 African Americans and Courts in Slavery and Freedom
 - HC233 Dissent in Legal History
 - HC233 Famous Oregon Trials
 - HC233 A View from the Margins
- **Department of History**
 - HIS407 Civil Liberties in War and Times of Trouble

Member, Ph.D Committee

Cleary Larkin, University of Florida (Planning and Preservation History, 2019)
(Kristin Larsen, Chair)

Member, MA Committee

Brian C. Balstad, University of Florida (Land Use Law, M.A., 2018)
Jordan Eddy, University of Florida (Land Use Law, Joint M.A./J.D., 2018)

Director, B.A. Honors Thesis

Alex Seidenberg, University of Florida (University Scholars Programs, B.A. hons., 2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Faculty Advisor and Head Coach, University of Florida Undergraduate Mock Trial Team, (2019-2022)

Faculty Chaperone, UF Honors in Hamilton's New York City, March 1-3, 2020
Panel Chair/Commenter, "Media, Technology and the City," *Society for American City and Regional Planning History*, Washington, DC, October, 2019.

Honors Day @ Levin, November 2018, Gainesville, Fl. (Coordinate activities for UF Honors Students at the Levin School of Law)

Panel Organizer, *Gossip! Satire! Filth! Illegal words in Early America* at the Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (ASLCH) 2018, Washington, DC

Faculty Mentor. Phi Alpha Delta. 2017-2019.

Faculty Mentor, 2017, University Scholars Programs (mentoring undergraduate research) University of Florida

Faculty Mentor, 2014, Undergraduate Symposium, University of Oregon

Panel Organizer, “Legal Geographies and Race in the Long Nineteenth Century,” at the 2011 annual meeting for the Organization of American Historians, Houston, Texas

Invited Reviewer, *Boom: A Journal of California*

Invited Reviewer, *Law and History Review*

Thesis Representative: Clark Honors College Senior Thesis Projects, College Representative on over 30 Thesis Projects

Thesis Committee Member: Claire Horton, “Combating Venereal Disease: Oregon Responds to the ‘Social Emergency,’” Clark Honors College Senior Thesis

LANGUAGES

French: Reading, Speaking, Writing