

## Curriculum Vitae

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**CURRENT POSITION:** University at Buffalo Distinguished Professor,  
University at Buffalo Law School,  
State University of New York, 2002 – present

**EDUCATION:**

**Law School:** Boston College Law School  
Degree: J.D., June, 1970

**College:** Columbia University  
Degree: B.A., June, 1967  
Major: Government

**PRIOR POSITIONS:** Professor, University at Buffalo Law School,  
State University of New York, 1982 – present

Visiting Professor, Cornell Law School, 1999-2000

Associate Professor, University at Buffalo Law School,  
State University of New York, 1977-1982

Harvard Law School, Charles Warren Fellow in American  
Legal History, 1970-1977

Dartmouth College, Department of History, Editor, The  
Legal Papers of Daniel Webster, 1970-1977

Boston College Law School, Instructor in Legal History,  
1976-1977

American Journal of Legal History, Book Review Editor,  
1970-1977

Massachusetts Historical Society, Associate  
Editor, The Papers of Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw  
(Microfilm Edition), 1967-1970

**FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:**

**National Endowment for the Humanities**, Fellowship for University Teachers,  
1990-1991

**John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 1983-1984**

**American Bar Foundation Fellowship in Legal History, 1983-1984**

**Finalist, James Willard Hurst Prize, 1984, Law and Society Association** (1 of 5 finalists for outstanding works in American legal history in 1982 and 1983, for vols. 1 & 2 of the Webster Legal Papers)

**Finalist/Nominee:** 2011, “Long Articles” category, *The Green Bag’s* annual “Almanac & Reader of Exemplary Legal Writing” (for “Simon Greenleaf ... and ... the Charles River Bridge Case”)

**Finalist/Nominee:** 2014, “Long Articles” category, *The Green Bag’s* annual “Almanac & Reader of Exemplary Legal Writing” (for “In This, The Winter of Our Discontent...”)

## **SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:** Alfred S. Konefsky and Andrew J. King, Editors, The Legal Papers of Daniel Webster:  
Volume 1: The New Hampshire Practice (1982)  
Volume 2: The Boston Practice (1983)  
(The University Press of New England)

### **Articles, Review Essays, and Book Chapters:**

with Barry Sullivan, “In This, the Winter of Our Discontent: Legal Practice, Legal Education, and the Culture of Distrust,” 62 Buffalo Law Review 659 (2014).

“Piety and Profession: Simon Greenleaf and the Case of the Stillborn Bowdoin Law School, 1850-1861,” 85 New England Quarterly 695 (2012).

with Tara J. Melish, “Justice Jackson's 1946 Nuremberg Reflections at Buffalo: An Introduction” (with Tara J. Melish) 60 Buffalo Law Review 255 (2012).

“Simon Greenleaf, Boston Elites, and the Social Meaning and Construction of the Charles River Bridge Case” in Alfred Brophy and Daniel Hamilton, eds., 2 Transformations in American Legal History; Essays in Honor of Morton J. Horwitz 165 (Harvard University Press, 2011).

with Dianne Avery, "James B. Atleson and the World of Labor Law Scholarship," 57 Buffalo Law Review 629 (2009).

"Lemuel Shaw," in Roger K. Newman, ed., The Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law (2009).

"The Legal Profession: From the Revolution to the Civil War," in Christopher L. Tomlins and Michael Grossberg, eds., 2 The Cambridge History of Law in America 68, 708 (2008). (Reprinted in part in John Langbein, Renee Lerner, and Bruce Smith, History of the Common Law: The Development of Anglo-American Legal Institutions (2009).

"The Accidental Legal Historian: Herman Melville and the History of American Law," 52 Buffalo Law Review 1179 (2004).

"The Voice of Willard Hurst," 18 Law and History Review 147 (2000).

Review of Novak, "The People's Welfare: Law and Regulation in 19th Century America," 17 Law and History Review 187 (1999).

"Freedom and Interdependence in 20th Century Contract Law: Traynor and Hand and Promissory Estoppel," 65 University of Cincinnati Law Review 1169 (1997).

with Dianne Avery, "The Daughters of Job: Property Rights and Women's Lives in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Massachusetts," 10 Law and History Review 323 (1992). (Reprinted in part in Linda Kerber and Jane DeHart, eds., Women's America (4th ed. 1995).

"The Dartmouth College Case" in the Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court (1992).

"The Marshall Court and the Writing of Law and History," 66 Virginia Quarterly Review 160 (1990).

with David Engel, "Law Students with Disabilities: Removing Barriers in the Law School Community," 38 Buffalo Law Review 551 (1990).

"'As Best to Subserve Their Own Interests': Lemuel Shaw, Labor Conspiracy, and Fellow Servants," 7 Law and History Review 219 (1989).

"Law and Culture in Antebellum Boston," 40 Stanford Law Review 1119 (1988).

"How to Read, or at Least Not Misread, Cardozo in the Allegheny College Case," 36 Buffalo Law Review 645 (1988). (Reprinted in Peter Linzer, ed., A Contracts Anthology (2nd ed. 1995).

with John H. Schlegel, "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Histories of American Law Schools," 95 Harvard Law Review 833 (1982).

"On the Early History of Lower Federal Courts, Judges, and the Rule of Law," 79 Michigan Law Review 645 (1981).

"Men of Great and Little Faith: Generations of Constitutional Scholars," 30 Buffalo Law Review 365 (1981).

Review of "Bloomfield, American Lawyers in a Changing Society, 1776-1876," 90 Harvard Law Review 829 (1977).

"Lawyers' Papers as a Source of Legal History: The 19th Century," 69 Law Library Journal 307 (1976).

**Book Reviews:**

with Elizabeth Mensch, and John H. Schlegel, Fuller and Eisenberg, Basic Contract Law (Fourth Edition), 30 Buffalo Law Review 263 (1981).

"Lewis, ed., Speak for Yourself, Daniel," 42 New England Quarterly 597 (1969).

"Dunne, Joseph Story and the Rise of the Supreme Court," 44 New England Quarterly 662 (1971).

"Kutler, Privilege and Creative Destruction: The Charles River Bridge Case," and "Stites, Private Interest and Public Gain: The Dartmouth College Case," 46 New England Quarterly 327 (1973).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Ad Hoc Consulting Group on the History of the Yale Law School,  
Member, 1996-1997

Law and Society Association, James Willard Hurst Prize in American Legal  
History Committee,  
Chair, 1988-1990

Member, 1986-1988

Law and History Review, Editorial Board, 1988-1992

Special Review Panel on the Documentary History of the Supreme Court of the United States, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, National Archives  
Member, 1990

American Society for Legal History, Committee on Publications, 1977-1990  
Annual Program Committee, 1979  
Book Review Editor, American Journal of Legal History, 1970-1977  
Membership Committee, 1992-2006

**STATE BAR**

**AFFILIATION:** Massachusetts State Bar, Admitted 1971

**UNIVERSITY**

**SERVICE:** Law School Dean Search Committee  
(Appointed by Provost), 1986-1987  
Law School Decanal Review Committee  
(Appointed by Provost), 2005-2006

**LAW SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEES:** Appointments Committee, Chair, 1985-1987, 1982-83  
Member, 2005-06, 1979-1981  
Academic Policy and Program Committee, 2005-07,  
1989-1990, 1981-1982  
Academic Integrity Committee, 2008-2012  
Academic Standards and Standing Committee, 2007-09, 2012  
Ad Hoc Planning Committee, 1986-1988  
Admissions Committee, 2007-09  
Law Students with Special Needs Committee,  
1987-1990  
Baldy Center Advisory Committee, 2001-03, 1984-  
1986  
Baldy Center Director Search Committee, Chair,  
2001-2002  
Budget & Program Review Committee, 2008-12  
Faculty Forum Committee, 1984-1985  
Committee on Committees, 1984-1985, 1978-1982,  
2001-06, 2008-14  
Law Review Advisory Committee, 1981-1986,  
1987-1997  
Mitchell Lecture Committee, 1978-1980  
Law Library Committee, 1977-1979

Curriculum Committee, 2005  
New Law School Building Committee, Chair, 2004-07  
Member, 2008-10

**COURSES  
TAUGHT:**

Contracts  
American Legal History: From the Revolution to the Civil War  
American Legal History: From Colonies to Revolution  
Law and American Labor History  
Melville and the Law  
History of the American Legal Profession  
American Legal Historiography  
American Constitutional History I: From the Revolution to the  
Civil War  
American Constitutional History II: From Reconstruction to the  
New Deal  
Labor Law Colloquium

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