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**Employment**

2023- Charles E. Lugenbuhl Associate Professor of Law and the Murphy Institute

Tulane University Law School

Affiliated Faculty, Newcomb Institute

2021-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow in Law, Letters, and Society

University of Chicago, Division of Social Sciences

**Publications**

American Frankenstein: A History of the Constitutional Corporate Person in the Nineteenth Century (under contract with Columbia University Press, Studies in the History of U.S. Capitalism).

*“The Northern Man and His Corporations, the Southern Man and His Slaves”: Revisiting the Conspiracy Theory of the Fourteenth Amendment*, 3 American Journal of Constitutional Law 1 (2025) (peer-reviewed).

*When Tomah Owned the Railroad*, Wisconsin Magazine of History (forthcoming, Spring 2025).

*Telegraph Torts: The Lost Lineage of the Public Service Corporation*, 121 Michigan Law Review 8 (2023).

* Awarded the Kathryn T. Preyer Award for Early-Career Scholars, American Society for Legal History
* Reviewed by John C.P. Goldberg, *When Bad News Didn’t Travel Fast Enough*, Jotwell: Torts, January 5, 2023, available at: https://torts.jotwell.com/when-bad-news-didnt-travel-fast-enough

*Frankenstein’s Baby: The Forgotten History of Corporations, Race, and Equal Protection*, 108 Virginia Law Review 581 (2022).

*Slaves, Coolies, and Shareholders: Corporations Claim the Fourteenth Amendment,* 10 Journal of the Civil War Era54 (Spring 2020) (peer-reviewed).

* Invited participant in special issue on the Fourteenth Amendment

*Creating the Reasonable Child: Risk, Responsibility, and the Attractive Nuisance Doctrine*, 42 Law & Social Inquiry 1122 (2017) (peer-reviewed).

* Recipient of the Society for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Fishel-Calhoun Article Prize
* Recipient of the Law & Social InquiryGraduate Student Paper Prize

*Kevin Butterfield,* The Making of Tocqueville’s America: Law and Association in the Early United States (Book Review), 35 Law and History Review 261 (2017).

*Out of the Household: Master-Servant Relations and Employer Liability Law*, 25 Yale Journal of Law & Humanities 205 (2013).

* Recipient of the Writing Prize in Law & Social Change, Harvard Law School

*Abnormal Persons or Embedded Individuals? Tracing the Development of Informed Consent Regulations for Abortion*, 34 Harvard Journal of Law & Gender 617 (2011).

* Recipient of the Graduate Student Note Competition Award, *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender*

**Fellowships and Honors**

2023 Robert Gordon/Stanford Law School Fellow of 2023

J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History

2022 Kathryn T. Preyer Award for Early-Career Scholars

American Society for Legal History

2021 Fellow, Business History Doctoral Colloquium

Business History Conference (remote)

2020-2021 William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2018-2020 American Bar Foundation/NSF Doctoral Fellow in Law and Inequality

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL

2017-2018 Bradley Fellow, George J. Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy

and the State, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago

2017-2018 Fellow, William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Early Career Scholar Fellowship, American Society for Legal History

2017 Honorable Mention, J. Austin Kerr Prize, Business History Conference,

for “Popular Sovereignty and Railroad Regulation: The Saga of the West Wisconsin Railroad,” Denver, CO

2016 Invited Participant, The Tobin Project Prospectus Development

Workshop. The Tobin Project, Boston, MA

2014 Invited Participant, Doctoral Student Research Colloquium

American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Denver, CO

2010-2012 Fellow, Project on the Foundations of Private Law

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

2010 Fellow, Chayes International Public Service Fellowship

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

**Selected Conferences, Blog Posts, & Paper Presentations**

July 31, 2024 “The Creativity and Tragedy of Interbellum Federalisms,” Balkinization

Symposium on Alison L. LaCroix, The Interbellum Constitution: Union, Commerce, and Slavery in the Age of Federalisms (2024)

Available at: https://balkin.blogspot.com/2024/07/the-creativity-and-tragedy-of.html

February 13, 2023 “Evelyn Atkinson on Telegraph Torts,” Business Scholarship Podcast

Available at: https://andrewkjennings.com/2023/02/13/evelyn-atkinson-on-telegraph-torts/

January 18, 2023 “What the Telegraph Can Teach Us about the Moral Economy,”

Law and Political Economy Project

Available at: https://lpeproject.org/blog/what-the-telegraph-can-teach-us-about-the-moral-economy/

November 2022 “Telegraph Torts: Tracing the Lost Lineage of the Public Service

Corporation” (paper presentation), American Society for Legal History, Chicago, IL

April 2022 “The Northern Man and His Corporations, the Southern Man and His

Slaves: Resurrecting the Conspiracy Theory of the Fourteenth Amendment” (paper presentation), Conference on the Reconstruction Amendments, Constitutional Law Institute, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

May 2021 “Citizenship, Slavery, and Carpet-Bagging Corporations: *Paul v. Virginia* and the Privileges and Immunities Clause of Article IV” (paper presentation), Doctoral Colloquium, Business History Conference (remote)

March 2021 “Stewart L. Winger, Jonathan W. White, eds. *Ex Parte Milligan Reconsidered: Race and Civil Liberties from the Lincoln Administration to the War on Terror*” (book review)

Available at: https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=55728

November 2019 “The Bicentennial of *Dartmouth College* *v. Woodward*” (organizer, roundtable discussion), American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Boston, MA

June 2019 “From Public Servant to Private Business: *Dartmouth College* and the Transformation of the Corporation” (blog post)

Forum on the Bicentennial of *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*, HistPhil.org

Available at: https://histphil.org/category/dartmouth-college-v-woodward/

June 2018 “The ‘People’s Bridge’: Popular Sovereignty and the *Charles River Bridge* Case” (blog post), ProMarket.org, Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL.

March 2018 “Shareholders, Coolies, and Slaves: Corporations Claim Equal Protection” (paper presentation), The Many Fourteenth Amendments Conference, University of Miami, Miami, FL

June 2017 “Popular Sovereignty and Railroad Regulation: The Saga of the West Wisconsin Railroad” (paper presentation), Law & Society Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

April 2017 “Like a Good Neighbor: Mental Anguish Claims against Telegraph Corporations” (paper presentation), Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

October 2016 “Creating the Reasonable Child: Risk, Responsibility, and the Attractive Nuisance Doctrine” (paper presentation), Midwest Law & Society Retreat, Madison, WI

**Education**

2021 Ph.D., History, University of Chicago

Dissertation: *American Frankenstein: Creating the Corporate Constitutional Person*

Committee: Amy Dru Stanley & Jonathan Levy (Co-Chairs),

Alison LaCroix, Laura Weinrib, Hendrik Hartog

2012 J.D. *cum laude*, Harvard Law School

* + - * Dean’s Scholar Prize
      * Irving Oberman Memorial Award in Law and Social Change
      * Fellow, Project on the Foundations of Private Law
      * President, Harvard Law Students for Reproductive Justice
      * Academic & International Speakers Chair, Women’s Law Association

2006 B.A., Liberal Arts, Sarah Lawrence College

**Judicial Clerkship**

2012-2013 The Honorable Judge Nanette Laughrey

United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri

Jefferson City, Missouri

**Professional Service & Memberships**

Program Committee Member, American Society for Legal History Annual Conference (2023)

Society for History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Fishel-Calhoun Article Prize Committee (2019)

Editorial Board Member, *Law & Social Inquiry* (2019-2020)

Member, American Society for Legal History

Member, Law & Society Association

Member, Business History Conference

**University Service**

Faculty Advisor, Tulane Law School Public Interest Law Foundation, 2023-

Tulane Law School Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, 2024-25

Tulane Law School Intellectual Life Committee, 2023-24

Tulane Law School Forrester Fellow Hiring Committee, 2023-24

Tulane Law School Moot Mediation-Arbitration Judge, 2023-24

**Bar Admission**

State of New York (current, admitted 2012)