

2017 Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History

Langdon Room, Lowell Center
UW-Madison

Program

Week One

Sunday, June 4, 2017

- After 3:00 Lowell Center check-in (if guests arrive before 3:00pm, they may leave their luggage at the front desk until check-in at 3:00pm)
- Check-in at the Hurst table and pick up your welcome bag
- 6:00 Meet in the Lowell Lobby
- 6:15 Leave for opening dinner hosted by Lead Scholar, Professor Mitra Sharafi at her home
Address: 1715 Chadbourne Avenue, Madison, 53726
- We have arranged for cabs to pick you up from the Lowell Center at 6:15pm and take you to Professor Sharafi's house
- Professor Howie Erlanger will give a short talk on the history of the Hurst Institute
- 9:00 Return to the Lowell Center
- We have arranged for cabs to pick you up at 9:00pm and take you back to the Lowell Center

Day 1: Monday, June 5, 2017

Chair: Mitra Sharafi, Associate Professor of Law and Legal Studies (with History affiliation), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Topic: **Legal History's Histories**

Readings:

- Robert W. Gordon, "Introduction: J. Willard Hurst and the Common Law Tradition in American Legal Historiography," *Law & Society Review* 10 (1975-6), 9-55
- Hendrik Hartog, "Snakes in Ireland: A Conversation with Willard Hurst," *Law and History Review* 12 (1994), 370-90
- Robert W. Gordon, "Critical Legal Histories," *Stanford Law Review* 36 (1984), 57-125
- Christopher Tomlins, "What is Left of the Law and Society Paradigm after Critique? Revisiting Gordon's 'Critical Legal Histories,'" *Law & Social Inquiry* 37:1 (2012), 155-66

Agenda:

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| 8:30-9:00 | Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge Meeting Room |
| 9:00-9:30 | Introductions |
| 9:30-10:30 | J. Willard Hurst and US Legal History: Gordon, "Introduction" & Hartog |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-12:00 | Critical Legal Histories: Gordon, "Critical Legal Histories" & Tomlins |
| 12:15-1:30 | Buffet Lunch with Law School faculty and staff in Lubar Commons (7200 Law)
Around 12:30 Mitra will briefly introduce the Hurst Fellows |
| 1:30-1:45 | Group photo in Lubar Commons
(Please remain in Lubar until after photos are taken) |

1:45

Adjourn

Day 2: Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Chair: Professor Mitra Sharafi

Readings:

- Paul Halliday, “The Stuff of Law: Some Material Considerations from Britain and its Empire, ca. 1450-1850” (unpublished paper), 1-35 (including illustrations)
- Ghislaine Lydon, *On Trans-Saharan Trails: Islamic Law, Trade Networks, and Cross-Cultural Exchange in Nineteenth-Century Western Africa* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), 340-86 (Ch.7: Trade Networks and the Limits of Cooperative Behavior), plus maps and glossary for reference
- Lawrence Friedman and Paul W. Davies, “California Death Trip,” *Indiana Law Review* 36:1 (2003), 17-32

Agenda:

- 8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and conversation in the Lower Lounge
- 9:00-10:30 The Many Flavors of Legal History: Lydon, Halliday, Friedman and Davies
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Challenges and Dilemmas in Legal History: open discussion of issues that we encounter and struggle with (may be conceptual, methodological, practical, ethical, audience-related, or other)
- 12:00-1:30 Box lunches delivered to the meeting room
- Patio space is reserved for Hurst guests right outside the main lobby (by the front desk)—look for the Hurst sign on the door; guests can choose to eat their lunch in the meeting room if they prefer
- 1:30-2:30 Break
- 2:30-3:30 Tour of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library (optional)
816 State St, Madison, WI 53706

One-hour tour designed for legal historians led by Librarian Nancy Mulhern. Check in at the reception desk by 2:30pm

Day 3: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Guest Scholar: Bianca Premo, Associate Professor of History, Florida International University

Readings:

- Bianca Premo: *Lo Extradjudicial: Between Court and Community in the Spanish Empire* (draft paper)

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and conversation in the Lower Lounge

9:00-10:30 AM Session 1: Professor Bianca Premo

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 AM Session 2: Doing Legal History at a History Department

12:00-1:30 Lunch in the Audubon Room at the University Club
803 State Street, Madison, WI 53703

1:30 Adjourn

7:00 Group Dinner at Steenbock's on Orchard
330 N Orchard St, Madison, WI 53705

Steenbock's is about a 15 minute walk from the Lowell Center
Reservations have been made under Hurst Institute for 7:00pm

Day 4: Thursday, June 8, 2017

Guest Scholar: Professor Daniel Ernst, Georgetown University Law Center

Readings:

- Daniel Ernst: *FDR's Lawyers* (book-in-progress), Chapter 5: We Cannot Live Our Dreams
- ABA's Managing Director's Guidance Memo for Standards 301, 302, 314 and 315 (June 2015)

Agenda:

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| 8:30-9:00 | Informal Coffee and conversation in the Lower Lounge |
| 9:00-10:30 | AM Session 1: Professor Daniel Ernst |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-12:00 | AM Session 2: Doing Legal History at a Law School (or: Legal History and the Problem of Legal Education) |
| 12:00-1:30 | Lunch at the Pyle Center
702 Langdon St, Madison, WI 53706 |
| 1:30 | Adjourn |
| 7:00 | Group Dinner at the Memorial Union
800 Langdon St, Madison, WI 53706
See "Today in the Union" for room information |

Day 5: Friday, June 9, 2017

Guest Scholar: Professor Barbara Young Welke, Distinguished McKnight University Professor of History and Law, University of Minnesota Law School

Readings:

- Barbara Young Welke: Introductory note and brief chapter sketches from book-in-progress, *The Course of a Life*
- Barbara Young Welke: Chapter 6 from book-in-progress, *The Course of a Life*
- Barbara Young Welke: "The Cowboy Suit Tragedy: Spreading Risk, Owning Hazard in the Modern American Consumer Economy," *Journal of American History* (June 2014): 97-121
 - Original article manuscript

- Letter and review
- Final article

Agenda:

- 8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and conversation in the Lower Lounge
- 9:00-10:30 AM Session 1: Professor Barbara Welke
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 AM Session 2: Article Publishing in Peer-Review Journals
(Professor Welke)
- 12:00-1:30 Buffet lunch at the Fluno Center
601 University Avenue, Madison 53715
- 1:30 Adjourn until dinner
- 7:00 Group dinner at University Club
803 State St, Madison, WI 53703

Saturday, June 10, 2017

No program

<p>Week Two</p>

Sunday, June 11, 2017

- 6:30 Group Dinner hosted by Associate Dean for Faculty Development
and Director of the Institute for Legal Studies Susannah Tahk
Address: 382 E Lakeside St, Madison, 53715

We have arranged for cabs to pick you up from the Lowell Center at
6:15pm and take you to Dean Tahk's house

9:00 Return to the Lowell Center
We have arranged for cabs to pick you up at 9:00pm and take you back to the Lowell Center

Day 6: Monday, June 12, 2017

Chair: Professor Mitra Sharafi

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge
9:00-10:30 Fellow Presentation #1
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:30 Fellow Presentation #2
12:30-1:30 Lunch in the Lowell Center Dining Room
1:30-2:30 Break
2:30-4:00 Fellow Presentation #3
4:00 Adjourn

Day 7: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Chair: Professor Mitra Sharafi

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge
9:00-10:30 Fellow Presentation #4
10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:30 Fellow Presentation #5

12:30 Box lunches delivered to the meeting room
(Eat on the patio reserved for Hurst guests or in meeting room)

1:30-2:30 Break

2:30-4:00 Fellow Presentation #6

4:00 Adjourn

Day 8: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Chair: Professor Mitra Sharafi

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge

9:00-10:30 Fellow Presentation #7

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Fellow Presentation #8

12:30-1:30 Box lunches delivered to the meeting room
(Eat on the patio reserved for Hurst guests or in meeting room)

1:30-2:30 Break

2:30-4:00 Fellow Presentation #9

4:00 Adjourn

Day 9: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Chair: Professor Mitra Sharafi

Agenda:

8:30-9:00 Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge

9:00-10:30	Fellow Presentation #10
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Fellow Presentation #11
12:30-1:30	Box lunches delivered to the meeting room (Eat on the patio reserved for Hurst guests or in meeting room)
1:30-2:30	Break
2:30-4:00	Fellow Presentation #12
4:00	Adjourn

Day 10: Friday, June 16, 2017

Guest Scholar: Daniel Sharfstein, Tarkington Chair of Teaching Excellence, Professor of Law and History, Vanderbilt Law School

Readings: Selected readings from *Thunder in the Mountains*

- Author's note
- Chapter 5: The Wilderness of American Power
- Epilogue
- Endnotes

Agenda:

8:30-9:00	Informal Coffee and Conversation in the Lower Lounge
9:00-10:30	AM Session 1: Professor Daniel Sharfstein
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	AM Session 2: Reaching a Broader Public
12:00-1:30	Lunch in the Audubon Room at the University Club 803, State Street, Madison, WI 53073
1:30-2:30	Session with Karl Shoemaker, Associate Professor of History and Law,

UW–Madison: Sanctuary

2:30-3:00

Conclusions and reflections on the 2017 Hurst Institute

3:00

Adjourn

6:15

Meet in Lowell Lobby to walk to the closing reception and banquet

6:30-9:00

Closing Reception and Banquet at Harvest Restaurant
21 North Pinckney Street, Madison, WI 53703

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Departure

Biographies of Lead Scholar and Guest Scholars

Daniel Ernst

Daniel Ernst is professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center. He joined the Georgetown faculty in the 1988-89 academic year. He is the author of *Lawyers Against Labor* (1995), for which he received the Littleton Griswold Award of the American Historical Association and co-editor of *Total War and the Law* (2003). In 1996, he was a Fulbright Research Scholar at the National Library of New Zealand, and in 1998 he was the Jack and Margaret Sweet Visiting Professor of History at Michigan State University. He was a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow during the 2003-04 academic year. From 2006 to 2010, he was co-editor of "Studies in Legal History," a book series sponsored by the American Society for Legal History and the University of North Carolina Press. He teaches courses in American Legal History and Property.

Bianca Premo

Bianca Premo is Associate Professor of History at Florida International University. She is interested in a wide range of topics in Latin American history. Her most recent book, *The Enlightenment on Trial: Ordinary Litigants and Colonialism in the Spanish Empire* is a comparative study that reveals how ordinary, often illiterate litigants made law modern in the courtrooms of vast regions of the 18th-century Spanish empire. Her first book, *Children of the Father King: Youth, Authority and Legal Minority in Colonial Lima* (2005), reveals how Lima's children were socialized into colonial hierarchies and how adults viewed and practiced their roles as authority figures over children in a legal culture that favored elite fathers and distant kings. She also co-edited *Raising an Empire* (2007) a volume of historical scholarship about children and childhood in early modern Spain, Portugal and colonial Latin America. She has authored over a dozen articles and multiple book chapters on colonial Peru and Mexico and early modern Spain in the fields of legal studies, ethnohistory, gender and family history and Atlantic history. Her next research projects involve delving deeper into the history of childhood and gender and expanding her research into the twentieth century.

Professor Premo has a lot of fun exposing undergraduate students to Latin America's dynamic past in large introductory courses, as well as offering specialized upper-level courses on themes such as gender and colonial Latin American society. At the graduate level, she shares with students her longstanding fascination with everyday forms of colonial rule, along with broader interests in law, colonial and postcolonial theory, and the eighteenth-century Atlantic World.

Mitra Sharafi

Mitra Sharafi is Associate Professor of Law and Legal Studies (with History affiliation) at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a legal historian of South Asia. She holds law degrees from Cambridge and Oxford (the UK equivalent of a JD and LLM) and a doctorate in history from Princeton. Professor Sharafi's book, *Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia: Parsi Legal Culture, 1772-1947* (Cambridge University Press, 2014) won the Law and Society Association's J. Willard Hurst Prize

for socio-legal history in 2015. The book explores the legal culture of the Parsis or Zoroastrians of British India, an ethno-religious minority that was unusually invested in colonial law. Professor Sharafi's second book project, "Fear of the False: Medical Jurisprudence in Colonial India" examines colonial anxieties about dissimulation that were reflected in the work of medico-legal experts like the Chemical Examiners and Imperial Serologist. She is also writing an article on abortion during the Raj, and another on South Asian and West African law students who were expelled from London's Inns of Court around the turn of the twentieth century. Her research has been recognized and supported by the Institute for Advanced Study, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council and others. Since 2010, her South Asian Legal History Resources website has shared research guides and other tools for the historical study of law in South Asia. She is also a Legal History Blog contributor.

Daniel Sharfstein

Daniel Sharfstein is Tarkington Chair of Teaching Excellence and Professor of Law and History at Vanderbilt Law School. His scholarship focuses on the legal history of race in the United States. He received a 2013 Guggenheim Fellowship to support his work on a book-length exploration of post Reconstruction America, "Thunder in the Mountains: The Clash of Two American Legends, Oliver Otis Howard and Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce." His book, *The Invisible Line: Three American Families and the Secret Journey from Black to White* (Penguin Press, 2011), won the 2012 J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize for excellence in non-fiction as well as the Law & Society Association's 2012 James Willard Hurst Jr. Prize for socio-legal history, the William Nelson Cromwell Book Prize from the American Society for Legal History, and the Chancellor's Award for Research from Vanderbilt. His article, "Atrocity, Entitlement, and Personhood in Property" won the Association of American Law Schools 2011 Scholarly Papers Competition. His writing has also appeared in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Minnesota Law Review*, *New York Times*, *Slate*, *Washington Post*, *Economist*, *American Prospect* and *Legal Affairs*. For his research on civil rights and the color line in the American South, Professor Sharfstein was awarded an Alphonse Fletcher, Sr., fellowship and a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, and he was the inaugural recipient of the Raoul Berger Visiting Fellowship in Legal History at Harvard Law School. He has twice won the Law School's Hall-Hartman Outstanding Professor Award. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, he was a law clerk for Judge Dorothy W. Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Judge Rya W. Zobel of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He was also an associate at Strumwasser & Woocher, a public interest law firm in Santa Monica, California. Prior to law school, he worked as a journalist in West Africa and Southern California. Before joining Vanderbilt's law faculty in fall 2007, he was a Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History at New York University School of Law. Professor Sharfstein, who holds a secondary appointment in Vanderbilt University's College of Arts and Science as a professor of history, is in the inaugural cohort of Chancellor Faculty Fellows.

Karl Shoemaker

Karl Shoemaker is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is currently a Romnes Faculty Fellow. He holds appointments in the History Department, the Legal Studies Program, the Sociology Department and the Law School. He received a B.S. from Liberty University, where he majored in Business and baseball. Prior to law school, he played professional baseball in Italy, and rarely misses an opportunity to drop that fact into conversations. He received his JD from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, and a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley's

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program. Professor Shoemaker was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Miami Law School in 2007, and was a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton in 2006-2007. He has served as Director of UW-Madison's Medieval Studies Program since 2011. He specializes in medieval legal history, working in both English common law and continental sources. He is currently researching the devil's medieval legal career, and has published several articles on that research. More recently, he has started to study the legal problems associated with the exercise by non-Christians of political authority over Christians in the medieval and early modern eras. Professor Shoemaker authored *Sanctuary and Crime in the Middle Ages, 400-1500* (Fordham University Press, 2011), which was awarded the 2015 John Nicholas Brown Prize by the Medieval Academy of America. He is an advisor to the American Bar Association, and also serves as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Law, Culture, and Humanities*. He has participated several times in the J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute for Legal History hosted in Madison, and in 2013 was co-chair of the ASLH Program Committee (Miami). He is currently on the Board of Directors of the ASLH.

Barbara Young Welke

Barbara Young Welke is Professor of History and Law, Distinguished McKnight University Professor at University of Minnesota. She received her Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago (1995) and her J. D. from the University of Michigan Law School (1983). She teaches and writes in the field of 19th and 20th century U. S. history and American legal history. Her publications include *Law and the Borders of Belonging in the Long Nineteenth Century United States* (Cambridge University Press 2010), *Recasting American Liberty: Gender, Race, Law and the Railroad Revolution, 1865-1920* (Cambridge University Press 2001)(AHA's Littleton-Griswold Prize), and "When All the Women Were White, and All the Blacks Were Men: Gender, Class, Race, and the Road to Plessy, 1855-1914," *Law & History Review* (Fall 1995)(ASLH Surrency Prize). She is currently working on several book projects relating to the history of product liability and has published two pieces relating to that research: "The Cowboy Suit Tragedy: Spreading Risk, Owning Hazard in the Modern American Consumer Economy," *Journal of American History* (June 2014) of which you can also listen to a JAH podcast interview (June 2014) related to the research, and a play "Owning Hazard: A Tragedy," *University of California Irvine Law Review* 1:3 (2011).

Biographies of 2017 Hurst Fellows

Wesley Chaney

Wesley Chaney is an Assistant Professor of History at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. He received his Ph.D. in history from Stanford University in 2016 and his research focuses broadly on the environmental, social, and legal history of the Qing Empire (1644-1912). His current research project, tentatively titled “Stolen Land and Broken Bodies: Law, Environment, and Rebellion in Northwest China,” examines ground-level social transformations and the ethnicized legal disputes that both triggered and followed the violence of the mid-nineteenth century. Centering on the lives of ordinary peddlers, smallholders, and herders preserved in legal case records and a range of other local sources, the study details the changing jurisdictional geographies and disputes over land, resources, and individual bodies that attended imperial expansion in the Sino-Tibetan borderlands. His work has been supported by, among others, the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and the Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program.

Scott De Orio

Scott De Orio is a doctoral candidate in History and Women’s Studies at University of Michigan. His first book project, *Punishing Queer Sexuality in the Age of LGBT Rights*, tracks the expansion of the branch of the carceral state concerned with controlling sex crimes in the late-twentieth-century U.S. and examines the effect that expansion has had on queer forms of gender and sexuality. He also has a second, Euro-American transnational project that investigates the rise of efforts to regulate child sexuality in the spheres of medicine and the law, from campaigns to eradicate masturbation starting in the 1760s to the rise of the mass incarceration of sex criminals in the twentieth century. His writing has appeared in the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, in the edited collection *The War on Sex*, and on the blog *NOTCHES: (re)marks on the history of sexuality*.

Brooke Depenbusch

Brooke Depenbusch is a Ph.D. candidate in History at University of Minnesota. Her research and teaching interests include the histories of work, family, and social provision, and their respective relationships to law. Her dissertation, “Working on Welfare: Down and Out in the USA, 1935-1962,” explores these themes through the history of general relief. From depression through post-war prosperity, the dissertation traces the twentieth-century history of this distinctive form of American social provision in order to explore and argue for significant continuities in both working people’s vulnerability to poverty and also the legal disabilities attached to their dependence. In particular, her dissertation interrogates the role played by the laws of general relief in the reproduction of notions that poor people’s dependence warranted their forfeiture of various rights. In its focus on general relief, the dissertation positions the ongoing precarity and rightlessness experienced by poor working people as persistent and defining features of twentieth-century America’s political economy and its welfare state. Her work has been supported by the William Nelson Cromwell Foundation, the American Society for Legal History, and University of Minnesota.

Smita Ghosh

Smita Ghosh is a student in the JD/PhD program in American Legal History at University of Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in May 2014 and took qualifying exams in the history department in 2015. Her dissertation is about the rise of immigration detention during the refugee crises of the 1970s and '80s. She is interested in the experience of migrants in detention, the privatization of immigration detention facilities, and inter-branch struggles about immigration and refugee policy. Since September 2016, she has been working as a law clerk for Judge Victor Bolden of the District of Connecticut. In September 2017, she will begin working for the Sentencing Commission as a Supreme Court Fellow. Before starting law school, she worked at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York. While in law school, she was on the board of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), the Civil Rights Law Project and the student chapter of the American Constitution Society. She is also on the Projects and Proposals Committee of the American Society for Legal History and occasionally writes for the Legal History Blog.

Brendan Gillis

Brendan Gillis is currently the Hench Post-Dissertation Fellow at the American Antiquarian Society. After completing a Ph.D. in history at Indiana University in 2015, he taught at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His book project, "Cosmopolitan Parochialism: A Global History of the British Magistrate, 1690-1834," explores the role of local administration in rapidly expanding imperial systems of law and government. British magistrates dealt with statutes and precedents, but defined their function in contrast to the role of judges and lawyers. The persistent power of these local officeholders complicates narratives of professionalization and the rise of the adversary trial. This research project draws on media studies, religion, politics, ecology, and the history of emotions to reconsider the enforcement of law in European empires. He served previously as an Editorial Assistant for the *American Historical Review*, and has held fellowships from the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, the Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies at UCLA, the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, and a number of libraries and archives.

Elizabeth Lhost

Elizabeth Lhost is a historian of law and religion in South Asia. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in the Departments of South Asian Languages and Civilizations and History at the University of Chicago. Her dissertation, "Between Community and *Qānūn*: Documenting Islamic Legal Practice in 19th Century South Asia," examines the relationship between colonial bureaucracy and the transformation of Islamic law in British India. Drawing attention to the social and material history of legal practice across the Indian subcontinent, her work focuses on the modes paperwork and documentary routines that propelled the colonial legal system—and animated its opponents. Prior to joining the University of Chicago, Elizabeth received a B.A. in English literature and Cognitive Science from Northwestern University and an M.A. in Languages and Cultures of Asia from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Her work has been supported by the Fulbright student program, the Social Science Research Council, the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Mellon Foundation. In August 2017, she will join the Center for the Humanities at UW–Madison as a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and will teach courses in the undergraduate legal studies program.

Sara Ludin

Sara Ludin is a Ph.D. candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation, "The Reformation Suits: Peace, Property, and the Politics of Difference in a Sixteenth Century German Imperial Court," explores the role that civil litigation played in the most consequential legal transformation of the early Reformation period: while 1521 marks the moment at which Lutheranism was outlawed (in the Edict of Worms), in 1555 it was recognized as a legal confession (in the Augsburg Peace). Through close readings of case files, the project tracks how litigation transformed the ways in which the people involved understood the nature of the issue on their hands, moving from a jurisprudence of "heresy" to one of "religion." Sara's general interests are in the study of law and religion, secularity and secularism, the German Reformation, legal phenomenology, and law and language. Sara grew up in Colorado and earned her B.A. in Philosophy from Dartmouth College. Before starting at Berkeley, she lived in Berlin for two years, on a Fulbright studying contemporary constitutional law on religion in Germany. She currently lives in Providence, Rhode Island where she is a Visiting Research Fellow in Brown University's History Department, involved in their nascent "Legal Studies" initiative.

Jane Manners

Jane Manners is a PhD candidate in American History at Princeton University. Her dissertation examines the legal and political aftermath of the Great New York Fire of 1835, using the disaster as a lens through which to explore the constitutional implications of risk and commercial interconnectedness in Jacksonian America. Jane received both her AB and her JD from Harvard University. Before coming to Princeton, she clerked for Judge Mark Wolf, then chief judge of the District of Massachusetts. She has also worked as a teacher, a grant maker, a journalist, and a presidential campaign staffer. During the 2016-2017 academic year, she was a Golieb Fellow in Legal History at NYU Law School.

Mary X. Mitchell

Mary X. Mitchell is a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University's Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future and the Cornell Law School. Beginning in August 2017, she will be an assistant professor of history at Purdue University. Mary's research focuses on the legal histories of nuclear weapons and energy. Her first book project, "Test Cases," uses legal conflict over US nuclear weapons testing in the Marshall Islands as a window into shifting patterns of US extraterritorial power. The project illustrates how the critical intersections between law and science and technology came to define US imperialism following World War II. At Cornell, Mitchell is also working on a second book project, "Unnatural Disasters," a transnational history of liability and compensation frameworks for nuclear reactor accidents. Mitchell completed her PhD in History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania in 2016. Previously, she served as a law clerk to Judge Anthony J. Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, practiced law in Pennsylvania, and worked in intellectual property management.

Kalyani Ramnath

Kalyani Ramnath is a Ph.D. candidate in History at Princeton University. She studies modern South Asia, legal history and law and empire. Her dissertation, "Boats in a Storm: Law, Politics and Jurisdiction in South Asia," explores the impact of decolonization in South Asia on the lives of Tamil migrants, through legal cases filed after the Second World War in Madras, Malaya, Rangoon and

Colombo. In navigating the transition from imperial to national geographies, these migrant laborers, traders, moneylenders and political workers challenged postwar immigration, detention and taxation that were drawn on ethnic and racial identities, and that restricted freedoms of movement and residence. Kalyani received a B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) from the National Law School of India University and an LL.M. from the Yale Law School, before coming to Princeton. She taught legal history, property and comparative constitutional law at National Law School of India University for two years (2010-2012). She was elected to the Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars at Princeton in 2016-2017.

Nicholas Venable

Nicholas Venable is a Ph.D. candidate in the Classics Department at the University of Chicago. He is writing a dissertation on *Legal Authority and Monastic Institutions in Late Antique Egypt*. His work examines how imperial legal conventions persist after an empire's decline, using little-studied Coptic papyri documenting the legal role played by monks and clergy in A.D. 400-800 Egypt. Nicholas studies the legal role played by religious institutions and clergy, who provided access to law within their communities while continuing to frame their actions in terms acceptable within the Roman legal discourse. Using Egyptian literary and documentary texts, his project charts how the social prestige of Roman legal forms persisted after the Roman imperial bureaucracy deteriorated. Before coming to Chicago, Nicholas received a B.A. in History and Classics from Yale University. He has produced editions of legal documents preserved on papyrus and participated in the American Society of Papyrologists Summer Institute in Papyrology held at Princeton University in 2014. During the 2016-2017 academic year, he was a visiting researcher at the Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Archive in Berlin.

Natasha Wheatley

Natasha Wheatley is a historian of Central European and international history at University of Sydney, Australia. Her research explores the history of sovereignty, rights, and legal personality in the 100 years after 1848, and encompasses imperial, constitutional, and international law in both Europe and the wider world. She is especially interested in conceptual questions, both on a substantive level – through the history of legal knowledge – and a theoretical one: her work seeks to bring the full range and richness of humanities methodologies to bear on the history of law. She received her PhD in History from Columbia University in 2016, and is currently working on a book manuscript tentatively entitled *The Temporal Life of States: Sovereignty, Legal Knowledge, and the Archive of Empire in Central Europe*. Drawing Central European history into the global frame of new scholarship on empire and legal pluralism, the manuscript tracks the entanglement of imperial and international law in the Austro-Hungarian Empire to offer a new history of sovereignty in Central Europe. She has also published work on the interwar international order: my article on Palestine and legal claim-making under the mandate system appeared as “Mandatory Interpretation” in *Past and Present* in May 2015, and an essay titled “Spectral Legal Personality in Interwar International Law: On New Ways of Not Being a State” is forthcoming in *Law and History Review*. She has held fellowships in Cambridge, Vienna, and Berlin, and a volume called *Power and Time*, edited together with Stefanos Geroulanos and Dan Edelstein, is forthcoming with University of Chicago Press. Currently an ARC Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Laureate Research Program at the University of Sydney, she will take up an assistant professorship in the Department of History at Princeton University in September 2017.