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## **EDUCATION**

**Harvard University**, Ph.D., History, 2007; A.M., History, 2003  
Honors: John Thornton Kirkland Fellowship, Harvard University, 2005-06  
Artemas Ward Fellowship, Harvard University, 2005  
Charles Warren Center Term-Time and Summer Fellowships, 2004-05  
Mark DeWolfe Howe Fund Grant, Harvard Law School, 2004  
Richard A. Berenson Fellowship, Harvard University, 2003-04  
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 2001-02

**Yale Law School**, J.D., 1999  
Activities: *Yale Law Journal*, Essays Editor  
*Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities*, Managing Editor

**Yale University**, B.A., History, *summa cum laude*, 1996  
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, distinction in the major  
Activities: *Yale Daily News*, Managing Editor

## **EXPERIENCE**

**University of Chicago Law School**, July 2006 – present  
*Assistant Professor of Law.*

**Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History**, New York University School of Law, 2005-06  
*Fellow.*

**Harvard University, Department of History/Core Program**, spring 2004 and 2004-05  
*Head Teaching Fellow and Senior Thesis Advisor.*

**Debevoise & Plimpton**, New York, N.Y., 1999-2001 and summer 1998  
*Associate, Litigation Department.*

**National Endowment for the Humanities**, Washington, D.C., summer 1997  
*Law Clerk, Office of the General Counsel.*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*The Ideological Origins of American Federalism* (forthcoming, Harvard University Press, 2010)

### Articles & Essays

*The Authority for Federalism: Madison's Negative and the Origins of Federal Ideology*  
(forthcoming, LAW AND HISTORY REVIEW, 2010)

*The Founders' Fiction: Reading Eighteenth-Century Novels in Company With the American Revolutionaries*, COMMON-PLACE (www.common-place.org), vol. 3, no. 9 (April 2009)

*Drawing and Redrawing the Line: The Pre-Revolutionary Origins of Federal Ideas of Sovereignty*, in *Transformations in American Legal History: Essays in Honor of Morton J. Horwitz* (Harvard University Press, 2009)

*Drawing and Redrawing the Line: The Pre-Revolutionary Origins of Federal Ideas of Sovereignty*, University of Chicago Law School Occasional Papers Series (January 2008)

*The New Wheel in the Federal Machine: From Sovereignty to Jurisdiction in the Early Republic*, 2007 SUPREME COURT REVIEW 345

*A Singular and Awkward War: The Transatlantic Context of the Hartford Convention*, 6 AMERICAN NINETEENTH CENTURY HISTORY 3 (2005) (peer-reviewed journal)

"Bound Fast and Brought Under the Yoke": John Adams and the Regulation of Privacy at the Founding, 72 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2331 (2004)

*To Gain the Whole World and Lose His Own Soul: Nineteenth-Century American Dueling as Public Law and Private Code*, 33 HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW 501 (2004)

### Book Reviews & Entries

Review of STEPHEN L. ELKIN, RECONSTRUCTING THE COMMERCIAL REPUBLIC: CONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN AFTER MADISON (2006), 26 LAW AND HISTORY REVIEW 203 (2008)

Entries on *Dartmouth College v. Woodward* and *Ogden v. Saunders*, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (5 vols., Macmillan Reference, 2008)

*Shooting Alone?: The Decline of the Civic Vision of the Second Amendment*, H-LAW (www.h-net.org/~law/), February 2007 (reviewing SAUL CORNELL, A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA: THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND THE ORIGINS OF GUN CONTROL IN AMERICA (2006))

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Time and History in Constitutional Adjudication*  
*Federalists, Federalism, and Federal Jurisdiction, 1802-1835*  
*Commandeering and Internal Improvements in the Early Republic*  
*"A Positive Passion for the Public Good": Speech and Privacy in the Early American Republic*

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting**, Dallas, Tex., November 2009
- University of Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism**, October 2009
- University of Michigan Law School Legal History Workshop**, September 2009
- Chicago-Kent College of Law Faculty Workshop**, September 2009
- Slavery, Abolition, and Human Rights: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Thirteenth Amendment.** University of Chicago Law School, April 2009. Commentator.
- The Law of Nations and the Early Modern Atlantic World**, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill., April 2009. Commentator.
- Faculty Work-in-Progress Workshop**, University of Chicago Law School, March 2009  
"Time and the First Republic: Temporality in Constitutional Adjudication"
- Conference for Morton J. Horwitz**, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Ma., September 2008  
"The Pre-Revolutionary Origins of Federal Ideas of Sovereignty"
- Faculty Work-in-Progress Workshop**, University of Chicago Law School, April 2008  
"The New Wheel in the Federal Machine: From Sovereignty to Jurisdiction in the Early Republic"
- American Bar Foundation Research Seminar**, Chicago, Ill., January 2008  
"The New Wheel in the Federal Machine: From Sovereignty to Jurisdiction in the Early Republic"
- Columbia Seminar on Eighteenth-Century European Culture**, Columbia University, September 2007  
"A Positive Passion for the Public Good: Speech and Privacy in the Early American Republic"
- Faculty Work-in-Progress Workshop**, University of Chicago Law School, May 2007  
"Theories of Union: Constructing Confederations, 1774-1777"

**American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting**, Baltimore, Md., November 2006  
“Drawing the Line: The Pre-Revolutionary Origins of Federal Ideas of Sovereignty”

**Chicago Legal History Seminar**, Chicago, Ill., November 2006  
“Drawing the Line: The Pre-Revolutionary Origins of Federal Ideas of Sovereignty”

**University of Chicago Constitution Day Seminar**, September 2006  
“An Imperial Presidency? The U.S. Supreme Court and the Extent of Executive Power”  
(panelist)

**Colonial Society of Massachusetts**, Boston, Mass., April 2005  
“Imperial Precedents for Federalism in America”

**Harvard University Nineteenth-Century American History Workshop**, October 2002  
“The Transatlantic Context of the Hartford Convention”

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Bar admissions: New York, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Memberships: American Society for Legal History, American Historical Association,  
Organization of American Historians