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Academic Employment

Dean, University of Virginia School of Law, 2016-

Arnold H. Leon Professor of Law, 2016-

John Allan Love Professor of Law, 2012-2016

Director, JD-MA in History Dual Degree Program, University of Virginia, 2011-2016

Affiliated Faculty, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies,
University of Virginia, 2011-

Faculty Associate, Governing America in a Global Era, Miller Center, University of Virginia,
2011-

Professor of History (Courtesy), University of Virginia, 2007-

Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law, 2012-2015

Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago, Summer 2012

Caddell and Chapman Research Professor, University of Virginia, 2008-2011

Instructor, Institute for Constitutional History, Summer Seminar: The Economic Constitution:
Coercion or Necessity?, June 2010

Stephen and Barbara Friedman Visiting Professor of Law, Columbia Law School, Spring 2009

Visiting Professor of Law, New York University Law School, Fall 2008

Professor of Law, University of Virginia, 2007-

Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, 2003-2007

Research Associate Professor, University of Virginia School of Law, 2002-2003

Visiting Lecturer in Sociology, University of Cape Town, 1994-1995 (Fulbright Scholar)

Education

Princeton University, Ph.D. in History, November 2003

M.A. in History with Distinction, May 1999

Dissertation: *The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s: The Department of Justice, The NAACP, and African American Agricultural Labor* (Hendrik Hartog, advisor)

Yale Law School, J.D., April 2000

YALE LAW JOURNAL, Senior Editor, 1999-2000; Editor, 1996-1997

YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & THE HUMANITIES, Articles Editor, 1996-1997; Editor, 1995-1996

Harvard College, A.B. *summa cum laude*, History and Sociology, 1994

Clerkships

Law Clerk, The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court, 2001-2002

Law Clerk, The Honorable Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2000-2001

Scholarly Publications

Books

VAGRANT NATION: POLICE POWER, CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE, AND THE MAKING OF THE 1960S (Oxford University Press, 2016)

CIVIL RIGHTS STORIES (co-edited with Myriam Gilles, Foundation Press, 2008)

THE LOST PROMISE OF CIVIL RIGHTS (Harvard University Press, 2007)

Articles, Book Chapters, and Shorter Works

President Obama and the Supreme Court, in THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY (Julian Zelizer, ed., under contract, Princeton University Press)

Vagrancy, OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA IN AMERICAN HISTORY (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Saving the Neighborhood Symposium, Panel Discussion 2, ARIZONA LAW REVIEW online (October 2014)

The New Civil Rights History: A Field Takes Shape, 126 HARV. L. REV. 2312 (2013) (reviewing Kenneth W. Mack, REPRESENTING THE RACE: THE CREATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER)

Dispatch from the Supreme Court Archives: Vagrancy, Abortion, and What the Links Between Them Reveal About the History of Fundamental Right, 62 STAN. L. REV. 1361 (2010)

The Department of Justice and the Thirteenth Amendment, in The Promises of Liberty: Thirteenth Amendment Abolitionism (Alexander Tsessis, ed., 2010)

Civil Rights History Before, and Beyond, Brown, in WHY THE LOCAL STILL MATTERS: FEDERALISM, LOCALISM, AND PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY (Published by the Liman Public Interest Program at Yale Law School and the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia Law School, 2009)

The Thirteenth Amendment in Historical Perspective, 11 U. PENN. J. CONST. LAW 1451 (2009)

Book Review, Nancy MacLean, *FREEDOM IS NOT ENOUGH: THE OPENING OF THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE*, (Harvard University Press, 2006), 27 LAW & HIST. REV. 222 (2009)

Ongoing Struggle: The Deeper History of the Civil Rights Movement, in WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT? (Jessica R. Feldman and Robert Stilling, eds., University of Virginia Press, 2008)

Brown v. Board of Education and The Lost Promise of Civil Rights, in CIVIL RIGHTS STORIES (Myriam Gilles and Risa Goluboff, eds., Foundation Press, 2008)

“Peonage,” in Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States (David S. Tanenhaus, ed., Macmillan, 2008)

The Lost Promise of Civil Rights, HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, vol. VII (Spring 2007)

Race, Labor, and the Thirteenth Amendment in the 1940s Department of Justice, 38 UNIV. OF TOLEDO L. REV. 883 (2007)

“NAACP,” “Peonage,” “Workers’ Defense League,” in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF U.S. LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY (Eric Arnesen, ed., Routledge, 2006).

Deaths Greatly Exaggerated, 24 LAW & HIST. REV. 201 (2006).

“Let Economic Equality Take Care of Itself”: *The NAACP, Labor Litigation, and the Making of Civil Rights in the 1940s*, 52 UCLA L. REV. 1393 (2005).

“We Live’s in a Free House Such as It Is”: *Class and the Creation of Modern Civil Rights*, 151 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1977 (2003)

The Unusual Journey of Vernon Lawhorn, Sam Austin, and the Green Brothers: Reverse Migration, Agricultural Work, and Rights Consciousness in World War II, in THE HUMAN TRADITION IN LABOR HISTORY (Eric Arnesen ed. 2003)

A Road Not Taken: The Thirteenth Amendment and the Lost Origins of Civil Rights, 50 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1609 (2001), reprinted in CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY FEES ANNUAL HANDBOOK (Steven Saltzman ed. 2002)

“Won’t You Please Help Me Get My Son Home?”: Peonage, Patronage, and Protest in the World War II Urban South, 24 LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY 777 (1999)

The Historian as Peace Broker in the Legal Academy’s Culture Wars: The Lessons of Sea Island Civil Rights for a Theory of Legal Instrumentalism, 5 JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN LEGAL HISTORY 33 (1997)

Book Note, *Reckoning with Race and Criminal Justice* (reviewing JEROME G. MILLER, SEARCH AND DESTROY: AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM), 106 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2299 (1997)

Other Publications and Appearances

Guest Host, “Hamilton: A History,” Backstory with the American History Guys (NPR) (aired June 2016) <http://backstoryradio.org/shows/hamilton/>

“Before Black Lives Matter,” Slate.com (March 2016)
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2016/03/vagrancy_laws_and_the_legacy_of_the_civil_rights_movement.html

“How the Constitution Changes,” TEDxUVA (February 2016) <http://tedxuva.com/talks/risa-goluboff/>

Interviewed for “Letters and Politics” (KPFA) (aired March 2016)
<https://kpfa.org/episode/letters-and-politics-march-28-2016/>

“It Took 20 Years to Shoot Down Vagrancy Laws. Then We Got Stop and Frisk,” Salon.com (February 2016) http://www.salon.com/writer/risa_goluboff/

“The Forgotten Law that Gave Police Nearly Unlimited Power,” *Time* online (February 2016)
<http://time.com/4199924/vagrancy-law-history/>

Interviewed for “Court of Public Opinion,” Backstory with the American History Guys (NPR) (aired February 2016) <http://backstoryradio.org/shows/court-of-public-opinion/>

Interviewed for “Color Blind Constitution,” Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick (Slate.com podcast) (aired November 2015)
http://www.slate.com/articles/podcasts/amicus/2015/11/how_the_supreme_court_debate_about_affirmative_action_stretches_all_the.html

Interviewed for “The Federal Judiciary,” Center for the Constitution at Montpelier online course (August 2015) <https://vimeopro.com/montpelier/the-federal-judiciary-from-idea-to-institution>

“A Fraudulent Case: The Ugly Parallels between Jim Crow and Modern Vote-Suppression Laws”
(with Dahlia Lithwick)
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2011/10/voter_id_laws_their_proponents_should_have_to_answer_for_the_u.html

The Battle Over Brown: How Conservatives Appropriated Brown v. Board of Education
<http://www.slate.com/id/2169616>

The Real World: Why Judicial Philosophies Matter (with Richard Schragger),
<http://www.slate.com/id/2125817/>

Interviewer of Todd Purdum, *An Idea Whose Time Has Come*, Alma and Joseph Gildenhorn
Book Series, Aspen Institute (June 2014)

Interviewed for “Protective Gaze,” Backstory (NPR) (aired February 2015)
<http://backstoryradio.org/2015/02/06/protective-gaze/>

Interviewed for “Legislation Impossible,” Backstory (NPR) (aired June 2014)
<http://backstoryradio.org/shows/legislation-impossible-2/>

Appeared in Civil Rights Act of 1964 Video, Library of Congress (The History Channel, 2014)

Interviewed for “Fair Wages,” Backstory (NPR) (aired March 2014)
<http://backstoryradio.org/shows/fair-wages/>

Appeared in “Slavery by Another Name” (PBS, 2012) <http://www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-name/home/>

Selected Honors and Prizes

Raven Society, University of Virginia, 2016-
Jacob Burkhardt Recently Tenured Faculty Fellow, American Council of Learned
Societies, Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, 2012
Organization of American Historians, Distinguished Lecturer, 2012-
Monticello Dinner Series Participant, Seven Society, University of Virginia, 2012
Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 2011-
Page-Barbour Lecture Series, University of Virginia (co-recipient), 2011
All-University Teaching Award Winner, University of Virginia, 2011
Order of the Coif Biennial Book Award Winner, 2010
Guggenheim Foundation Fellow in Constitutional Studies, 2009
Law & Society Association James Willard Hurst Prize for Best Book in Socio-legal
History (co-winner), 2008
Carl McFarland Award (then awarded every two years to a member of Virginia’s junior
and recently tenured faculty for excellence in scholarship), 2008
William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Fellow, 2004
Law and Society Association Dissertation Prize, 2004
Joseph Parker Prize, Yale Law School (co-winner best paper in legal history), 2000
LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY Graduate Student Paper Prize, 1999

Law and Society Association Graduate Student Paper Prize, Honorable Mention, 1999
Program in African American Studies Research Award, Princeton University, 1999
Davis Prize, Princeton University, 1998-1999
Rollins Prize, Princeton University, 1997-1998
Fulbright Scholar, Cape Town, South Africa, 1994-1995
Amy Biehl Fulbright Award (highest ranked Fulbright Scholar to Africa), 1994-1995
Honorary Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, 1994
Phi Beta Kappa, 1994
Captain Jonathan Fay Prize (most promising Radcliffe graduate), 1994
Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, Harvard College (best honors theses), 1994
History Department Prize, Harvard College, 1994
Oliver Dabney Prize, Harvard College (highest achievement of woman in historical disciplines), 1994

Selected Scholarly Service

Co-director, Student Research Colloquium, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting (October 2015)
Lead Advisor, Civil Rights Act of 1964: A Long Struggle for Freedom, 50th Anniversary Exhibition, Library of Congress, (2013-2014)
Historical Consultant, "The Law" (documentary film) (2012-)
Board of Directors and Executive Committee, American Society for Legal History (2009-2012)
Editorial Board, *Law & Social Inquiry* (2010-2012)
Biennial Book Award Committee, Order of the Coif (2011-2012)
Cromwell Prize Committee, American Society for Legal History (2008-2011)
Guest Scholar, Hurst Institute, American Society for Legal History (2010)
Hurst Prize Committee, Law and Society Association (2009, 2015)
Chair, Program Committee, American Society for Legal History 2007 Annual Meeting
Program Committee, American Society for Legal History 2006 Annual Meeting
Program Committee, Law and Society Association 2005 Annual Meeting

Selected Law School and University of Virginia Service

Appointments Committee, Chair (2015-2016)
Co-Organizer, "The Legacy of Charles W. McCurdy," Conference sponsored by UVA Law School, Miller Center, and Corcoran Department of History (November 2015)
JD/MA Dual Degree in History Program, Director (2011-2016)
Legal History Committee, Chair (2009-2016)
Founding Member, Working Group on Racial Inequality, University of Virginia (2011-)
Search Committee, Executive Director of the Miller Center, Member (2014)
Co-Creator, Charles W. McCurdy Legal History Fellowship, Miller Center National Fellowship Program/University of Virginia Law School (2014)
Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Committees, Department of Politics, (2011, 2014)
Junior Faculty Sponsor (2012-2014)
Clerkships Committee, Member (2010-2014)

Ad Hoc Renew and Promotion Committee, Chair (2013)
Faculty Retreat and Workshops Committee, Chair (2007-2008), Member (2003-2004)
Graduation Writing Awards Committee, Chair (2008, 2010), Member (2007)
Entry-level Appointments Committee, Member (2004-2007, 2011-2012)
Center for the Study of Race and the Law Committee, Member (2005-2007, 2009-2011,
2012-)
Public Service Committee, Member (2009-2010)
Graduate Program Committee, Member (2007-2008)
Dillard Scholars Program Committee, Member (2004-2005)

Invited Lectures

“Vagrant Nation,” Faculty Workshop, University of Muenster Law School (June 2016)

Panel Participant, “The Evolution of the Reconstruction Amendments from the New Deal Court to Today,” Second Circuit Judicial Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY (May 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Charlottesville League of Women Voters (May 2016)

Keynote Speaker, Gideon Awards (May 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Southern District of New York, Lunchtime Speaker Series (April 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Virginia Festival of the Book (March 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” American Constitution Society, George Washington University Law School (March 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Great Issues Program, Miller Center, University of Virginia (March 2016)

“Reflections on Women’s Legal History,” Keynote address, ACLU of Virginia Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, Virginia (March 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” American Forum, Miller Center, University of Virginia (February 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Jefferson Society, University of Virginia (February 2016)

“Vagrant Nation,” Fairfax County Bar Association (September 2015)

“Where Have All the Vagrancy Laws Gone?” Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association (October 2014)

“People out of Place: A Constitutional History of the Long 1960s,” American History Seminar of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the American Historical Association (January 2014) (aired on C-SPAN)

“People out of Place: A Constitutional History of the Long 1960s,” History Department, George Washington University (January 2014)

“People out of Place: A Constitutional History of the Long 1960s,” John Allan Love Professor Chair Lecture, University of Virginia (October 2013)

Constitution Day Speaker, Library of Congress (September 2013)

Law Day Speaker, Library of Congress (May 2013)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Kluge Center, Library of Congress (April 2013)

“‘Where It Will Not Offend Public Order and Decency:’ Sexuality and the Demise of Vagrancy Laws in the Long 1960s,” Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities Lecture Series, Yale University (November 2012)

“What We Can Learn About the Law from the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” Engaging the Mind, University of Virginia (January 2012)

“The Lost Promise of Civil Rights,” Washington D.C. Court of Appeals Speaker Series (June 2010)

“The Lost Promise of Civil Rights,” Miller Center for Public Affairs Forum (Spring 2008)

Selected Paper Presentations and Conference Participation

Panel Participant, “Reconstruction Amendments,” Second Circuit Judicial Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York (May 2016)

Response, Panel on “Vagrant Nation,” University of Virginia Law School (February 2016)

Panel Participant, “Magna Carta’s American Legacy,” Virginia Bar Association Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia (January 2015)

Moderator and Participant, “The Role of the Supreme Court Over the Past 100 Years,” 100th Anniversary of CONAN (Constitution Annotated), Library of Congress (September 2014)

Panel Participant, “Saying ‘No’ to War—WWI, the Vietnam War and Conscientious Objectors,” Civil Liberties in Times of War Conference, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University (September 2014)

Saving the Neighborhood Book Panel, University of Arizona (January 2014)

“Dismantling Vagrancy Law: A Meditation on Criminal Law History, Inside and Out,” American Society for Legal History (November 2013)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Legal History Workshop, Harvard Law School (October 2013)

- “Vagrancy Law and Its Discontents: A New Approach to the Constitution in Everyday Life,” American Society for Legal History (November 2012)
- “The New Constitutional History,” University of Virginia Law School Faculty Retreat (January 2012)
- “‘What Are You Going to Book Him on?’: Race, Vagrancy Law, and the Southern Civil Rights Movement,” University of Chicago Law School Works in Progress Faculty Workshop (July 2012)
- “Dismantling Vagrancy Law: A Meditation on Criminal Law History, Inside and Out,” Modern America Workshop, Criminal Law History Roundtable, Princeton University (February 2012)
- “Racial Subordination, Civil Rights Protest, and the New Free Speakers,” Working Group on Racial Inequality, University of Virginia (August 2011)
- “Showdown at the Liberty End Café: Louis Lusky, Shuffling Sam Thompson, and the Challenge to the Police as Peace-keeper,” Faculty Workshop, University of Hawai’i Law School (July 2011)
- “Showdown at the Liberty End Café: Louis Lusky, Shuffling Sam Thompson, and the Challenge to the Police as Peace-keeper,” Faculty Workshop, University of Virginia Law School (June 2011)
- “Policing the Police: The ACLU and Vagrancy Law in the 1950s,” Faculty Workshop, Cardozo Law School (May 2011)
- “Social Movements, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Laws,” African American and African Studies at Work in the World, Woodson Institute 30th Anniversary Conference, University of Virginia (April 2011)
- “From the Soapbox to the Courthouse: Vagrancy Law and the Repression of Free Speech,” Constitutional Law Workshop, University of Michigan Law School (December 2010)
- Commenter, “Before (and After) Roe v. Wade, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (November 2010)
- “From the Soapbox to the Courthouse: Vagrancy Law and the Repression of Free Speech,” Legal History Colloquium, Harvard Law School (November 2010)
- “Before Roe v. Wade,” University of Virginia Law School (with Linda Greenhouse) (September 2010)
- “Building and Sustaining Grassroots Movements for Economic and Racial Justice,” Class Matters Lecture Series, University of Virginia. (October 2010)
- “From the Soapbox to the Courthouse: Vagrancy Law and the Repression of Free Speech,” Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia (September 2010)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Public Law Workshop, University of Chicago Law School (May 2010)

Panel Chair, “Law As. . .”: Theory and Method in Legal History, University of California, Irvine (April 2010)

“The 1960s, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Student Scholarly Lunch, University of Virginia Law School (March 2010)

“Arresting the Movement: The Police, the Sit-Ins, and the Sixties,” 50 Years After the Sit-Ins, Center for the Study of Race and Law, University of Virginia Law School (January 2010)

“The Will of the Lawyers: How Legal Professionals Have Influenced the Supreme Court and Shaped the Meaning of the Constitution,” The Judiciary and the Popular Will, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law Symposium (January 2010)

“Dispatch from the Supreme Court Archives,” Public Law Workshop, Harvard Law School (November 2009)

Panelist, Book Panel: Thomas Sugrue, *Sweet Land of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle for Civil Rights in the North*, American Society for Legal History (November 2009)

Presenter, NAACP Centennial Symposium, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia (October 2009)

“Dispatch from the Supreme Court Archives,” University of Virginia Faculty Workshop (August 2009)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Hurst Institute for Legal History, University of Wisconsin Law School (June 2009)

“Dispatch from the Supreme Court Archives,” NYC Area Scholarship Group (June 2009)

“The Thirteenth Amendment and a New Deal for Civil Rights,” Thirteenth Amendment Conference, University of Chicago (April 2009)

“Vagrancy, Crime Control, and Judicial Anxiety,” Yale Law School Legal History Colloquium (April 2009)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Constitutional Theory Conference, University of Southern California (April 2009)

“Vagrancy, Crime Control, and Judicial Anxiety,” Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop (February 2009)

“Vagrancy, Crime Control, and Judicial Anxiety,” New York University Law School Legal History Workshop (February 2009)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University (November 2008)

“The Thirteenth Amendment in Historical Perspective,” Second Founding Conference, American Constitution Society (November 2008)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” New York University Law School Faculty Workshop (September 2008)

“People out of Place: The Sixties, the Supreme Court, and Vagrancy Law,” University of Virginia Summer Faculty Workshop (July 2008)

“National-Local Conflicts in 20th-Century Civil Rights,” Liman Colloquium, Yale Law School (March 2008)

New Voices in Legal History, American Association of Law Schools 2008 Annual Meeting

An Interdisciplinary and Intergenerational Conversation about Constitutional History, American Political Science Association 2007 Annual Meeting

“The Lost Promise of Civil Rights,” Race and Class in Metropolitan America Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara (November 2007)

“The Lost Promise of Civil Rights,” Panel to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Little Rock Incident, University of Richmond (November 2007)

“Of Vagrants and Wanderers: History and Mythology in *Papachristou v. City of Jacksonville*,” Law’s History: How Law Understands the Past, University of Alabama (October 2007)

“The Lost Promise of Civil Rights,” Legal History Colloquium, University of Minnesota Law School (October 2007)

Comment on Thomas Sgrue, SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY, American Political Development 2006 Fellows Conference

Chair, “Rethinking the 20th-Century Supreme Court,” American Society for Legal History 2006 Annual Meeting

“New Directions: Legal Histories of Race and Nation,” Organization of American Historians 2006 Annual Meeting

“The Lost Origins of Civil Rights,” Legal Theory Colloquium, Stanford Law School (March 2006)

“The Lost Origins of Civil Rights,” Legal History Colloquium, UCLA Law School (March 2006)

Comment on Akhil Amar, AMERICA’S CONSTITUTION: A BIOGRAPHY, UVA Law School (March 2006)

- “The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s: Purging Labor Cases from the NAACP’s Legal Strategy,” Harvard Law School (November 2004)
- “The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting (October 2004)
- “The Road to *Brown*,” The Road to and from *Brown v. Board of Education*: A Critical Reexamination, Miller Center of Public Affairs (June 2004)
- “*Brown* and the Historical Imagination,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2004)
- “The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s: Purging Labor Cases from the NAACP’s Legal Strategy,” May Gathering, Washington, DC (May 2004)
- “The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s: Purging Labor Cases from the NAACP’s Legal Strategy,” Legal History Workshop, Yale Law School (April 2004)
- “The Work of Civil Rights in the 1940s: The Department of Justice, the NAACP, and African American Agricultural Labor,” American Political Development Colloquium on Politics and History, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia (October 2003)
- “‘The Crucial Struggle for Civil Liberties Today’: Labor and the Origins of the Civil Liberties Unit,” Legal History Workshop, University of Virginia Law School (March 2003)
- “‘We Live’s in a Free House Such as It Is’: Class and the Creation of Modern Civil Rights,” Law and the Disappearance of Class in Twentieth-Century America, University of Pennsylvania (November 2002)
- Chair and Commentator, “The Twentieth Century as Legal History,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting (November 2002)
- “The Making of Post-War Civil Rights: The Thirteenth Amendment, Racial Equality, and Labor Rights in World War II,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting (October 2000)
- “The Labor of Labor History: Rethinking the Categories of Work and Workers,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton University (October 1998)
- “‘Living in a Free Country, Working as a Slave’: Patriotism, Patronage, and Peonage in Florida Sugar, 1941-1943,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 1998)
- “Social Scientific Explanations of Crimes Against Humanity,” Truth and Reconciliation Commission, South Africa, Working Paper #1 (June 1995)