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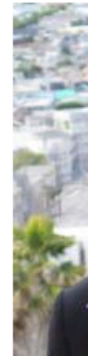
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Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy, with distinction, History, Columbia University (1999)
- Master of Philosophy, History, Columbia University (1993)
- Master of Arts, History, Columbia University (1991)
- Bachelor of Arts, with First Class Honours, History, University of Otago, New Zealand (1988)



Research Interests:

America since 1607:

- US legal, social, political, and cultural history in a global context
- Law and Society Studies
- Global history of foodways
- Social theory

Profile:

Faculty Appointments

- **Associate Professor of History, UC Berkeley (2006-present)**
- Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley (2003 - 2006)
- Dunwalke Associate Professor of History and Associate Professor of Social Studies, Harvard University (2003-2004)
- Assistant Professor of History and of Social Studies, Harvard University (1999 - 2003)

Distinctions and Awards

- 2009 John Philip Reid Book Award for best book in English in Anglo-American Legal History (American Society for Legal History)
- 2009 Cromwell Book Prize for best first book in American legal history (William Nelson Cromwell Foundation).
- Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law and Society (for *The Crisis of Imprisonment*), American Historical Association, 2009
- Bancroft Award (best doctoral dissertation in historical studies, 1999, Columbia University).
- Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities (1996-7).
- President's Fellowship, Columbia University (1991-5).
- Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University (1990-91).
- Fulbright Travel Scholarship (1990) (declined).
- Commonwealth Scholarship (1990) (declined).
- New Zealand University Grants Committee Postgraduate Scholarship (1990) (declined).
- New Zealand Universities Junior Scholarship in Economics, English Literature, History, History of Art, and Pure Mathematics (1990) (declined).

Boards & Related Service

- Editorial Board, *Law and History Review* (2012-)
- Editorial Board, *Representations* (2008-)
- Selection Committee, Hurst Institute for Legal History
- Reviewer, Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, NYU Press, and Routledge

Teaching

New courses (2012-13)

- *Foodways: A Global History 1491-present* (gateway lecture course, co-taught with Prof. Victoria Frede)
- *U.S. Legal History* (grad. research seminar)
- *Making Property: Land, Labor, and Law in Early America, 1491-1900* (seminar)
- *Law and Society in the Long 19th Century* (senior thesis seminar)
- *Food in American History* (senior thesis seminar; historiography seminar)

Established courses

Berkeley

- *The Rule of Law in International Historical Perspective* (grad. seminar)
- *Crime and Punishment in American History, 1607-present* (lecture course)
- *Law, Morality, and the Market: U.S. Legal History, 1607-present* (senior thesis seminar)
- *Post-Civil War US Historiography* (graduate seminar)
- *Land of Desire: Selected Topics in US Cultural History* (undergrad seminar)
- *American Modernity Revisited* (grad. research seminar)
- *US History Survey, 1877 - 1941* (lecture course)
- *America's "Dark Flower": The Prison in American Politics, Law, and Society, 1945 - present* (seminar)

Harvard University

- *The Rule of Law: Social Theoretical Debates* (junior tutorial)
- *Imagining America: Foreign Perspectives on the U.S., Revolution - present* (with Prof. Akira Iriye, lecture course)
- *Punishment and Modern Society* (with Prof. Dani Botsman)
- *Crime and Punishment in American History, 1607-present* (lecture course)
- *Social Studies 10 (Social Theory, Smith - Habermas)*, (sophomore tutorial)

Columbia University

- *Contemporary Civilization I (Plato - Locke)* (seminar).
- *Contemporary Civilization II (Rousseau - Foucault)* (seminar).
- *Crime and Punishment in American History* (seminar, Summer School)

Administrative Service (Selected)

Berkeley

- Chair, U.S. Search Committee, Department of History (2013-14)
- Member, Senate Committee on American Cultures (2012-14)
- Organizer, *Edible History: Feast, Famine, and Fast* (mini-conference), Department of History (2012)
- Member, Ad hoc search committee, Latin American History, Department of History

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- Chair, Academic Events (2011-13)
- US Field Coordinator (2010-11)
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of History (2008-12)
- Chair, Academic Prize Committee, (2008-09)
- Graduate Advisory Committee (2008-09)
- University-wide Ad Hoc Personnel Committees
- Member, U.S. Search Committee, US and the World (2007-08)
- Member, Graduate Admissions Screening Committee (2007-08; 08-09; 11-12; 12-13)
- Member, CHUM/Committee on Undergraduate Matriculation (2004-6)
- Administrator, Undergraduate Travel Grant Award (2004-06)

Harvard:

- Head Tutor, Junior Tutorial Program, Social Studies, Harvard, Fall 2000-Spring 2002
- Member, Joint Search Committee, History and Social Studies

Selected Professional Service

- Member, Law and Humanities Working Group, Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley (2014)
 - Editor, History Digest, UC Berkeley Department of History (2011-13)
 - Co-organizer, “New Voices in American History,” speaker series, UC Berkeley History Department (2008-present, with
 - Address, Graduate Student Association, UC Berkeley, 2009
 - Co-organizer, “Innovating U.S. History: New Approaches to the American Past,” Faculty Workshop, Harvard University, 2001-02 (with Sven Beckert)
 - Faculty Advisor, Athena (Feminist group working with teenage girls in the Boston area), 2000-02
 - Principal Organizer, “Figuring U.S. Culture,” American Studies Symposia, Columbia University, 1994-5.
 - Co-founder and Organizer, History and American Studies Group. A student-faculty group sponsoring interdisciplinary seminars and colloquia on History, Cultural Studies and American Studies, 1994-9.
 - Member of the Executive, Otago University Students Association, 1987.
 - Member of the Media Board, Otago University Students Association, 1987.
- Disc jockey, Radio One, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1986-8.

Languages

- French
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Representative Publications:

Books

- *Living Law in the Early Republic (In progress).*
- *Becoming America: A History for the 21st Century* (with David Henking; Mc
- *The Crisis of Imprisonment: Protest, Politics, and the Making of the American 1941*(The Cambridge History of American Law series, Cambridge University

Articles, book chapters, and reviews

- “When Felons Were Human” (Aug. 15, 2011), *On the Human*, National Hi contributor). <http://onthehuman.org/>
- “The Convict’ s Two Lives,” in David Garland and Michael Meranze, eds., *Penalty in Historical Context* (forthcoming, 2010, NYU Press)
- “Crime and Punishment in American History,” in *Companion to American* forthcoming, 2011).
- “Imprisonment’ s ‘Square Deal’ : Prisoners and their Keepers in 1920s *Urban History* 28: 5 (Jul. 2003).

- “The New Penal State: Globalization, History, and American Criminal Justice” *Cultural Studies* (Fall, 2001).
- “Revolutions and Rights,” and “Equality and Citizenship,” *Contemporary* ed. (New York: Heritage Press, 2000).
- “Writings of the American Revolution,” *Contemporary Civilization Reader* American Heritage, 1997).

Selected Papers and Theses

- “Legally Speaking: Performing Law in the Early Republic,” 19th Century U Georgetown Institute for Global History, Georgetown University, April 4, 2014.
- “Living Law in Early America: Towards a Cultural History of Jurisdiction,” Y School, March 25, 2014.
- “Law-mongers, Pettifoggers, and Gentlemen of the Bar: Contesting Law in America,” Columbia University, March 2012
- “The Convict’s Two Lives,” The Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton, 2011
- “Politics, Law, and the State in U.S. history: the New Political History” ” Cornell University, 2011.
- “Ghosts of Penal Servitude: Lineages of the Mass Carceral State,” (forthcoming)
- “American Penal History and The Crisis of Imprisonment,” University of Michigan, Legal History Workshop, 2009.
- “Civilizing the Market, Disciplining the State/Rethinking American Penal History” (May 26, 2008), and University of Sydney, Spring 2008 (same official title, two presentations)
- “The Market and the Prison,” NYU School of Law, Fall 2007.
- “Civilitus Mortuus: The ‘Civil Death’ Penalty Reconsidered” (in progress) 2007.
- “Between Social Death and the Gallows: the Necropolitics of Imprisonment in America,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 2005
- “‘Slaves of the State:’ The Politics of Penal Servitude in Late Nineteenth Century America,” Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, 2004.
- “The Rise of the American Penal State,” University of Chicago, 2003.
- “Identity, Gender, and the Market: Global and Local Discourses of the U.S. Prison,” Comment, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, 2002.
- “Documenting Prisoners,” Comment, Why We Write conference, Columbia University, 2002.
- “The Crises of Imprisonment: Toward a Critical History of Punishment,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Chicago, 2002.
- “Four Strikes and You’re Out” : America’s First War on Crime,” Annual Meeting of American Historians, 2002
- “The Decline and Fall of the American Prison,” Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conference, Globalization, Fukuoka, Japan, 2000.
- “Saving Justice from Democracy: Progressive Era Prison Reform Reconsidered,” University Seminar on 20th Century Politics and Society, 2000 and the Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, 2000