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## Employment

- 2020–present Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- 2016–2020 Associate Professor of Law, University of Iowa College of Law
- Spring 2019 Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
- 2008–2009 Law Clerk, Hon. Reena Raggi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 2007–2008 Law Clerk, Hon. Denny Chin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- 2006–2007 Part-time Associate, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, NY
- Summer 2006 Summer Associate, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, NY and Hong Kong
- Summer 2005 Legal Intern, International Labor Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

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## Education

- 2009–2016 Princeton University, Ph.D., History
- Emerging Alumni Scholars Award (2015)
  - Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values (2013–2014)
- 2004–2007 Columbia Law School, J.D.
- Senior Editor, *Columbia Law Review*
  - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (2004–2007)
  - Harvey Fellowship (2004–2007)
  - E. Allan Farnsworth Note Competition Prize (2007)
- 1998–2002 Princeton University, A.B., History, *magna cum laude*
- Certificates in East Asian Studies and Program in the Study of Women & Gender
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Suzanne M. Huffman Memorial Prize (best thesis in Women & Gender Studies)
  - History Department Asian History Prize (best thesis on Asia)

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## Publications

### Book

- 2019 Policing the Open Road: How Cars Transformed American Freedom (Harvard UP)
- David J. Langum, Sr. Prize in American Legal History
  - Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Book Prize
  - Honorable Mention, J. Willard Hurst Book Prize, Law & Society Association
  - Reviewed in Eric Goldwyn, “Driving Opportunity,” *Urban Omnibus*, Mar. 11, 2020
  - Reviewed in Stephanie Wykstra, “License and Registration, Please,” *Issues in Science and Technology*, vol. 36, no. 2 (Winter 2020)
  - Reviewed in Adam Gurri, “Driving, Police Power, and the Word: Sarah A. Seo’s *Policing the Open Road*,” *Liberal Currents*, Jan. 14, 2020
  - Listed in *Smithsonian Magazine*’s “The Ten Best History Books of 2019,” by Angela Serratore, Nov. 22, 2019
  - Reviewed in Tracey Maclin, “Cops and Cars: How the Automobile Drove Fourth Amendment Law,” 99 B.U. L. Rev. 2317 (2019)
  - Reviewed in Jackson Smith, “Why Do Police Drive Cars?” *Public Books*, Nov. 13, 2019
  - Reviewed in Emily A. Profigle, “A Century of Cars Driving the Fourth Amendment,” *The New Rambler*, Oct. 2, 2019
  - Quoted in *United States v. Wallace*, 937 F.3d 130, (2d Cir. Sept. 3, 2019) (Pooler, J., dissenting)
  - Reviewed in Nathan Heller, “Was the Automobile Era a Terrible Mistake?” *New Yorker*, July 29, 2019
  - Listed in *New Yorker*’s “What We’re Reading in the Summer of 2019,” with a review by Hua Hsu, June 4, 2019
  - *Cato Unbound* dedicated April 2019 issue, “Cars, Police, and American Freedom,” to host a symposium on *Policing the Open Road*, with review essays by Clark Neily, Lars Trautman, and John Pfaff
  - Excerpt published in *Boston Review*, “How Cars Transformed Policing,” June 3, 2019
  - Excerpt published in *Lapham’s Quarterly*, “The Need for Speed Limits,” Apr. 9, 2019

### Articles

- Work in Progress How Federalism Built the FBI (with Daniel Richman)
- 2019 Democratic Policing before the Due Process Revolution, 128 Yale L.J. 1246
- Selected for the 2019 ACS Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop
  - Finalist, 2018 AALS Scholarly Papers Competition
- 2016 The New Public, 125 Yale L.J. 1616
- Quoted in *United States v. Johnson*, 874 F.3d 571 (7th Cir. 2017) (en banc) (Hamilton, J., dissenting)
  - Quoted in *Iowa v. Storm*, 898 N.W.2d 140 (Iowa 2017) (Hecht, J., dissenting)
  - Quoted in *In re Motors Liquidation Co.*, 829 F.3d 135 (2d Cir. 2016)
  - Quoted in Josh Keefe, “A Brief History of the Traffic Stop (Or How the Car Created the Police State),” *observer.com*, July 26, 2016
  - Quoted in Conor Friedersdorf, “The Senate’s Only Black Republican Opens Up About Being Mistreated by Cops,” *theatlantic.com*, July 15, 2016

- 2013 Antinomies and the Automobile: A New Approach to Criminal Justice Histories, 38 *Law & Soc. Inquiry* 1020
- 2008 The Science of the Mind and the Practical Science of the Law, 26 *Law & Hist. Rev.* 161 (with John F. Witt)
- 2008 A Shattered Dream: The American Law Institute and the Drafting of the International Bill of Rights, 30 *T. Jefferson L. Rev.* 179
- 2008 Battle of the Branches: An Empirical Analysis of Education Lawsuits in the United States, 41 *Colum. J.L. & Soc. Probs.* 125 (with Joy Chia)

**Book Chapters and Short Pieces**

- Forthcoming The Originalist Road Not Taken in *Kansas v. Glover*, ACS Supreme Court Review, October Term 2019
- Forthcoming Charles Reich and the Legal History of Privacy, *Touro L. Rev.* (symposium essay)
- Forthcoming User's Guide to History, in *Research Handbook on Modern Legal Realism*, edited by Shauhin Talesh, Heinz Klug, and Elizabeth Mertz (Edward Elgar)

**Essays, Book Reviews, and Op-Eds**

- Oct. 12, 2019 What Cars Can Teach Us About New Policing Technologies, *The New York Review Daily*
- Aug. 2019 Sur la route, la police est reine, *Le Monde Diplomatique* (English version published in Nov. 2019)
- July 14, 2019 On the Road, Police Power Has Few Limits, *The Atlantic*
- May 15, 2019 Why we can – and must – create a fairer system of traffic enforcement. *Washington Post*
- Apr. 19, 2019 If Overpolicing Happened to Everyone, *Cato Unbound*
- Apr. 8, 2019 From Courtesy, to Discretion ... to Heightened Police Power, *Cato Unbound*
- 2019 Five Recommendations for Exemplary Legal Writing 2018: Books, *Green Bag Almanac & Reader* (with G. Edward White)
- Apr. 23, 2018 Why our response to the Starbucks arrests must go beyond race, *Washington Post*
- July 24, 2017 How the fight over civil forfeiture lays bare the contradictions in modern conservatism, *Washington Post*
- June 27, 2017 A bullet can cross the border. Can the Constitution? The Supreme Court won't say. *Washington Post*
- 2017 Our Criminal Laws, Our Constitution, 52 *Tulsa L. Rev.* 607 (solicited review essay for faculty-edited issue)
- Mar. 23, 2016 Governor Shouldn't Sign Smoking-Fine Bill, *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (with Sarah Milov)
- 2014 Book Review, 83 *U. Toronto Q.* 505 (reviewing Jeannine Marie DeLombard, *In the Shadow of the Gallows: Race, Crime, and American Civic Identity* (2012))

### Blog Posts

- April 20, 2020 *Policing the Automobile: "Private" Transit in "Public" Spaces?* The Metropole
- May 31, 2019 *History's Failures and Historians' Duties*, Legal History Blog
- May 21, 2019 *New Stories about the Warren Court*, Legal History Blog
- May 10, 2019 *Narrative as a Mode of Argument*, Legal History Blog
- May 6, 2019 *A Book Greater than the Sum of its Chapters*, Legal History Blog
- May 2, 2019 *The Future of Books?*, Legal History Blog

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### Fellowships and Honors

- 2018 Scholar in Residence, Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia Law School
- 2017 Dissertation Prize, Law & Society Association
- 2017 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
- 2017 Professor Eric K. Yamamoto Emerging Scholar Award, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty
- 2016–2020 Beach Law Faculty Opportunity Fund, University of Iowa College of Law
- 2016–2017 William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Grant
- 2015–2016 Charles W. McCurdy Legal History Fellowship, University of Virginia School of Law and Miller Center of Public Affairs
- 2015–2016 Raoul Berger-Mark DeWolfe Howe Legal History Fellowship, Harvard Law School (declined)
- 2015 J. Willard Hurst Institute in Legal History Fellowship, American Society for Legal History and University of Wisconsin Law School
- 2014–2015 Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship, New York University School of Law
- 2014 Richard Scharchburg Student Paper Award, Society of Automotive Historians
- 2013 William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Grant

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### Media Appearances (Selected)

- May 9, 2020 Hi-Phi Nation, a podcast from slate.com, *Police Discretion*
- Nov. 30, 2019 Deep Background, podcast with host Noah Feldman, *The History of Policing in Cars*
- Nov. 2019 *Le Monde Diplomatique* podcast, *Americans, Their Cars and the Law*
- Oct. 31, 2019 War on Cars podcast, *The Automotive Police State*

- Oct. 29, 2019 Ben Franklin's World: A Podcast about Early American History, *Interpreting the Fourth Amendment*
- Oct. 10, 2019 Majority Report podcast with Sam Seder

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### Presentations (Selected)

- Jan. 9, 2020 Panelist, A Conversation on Policing, Freedom, and the Arts, Lincoln Center Education, New York, NY
- Dec. 6, 2019 Panelist, *The Fourth Amendment and Privacy: Historical Perspectives*, Federal Judicial Center and the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Nov. 22, 2019 Author-Meets-Readers for *Policing the Open Road*, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- Apr. 10, 2019 *Driving toward Autonomy? The FBI in the Federal System, 1908-1960*, Harvard Law School (with Daniel Richman)
- Feb. 28, 2018 *The Totalitarian Challenge to the Automobile Exception*, Faculty Colloquium, Emory Law School
- Jan. 30, 2018 *Democratic Policing before the Due Process Revolution*, Public Law and Legal Theory Workshop, University of Chicago Law School
- Dec. 4, 2017 *From the Automobile Exception to Stop-and-Frisks*, Chicago Legal History Workshop, American Bar Foundation
- Oct. 27, 2017 *Policing and American Democracy*, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- Sept. 21, 2017 *The Problem of Traffic with Law-Abiding Citizens*, Faculty Works-in-Progress Presentation, University of Minnesota Law School
- May 5-6, 2017 *Policing under American Rule of Law*, Criminal Justice Roundtable (invited participant), Columbia Law School
- June 4, 2016 *Discretionary Policing in a Free Society*, Policy History Conference, Nashville, TN
- Nov. 2, 2015 *The Automobile and the Cold War Fourth Amendment*, Conference Honoring Charles W. McCurdy, University of Virginia School of Law
- Sept. 14, 2015 *The New Public*, Contemporary Legal Scholarship, Yale Law School

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## Service

- Reviewer, Oxford University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, *Journal of Urban History*, *Green Bag's* Exemplary Legal Writing Honors (Books)
- 2019–2022 Cromwell Prize Committee, American Society for Legal History
- 2017–2018 J. Willard Hurst Book Prize Committee, Law & Society Association
- 2015–present Founding Member, Steering Committee, Lincoln Center Young Patrons, New York, NY
- 2014–2015 Pro Bono Attorney, Legal Services NYC
- 2013–2015 Chair, Academic Committee, Asian American Bar Association of New York
- 2011–2012 Co-coordinator, Modern America Workshop, Princeton University

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## Professional Affiliations

- American Studies Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Law & Society Association
- American Society for Legal History
- American Historical Association
- Asian American Bar Association of New York
- 2007 Admitted to New York State Bar (inactive status)