

**Remarks of Austin Collier
Graduation Committee Co-Chair
Introduction of the Recipient of the
Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching
Columbia Law School Graduation
Thursday, April 29, 2021**

Thank you, David. My name is Austin Collier, and as graduation co-chair, it is now my honor to introduce the winner of the 2021 Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching to Professor Maeve Glass. Awarded by a vote from the student body, this prize honors the memory of Professor Willis Reese whose dedication to his students and teaching is legendary.

An alumna of Columbia Law School herself, Professor Glass joined the Columbia Law faculty in 2018. She earned her Ph.D. at Princeton University in 2016 and won the American Society for Legal History's Best Dissertation Prize the following year.

That Professor Glass was able to connect with and inspire her students so deeply, during and outside of class, even with the challenges presented by the pandemic and distance learning this past year, shows the depth of her dedication to teaching, which is rivaled only by her scholarship. Professor Glass draws on her expertise in legal history, the American slave trade, constitutional law, property law, and social justice to provide students with fresh historical perspectives and innovative teaching methods.