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- APPOINTMENT** Associate Professor of Law, Columbia Law School (2018–)  
Courses: Federal Courts, American Bail seminar
- CLERKSHIPS** Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen F. Williams (2017–2018)  
United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal (2016–2017)  
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- EDUCATION** PhD history, Princeton University (2018)
- JD, Yale Law School (2014)
- BA history & MA church history, Bob Jones University (2007 / 2009)
- BOOK PROJECTS** *The Lawyers' Code: The Transformation of American Legal Practice* (in revision)
- American Bail: A History of Wealth and Pretrial Detention in the United States* (in preparation)
- ARTICLES & CHAPTERS** “The Spine of American Law: Digital Methods and U.S. Legal Practice,” with Lincoln Mullen, *American Historical Review* 132 (2018). ([SSRN](#))
- “The Theological Framework of American Codification,” *Law & History Review* (in revision). ([SocArXiv](#))
- “The Handmaid of Justice: Power, Procedure, and the Inferior Courts,” in Clara Altman, Gautham Rao & Winston Bowman, eds., *Approaches to Federal Judicial History* (Federal Judicial Center: forthcoming).
- “The Nature of Things: Fusion in the United States,” in John Goldberg, Henry Smith, & P.G. Turner, Eds., *Equity and Law: Fusion and Fission* (Cambridge: forthcoming).
- “Church Corporations and the Conflict of Laws in Antebellum America,” 33 *Journal of Law & Religion* 33 (2017). ([SSRN](#))
- “Shall These Bones Live? Property, Pluralism, and the Constitution of Evangelical Reform,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 41 (2016): 742–774. ([Wiley](#) | [SSRN](#))
- “A Servile Copy: Text Reuse and Medium Data in American Civil Procedure,” with Lincoln Mullen, in *Forum: Die geisteswissenschaftliche Perspektive: Welche Forschungsergebnisse lassen Digital Humanities erwarten?*, *Rechtsgeschichte* 24 (2016): 341–343. ([RG](#))

“Equity without Chancery: The Fusion of Law and Equity in the Field Code of Civil Procedure, New York 1846–1876,” *Journal of Legal History* 36 (2015): 152–191. ([Taylor & Francis](#) | [SSRN](#))

“‘Let No Man Put Asunder’: South Carolina’s Law of Divorce, 1895–1950,” *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 110 (2009): 134–153 (2009). ([JSTOR](#) | [SSRN](#))

**BOOK  
REVIEWS**

*Codification, Transplants and History: Law Reform in Louisiana and Quebec*, by John W. Cairns, *Rechtsgeschichte* 24 (2016): 480–483. ([RG](#) | [SocArXiv](#))

*Making Religion Safe for Democracy*, by J. Judd Owen, *Journal of Law and Religion* 31 (2016): 103–107. ([Cambridge](#) | [SocArXiv](#))

**HONORS**

Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellow, Princeton University

Kathryn T. Preyer Scholar, American Society for Legal History

Legal History Fellow, Yale Law School

J. Willard Hurst Fellow, University of Wisconsin Law School

Graduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

American Studies Graduate Research Prize, Princeton University

Littleton-Griswold Research Grant, American Historical Association

Hugh Davis Graham Award, Institute for Political History

William Nelson Cromwell Fellowship, American Society for Legal History

Nathan E. Mag Scholarship for Joint-Degree Students, Yale Law School

Shelby Collum and Kathryn Davis Prize, History, Princeton University

Charles Redd Center Graduate Student Summer Award

**INVITED  
PRESENT-  
ATIONS**

The Expense of Demoralization: Oathtaking and Witness Testimony under the Field Codes, Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars Panel, American Society for Legal History, William S. Boyd School of Law (2017)

Moderator, Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium: The Future of Discovery, Panel: Do We Need More Reform? by Alexandra Lahav, Paul Stancil, and Martin Redish (2017)

Workshop on Digital Methods in Legal History, American Society for Legal History, Toronto (2016)

Summer Academy, Max-Planck Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte (2015)

Summer Research Seminar at Stanford Law School: Religion and the Constitution, Institute for Constitutional History (2015)

**OTHER  
PRESENT-  
ATIONS**

An Empire in Itself: The Migration of Field’s Code, paper presented at the Third Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, James E. Rogers College of Law, October 2017.

Text Reuse for Digital Legal History, with Lincoln Mullen, workshop, American Society for Legal History, Toronto, October 27, 2016.

The American Tradition of the Active Judge, paper presented at the Second Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Washington School of Law, July 2016, Joanna Schwartz, commentator.

A Servile Copy of New York: The Migration of Field's Code, paper presented at the Brown University Graduate Student Legal History Conference, April 2016.

Most Sacred to the Truth: Oaths and Witness Testimony in the Field Code, paper presented at the Religion and Public Life Forum, Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, April 2016, Leslie Ribovich, commentator.

No Foundation in the Nature of Things: American Controversies over the Fusion of Law and Equity, paper presented at the Australia & New Zealand Legal History Conference, December 2015.

The Protestant Framework of American Codification, paper presented at the Religion & Public Life Forum, Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, September 2015, Michael Thate, commentator.

The Lawyers' Code: The Transformation of American Legal Practice, presented at the Summer Academy for European Legal History, Max-Planck Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte, August 2015.

No Foundation in the Nature of Things: The Elusive Union of Law and Equity, paper presented at the Hurst Summer Institute for Legal History, June 2015.

Church Corporations and the Conflict of Laws in Antebellum America, paper presented at the Princeton University Religious History Workshop, November 2014, Kurt Karandy, commentator.

Mere Machinery and Arbitrary Regulation: The Politics of Lawyering and the Creation of Civil Procedure in New York, 1846-1850, paper presented at the American Society for Legal History annual conference, November 2014, Roman Hoyos, commentator.

The Theological Framework of the American Codification Controversy, paper presented at the Modern American Workshop, Princeton University, September 2014, Jane Manners, commentator.

Disestablishment and Religious Corporations in New York, 1784-1854, paper presented at the History Project conference on Commerce, Corporations, and the Law, Princeton University, September 2013, Sunil Amrith, commentator.

Disestablishment and Religious Corporations in New York, 1784-1854, paper presented at the New Worlds of Faith conference, University of Pennsylvania, June 2013, Sarah Barringer Gordon, commentator.

Disestablishment and Religious Corporations in New York, 1784-1854, paper presented at the Religion and Law Conference, Florida State University, March 2013, Ann Duncan, commentator.

Plausibility Pleading After *Iqbal-Twombly*, address to the litigation group at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Brussels, Belgium, August 2011.

“Let No Man Put Asunder”: South Carolina’s Law of Divorce, 1895-1950, paper presented at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Historical Association, March 2008, Marcia G. Synnott, commentator.

**SERVICE**

Reviewer, *Law & History Review*

Steering Committee, Public History Initiative, Princeton University

Digital research on American legislation and civil procedure, including open-source r packages and Omeka libraries, available at <http://kellenfunk.org/digital-research/>.

**ADMISSIONS  
& MEMBER-  
SHIPS**

American Historical Association  
American Society for Legal History  
American Society of Church History  
Conference on Faith and History  
Selden Society

New York Bar (2015)