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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor of History, Purdue University 2014 - present
 - Affiliations:
 - American Studies Program
 - Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts Program
 - Women's Gender and Sexuality Program
 - LGBTQ Minor Program
 - Critical Disability Studies Program
 - Honors College Tech and Justice Lab

- Co-Editor-in-Chief, *American Journal of Legal History*
 - Oxford University Academic Journals Division, NY 2021-Present

- Assistant Professor of History
 - Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN 2007 - 2014

- Byron K. Trippet Assistant Professor of History 2006 - 2007
 - Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN

- Instructor of History 2005 - 2006
 - Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. U.S. History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 2006
Advisor: Linda K. Kerber
- M.A. U.S. History, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 1998
- B.A. History/Political Science, University of Michigan – Dearborn, MI 1992

SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- *American Society for Legal History Nelson Cromwell Prize* the Best First Book in American Legal History, 2014

- Antonia B. Syson Cornerstone Integrated Arts Teaching Award, 2020
- Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Purdue University, 2019
 - Purdue University's highest teaching honor
- National Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Association's (NASPA) Gender and Sexuality Knowledge Community's Exemplary Study Abroad Program Award, 2018
- (Appointed) Founding Program Fellow, Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts, 2016
- Exceptional Undergraduate Teaching Award, Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, 2016

SELECTED RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:

Book:

Family, Law, and Inheritance in America: A Social and Legal History of Nineteenth Century Kentucky. (Historical Studies in American Law and Society Series: Cambridge University Press), 2013.

- American Society for Legal History (ASLH) Nelson Cromwell Prize for Best Book in American Legal History, 2014

Selected Articles/Chapters:

(In Progress) Chief editor, "Stanford Law School's "Histories of Presidential Power Conference" *American Journal of Legal History* Special Issue (In progress)

"Into Law's Artifice: Postwar Policing, Sexual Difference, and the Epistemic Gap," *Law and History Review*, 41 no1 (2023), 839-845.

"Civic Capacity and Participatory Citizenship in the Nineteenth Century United States." Pgs. 311 - 322. In Nan Goodman and Simon Stern, eds., *The Ashgate Research Companion to Law and Humanities in Nineteenth-Century America*. London: Ashgate Press, 2017.

"Disability, Scientific Authority, and Women's Political Participation in the Turn of the Twentieth Century United States." *Journal of Women's History* 22 no. 2 (2012): 37 - 61.

MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

"Jurisdictional Conflict, Legal Localism, and Military Vice Regulation in Occupied Nashville, 1860-1868"

Local and national jurisdictional configurations were central to establishing legitimate authority in Civil War era Union Army occupied Nashville, Tennessee. Local authorities disputed federal military and constitutional pre-emption doctrines as unfree persons, Black and white, sought novel judicial remedies and pursued their own prosecutions. Legal claims adjudicated in these fleeting jurisdictional configurations transformed wartime conceptualizations of legal personhood, vice regulation and public health, and prefigured postwar citizenship claims.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Facilitator/Discussant, "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Large Language Models Teaching and Learning Workshop," Purdue University, 2023

Presenter/Facilitator, "Courting Constitutional Controversy: The Supreme Court Docket," CSPAN Archives' Pizza and Politics Hot Topics Forum," 2022

Moderator, CSPAN Center for Scholarship and Engagement (CCSE) Research Conference, "New Application of Methodologies in C-SPAN Video Library Research," 2022

Participant, "Career Diversity for Historians Faculty Institute Conference," American Historical Association (Three session online workshops), 2021

Keynote Speaker for Constitution Day Public Lecture, "Abraham Lincoln, Martial Law, and Political Dissent," Holy Cross College, South Bend, IN, 2019

Keynote Speaker, "Civic Capacity and Participatory Citizenship in the Nineteenth Century United States," Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Symposium, 2018

Roundtable Facilitator and Chair, "Constitutional History is Political History" Purdue University, 2022 (broadcast on CSPAN2, 6/2022)

Presenter, "Negotiating Local Military Authority: Regulated Prostitution and Jurisdictional Conflict in Occupied Nashville, 1862 – 1866," *Society for Civil War Historians Conference*, 2022

Presenter, "Transforming Criminal Sexuality: Sex Work and Military Regulation during the American Civil War, 1861-1866," *Disruptive Sex from the Nineteenth to the Twenty First Century*, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, England, April 2019

SELECTED EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS AND NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS

- Co-Editor-in-Chief, *American Journal of Legal History* (Oxford University Press), Invited 2020, term 2021-2023)
- Member, *American Society for Legal Historians* (ASLH), Cromwell Research Fellowship Committee, 2014 – 2016, 2018 – 2020
- Advisory Board, The Ryan White Digital Archive and Learning Experience Project, Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 2016 - 2018

SELECTED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

- "From Manacles to Madness: A History of Insanity in America," Lecture for Roads Scholar Educational Travel Program, West Lafayette, IN, June 2019
- "Abraham Lincoln, the Constitution, and Public Dissent during the Civil War Era," Hoosier Blue and Gray Civil War Round Table, Connersville, IN, 2018
- "Prostitution and Vice Regulation in Occupied Nashville during the Civil War," Hoosier Blue and Gray Civil War Round Table, Connersville, IN, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Society of Civil War Historians

American Society for Legal Historians

Southern Association for Women Historians