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*Curriculum Vitae*

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

**Associate Professor of History (US)**, University of California, Berkeley (2006 – present).

**Assistant Professor of History (US)**, University of California, Berkeley (2004 – 2006).

**Dunwalke Associate Professor of History (19<sup>th</sup> Century US) and Associate Professor of Social Studies**, Harvard University (2003 -2004).

**Assistant Professor of History (19<sup>th</sup> Century US) and of Social Studies**, Harvard University (1999 – 2003).

**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 (1989).

**RELATED TRAINING**

**Introduction to Legal Systems; British Legal History; Law of Contracts; Family Law** (classes completed towards a Bachelor of Laws [LLB], University of Otago, New Zealand, 1985-87).

**BOOKS**

*The Crisis of Imprisonment: Protest, Politics, and the Making of the American Penal State, 1776 – 1941* (*The Cambridge History of American Law* series, Cambridge University Press, March 2008).

*American Cultures, American Lives: A US History Survey*, David Henkin and Rebecca McLennan. (McGraw-Hill; 26/31 chapters completed; expected January 2014).

*Living Law in the Early Republic* (In progress; not yet under contract).

**DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS**

**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 (American Society for Legal History/William Nelson Cromwell Foundation. 2009).

**Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law and Society** (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 (1985).

### **DOCTORAL THESIS**

*Citizens and Criminals: the Rise of the American Carceral State, 1890-1935* (PhD diss., Columbia University, 1999) Committee: Barbara J. Fields (advisor), Eric Foner (second reader), Elizabeth Blackmar, Charles Tilly, Ira Katzelson.

### **ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND COMMENTARIES**

“When Felons Were Human” (Aug. 15, 2011), *On the Human*, National Humanities Center (featured contributor). <http://onthehuman.org/>

“The Convict’s Two Lives,” in David Garland, Randall McGowan, and Michael Meranze, eds., *Rethinking the Death Penalty in Historical Context* (NYU Press, 2010).

“Crime and Punishment in American History,” *Blackwell’s Companion to American Legal History* (expected 2012).

“Imprisonment’s ‘Square Deal’: Prisoners and their Keepers in 1920s New York,” *Journal of Urban History* 28: 5 (Jul. 2003).

“The New Penal State: Globalization, History, and American Criminal Justice, c. 2000,” *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* (Fall, 2001).

“Revolutions and Rights,” and “Equality and Citizenship,” *Contemporary Civilization Reader*, 7th ed. (New York: Heritage Press, 2000).

“Writings of the American Revolution,” *Contemporary Civilization Reader*, 6th ed. (New York: American Heritage, 1997).

### **SELECTED PAPERS AND THESES**

“The Will to Regulation,” *Règles et Dérèglements en Milieu Clos (VIe-XIXe Siècle)*, **University of Reims and Laboratoire d'excellence Histoire et Anthropologie des Sciences, des Techniques et des Croyances**, (forthcoming, October 2012)

“The Convict’s Two Lives” The Davis Center for Historical Studies, **Princeton University**, October, 2011

“Politics, Law, and the State in U.S. history: the New Political History” **Columbia University**, May 2011.

“Ghosts of Penal Servitude: Lineages of the Mass Carceral State,” **Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians**, Washington, DC, 2010.

“Civilizing the Market, Disciplining the State/Rethinking American Penal History” **University of Oxford** (May 26, 2008) and **University of Sydney**, Spring 2008

“The Market and the Prison,” **NYU School of Law**, Fall 2007.

“*Civiliter Mortuus*: The ‘Civil Death’ Penalty Reconsidered” (in progress), **NYU School of Law**, 2007.

“Between Social Death and the Gallows: the Necropolitics of Imprisonment in Nineteenth-Century America,” **Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians**, 2005.

“‘Slaves of the State:’ The Politics of Penal Servitude in Late Nineteenth-Century America,” **Annual 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. Christian Right,” 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,” **American Bar Foundation**, Chicago, 2002.

“Four Strikes and You’re Out”: America’s First War on Crime,” **Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians**, 2002

“The Decline and Fall of the American Prison,” **Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conference on Globalization**, Fukuoka, Japan, 2000.

“Saving Justice from Democracy: Progressive Era Prison Reform Reconsidered,” **Columbia University Seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Politics and Society**, 2000 and the **Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association**, 2000.

“Citizens and Criminals: Penal Justice and the Rise of the Modern Liberal State,” **York University**, Toronto, Canada, 1998.

“The Strange Career of American Race Ideology,” **Canterbury University**, Christchurch, 1998.

“Citizens and Criminals: Prisons, Violence, and the State, 1890-1940,” **Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians**, 1997.

“Discipline and Assault: the Everyday Practices of New York State Prisons in the Progressive Era,” **Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association**, 1996.

“Psycho-asthenics and the Body Politic in Progressive America,” **Figuring U.S. Culture Conference**, Columbia University, 1995.

“Bodies on the Borderline: the ‘Menace of the Feeble-minded’ and the Social Body in the Progressive Era,” **Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association**, 1994.

“‘Derelict Upon the Ocean:’ the Theorizing of Feeble-mindedness and the Borderline Case in Progressive America,” (unpublished Masters essay), Columbia University, 1991.

## **TEACHING**

### **New and forthcoming courses (2008-present)**

- A Global History of Food: 1491-1900 (international history; lecture course, co-taught with Prof. Victoria Frede, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russia, scheduled 2013)
- The Rule of Law in International Historical Context (international history; grad. seminar)
- Law, Morality, and the Market: U.S. Legal History, 1607-present (Senior thesis seminar).
- Food in American History (Senior thesis seminar)
- Food in American History (Historiography seminar)
- Land of Desire: Selected Topics in US Cultural History, 1865 - 1941 (Senior seminar)
- American Modernity Revisited (1800 – 1919. Grad research seminar)

### **Established courses**

- Imagining America: Foreign Perspectives on the U.S., Revolution - present (with Prof. Akira Iriye, lecture course, Harvard).
- Graduate Seminar in post-Civil War US Historiography (with David Hollinger, UC Berkeley).
- US History Survey, 1877 – 1941 (lecture course, UC Berkeley).
- Senior Thesis Seminar (UC Berkeley).
- America's "Dark Flower": The Prison in American Politics, Law, and Society, 1945 – present (senior seminar, UC Berkeley).
- Crime and Punishment in American History, 1609 - present (lecture course, Harvard and UC Berkeley).
- Punishment and Modern Society (undergrad. seminar, Harvard).
- The Rule of Law: Social Theoretical Debates (junior tutorial, Harvard).

### **Other**

- Social Studies 10 (Social Theory, Smith - Habermas), (sophomore tutorial, Harvard).
- Contemporary Civilization I (Plato - Locke) (seminar, Columbia).
- Contemporary Civilization II (Rousseau - Foucault) (seminar, Columbia).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (Selected)**

UC Berkeley:

**Chair**, Events, Department of History, 2011-12

**Organizer**, Edible History: Feast, Famine, and Fast, 2012 (mini-conference)

**Chair**, Academic Prize Committee, Department of History (2008-10)

**Panelist**, Committee on Student Conduct (2008-09)

**Graduate Advisory Committee**, History (2008-12)

**Mid-career Review Committee**

**University-wide Ad Hoc Personnel Committees** (2007-08; 2008-09)

**Job Search Committee**, US and the World (2007-08)

**Graduate Admissions Screening Committee, US** (2007-08, 2008-9, 2011-12)

**Committee on Undergraduate Matriculation** (2004-6)

Harvard:

**Head Tutor**, Junior Tutorial Program, Social Studies, Harvard, Fall 2000-Spring 2002.

**Job Search Committee**, Modern European History and Social Studies, 2000-2001

## **LANGUAGES**

French (read and write)

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Co-organizer**, "New Voices in American History," speaker series, UC Berkeley History Department, 2008-12 (with David Henkin)

**Editor**, *History Digest*, UC Berkeley

**Board Member**, *Representations*

**Address**, Graduate Student Association, UC Berkeley, 2009

**Reviewer**, Oxford University Press, NYU Press, Cambridge University Press

**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.