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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI August 2024 - present
Assistant Professor of Law

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY August 2022 - June 2024
Samuel I. Golieb Fellow

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL AND YALE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, New Haven, CT

J.D., 2019; Ph.D. in History expected, 2025

Joseph Parker Prize for the best paper on legal history; Legal History Fellow and Legal History Forum Coordinator; Executive Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*

Dissertation: Creating Legal Childhood: The Child Protection Movement in American Law (Committee: John Witt, David Blight, and Mary Lui)

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Oxford, UK

Master of Studies in U.S. History, 2014

HARVARD COLLEGE, Cambridge, MA

A.B. *magna cum laude* with Highest Honors in History, Minor in Romance Languages and Literatures, 2013

Henry Fellowship for graduate study at Oxford University; Phi Beta Kappa; John Harvard Scholarship; Captain Jonathan Fay Prize for the most outstanding work or research in any field

PUBLICATIONS

The Origins of Family Rights and Family Regulation: A Dual Legal History, 78 STAN. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2026)

Witnesses for the State: Children and the Making of Modern Evidence Law, 42 LAW & HIST. REV. 585 (2024)

Strategy & Entailments: The Enduring Role of Law in the U.S. Armed Forces, 146 DAEDALUS 11 (2017) (with John Witt)

SELECTED LEGAL EXPERIENCE

HON. ROWAN D. WILSON, New York Court of Appeals, New York, NY 2020 - 2021
Judicial clerk

NEW HAVEN LEGAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION, New Haven, CT May - December 2018
Legal intern and clinical student in the Family Law and Immigration Units

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL LLP, New York, NY Summers 2016 - 2017
Summer associate

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Children’s Right to a Home: The Preservation and Termination of Family Ties at the End of the Asylum Era,” presented at the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, October 25, 2024

“Taking the Child-Savers to Court: Habeas Litigation and the Origins of Family Rights,” presented at the Chicagoland Junior Scholars Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, September 27, 2024, the Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, June 18, 2024, and the NYU Legal History Colloquium, November 29, 2023

“Witnesses for the State: Children and the Making of Modern Evidence Law,” presented at the Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Boston College Law School, June 15, 2023

BAR ADMISSION

New York