

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Information

Michael Vorenberg, Professor of History

Education: Ph.D. in History, Harvard University, November 1995 (American History)
 A.M. in History, Harvard University, March 1990 (American History)
 A.B. in History, Harvard University, June 1986, *summa cum laude* (Ancient History)

Professional Appointments

Professor of History, Brown University, 2025-present
Associate Professor of History (with tenure), Brown University, 2004-2025
Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professor, Brown University, 2002-2004
Assistant Professor, History Department, Brown University, 1999-
Assistant Professor, History Department, SUNY at Buffalo, 1996-99
Post-Doctoral Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Harvard University, 1995-96
Lecturer, History and Literature Program, Harvard University, 1995-96

Scholarship

Books

Lincoln's Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War (Alfred A. Knopf, 2025)
The Emancipation Proclamation: A Brief History with Documents (Bedford/St.
Martin's, 2010).
*Final Freedom: The Civil War, the Abolition of Slavery, and the Thirteenth
Amendment*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
(Paperback edition, 2004.)

Chapters in Books

"20 Men, Dead in the Stono," in Brian Matthew Jordan and Jonathan White, eds., *Last
Bivouacs: Reflections on the Meaning of Civil War Graves* (Athens: University of
Georgia Press, 2023).
"The 1866 Civil Rights Act and the Beginning of Military Reconstruction," in Christian
Samito, ed., *The Greatest and the Grandest Act: The Civil Rights Act of 1866
from Reconstruction to Today* (Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University
Press, 2018), 60-88.
"The Thirteenth Amendment," in *1865: America Makes War and Peace in Lincoln's
Final Year* (Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University Press, 2015), 7-21.
"Liberté, Égalité, and Lincoln: French Readings of an American President," in Richard
Carwardine and Jay Sexton, eds., *The Global Lincoln* (New York: Oxford
University Press, 2011), 95-106.

- “Was Lincoln’s Constitution Color-Blind?,” in Thomas A. Horrocks, Harold Holzer, and Frank J. Williams, eds., *The Living Lincoln* (Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University Press, 2011), 115-27.
- “Citizenship and the Thirteenth Amendment: Understanding the Deafening Silence,” in Alexander Tsesis, ed., *The Promises of Liberty: The History and Contemporary Relevance of the Thirteenth Amendment* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010).
- “Did Emancipation Create American Citizens?: Abraham Lincoln’s View” (in Russian), in Victoria Zhuravleva, ed., *Abraham Lincoln: Lessons of History and the Contemporary World* (Moscow: Russian State University for the Humanities Press, 2010).
- “Abraham Lincoln’s ‘Fellow Citizens’—Before and After Emancipation,” in William A. Blair and Karen Fisher Younger, eds., *Lincoln’s Proclamation: Emancipation Reconsidered* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009), 151-169.
- “The Thirteenth Amendment Enacted,” in Harold Holzer and Sara Vaughn Gabbard, eds., *Lincoln and Freedom: Slavery, Emancipation, and The Thirteenth Amendment* (Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University Press, 2007).
- “After Emancipation: Abraham Lincoln’s Black Dream,” in John Y. Simon, Harold Holzer, and Dawn Vogel, eds., *Lincoln Revisited* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2007).
- “Slavery Reparations in Theory and Practice: Lincoln’s Approach,” in Brian Dirck, ed., *Lincoln Emancipated: The President and the Politics of Race* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois Univ. Press, 2007).
- “Reconstruction as a Constitutional Crisis,” in Thomas J. Brown, ed., *Reconstructions: New Directions in the History of Postbellum America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006).
- “The World Will Forever Applaud: Emancipation,” in Aaron Sheehan-Dean, ed., *The Struggle for a Vast Future: The American Civil War* (Oxford, UK: Osprey, 2006).
- “Emancipating the Constitution: Francis Lieber and the Theory of Amendment,” in Charles R. Mack and Henry H. Lesesne, eds., *Francis Lieber and the Culture of the Mind* (Columbia: Univ. of South Carolina Press, 2005).
- “The Chase Court (1864-1873): Cautious Reconstruction,” in Christopher Tomlins, ed., *The United States Supreme Court: The Pursuit of Justice* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005).
- “Bringing the Constitution Back In: Amendment, Innovation, and Popular Democracy during the Civil War Era,” in Meg Jacobs, William Novak, and Julian Zelizer, eds., *The Democratic Experiment: The Promise of American Political History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003).
- “The King’s Cure: Abraham Lincoln and the End of Slavery,” in Charles Hubbard, ed., *Lincoln Reshapes the Presidency* (Mercer, Penn.: Mercer Univ. Press, 2004).

- “Rutherford B. Hayes,” in Alan Brinkley and Davis Dyer, eds., *The Reader’s Companion to the American Presidency*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.
- “Abraham Lincoln and the Politics of Black Colonization,” in Thomas F. Schwartz, ed., *“For a Vast Future Also”: Essays from the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*. New York: Fordham University Press, 1999. (Reprint of article listed below.)
- “James Mitchell Ashley,” “Norman Buel Judd,” “Edward McPherson,” “Dean Richmond,” and “Willard Saulsbury,” in John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, eds., *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- “Lydia Maria Child,” “Horace Greeley,” “Samuel Finley Breese Morse,” “James Gordon Bennett, Jr.,” in Peter J. Parish, ed., *Reader’s Guide to American History*. Cambridge: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1997.

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Spielberg’s *Lincoln*: The Great Emancipator Returns,” *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 3 (December 2013), 549-72.
- “Imagining a Different Reconstruction Constitution,” *Civil War History*, 51 (December 2005), 416-26.
- “‘The Deformed Child’: Slavery and the Election of 1864.” *Civil War History*, 47 (September 2001), 240-257.
- “Abraham Lincoln and the Politics of Black Colonization.” *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, 14 (Summer 1993): 23-46.

Non-Refereed Articles

- “Abraham Lincoln’s Wiliest Trick Should Be a Lesson for Biden,” Guest Essay, *New York Times*, August 27, 2024, <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/27/opinion/abraham-lincoln-lesson-biden.html>
- “Emancipation—Then What?,” *New York Times*, Guest Essay for “Disunion” Series, January 15, 2013, http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/15/emancipation-then-what/?_php=true&_type=blogs&_r=0
- “Hearts of Blackness: Reconsidering the Abolitionists—Again,” *Reviews in American History*, 32 (March 2004), 33-40.
- “The Battle Over Gettysburg: What Lincoln Would Have Said about September 11, 2001.” *Brown Alumni Magazine*, 103 (Jan./Feb. 2003), 27.
- “Recovered Memory of the Civil War,” *Reviews in American History*, 29 (Dec. 2001), 550-58.

Book Reviews

- Contributor to Review Symposium, “A Discussion of David W. Blight’s *Yale and Slavery: A History*,” *Perspectives on Politics* (January 2025), 7-8.
- Review of Cynthia Nicoletti, *Secession on Trial: The Treason Prosecution of Jefferson Davis*, in *American Historical Review*, 124 (June 2019), 1075-76.

- Review of Don H. Doyle, *The Cause of All Nations: An International History of the American Civil War*, in *Journal of Southern History*, 82 (Jan. 2016), 440-2.
- Review of Nicolas Barreyre, *L'or et la Liberté: Une Histoire Spatiale des États-Unis après la guerre de Sécession*, in the *American Historical Review*, 120 (Dec. 2015), 1895-96.
- Review of Pamela Brandwein, *Rethinking the Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction*, in the *American Historical Review*, 116 (Dec. 2011), 1506-7.
- Review of Phillip W. Magness and Sebastian N. Page, *Colonization After Emancipation: Lincoln and the Movement for Black Resettlement*, in the *Journal of Illinois History*, Winter 2011.
- Review of Tony Horwitz, *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War*, in the *Brown Alumni Monthly*, September/October 2011.
- Review of Eric Foner, *Our Lincoln: New Perspectives on Lincoln and His World*, in *Civil War History*, 57 (June 2011), 184-86.
- Review of Laura F. Edwards, *The People and Their Peace: Legal Culture and the Transformation of Inequality in the Post-Revolutionary South*, in the *American Historical Review*, 114 (Dec. 2009), 1454-55.
- Review of Austin Allen, *Origins of the Dred Scott Case: Jacksonian Jurisprudence and the Supreme Court, 1837-1857*, *Journal of Southern History*, 74 (Nov. 2008), 966-967.
- Review of Hans L. Trefousse, *First Among Equals: Abraham Lincoln's Reputation During His Administration*, in the *American Historical Review*, 111 (Dec. 2006), 1516-1517.
- "A Debt Unpaid," review of Mary Frances Berry, *My Face is Black is True: Callie House and the Struggle for Ex-Slave Reparations*, *Washington Post*, September 18, 2005 (Sunday Book Review), page T04.
- Review of Elizabeth Leonard, *Lincoln's Avengers*, in the *Chicago Tribune*, April 11, 2004 (Sunday "Book World"), p. 2.
- Review of Mark E. Neely, *Party Conflict in the Civil War North*, in the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 127 (Oct. 2003), 442-44.
- Review of Harry V. Jaffa, *A New Birth of Freedom: Abraham Lincoln and the Coming of the Civil War*, in the *American Historical Review*, 106 (Dec. 2001), 1805-1806.
- Review of George Anastaplo, *Abraham Lincoln: A Constitutional Biography*, in the *Journal of American History*, 88 (Sept. 2001), 649-650.
- Review of Christopher Waldrep, *Night Riders: Defending Community in the Black Patch, 1890-1915*, in *Labor History* 35 (Fall 1994), 582-85.

Invited Lectures

- "Lincoln's Peace: Searching for the End of the American Civil War," Ryland Lecture, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, Sept. 30, 2025
- "The Badges and Incidents of Slavery—History, Abolition, and Persistence," Race and the Foundations of American Law series, Roger Williams University Law School, Bristol, RI, Sept. 2, 2025.

“A King’s Cure: The Thirteenth Amendment,” National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA, July 7, 2025.
 “Lincoln’s Peace: The Struggle to End the Civil War,” The Humanities Forum Lecture, Providence College, Providence, RI, April 4, 2025.
 “Lincoln’s Peace: The Struggle to End the Civil War,” Abraham Lincoln Institute, March 22, 2025.
 “What is an American?: Abraham Lincoln’s Answer,” Langston Lincoln Lecture, March 29, 2022, York University.
 “A Righteous Peace: Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and the End of Slavery,” The Humanities Forum, Providence College, Oct. 18, 2019.
 “How Wars End--or Don’t: The Civil War as a Case Study,” Henry E. Huntington Society of Fellows Lecture, May 8, 2019.
 “Lincoln’s Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War,” Occidental College (Billington Lecture), Feb. 21, 2019.
 “The Fate of Slavery after Emancipation,” The Great Lectures Series (as OAH Distinguished Lecturer), New York City, October 14, 2017.
 “Abraham Lincoln, the Thirteenth Amendment, and the Struggle for American Peace and Freedom,” University of Saint Mary Annual Lincoln Lecture, Topeka, Kansas, February 20, 2017.
 “The 14th Amendment as an Act of War,” Boston College, Clough Center, Newton, Massachusetts, September 20, 2016.
 “Born in the USA—So What?” Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Constitution Day University Speaker, Worcester, Massachusetts, September 19, 2016.
 “The Slave Power on the Gallows: The Deeper Meaning of the Execution of Henry Wirz, Confederate Commandant,” University of California, Berkeley, Legal History Workshop, March 29, 2016.
 Salmon P. Chase Symposium on the Thirteenth Amendment (participant), Georgetown Law Center, Dec. 4-5, 2015, Washington, DC.
 “Spielberg’s Lincoln, the Thirteenth Amendment, and the End of Slavery: 150 Years Later,” Boston University, Dec. 1, 2015.
 “The Last Surrender: Looking for the End of the Civil War,” presented at The Lincoln Forum, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 17, 2015.
 “Voting Rights and the Meaning of Freedom: The View from the Civil War Era,” Annual Lincoln Legacy Lecture, University of Illinois at Springfield, October 15, 2015.
 “Final Freedom: The Civil War, the Abolition of Slavery, and the Thirteenth Amendment,” Roger Williams University, October 6, 2015.
 “Lincoln and the Jews, Freedom and Discrimination,” Brown Hillel Alumni Association, New York City, May 17, 2015.
 “When Should History Say That Slavery Ended in the United States?,” Center for Slavery and Justice, Brown University, May 8th, 2015.
 “Lincoln, the Constitution, and the Civil War,” Community College of Rhode Island, April 29, 2015.
 “Judgment at Washington: Henry Wirz, Lew Wallace, and the End of the Civil War,” Annual Symposium of Capitol Historical Society, Washington, DC, May 2, 2014.

- “Emancipation, Lincoln, and the Thirteenth Amendment,” Dole Forum, Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, November 21, 2013.
- “Spielberg’s Lincoln and the Relation between Film and History,” Department of History, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 2013.
- “The Appomattox Effect: Struggling to Find the End of the American Civil War,” Newberry Library Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois, November 6, 2013.
- “Reconstruction and the Origins of Civil Rights,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Civil Rights History, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 1, 2013.
- “The Origins and Process of Emancipation,” Emancipation at 150 Symposium, Boston College Clough Center, Newton, Massachusetts, April 23, 2013.
- “Emancipation—Then What? Citizenship?” Emancipation Proclamation Symposium, University of Michigan, October 26, 2012.
- “Blood, Allegiance, Belief: The Meanings of Citizenship in the Civil War Era,” University of Michigan Law School, January 31, 2012.
- “American by War: The People and Their Nations during the Civil War,” Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, MA, Nov. 17, 2011.
- “Birthright and the Myth of Liberal Citizenship,” JANUS Forum, Brown University, Nov. 15, 2011.
- “American by War: The People and Their Nations during the Civil War,” Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, Oct. 12, 2011.
- “The Elections of 1860 and 2010 and the Politics of Citizenship,” Colby College Symposium on the American Civil War Sesquicentennial, Waterville, Maine, November 10, 2010.
- “Americans Debate Citizenship—Then and Now,” Brown Club of England, October 12, 2010, London.
- “War Powers, *Ex Parte Merryman*, and the Relevance of the American Civil War,” American Bar Association Workshop for High School Teachers, Washington, D.C., June 19, 2010.
- “Originalism and the Meanings of Freedom,” Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 30, 2010.
- “Abraham Lincoln, Politician,” Rotary Club of Rhode Island, Warwick, R.I., November 6, 2008.
- “Lincoln the Citizen,” Abraham Lincoln Symposium, National Archives, Washington, D.C., September 20, 2008.
- “Emancipation and its Meaning in Current Scholarship,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on “Slavery and Emancipation,” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 28, 2008.
- “Lincoln the Citizen—Or Lincoln the Anti-Citizen?,” Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, Illinois, February 12, 2008.
- “The Tangled History of Civil Rights and Citizenship in the Civil War Era,” University of Virginia School of Law, November 2007.
- “Civil Liberties and Civil Rights: The Civil War Era,” American Bar Association, Chicago, May 2006.

- “Race, the Supreme Court, and the Retreat from Reconstruction,” Boston College School of Law, April 2007.
- “Forever Free: The Meanings of Emancipation in Lincoln’s Time and Ours,” St. Louis University, December 7, 2006.
- “Slavery Reparations in Historical Context,” Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, March 2, 2006.
- “Abraham Lincoln, The Civil War and the Conflicting Legacies of Emancipation,” presented as part of the “Forever Free” series, Providence Public Library, Providence, R.I., January 26, 2006.
- “Abraham Lincoln, War Powers, and the Impact of the Civil War on the U.S. Constitution,” presented at symposium on “War Powers and the Constitution,” Dickinson College, Dickinson, Penn., October 3, 2005.
- “Reconsidering Law, the Constitution, and Citizenship,” presented at “New Directions in Reconstruction,” Beaufort, S.C., April 15-18, 2004.
- “Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and Modern Legacies,” Public History Series, University of Las Vegas, Nevada, February 12, 2004.
- “Oaths, African Americans, and Citizenship,” University of Nevada at Las Vegas Law School, February 12, 2004.
- “Reconsidering the Era of the Oath: African Americans Before Union Military Courts during the American Civil War,” presented to the Law and History symposium, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, Ill., November 3, 2003.
- “Lincoln’s Constitution: Its Meaning Then and Now,” presented to the Old Colony Civil War Round Table, Dedham, Mass., September 16, 2003.
- “The Inevitability and Impact of the Industrial Revolution in America: Slater Mill and Rhode Island as a Case Study, presented to Brown Freshman Orientation, Slater Mill, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, September 1, 2003.
- “Racial and Written Constitutions in Nineteenth-Century America,” presented to the workshop of the Department of History, Boston College, Newton, Massachusetts, March 2003.
- “Black Freedom and the Meanings of Reparations for Slavery for Abraham Lincoln and his Time,” presented to the Lincoln Group of Boston, Massachusetts, April 2002.
- “Abraham Lincoln, Abolition, and the Impact of the Civil War on the Cult of the Constitution,” presented at the Social Law Library, Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts, February 2002.
- “After Emancipation: Abraham Lincoln’s Black Dream,” presented at the “Lincoln Forum,” Gettysburg, Penn., Nov. 2001.
- “Francis Lieber, Constitutional Amendments, and the Problem of Citizenship,” presented at The Francis Lieber Symposium, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., November 2001.
- “How Black Freedom Changed the Constitution,” presented at the “Writing the Civil War” symposium, Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2001.

- “From a Covenant with Death to a Covenant with Life: The Constitution’s Transformation during the American Civil War,” presented as the Annual Constitutional Anniversary Lecture, National Archives, Washington, D.C., September 2001.
- “New Perspectives on Abraham Lincoln, Emancipation, and the Civil War,” presented to the Civil War Round Table of Rhode Island, Cranston, Rhode Island, June 2001.
- “Historical Roots of the Modern Civil Rights Movement: The Constitution,” presented at the Civil Rights Summer Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 2001.
- “Race, Law, and the Invention of the State Action Doctrine in the Late Nineteenth Century,” presented at the Columbia University Law School, New York City, April 2001.
- “A King’s Cure, a King’s Style: Lincoln, Leadership, and the Thirteenth Amendment,” presented at the “Abraham Lincoln and the Legacy of the Presidency” conference, Lincoln Memorial U., Harrogate, Tenn., April 2001.
- “The Tangled Tale of Civil War Emancipation,” presented at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, March 2001.
- “The King’s Cure: Abraham Lincoln, the Thirteenth Amendment, and the Fate of Slavery,” presented at the Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic, Washington, D.C., March 2001.
- “Race, the Supreme Court, and the Retreat from Reconstruction,” presented at the Boston College School of Law, Newton, Mass., April 2000.
- “Beyond the ‘New Birth of Freedom’: Lincoln and the National Vision of the African-American Future,” presented at the *Lincoln and Gettysburg Symposium*, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, November 1993.

Papers Read or Discussed

- “Reconceptualizing Slavery and Abolition,” Roundtable Chair, American Society for Legal History, Detroit, MI, Nov. 15, 2025.
- “Birth, Belief, and Blood: Gaining and Losing Citizenship During the American Civil War,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York City, Jan. 6, 2025.
- “Reconstruction Historians in the Courtroom: A Roundtable about History, Gun Laws, and the Constitution,” roundtable organizer and participant, Biennial Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians, Raleigh, N.C., June 21, 2024.
- “Historians and Lawyers on the Second Amendment,” roundtable participant, Duke University Law School Symposium on the Second Amendment, Aug. 2, 2024.
- “The *Bruen* Stutter-Step: 1791, 1868, and the (Temporarily) Open Question of When a Right Comes to Mean What it Means,” *Journal of American Constitutional History* conference, University of Wisconsin Law School, Sept. 30, 2023.
- “Reconstruction as Risorgimento: The Creation and Limits of U.S. National Citizenship in the Long Nineteenth Century,” presented at the conference “Citizenship and Identity in Italy and the United States: Contestations and Struggles,” American Academy at Rome, Feb. 10, 2023.

- “Prisoners of Freedom, Prisoners of War: An Untold Story of Black Incarceration--And How it Might be Told,” Brown Legal History Workshop, Oct. 28, 2019.
- “Bearer of a Cup of Mercy: Lew Wallace’s American Empire,” Henry E. Huntington Library, Research Fellows Meeting, Feb. 6, 2019.
- “Anti-Imperialism and the Elusive End of the American Civil War,” Conference on “Remaking North American Sovereignty,” Banff, Alberta, Canada, July 31, 2015.
- “The Election of 1864: Emancipation Promised, Emancipation Deferred,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Georgia, April 11, 2014.
- “The Appomattox Effect: Searching for the End of War in the American Civil War and Beyond,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, March 5, 2014.
- “The Appomattox Effect: Struggling to Find the End of the American Civil War,” Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., Nov. 15, 2013.
- “The Appomattox Myth: Struggling to Find the End of the American Civil War,” Newberry Library Fellows’ Seminar Series, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 2013.
- “Birth, Blood, and Belief: Allegiance and the American Civil War,” presented at the Elizabeth Clark Legal History Workshop Series, Boston University School of Law, Nov. 16, 2011.
- Comments and Moderator, “Finance,” “Slavery’s Capitalism,” Brown University, April 8, 2011.
- “French Readings of Lincoln’s Role in the Creation of American Citizenship,” presented at the conference on European Readings of Abraham Lincoln, American University of Paris, Paris, France, October 18, 2009.
- “Was Lincoln’s Constitution Color-Blind?,” presented at the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium, Harvard University, April 24, 2009.
- “Citizenship and the Thirteenth Amendment: Understanding the Deafening Silence,” presented at “Slavery, Abolition, and Human Rights: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Thirteenth Amendment, University of Chicago Law School, April 17, 2009.
- “Did Emancipation Create American Citizens?—Abraham Lincoln’s View,” presented at the conference on Abraham Lincoln: Issues of Democracy and Unity, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia, Feb. 8, 2009.
- “The Racial and Written Constitutions of Nineteenth-Century America,” Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Nov. 4, 2008.
- “Civil War Era State-Building: The Human Cost,” Boston University Political History Workshop, March 19, 2008.
- “Citizenship and the Thirteenth Amendment: Understanding the Deafening Silence,” annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, May 30, 2008.
- Moderator and Commentator for “Citizenship in Nineteenth-Century America: A Roundtable,” annual meeting of the American Society of Legal History, Baltimore, Nov. 2006.

- Comments on “The Bureaucracy of Slavery and Emancipation,” annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 2005.
- “Claiming Citizenship: Black and White Southerners Make Their Cases During the Civil War,” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Memphis, November 2004.
- “Imagining a Different Reconstruction Constitution,” presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 2003.
- “West of Reconstruction: Resolving Mexican-American Property and Citizenship in the Civil War Era,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, California, January 2002.
- “The Limits of Free Soil: The Resolution of Mexican Land Claims during the American Civil War,” presented at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2000.
- “Written Constitutions, Racial Constitutions, and Constitutional Permanence in Nineteenth-Century America,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Toronto, Ontario, October 1999.
- “Law, Politics, and the Making of California Free Soil during the American Civil War,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western History Association, Portland, Oregon, October 1999.
- Comments on “Race and the Rethinking of the New York Constitutional Convention of 1821,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Lexington, Kentucky, July 1999.
- “Land Law in the Era of Free Soil: The Case of New Almaden,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Tucson, Arizona, April 1999.
- “Written Constitutions, Racial Constitutions, and Constitutional Permanence in Antebellum America,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Harpers Ferry, W.V., July 1998.
- “The Constitution in African-American Culture: Freedom Celebrations and the Thirteenth Amendment,” presented to the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 1996.
- “Civil War Emancipation and the Sources of Constitutional Freedom,” presented at the annual meeting of the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 1995.
- “The Origins and Original Meanings of the Thirteenth Amendment,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Washington, D.C., October 1994.
- “Civil War Emancipation in Theory and Practice: Debates on Slavery and Race in the Border States, 1862-1865,” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Labor Studies Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, October 1993.

Service

Brown University

University Service

Anna S. K. Brown Collection Committee of Management, member, 2016-present.
Lecturer for the Corporate and Executive Education program, Brown University,
Sept. 15-16, 2025.

Instructor for the Warrior Scholar Project, Brown University, June 2025.

University Nominations Committee, 2015-2018. Chair of Subcommittee on
Faculty Service Awards

Co-Organizer (with Profs. Ahmed, Nedostup, Owens), Brown Legal History
Workshop, 2015-present.

Faculty Advisor to *Brown Undergraduate Law Review*, 2019-21.

Political Theory Project, Advisory Board, 2010-2019.

Choices Program, interviewee and consultant for programs and curricula on
U.S. Democracy; the U.S. Constitution; and the History of Slavery and the
Slave Trade, 2005-2015.

Commentator for presentation of the film "Lincoln" at Brown University,
sponsored by the Center for Slavery and Justice and the John Hay Library,
March 1, 2013.

Organizer and Presenter, "Abraham Lincoln for the 21st Century: A Symposium
Honoring the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial," John Hay Library, Brown
University, Feb. 27-28, 2009. Plenary lecture by Benjamin Jealous,
president of NAACP, and six symposium participants. Funding secured
from Rhode Island Foundation, Rhode Island Lincoln Bicentennial
Commission, Brown Provost, Brown Dean of Faculty, History
Department, Africana Studies Department.

Graduate Council, July 2004-07.

Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, 2004-06.

Truman Scholarship Committee, 2005-06.

Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships, Interview Committee, 1999-2001, 2005-06.

Instructional Technology Advisory Group, 2002-04.

Lectureship Committee, 2001-2003.

Royce Fellowship Applications, Referee, 2000-01.

University Advising:

First-Year Advisor, 2001-03, 2005-07, 2012-13, 2014-16, 2020-21.

Sophomore Advisor, 2000-2021.

Randall Counselor, 2000-2001.

University Search Committees:

Director of the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, 2010-12.

Dean of the College, 2005-06.

Director of the Center for Race and Ethnicity, 2000-01.

Departmental Service (Department of History)

Department Graduate Advisor (DGA), Department of History, 2023-present.

Annual Review Coordinator, 2015-16.

Curriculum Coordinator, 2020-22.

Graduate Committee, 2007, 2014-16, 2023-present.
 Planning and Priorities Committee, 2002, 2009-12 (Chair)
 Personnel Review Committees:
 Reappointment Review, Emily Owens, 2021 (Chair).
 Annual Review, Sreemati Mitter, 2020.
 Tenure and Promotion, Faiz Ahmed, 2017-18.
 Annual Review, Sreemati Mitter, 2017.
 Annual Review, Lukas Rieppel, 2014 (Chair).
 Annual Review, Linford Fisher, 2011 (Chair).
 Tenure and Promotion, Tara Nummedal, 2007-08.
 Tenure and Promotion, Robert O. Self, 2005-06 (Chair).
 Annual Review, Seth Rockman, 2004 (Chair).
 Search Committees:
 Senior Lecturer (pre-select), 2019.
 Replacement Faculty Committee, 2013
 Minority Faculty Recruitment, 2012-13
 Modern China, 2010-11.
 African American History, 2008-09.
 Senior Historians (3 positions), 2007-08.
 African American History, 2006-07.
 Africa and the Early Modern World, 2004-05.
 U.S. and the World, 2003-04.
 Twentieth-Century United States, 2002-03.
 U.S. Cultural/Intellectual History, 2001-02.
 Faculty Advisor to History Undergraduate Group, 2004-06.
 Concentration Advisor, 2001-02, 2004-05.
 Scheduling Committee, 2001-02.

Profession

Society for the History of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Local Arrangements Committee, Providence, RI, 2025.
 Commentator, Southern Historical Association, Workshop Program for Early-Career Scholars (workshop for Asst. Prof. Amanda Kleintop, April 20, 2023).
 Board of Editors, *Journal of Constitutional History*, 2022-present.
 Program Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2022 annual conference, 2020-2022.
 Cromwell Fellowship Committee, American Society for Legal Historians, 2014-2017.
 Board of Editors, *Law and History Review*, 2004-2013 (reappointed 2009).
 Referee for Tenure and Promotion, and for Full Professor, for faculty at:
 Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Harvard Law School,
 Hobart and William Smith College, Princeton University, 2010-present.
 Advisory Committee, United States Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, 2002-10.
 Board of Advisors, Lincoln Prize, Gettysburg Institute (2000-present).

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, Rhode Island, Summer 2004.

Referee for National Endowment for the Humanities Scholarly Editions, 2002; Summer Grants, 2001-2003.

Committee Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, to be held in Providence, Rhode Island, Spring 2003.

Invited participant (one of four) for an electronic roundtable discussion sponsored by H-SHEAR, a division of H-NET, of teaching.

Referee for article manuscripts submitted to *Civil War History*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of American Constitutional History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Law and History Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Yale Law Review*.

Referee for book manuscripts submitted to Houghton Mifflin, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, New York University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Illinois Press, University Press of Florida, University of North Carolina Press, 2005-present.

Advisory Editor for *Proteus* (special issue devoted to the American Civil War, Fall 2000).

Community

Instructor in co-taught course at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institute (ACI) through Brown University programs (BHEPP in 2025; BELLS in 2013-14).

Expert in Federal Firearms Cases in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Rhode Island, 2022-present.

Lecture on American Citizenship and Exclusion, Center for Reconciliation, Providence, R.I., July 2018.

Lecture on Reconstruction-Era Constitutional Amendments, Barrington, RI, Open Classroom, April 4, 2013.

Lecture on 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Wheeler School, Providence, Rhode Island, January 17, 2013.

Rhode Island Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, 2011- .

Rhode Island Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (appointed by Governor), 2005-2009.

Lecturer on the Brown Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, The Wheeler School, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2006.

Seminar leader for National Endowment for the Humanities “We the People” initiative at Deerfield Historical Society, Deerfield, Mass., April 2006.

Seminar leader for National Endowment for the Humanities “Teaching American History” initiative at Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R.I., September 2005.

Seminar leader for National Endowment for the Humanities “We the People” initiative at Deerfield Historical Society, Deerfield, Mass., March 2005.

Advisor to the Burrillville, Rhode Island, School Department, on securing and administering a “Teaching American History” grant from the United States Department of Education, 2001-2002.

Academic Honors and Fellowships

Ray Allen Billington Professor, Occidental College/Henry E. Huntington Library, 2018-19.
Pembroke Center for the Study of Women and Gender, Brown University, 2016-17.
National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, 2014.
National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, 2013.
Finalist, CIES Fulbright Fellowship for University of Rome III (2010-11 competition)
Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellowship, Brown University, Fall 2008.
William McLoughlin Prize for Teaching in the Social Sciences, Brown University, 2007.
Karen Romer Prize for Undergraduate Advising, Brown University, 2007.
History News Network (HNN) “Top Young Historian,” 2005 (1 of 12 named in the U.S.).
Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professorship, Brown University, 2002-2004.
Finalist, Lincoln Prize, 2002 (for *Final Freedom*).
American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, 2002-03.
Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 2002-03.
Salomon Research Award, Brown University, 2002-2003.
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2001.
Julian Park Fund Fellowship, SUNY at Buffalo, 1998.
Research Development Fund Fellowship, SUNY at Buffalo, 1997.
Harold K. Gross Prize for Best Dissertation at Harvard in History, 1996.
Delancey Jay Prize for Best Dissertation at Harvard on Human Liberties, 1996.
W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship, Harvard University, 1995.
Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, 1994.
Bowdoin Prize for Best Essay at Harvard in the Humanities, 1993.
Indiana Historical Society Graduate Fellowship, 1993.
W. M. Keck Fellowship, Henry E. Huntington Library, 1993.
Everett M. Dirksen Congressional Research Fellowship, 1993.
Mark DeWolfe Howe Fellowship, Harvard Law School, 1993.
Charles Warren Center Research Fellowship, Harvard History Dept., 1991-2.
Derek Bok Award for Distinction in Teaching at Harvard, 1991.
Philip Washburn Prize for Best Senior Thesis at Harvard in History, 1986.

Teaching

Courses Taught (past eight years only) (all courses taught at Brown University unless otherwise noted)

Fall 2025

HIST 1972A: American Legal History, 1760-192 (18 students)

Spring 2025

HIST 2950: The Practice of History (10 students)

HIST 1570: American Legal and Constitutional History (54 students)

Fall 2024

HIST 0252: The American Civil War and Reconstruction (53 students)

Spring 2024

HIST 2950: The Practice of History (7 students)

HIST 0252: The American Civil War and Reconstruction (30 students)

Fall 2023

HIST 1972a-American Legal History (20 students)

HIST 2910-Independent Reading and Research (1 student)

Spring 2022

HIST 0250: American Exceptionalism: The History of an Idea (16 students)

Fall 2021

HIST 0252: The American Civil War in Global Perspective (62 students)

HIST 1972a-U.S. and International Law (20 students)

Summer 2021

HIST 0252: The American Civil War in Global Perspective (29 students)

Spring 2021

HIST 0551A: Abraham Lincoln: Historical and Cultural Perspectives
(17 students)

HIST 1972a-U.S. and International Law (20 students)

Spring 2020

HIST 1570: American Legal and Constitutional History (132 students)

HIST 2980B: Graduate Seminar on Legal History (9 students)

Fall 2019

HIST 0551A: Abraham Lincoln: Historical and Cultural Perspectives
(17 students)

HIST 0252: The American Civil War in Global Perspective (85 students)

Spring 2019

Occidental College, History 215: American Legal History (25 students)

Fall 2018

Occidental College, History 214: American Civil War (24 students)

Spring 2018

HIST 1570: American Legal and Constitutional History (113 students)

HIST 2960: Prospectus Development Seminar (10 students)

Fall 2017

HIST 0551A: Abraham Lincoln in History and Culture (18 students)

Graduate Students (PhD students only; all students in History unless otherwise noted)

Primary Ph.D. Advisor:

Jonathan Lande, Ph.D., 2018 (dissertation won Allan Nevins Prize for best dissertation from the Society of American Historians, and Cromwell Prize for best dissertation from the American Society for Legal History)

Current Position: Assistant Professor of History, Purdue University

Eunsun (Celeste) Han, Ph.D., 2015

Current Position: Chaplain and Professor, Handong Global University,
Pohang, South Korea

Christopher Jones, Ph.D., 2009

Current Position: Instructor and former History Department Chair,
Phillips Academy, Andover

Glenn LaFantasie, Ph.D., 2007

Current Position: Richard Frockt Family Professor of Civil War History
(Emeritus), Western Kentucky University

Secondary Ph.D. Advisor:

Simeon A. Simeonov, Ph.D., 2021

Current Position: Faculty, American University in Bulgaria

Ann Daly, Ph.D., 2021

Current Position: Assistant Professor of History, Mississippi State
University

Alicia Maggard, Ph.D., 2019

Current Position: Assistant Professor of History, Auburn University

Isadora Mota, Ph.D., 2017

Current Position: Assistant Professor of History, Princeton University

Ashley Bowen, Ph.D., 2016 (American Studies)

Current Position: Creative Producer, Heritage Werks

Robin Schroeder, Ph.D., 2016 (American Studies)

Current Position: Assistant Director, National Institute of American
History and Democracy, William and Mary University

Lindsay Schakenbach Regele, Ph.D., 2014

Current Position: Associate Professor of History, Miami University

Elizabeth Searcy, Ph.D., 2016

Stephen Chambers, Ph.D., 2013

Current Position: Managing Director, The Winthrop Group

Nicole Eaton, Ph.D., 2011

James Kabala, Ph.D., 2009

Gabriel Rosenberg, Ph.D., 2008

Current Position: Associate Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Feminist
Studies, Duke University

Robert Fleegler, Ph.D., 2004

Current Position: Associate Professor of History, University of
Mississippi

Primary M.A. Advisor (M.A. Students who opted to write M.A. Theses):

Miriam (Mimi) S. Eisen, M.A., 2018

Current Position: Program Manager, Zinn Education Project

Lynn Gordon Hughes, M.A., 2007

Current Position: Independent Scholar; author of *Becoming Brownson*
(Blackstone Editions, 2016 [book version of M.A. thesis])

Undergraduate Senior Theses Advised (all students in History unless otherwise noted)

- Nia Matthews Cox, "A Comparative Analysis of the Historiography of Reconstruction Education in the 20th Century and its Dissemination into Public Education within Two Former Confederate States" (in progress, for IAPA)
- Evelyn Daigneault, "The Second Ku Klux Klan in Rhode Island Society, c.1920-1930" (in progress, for History)
- Henry Robbins, "The Genteel Facade: Uncovering Annapolis' Erased Histories of Exploitation" (in progress, for History)
- Alexandra Mork, "Evasive Interracial Marriage in the Post-Reconstruction South" (2025)
- Ilana Brandes-Krug, "The Making of America's Judeo-Christian Myth: From Puritans to Post-War Politics" (2021)
- Lyle Cherneff, "The Ties That Bind: Incest and Family-Making in the Postbellum South" (2021) (Gender and Sexuality Studies, co-advised with Emily A. Owens)
- Filippo Zinni, "Cesare Beccaria in America: The Shrinking Meaning of Legal Equality" (2021)
- Katherine W. Jessiman-Ketcham, "Permanent Peace: Civilized Conquest and Empire in the U.S. Powder River Indian Expedition of 1865" (2018)
- Edward L. Clifford, "Labors of the State: Immigrants, Industrialists, and the National Guard in the 1922 Rhode Island Textile Strike and its Consequences" (2016)
- Eugenie D. Montaigne, "Under the Banner of Reform: Autonomy and Autocracy in the Twentieth Century Prison" (2012)
- Jason Bertoldi, "Conquering Spirits: Temperance, Nativism and the Know-Nothing Party in Antebellum Rhode Island" (2010)
- Sara T. Damiano, "From the Shadows of the Bar: Law and Women's Legal Literacy in Eighteenth-Century Newport" (2008)
- Stephanie G. Clark, "The Evangelist and the Educator: The Abolitionist Philosophies of Theodore Weld and Francis Wayland" (2007)
- Peiling Li, "Desertion and Disunity: The North Encounters the Civil War" (2006)
- Marisa Hernández-Stern, "Ambrose Burnside, Rhode Island, and Civil War Memory" (2005)
- Amy Myrick, "A Captive Audience: Religious Appeals by American prisoners, 1775-1918" (2003)
- Jake Berman, "The Slave Power, States' Rights, and the Transformation of Politics in Antebellum Wisconsin" (2002)
- Eric Stoykovich, "The Piety of Progress: Romantic Rivers, Commercial Railways, and New Hampshire's Drowned Valley, 1819-1845" (2002)
- Audrey Federman, "Atoms for Peace: Exploding the Cold War Myth" (2000)

Undergraduate Students' Honors (including Brown Royce and UTRAs)

- Alexandra Mork, Gaspee Chapter DAR Prize, 2025; Simmons Thesis Prize Honorable Mention, 2025
- Naya Lee Chang and Luke Patusky, UTRA Team Project, 2023
- Ilana Brandes-Krug, Gaspee Chapter DAR Prize, 2021
- Lyle Cherneff, Ruth Simmons Prize, 2021

Greer Christensen-Gibbons, UTRA Project, 2016
Hilary R. Lynd, Marjorie Harris Weiss Memorial Premium, 2013
Eugenie D. Montaigne, Christian Yegen Thesis Prize, 2012
Robbie Nelson, Royce Fellowship, 2011-12
Meghna Philip, Royce Fellowship, 2011-12
Georgiana Drain, Mellon-Mays Fellowship, 2011
Sara T. Damiano, Pell Medal; John Thomas Memorial Thesis Prize; Ruth Simmons Prize; Marjorie Harris Weiss Premium, 2007-08
Linda Zang, Gaspee Chapter DAR Prize, 2008
Stephanie G. Clark, Gaspee Chapter DAR Prize, 2007
Christopher S. Dwight, Clarkson Collins Prize, 2007
Stefan Smith, Mellon-Mays Fellowship, 2006
Sarah Gordon, Madelyn Morris, and Samantha Seeley, UTRA Team Project, 2006
Peiling Li, Pell Medal Award, 2006; Royce Fellowship, 2005-06
Stephen Brown and Connie Wu, Royce Fellowship (team project), 2004-05
Jonas Kieffer, UTRA Project, 2005
Jamie Fleischman, Gaspee Chapter DAR Prize, 2005
Allison Lauterbach, Theresa Roosevelt, and Rebecca Simon, UTRA Team Project, 2003
Amy Myrick, UTRA Project, 2002
Eric Stoykovich, Pell Medal, 2002
Adam Vitarello, Samuel C. Lamport Prize, 2002
Laura Gourdine, UTRA Project, 2001
Anna Galland, Royce Fellowship, 2000-01

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