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May Brodbeck Fellowship in the Humanities, 2019-20

Guggenheim Fellow in Constitutional Studies, 2011

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Subject areas: Constitutional Law and Reconstruction; Labor & Employment Law; Property Law; Slavery, and Freedom, 19th c. American Legal History; Property & Land Use; Gender & the Law.

Principle Investigator, Law of the Antebellum Frontier: Stanford Spatial History Lab, since 2012, digital analysis of the texts of the Territorial Records of the U.S.

Principle Investigator, the RAOS project, Reconstruction Congress debates.

## **Other Law Schools:**

University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law, Visiting Professor 2018

Stanford, Visiting Scholar, summer 2012 & 2014

Yale Law School, Visiting Professor, 1994-95

American Bar Foundation, Visiting Scholar, 2011 & 2012

NYU Law School, Scholar in Residence, spring 1997

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Visiting Professor, 1985-86

Wirtschafts University and Juridicum, Vienna, Austria, 1998, 2000, 2001.

## **International experience:**

- India: Successfully nominated 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, child rights' activist, beginning in 2005 continuing to his recognition in 2014.
- Invited Delegate to Nobel Laureates & World Leaders, Delhi, 2016, Jordan 2018 (declined), and on Zoom 2020.
- Japan Foundation Scholar, Kyoto, Japan 2017
- Visited the Courts of the Republic of Marshall Islands, Dec. 2013.
- Invited Observer, Working Sub-group on Labor migration & European Union accession issues; OECD, Bratislava, Slovakia, 2000.
- Mexico: U.S. Government Consultant to Labor Side Agreement to NAFTA, 1995, first delegation of American Law experts, (case: SONY complaint.)

- China: Professor, Iowa Interdisciplinary Program to study the environmental effect of the Three Gorges Dam, Yangtze River, China before its operation. May 2000
- France: Professor, Comparative Zoning Law, Arcachon, France, summer, 1985-86.

Languages: English, German (fluent), French (reading.) Extensive experience throughout Europe, North America, and Asia. Some experience in Africa and South America.

### **Honors and Grants:**

- Brophy Prize for 2020 Best Legal History Article published in the Amer. Journal of Legal History.
- May Brodbeck Humanities Fellowship 2019-2020.
- Guggenheim Fellow (Constitutional Studies) 2011
- Distinguished Speaker, Organization of American History, 2015-present
- Invited to be a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2019 (declined.)
- Japan Foundation Travel Scholar, 2017
- Delegate, Laureates and Leaders Meeting, New Delhi, 2016, and by Zoom, 2020.
- Law School Nominee for Outstanding University Scholar of the year, 2014
- University of Iowa Faculty Scholar, 1992-96, Global Scholar 2003-2005.
- Missouri Supreme Court Local Records Project, 2002
- Wisconsin Humanities Council, 1996
- Nellie Ball Trust Research Fund, 1993-95
- Fund for Labor Relations Studies, 1989, 1990

### **Selected Professional Positions, Professional Service**

Member, Wisconsin Bar, admitted, 1978.

Advisory Board, **U.S.** National Park Service, Pathways to Freedom 2018 to present.

Principle Organizer, The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Project, a collection of scholars dedicated to invigorating the Amendment's interpretation. 2015 to present -- Conferences and Symposia: 2019, Chicago Kent; 2018, UNLV Law School; Seattle, 2015.

Consultation with The Center for Constitutional Rights, N.Y.C. 2020-present.

Lifetime Member, American Law Institute, as of 2018,  
ALI Members' Consultative groups for Restatements of Agency and of Employment.  
Convener of Experts' Meeting on the proposed Restatement of Employment Law,  
American Bar Foundation, 2011, and Hastings Law School, 2001

State Historical Archives service:

Advisor, **Missouri** State Museum Archives, Chouteau Papers Indexing project, 2015

Advisor, **Missouri**: Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board, since 2003. Principal investigator, The Freedom Project – How Slaves used the Courts for Freedom.

Advisor, **Illinois**: Authored Report to Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Record Database, Its Meaning and Its Accuracy. May 2011.

Advisor, **Wisconsin**: State Sesquicentennial Commission, 1998; created a traveling public exhibition about “Slaves in Free Territory.”

Member, Labor Law Group, since 1984.

Trustee, Iowa Law School Foundation, Faculty delegate, 1990-1999; Honorary Trustee, to present.

Founding Member, Group B Strep Association, 1990 -1995, parents’ group that successfully achieved a change in national prenatal screening protocol by working with the CDC, ACOG, and American Academy of Pediatrics resulting in saving the lives of more than 8,000 babies born each year in the U.S.

#### **Scholarship and Ms. Reviewer for :**

- Law & Society Article Prize Committee, 2018
- U.S. and Canadian tenure and promotion files.
- University Presses and Peer Review Journals: Cambridge, Oxford; University of Illinois; American Journal of Legal History; Law & History Review; Reviews in American History; American Historical Review; Law & Social Inquiry; Missouri Historical Review, Law & Society prize panel.

#### **Clerkships:**

- The Hon. Harold D. Vietor, U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. Senior Law Clerk, 1979-80
- The Hon. William Callow, Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court, Intern, 1978

#### **Additional Research Positions:**

- Int’l Inst. of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria. Research Editor, summers 1976 & 77 editing research reports on global food production & trade.
- State of Wisconsin Planning Office Intern, 1975 -1976, project: Lakeshore Development Study.
- Univ. of Wisconsin Institute of Environmental Studies, Project Specialist, 1973-75

**Law School Education:** University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D. 1978

Honors: A grade point average: 87.5 Order of the Coif;

National Moot Court Team, Wisconsin Law Review, Note & Comment Editor.

Outstanding Student article Award.

Co-Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> National Organization of Women and the Law Conference, 1977.

## **Publications – Books**

**ANALYZING TEXTUAL INFORMATION: FROM WORDS TO MEANINGS THROUGH NUMBERS**, with Johannes Ledolter (textbook with Sage publications, in press forthcoming 2021).

**Work Law in the Constitutional Order**, A textbook (under contract with West Publishing, forthcoming 2022)

**REDEMPTION SONGS: SUING FOR FREEDOM BEFORE DRED SCOTT** (Oxford, 2014.)

**MRS. DRED SCOTT: A LIFE ON SLAVERY'S FRONTIER** (Oxford, hardcover 2009)(paperback 2010)(compact ed., under contract, anticipated 2021).

**CASES AND TEXT ON PROPERTY**, with Casner, Leach, French, Korngold (4th ed., Aspen Publishing 2000)(5th ed., 2004)

**EMPLOYMENT LAW**, with Rothstein, Craver, Shoben, & Schroeder (West Publishing, Practitioner series 1994) 2 volumes.

Also, **EMPLOYMENT LAW**, with Rothstein, *et. al.* (West Publishing, Hornbook series 1994).  
And **HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE LAW**, with Rothstein, *et. al.* (BNA Publishing 1994).

## **Selected Articles:**

**The Anti-Republican Origins of the At-Will Doctrine** (60 AJLH, in press, 2021.)

**Sowing the Seeds of Chinese Exclusion as the Reconstruction Congress Debates Civil Rights Inclusion**, 12 TSINGHUA L. REV. 185 (2020) and ASIAN PACIFIC L.J. (forthcoming), with Gabriel J. Chin.

**A Case Study in Text Mining: Textual Analysis of the Territorial Papers**, with Johannes Ledolter, **Digital Scholarship in the Humanities**, fqz007, <https://doi.org/10.1093/llc/fqz007> ( 2019).

**Servitude and Captivity in the Common Law of Master-Servant: Judicial Interpretations of the Thirteenth Amendment's Labor Vision after Reconstruction**, 27 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 1079 (2019).

**Where is the Concept of Good Faith in the Restatement of Employment Law?** 21 EMPL RTS & EMPL POLICY J. 335 (2018)

**Henry Wilson: Cobbler of the Frayed Constitution, Strategist of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment,** 15 GEORGETOWN J. OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY 173 (2017).

Reprinted in *The Original Meaning and Continuing Relevance of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment*, Georgetown Center for the Constitution, 208 (2020).

**The Last Legally Beaten Servant in America**, Symposium on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment, 39 SEATTLE L. REV. 727 (2016)

**Dred Scott in Context**, 40 JOURNAL OF SUPREME COURT HISTORY 263 (2015.)

**The Proposed Restatement of Employment Law at Midpoint**, 16 EMPL RTS & EMPL POLICY J 359 (2012).

**The Dred Scott Case as an American Family Saga**, OAH Magazine of History 2011 25: 24-28.

**A Singular Conscience: *In Re Summers***, 14 Empl Rts & Empl Policy J. 153 (2010)

**Employment Contracts: Termination** -Working Group on Chapter 2 of the Proposed Restatement of Employment Law, (with Finkin, Corbett & Befort,) 13 EMPL RTS & EMPL POLICY J., 94-139 (2009)

**The Thirteenth Amendment of Our Aspirations**, 38 TOLEDO L. REV. 855 (2007)

**The Role of Captives in the Rule of Capture**, 35 ENVTL. L. 649-672 (2005)

**Substituting Social Inclusion for Equal Treatment: A Response to Professor Hugh Collins**, 14 TRANSNAT'L LAW & CONTEMP. PROBLEMS 919-925 (2005)

**And Equalities for All**, 1 JURIDICUM (2000)

**Mrs. Dred Scott**, with Sandhya Subramanian, 106 YALE L. J. 1033-1122 (1997)

Reprinted in *Critical Race Feminism*, (2d. ed., A. Wing, ed. NYU Press 2003)

**The Legal Ways of Seduction**, 48 STAN. L. REV 817-901 (1996)

**The Moral Economy of the Purchase of Freedom: Ethical Lessons from the Slave Narratives**, 17 CARDOZO L. REV. 1983 (1996).

**Legal Pluralism and Equal Treatment in the Context of Zoning Variances**, 33 J. LEGAL PLURALISM 91 (1993).

**The Gendered Origins of the Lumley Doctrine: Binding Men's Consciences and Women's Fidelity**, 101 YALE L. J. 775 (1992).

Reprinted, *THE INT'L LIBRARY OF ESSAYS IN LAW AND LEGAL THEORY* (2d series, Brian Bix, ed.,

Ashgate 2000)  
Reprinted, *CONTRACT STORIES*, Douglas Baird, ed. (2006)

**Local Knowledge, Legal Knowledge, and Zoning Law**, 75 *IOWA L.REV.* 1057-1075 (1990).  
Reprinted in 23 *LAND USE & ENVIRON. L.REV.* 59 (1992).  
Reprinted in *A LAND USE ANTHOLOGY*, Jon W. Bruce, ed. (1998)

**The Labor Vision of the Thirteenth Amendment**, 138 *U. PA. L.REV.* 437 (1989).

**Making Good on Vaca's Promise: Apportioning Backpay to Achieve Remedial Goals**,  
32 *U.C.L.A. L.REV.* 302 (1984).

**A Fair Process Model for the Union's Fair Representation Duty**, 67 *MINN. L.REV.* 1079  
(1983).

### **Book Chapters:**

**WAL-MART AS A PHENOMENON IN THE LEGAL WORLD: MATTERS OF SCALE, SCALE MATTERS**, in **WAL-MART WORLD**, Stanley Brunn, ed. (Routledge Univ. Press 2006) pp. 115-140.

**COERCION IN AT-WILL TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT** in **DIRECTIONS IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW**, Catharine A. MacKinnon & Reva B. Siegel, ed. (Yale Univ. Press 2003) pp. 496-515.

**Hidden Dimensions in Labor Law History: Gender Variations on the Theme of Free Labor**,  
**LABOR LAW IN AMERICA: HISTORICAL AND CRITICAL ESSAYS**, Chris Tomlins, ed., (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1992) pp. 99-127.

### **In Progress: Long term works**

**THE MASTER NARRATIVE OF 19TH CENTURY AMERICAN LAW: The Significance of Slavery and its Abolition for American Work Law** (book in progress).

**SLAVES IN THE LAND OF LINCOLN: How Domestic Slavery Impacted National Expansion**

**TALIAFERRO'S LAW** (Indian Agent Lawrence Taliaferro's journal, as he brought "settlement law" to the Minnesota Territory.)

**Reconstruction Heroes**, Editor, A set of biographical chapters of selected Reconstruction Congressmen and Freedman's Bureau Leaders, composed of contributions by biographers. (soon to be submitted to interested presses.)

**Sovereignty, Land, and Belonging: The Curious Life of William M'Intosh** (The litigant in *Johnson v. M'Intosh* experienced a more complex relationship to sovereignty than the Supreme

Court's leading case on the subject ever revealed.)

## **In Progress: Articles**

- **Thirteenth Amendment Free Speech**, with Charlotte Garden.
- **The Thirteenth Amendment, the Carceral State, and the Settler Frontier.**
- ***Three Models of Loyalty*** (conceptual guidelines for the revision of the duty of loyalty in employment law in the Restatements of Agency and Employment).
- **How the Antebellum West Sheds Light on the Reconstruction Amendments.**

## **Short Films and C-span Presentations**

- Screen Credit in the film, **Kailash**, 2018 Sundance Film Festival best documentary.
- **Redemption Songs: Suing for Freedom Before Dred Scott**, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Feb. 15, 2015.
- **Dred Scott in Context**, U.S. Supreme Court, May 1, 2014.
- **Split in Two: The Dred Scott Decision – 1857**. Minnesota and the Civil War, Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Public Television (2013.)

## **Book Reviews**

- *Review*, Before Dred Scott: Slavery and Legal Culture in the American Confluence, 1787-1857 by Anne Twitty, 124 *American Hist. Rev.* 1894 (2019).
- *Review*, Fractional Freedoms: Slavery, Intimacy, and Legal Mobilization in Colonial Lima, 1600-1700 by Michelle A. McKinley, 35 *Law and History Rev.* 1083 (2017).
- *Review*, Making Race in the Courtroom: The Legal Construction of Three Races in Early New Orleans by Kenneth R. Aslakson, 121 *American Hist. Rev.* 564 (2016).
- *Review*, New Works on Slavery in the Antebellum Midwest, 43 *REV. IN AM. HIST.* 498 (2015).
- *Review*, To Free a Family: The Journey of Mary Walker by Sydney Nathans, 3 *J CIVIL WAR ERA* 129 (2013).
- *Review*, Free to Work: Labor Law, Emancipation, and Reconstruction, 1815-1880 by James Schmidt, 45 *AMER. J. LEGAL HISTORY* 522 (2004).
- *Review*, Capitalism and Unfree Labour: Anomaly or Necessity? by Robert Miles, 16 *LAB. STUDIES J.* 65 (1991).
- *Review*, Labor's Lost Horizons - The Austrian System of Industrial Relations, 8 *COMP. LAB. L.J.* 400 (1987).

## **Selected Recent Invited Scholarly Presentations**

"Recent Scholarship on the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Labor Law" Labor Law Research Network, Valparaiso, Chile 2019.

"The Anti-Republican Origins of the At-Will Doctrine" LAPA Princeton 2019.

"Radically Reconstructing the Constitution after the Civil War and its implications for Constitutional Theory," Iowa Faculty Workshop 2018.

"The Territorial Origins of the Constitution's Except-for-Punishment clause," Thirteenth Amendment Symposium, UNLV, 2018.

"The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment in the Constitutional Reconstruction" 2018 AALS meeting.

"Reconstruction: Three Little Amendments that changed Constitutional History" University of Hawaii College of Law, Honolulu 2018.

"How the State Courts Responded to the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment's Labor Vision," ASLH Conference, 2017.

"The Master Narrative of American Labour Law: Raw Subordination Principles in American Common Law," LLRN Toronto 2017

"Protecting Low Wage Workers: Opportunities for Regulation & Enforcement," Commentator, Law & Society Mexico 2017

"Missed Opportunity in the Master Narrative of US Law: How Did American Workers Lose Legal Ground?" McGill University, Montreal, 2017

"You Never Know Where You May Find Domestic Slavery – Even in Minnesota before the Civil War," 2016 Nobel Peace Prize Forum, 2016.

"Senator Henry Wilson: Cobbler of the Constitution, Strategist of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment." Georgetown Center for the Constitution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Salmon P. Chase Colloquium, 2015.

"The Last Legally Beaten Slave in America," 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Conference, Seattle, 2015, co-sponsored by the Fred Korematsu Center, Seattle the University of Washington Law Schools.

"The Constitutional Right to Quit," Law & Society Annual Meeting, 2015.

"Redemption Songs: Suing for Freedom before Dred Scott, National Archives, Washington, 2015.

"Are We Asking Enough of Our Students," Iowa Faculty Workshop.

"Slave Suits for Freedom before Dred Scott, Loyola Los Angeles Law School, 2015

Panel discussion "Salmon P. Chase, as Lawyer and Jurist," Georgetown Law, 2014.

"Aspects of Slavery on the Antebellum Frontier," Harvard Law School Legal History Workshop, 2014.

"Dred Scott in Context." Supreme Court Historical Society, U.S. Supreme Court, Leon Silverman Lecture, May 1, 2014.

"The Duncan Brothers, White and Black" Keynote Speech, Missouri Historical Soc'y Annual Meeting, 2014.

"Digital Humanities, an introduction to an Emerging Methodology" Iowa Faculty workshop, 2014.

"Redemption Songs," Interview with Iowa Public Radio, Jan. 31, 2014.

"Slaves on the American Frontier," The Atlantic Slave Database Research Colloquia, Michigan State History Department, 2013.

"St. Louis Freedom Suits," Southern History Assn Conference, Old Courthouse, St. Louis 2013.

"New Research on Dred Scott v. Sandford," Conference of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, St. Louis, 2013

Dred Scott and Minnesota, video-taped interview for Minnesota Public Television series on Minnesota and the Civil War, 2013.

Interview with The Junto, Webzine for SHEAR, 2013.

"Employment At-Will and the Proposed Restatement of Employment Law," Vulnerability and Labor



conference, Emory Law School, 2013.

“Slavery in the New World,” “Law and the French Atlantic,” Newberry Library, Chicago, 2012.

“Teaching Employment Law without a Textbook, with Research and a Wiki,” New Teaching Methods, Labor Law Group Conference. Asheville, N. Ca. 2012.

“Three Black Women in the Shadow of Slavery,” Discussant, OAH, 2012.

“The Proposed Restatement of Employment Law at Mid-point,” Panel of Experts Conference organizer and convener, ABF, 2011.

“How the Antebellum West Sheds Light on the Reconstruction Amendments,” ASLH, 2011

“The Thirteenth Amendment and the Right to Quit,” Conference on the Constitutionalization of Labor Law, University of Wisconsin 2011.

Labor History Tour of San Francisco’s Chinatown, Tour organizer, Law & Society Annual meeting, San Francisco, Ca. 2011.

“The Kidnap of Lydia’s Children: A Chapter from Redemption Songs,” University of Chicago Law School Workshop on Family, Sex, and Gender, 2011.

“A Grievance-based Interpretation of the Constitution,” Schmooze on the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, University of Maryland Law School, 2011.

“How the Frontier Slaves got Lawyers” ABF, 2011.

Commentator, Panel on Don Fehrenbacher’s work on Dred Scott, by the next generation of Dred Scott Scholars, Rights Conference. San Francisco State 2010.

“Author meets Readers panel on my book, *Mrs. Dred Scott: A Life on Slavery’s Frontier.*” May 28, 2010.

Organizer, Hastings- Labor Law Group Conference on the Restatement of Employment Law, presenter: “Section 2.01, is the At-will Core Stable?” Feb. 2009.

Workshop series, “The Slaves of Milton Duty,” Iowa Law Faculty Workshop, Jan. 2009. Marquette Law School, Nov. 2007; Law & Society, Berlin, July 2007

Dred Scott v. Sanford, at 150 years, Harvard Law School, April 2007 & Washington University – St. Louis, March 2007

“Mrs. Dred Scott” to OAH Secondary School Teachers education, Dickinson College, March 2007

“The Dred Scott case from the Family perspective,” University of Minnesota Law School, Sept. 2006 & Federal Bar Association of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit, St. Paul Minnesota, June 2007.

“The Thirteenth Amendment as a Basis for Civil Rights Litigation, Thirteenth Amendment Symposium in honor of James Ashley, Toledo Law School, Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 2006.

“Lessons from those who help the worst off: Anti-slavery activists in India,” INTELL 8, summer 2006.

“How can we abolish Child Labor in a Globalized Economic Order? Report from India” in *The Earth is Flat: The Globalization of Labor Law*, at Labor Law Group, Summer 2006).

“John F. A. Sanford, the Fur Trade years of Dred Scott’s Master,” 9th North American Fur Trade Conference, St. Louis, Summer 2006.

“A Case of Frontiersmanship,” Dred Scott Symposium, University of Texas, Austin, Spring 2006. and University of Iowa Faculty Seminar, Fall 2005.

“Scale Matters,” University of Iowa Inequality Studies Institute seminar, Jan. 2006.

“Child Slavery in India,” Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Spring 2006.

“The Common Basis of Blackstone’s Master-Servant in American and Indian Law”, New Delhi Law School Delhi, India, Spring 2005.

Study tour of Women in Work in Japan, sponsored by INTELL & the Japanese Parliament, Kyoto, Japan, Spring 2004

Constitutional Law and Work Law as Converging Doctrines” Labor Law Group, Toronto July 2003.

“Labor and Globalization” panel chair and commentator, Law & Society meeting, Pittsburgh, July

2003.

"An Overview of the St. Louis Freedom Cases" showcased at a conference organized by Washington University St. Louis.

"American Citizenship in Historical Perspective," SASE Conference on Socio-Economics, University of Minnesota, July 2002.

"Searching for Harriet and Dred Scott," Missouri Supreme Court Historical Society, Oct. 2002.  
Conference on Constitutional Courts, Institute for Global Legal Studies, Washington University School of Law, Nov. 2001.

Intentional Meeting of Scholars of African-American History, Minn. Historical Society, Oct. 2001.

"Gender and Power in Historical Context," moderator and organizer, Law & Society, Budapest, Hungary, June 2001.

All Across the Border: Structuring Gaming Moves in Equalization of Labor Standards," Law & Society, Budapest, Hungary, June 2001.

"McDonaldization of American Labor Law," University of Vienna, Inst. for Labor & Social Security, May 2001.

"The Litigants in the Dred Scott Case: A Case of Frontiersmanship," AALS, 2001.

"Slaves in Free Territory" ASLH, Princeton, fall 2000.

"Harriet's World" Faculty symposium FSU Law School, Spring 2000.

Study tour of Labor Reform in South Africa, INTELL conference, Capetown, South Africa, Spring 1999.

Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Symposium: Historical Perspectives on Race and Law in the U.S.: Three Case Studies, Sept. 1998.

"New Developments in American Industrial Relations -- What Ever Happened to Collective Bargaining," Wirtschafts Universitaet -- Vienna, Austria, May 1998.

"Coercion in At-Will Employment and Sexual Harassment," CEU University, Budapest, Hungary, May 1998.

"Coercion and At-will in Sexual Harassment Litigation," Sexual Harassment Symposium, 20 years later, Yale Law School, Feb-March 1998.

"Property in the Mind," Innovation Symposium, NYU Law School, February 1998.

"Prerogative, Discipline, and Loyalty: The Marginalization and Death of the Practice of Whipping Servants and Slaves in the First Half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century," June 1996, Glasgow, Scotland, Law and Society Meetings.

"Against the Depiction of Domestic Violence as Situation Comedy," Workshop on the Status of Women in New Market Economies, April, 1996, Univ of Connecticut Law School.

Commentary, "Reconstruction Politics," Organization of American Historians, April 1995.

"The Legal Ways of Seduction," NYU Faculty Colloquium, April 1995 & Yale Law Faculty Workshop, Feb. 1995.

"Their Presence in the Galleries," Quinnipiac Law School Faculty Colloquium, April 12, 1995.

"The Moral Economy of the Purchase of Freedom: Lessons from Slave Narratives," Cardozo symposium on Bondage, Slavery and the Constitution, Feb. 1995.

"Listening for Rhythm at Critical Junctures in Legal History," Organization of American Historians, April 1994, Atlanta, Ga.

"Actresses and Free Labor in 19th Century America," The Mitchell Lectures, SUNY -Buffalo, March 1992.

"Free Labor and the Reconstruction Amendments," The Schouler Lectures, Johns Hopkins University History Department, April 1990.