

Sara Mayeux

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt University , Nashville, Tenn.	
Assistant Professor of Law	2016-present
Assistant Professor of History (by courtesy)	2017-present
University of Pennsylvania Law School , Philadelphia, Pa.	
Sharswood Fellow and Lecturer in Law	2014-16
Harvard Law School , Cambridge, Mass.	
Berger-Howe Legal History Fellow	2013-14

CLERKSHIP

Hon. Marsha S. Berzon, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals , San Francisco, Calif.	2012-13
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EDUCATION

Stanford University , PhD, History (2016)
Stanford Law School , JD (2011)
Princeton University , AB, History, <i>summa cum laude</i> (2005)

PUBLICATIONS

Work in Progress

FREE JUSTICE: POVERTY, DEMOCRACY, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY AMERICA (under contract, University of North Carolina Press)

Articles and Essays

“An Honest But Fearless Fighter”: *The Adversarial Ideal of Public Defenders in 1930s and ’40s Los Angeles*, L. & HIST. REV. (forthcoming) * **peer-reviewed**

The Idea of “the Criminal Justice System,” AM. J. CRIM. L. (forthcoming, 2018)
Reviewed at JOTWELL by Jonathan Simon, “[Time to Rethink the Idea of System](#)”

What Gideon Did, 116 COLUM. L. REV. 15 (2016)
Cromwell Article Prize (for best legal history article of the year by an early career scholar)

Federalism Anew, 56 AM. J. LEGAL HIST. 128 (2016) (with Karen Tani) (symposium essay)

Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Before Powell v. Alabama: Lessons from History for the Future of the Right to Counsel, 99 IOWA L. REV. 2161 (2014) (symposium essay)
Cited by the Iowa Supreme Court in *State v. Young*, 863 N.W.2d 249 (Iowa 2015)

The Origins of Back-end Sentencing in California, 22 STAN. L. & POL’Y REV. 529 (2011)

The Case of the Black-Gloved Rapist: Defining the Public Defender's Role in the California Courts, 1913-1948, 5 CAL. LEGAL HIST. 217 (2010)

First prize, California Supreme Court Historical Society Student Writing Competition

Book Chapters

The Federal Courts and Criminal Justice, in APPROACHES TO FEDERAL JUDICIAL HISTORY, ed. Gautham Rao & Clara Altman (forthcoming)

Scholarly Book Reviews, Response Essays, etc.

Debating the Past's Authority in Alabama, STAN. L. REV. (forthcoming, 2018) (invited short response to Robert W. Gordon, *Taming the Past: Essays on Law in History and History in Law*)

Review of Rosen and Mosnier, *Julius Chambers: A Life in the Legal Struggle for Civil Rights*, *Journal of Southern History* (forthcoming, 2018)

Review of Carolyn Strange, *Discretionary Justice: Pardon and Parole in New York from the Revolution to the Depression*, [Law and History Review](#), November 2017

Review of Felice Batlan, *Women and Justice for the Poor: A History of Legal Aid, 1863-1945*, [H-Law](#), March 2016

Susannah Sheffer, *Fighting for Their Lives: Inside the Experience of Capital Defense Attorneys*, [H-Law](#), November 2013

Popular Press Book Reviews, Op-eds, and Public Writing (selected)

"How We Learned to Love the Bill of Rights," reviewing Gerard Magliocca, *The Heart of the Constitution*, [Bunk](#), February 2018

"Why Felon Disenfranchisement Doesn't Violate the Constitution," [Bunk](#), December 2017

"Law and Order, Philadelphia Style," interview with Tim Lombardo, [Bunk](#), November 2017

"Litigating the Line between Past and Present," [Bunk](#), September 2017

"*Gideon v. Wainwright* in the Age of a Public Defense Crisis," [Talk Poverty](#), May 2016; reprinted by [The Nation](#)

"Harlem's Drug Warriors," review essay on new histories of the war on drugs, [Reason](#), January 2016

"The Dark Side of Police Reform," review essay on new histories of policing, [Reason](#), June 2015

"Cruel, Unusual, and Crowded," review essay on California's prison crisis, [Reason](#), March 2015

Review of Marie Gottschalk, *Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics*, [The Chronicle Review](#), December 2014

"The Case for Abolishing Juvenile Prisons," interview with Nell Bernstein, [The Awl](#), Sept. 2014

- “Progress and Execution,” review essay on the history of punishment, [Public Books](#), May 2014
- “Redefining Rape,” interview with Estelle Freedman, [The Hairpin](#), October 2013
- “Newt and the Ninth Circuit” (short item on Newt Gingrich), [The Nation](#), Jan. 9/16, 2012
- “Obstructing Justice” (short item on Obama’s judicial appointments), [The Nation](#), June 13, 2011
- “We Can’t Afford Whitman’s Prison Plan” (op-ed), [Sacramento Bee](#), July 9, 2010
- [Prison Law Blog](#), 2009-12, and guest blog posts for *The Atlantic*, *The American Prospect*, NPR affiliate KALW, and others; links at <http://www.saramayeux.org>

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Federal Public Defender, Northern District of California**, San Francisco, Calif.
Summer Law Clerk 2009
- Public Defender, City and County of San Francisco**, San Francisco, Calif.
Summer Intern 2008
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art**, New York, N.Y.
Editorial Coordinator for Internal Communications 2006-7

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS

- 2017-18 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship, Vanderbilt University (one of nine university-wide)
- 2015 J. Willard Hurst Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 Miller Center National Fellowship, University of Virginia (declined)
G.J. Lieberman Fellowship in the Humanities, Stanford University (declined)
Littleton-Griswold Legal History Grant, American Historical Association
Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, Stanford University
- 2009-10 Public Interest Fellowship, Stanford Law School
- 2009 Morris L. Cohen Fellowship, Harvard Law School (research grant)
- 2004 Stone-Davis Prize, Princeton University (senior thesis research grant)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “The Warren Court’s Criminal Procedure Revolution as State-building”
(scheduled) Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada, June 2018
- “Debating the Past’s Authority in Alabama”
Conference Celebrating Bob Gordon’s *Taming the Past*, Stanford University, January 2018
- “The Cold War Right to Counsel”
American Society for Legal History, Las Vegas, Nev., October 2017
- “Age, ‘Adolescence,’ and the Limits of Punishment”
Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School, November 2017
Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Boca Raton, Fla., August 2017
Junior Scholars Roundtable on Criminal Procedure, Brooklyn Law School, July 2017

- “Ethnicity and Identity at the Los Angeles Public Defender’s Office, 1914-1946”
Association for Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Stanford University, March 2017
- “*Gideon* on the Ground in the Deep South, 1963-1973”
Tulane Law School Faculty Workshop, April 2017
Indiana University Law School Faculty Workshop, February 2017
Emory University Law School Faculty Workshop, February 2017
- “The Cold War Public Defender Idea”
Vanderbilt University History Department Americanist Seminar, November 2016
Stanford University History Department U.S. History Workshop, March 2016
- “Why Criminal Justice Reform Stalled in the Deep South: The Case of the Public Defender”
Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Ark., November 2015
- “Public Defenders in the Tough-on-Crime Era”
American Society for Legal History, Washington, D.C., October 2015 (also organized panel)
- “The ‘Progressive’ Public Defender in Los Angeles, 1914-1949”
University of Michigan Legal History Workshop, September 2015
- “Notes toward a History of Indigent Defense Crisis in the Deep South”
CrimFest!, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, July 2015
- “The Progressive Era Public Defender Idea”
Stanford University History Department U.S. History Workshop, March 2015
Harvard Law School Legal History Workshop, February 2014
- “Getting *Gideon* Wrong”
University of Pennsylvania Law School Faculty Workshop, February 2015
- “Administrative Constitutionalism in the Criminal Courts: Implementing *Gideon*”
Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 2014 (also organized panel)
- “Car Trouble: Adolescence, Automobility, and the Law, 1890-1930”
Law and the Child Symposium, University of Minnesota Law School, June 2014
- “Protecting the Poor from ‘Shysters’ and ‘Legal Vermin’: Remaking the Right to Counsel, 1882-1932”
American Society for Legal History, Miami, Fla., November 2013
- “Ineffective Assistance of Counsel before *Powell v. Alabama*”
Iowa Law Review Symposium, University of Iowa Law School, October 2013
- “The Case of Isabella Nitti and the Transformation of the Right to Counsel”
Western Association of Women Historians, Berkeley, Calif., May 2012

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

- Federal Public Defender/CJA Panel Attorneys Lunch and Learn, Nashville, Tenn., November 2017.
CLE presentation on the history of indigent defense

Supreme Court (P)review Panel, Vanderbilt Law School, October 2017

Federal Public Defender, Nashville, Tenn., June 2017. Invited talk on the history of indigent defense for law student and undergraduate summer interns

Supreme Court (P)review Panel, Vanderbilt Law School, November 2016

Practicing Public Interest Law in the South Conference, Vanderbilt Law School, September 2016. Moderated panel on privatized probation and debtors' prisons

History of the Federal Judiciary Conference, Federal Judiciary Center, Washington, D.C., April 2016. Invited panelist on federal courts and individual rights

American Historical Association, Atlanta, Ga., January 2016. Invited panelist for roundtable on the fortieth anniversary of *Gregg v. Georgia* and the future of the death penalty

Penn Law Advanced Training Program for the Thai Judiciary, May 2015. Taught sessions on the right to counsel and the Fourth Amendment exclusionary rule

Tooling Up for Digital Humanities Workshop, Stanford University, April 2011. Invited panelist on managing a digital scholarly identity

Princeton Club of Northern California, October 2010. Invited talk on California's prison crisis

SERVICE

"Justice" Section Editor, *Bunk* (history web portal based at University of Richmond), 2017-present
Editorial Board, *Western Legal History* (published by Ninth Circuit Historical Society), 2016-present

At Vanderbilt:

Legal History Colloquium, 2016-
Social Justice Reading Group co-facilitator, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Law School Faculty Appointments Committee, 2017-18, 2016-17

At Stanford:

Stanford Prison Forum, 2010-12 (wrote grant applications and helped launch new seminar at San Quentin State Prison with both Stanford law/grad students and Prison University Project students)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Legal History
Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association
Southern Historical Association

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