

# Sara Mayeux

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## CLERKSHIP

<b>Hon. Marsha S. Berzon, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals</b> , San Francisco, Calif.	2012-13
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## EDUCATION

- Stanford University**, PhD, History (2016)
- Stanford Law School**, JD (2011)
- Princeton University**, AB, History, *summa cum laude* (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

*Youth and Punishment at the Roberts Court*, 21 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 543 (2018)

*“An Honest But Fearless Fighter”*: *The Adversarial Ideal of Public Defenders in 1930s and ’40s Los Angeles*, 36 LAW & HIST. REV. 619 (2018) \* **peer-reviewed**

*The Idea of “the Criminal Justice System,”* 45 AM. J. CRIM. L. 55 (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 Chapter

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

#### Scholarly Book Reviews, Invited Responses, etc.

*Debating the Past's Authority in Alabama*, [Stanford Law Review](#), May 2018 (invited short response for forum on 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](#), August 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

Review of 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)

Review of Alexandra Natapoff, *Punishment Without Crime*, Reason (forthcoming, 2019)

"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

<b>Federal Public Defender, Northern District of California</b> , San Francisco, Calif. Summer Law Clerk	2009
<b>Public Defender, City and County of San Francisco</b> , San Francisco, Calif. Summer Intern	2008
<b>The Metropolitan Museum of Art</b> , 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

Book chapter (tbd), American Bar Foundation Legal History Roundtable, May 2019 (scheduled)

“Deserving Men and Women” (introduction and draft chapter of book manuscript)  
University of Chicago Constitutional Law Workshop, November 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

Practicing Public Interest Law in the South Conference, Vanderbilt Law School, October 2018.  
Moderated panel on bail reform

Supreme Court Preview Panel, Vanderbilt Law School Board of Advisors Meeting, April 2018

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), 2017-18

Editorial Board, *Western Legal History* (published by Ninth Circuit Historical Society), 2016-present

### At Vanderbilt:

Legal History Colloquium Planning Group, 2016-

Social Justice Reading Group co-facilitator, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Law School Faculty Appointments Committee, 2017-18, 2016-17

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Legal History  
Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association  
Southern Historical Association

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