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Employment:

1986 -present BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.
Professor of Law since 1992, and Law Alumni Scholar since 2007. Associate Professor of Law, 1986-92. Courses include English Legal History, American Legal History, and Trusts, Wills and Basic Estate Planning. In prior years, Property, Intellectual Property, Copyright, Introduction to American Law, and seminars on History of Legal Education and History of Legal Thought. On leave 1988-89, John M. Olin Faculty Fellowship. On sabbatical leave 1994-1995, Charles Warren Center of Harvard University. On sabbatical leave 2000-2001 and 2008-2009, Ames Foundation of Harvard Law School. On sabbatical leave, 2015-2016, 2022-2023.

2002 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL
Visiting Professor of Law (Fall Semester 2002).

1983 – 86 FOLEY, HOAG & ELIOT. Boston, Massachusetts.
Associate in general practice. Assignments included appellate litigation, government contracting, intellectual property, and administrative law.

1982 – 83 Law Clerk to the Hon. HENRY J. FRIENDLY. New York, N.Y.
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Education:

1980 – 82 HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. J.D., magna cum laude.
Entered as a second-year student with advanced standing. Editor, Harvard Law Review. Harvard Graduate National Scholar.

1979 – 80 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. LL.B. with First Class Honours.
Scholar of St. John's College. Wright & Hughes Prizes.

1977 – 79 OXFORD UNIVERSITY. B.A. in the Honour School of
Jurisprudence.
Merton College. Bicentennial Scholar from the United States.

1973 – 77 HARVARD COLLEGE. A.B. in History, summa cum laude.
Phi Beta Kappa. Harvard National Scholar. National Merit Scholar. U.S.
Presidential Scholar. Debate. Publishing.

Publications:

commissioned, under contract, in preparation: The Oxford History of the Laws of England, volume V, 1399-1483 (Oxford University Press, commissioned Oct. 23, 2013).

commissioned, under contract, in press, "The Need for Restatement of the Common Law: A Long Look Back," in American Law Institute: A Centennial History, chapter 2, edited by Andrew S. Gold and Robert W. Gordon, Oxford University Press (scheduled for May 2023 publication).

commissioned, under contract, in press: "England in the Fifteenth Century," in The Cambridge Constitutional History of the United Kingdom, vol. 2, ch. 5, Cambridge University Press, edited by Peter Cane and Harshan Kumarasingham, commissioned Feb. 16, 2018, accepted Mar. 4, 2020, in press for Sept. 2023 publication.

An Index and Paraphrase of Printed Year Book Reports, 1268 - 1535 (Seipp's Abridgement) (compiled 2000 - present), online free, publicly searchable website launched April 2003, with 22,318 records as of 2023, searched 30,153 times in 2022.

Foreword to 150/150: People, Places, and Precedents / Boston University School of Law pp. 6 to 7 (Sept. 21, 2022) and acknowledged as a significant contributor to this entire book on pp. 8 and 280; Foreword republished as "Reflecting on Our History," The Record: The Magazine of Boston University School of Law, pp. 10-11 (Fall 2022), on Nov. 28, 2022.

"A Brief Legal and Social History of Mortgage," in Land and the Mortgage: History, Culture, Belonging, edited by Daivi Rodima-Taylor and Parker Shipton, pp. 66-73 (Berghahn Books 2022) (also published in 2017 as a Boston University Land Mortgage Working Group Research Report).

"Don't Bring an Army to an Arbitration (England, 1411)," in Lawyer, Scholar, Teacher and Activist – Liber Amicorum in Honour of Derek Roebuck, edited by Neil Kaplan and Robert Morgan, pp. 431-439 (Oxford Holo Books, 2021)

"Year Book Men," in English Legal History and Its Sources: Essays in Honour of Sir John Baker, edited by Neil Jones, David Ibbetson, and Nigel Ramsay, pp. 3-22 (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

"How to Get Rid of a King: Lawyering the Revolution of 1399," in Challenges to Authority and the Recognition of Rights: from Magna Carta to Modernity,

edited by Catharine MacMillan and Charlotte Smith, pp. 55-69 (Cambridge University Press) (2018).

"Legal Services for the Poor in the Early Common Law," in Law and Society in Later Medieval England and Ireland: Essays in Honour of Paul Brand, edited by Travis R. Baker, pp. 255-273 (Routledge Publishing) (2017).

"A Very Brief Legal and Social History of Mortgage," in Mortgage Across Cultures: Land, Finance, and Epistemology, edited by Daivi Rodima-Taylor and Parker Shipton, pp. 19-25 (Boston University Land Mortgage Working Group Research Report) (March 2017).

Takeo Kikuchi's Lecture Notebooks in the United States as a Student: Nicholas St. John Green on Torts, Criminal Law, and Kent's Commentaries, Transcription and Annotations by David J. Seipp, with an Introduction, "Nicholas St. John Green: A Brief Biography and Appreciation" by David J. Seipp, a special issue in the series *Chūō Daigaku shi shiryōshū* (Historical Materials of Chuo University, Issue 28, 235 pages) and an online publication (2017).

Introduction and Table, in Thomas Ashe, Promptuarie, ou Repertory Generall, pp. III-XXXII (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2017) (reprint of 1614 edition).

Introduction and Tables, in Henry Rolle, Un Abridgment des Plusieurs Cases, pp. III-XXVIII (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2017) (reprint of 1668 edition). Revised for 2018 printing.

"Big Legal History and the Hundred Year Test," Law and History Review, vol. 34, pp. 857-871 (2016) (featured in special Digital Law and History issue).

"Magna Carta in the Late Middle Ages: Over-Mighty Subjects, Under-Mighty Kings, and a Turn Away from Trial by Jury," William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, vol. 25, pp. 665-688 (2016).

"When Lawyers Lie: Forging an English Constitution in 1399," in Texts and Contexts in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue, pp. 299-317, edited by John Witte, Sara McDougall, and Anna di Robilant (Robbins Collection at the University of California at Berkeley, 2016).

"Trust and Conscience in the Early Common Law," in The Confluence of Law and Religion: Interdisciplinary Reflections on the Work of Norman Doe, pp. 48-65, edited by Frank Cranmer, Mark Hill, Celia Kenny, and Russell Sandberg (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

"Anthony Fitzherbert, *La Novel Natura Brevium*," in The Formation and Transmission of Western Legal Culture: 150 Books That Made the Law in the Age of Printing, ch. 19, pp. 80-82, edited by Serge Dauchy, Georges Martyn,

- Anthony Musson, Heikki Pihlajamäki, and Alain Wijffels, *Studies in the History of Law and Justice*, 7, supported by the French *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (CNRS) (Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2016).
- Introduction and Table, in Robert Brooke, *La Graunde Abridgement*, pp. III-XVI (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2015) (reprint of 1573 edition).
- Review of Helen Lacey, *The Royal Pardon: Access to Mercy in Fourteenth-Century England*, in *Law and History Review*, vol. 33, pp. 745-746 (2015)
- Introduction and Table of Contents, in Nicholas Statham, *Abridgement of Cases*, pp. V-XVII (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2013) (reprint of circa 1490 edition).
- Introduction, in Henry de Bracton, *De Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae*, pp. V-XII (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2013) (reprint of 1640 edition).
- Review of Robert Paynell's *King's Bench Reports (1625-1627)*, edited by W.H. Bryson, in *American Journal of Legal History*, vol. 52, pp. 505-508 (2012).
- "Formalism and Realism in Fifteenth-Century English Law," in *Judges and Judging in the History of the Common Law and Civil Law: From Antiquity to Modern Times*, pp. 37-50 (Proceedings of the Eighteenth British Legal History Conference), ed. Paul Brand & Joshua Getzler (Cambridge University Press, 2012).
- "Trust and Fiduciary Duty in the Early Common Law," *Boston University Law Review*, vol. 91, pp. 969-995 (2011).
- Introduction and Lists of Sources, in William Hughes, *The Grand Abridgement of the Law Continued*, pp. III-XX (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, 2011) (reprint of 1660-1662 edition).
- "Legal Education for Export: Takeo Kikuchi's Boston University," in *Future of Comparative Study in Law: The 60th anniversary of The Institute of Comparative Law in Japan, Chuo University*, pp. 97-116 (Series of the Institute of Comparative Law in Japan, vol. 81) (Tokyo: Chuo University Press, 2011).
- Introduction and Tables, in Anthony Fitzherbert, *La Graunde Abridgement*, pp. vii-xxiii (Clark, N.J.; The Lawbook Exchange, 2009) (reprint of 1577 edition).
- "Presumptions in Early English Common Law," in *Presumptions and Circumstantial Evidence*, pp. 117-136 (Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Law), ed. R.H. Helmholz & W.D.H. Sellar (Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 2009).

- Introductory Tables and Notes to each volume of Year Books, Reprint of the Vulgate edition of 1678-1680 (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd., 2007), 11 vols. Republished with new title pages and bibliographic information, 2013.
- New Introduction and Table of Contents, in Margaret Center Klingel Smith (trans.), Statham's Abridgment of the Law, pp. III-XXII (Clark, N.J.: The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. 2007), 2 vols. (reprint of 1915 translation of 1490 text). Revised introduction for 2019 printing.
- "Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.: The Judge as Celebrity," 27 The Supreme Court Historical Society Quarterly, Number 4, pp. 1, 3-6 (2006).
- "Our Law, Their Law, History, and the Citation of Foreign Law," Boston University Law Review, vol. 86, pp. 1417-1446 (2006).
reprinted in Judicial Precedent: Theory and Practice (Amicus Books), pp. 123-159, ed. Asifa Begum (Hyderabad: The Icfai University Press, 2008)
- "Symposium Introduction: Lochner Centennial Conference," Boston University Law Review, vol. 85, pp. 671-676 (2005).
- "Fleta," in The New Dictionary of National Biography, vol. 20, pp. 82-83, ed. H.C.G. Mathew & Brian Henderson, Oxford University Press, 2004.
- "The Law's Many Bodies, and the Manuscript Tradition in English Legal History," Journal of Legal History, vol. 25, pp. 73-84 (2004) (review essay).
- "Jurors, Evidences, and the Tempest of 1499," in "The Dearest Birthright of the People of England": The Jury in the History of the Common Law, pp. 75-92, ed. John W. Cairns & Grant McLeod, Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2002 (Proceedings of the Fourteenth British Legal History Conference).
- Review of Richard Firth Green, The Crisis of Truth: Law and Literature in Ricardian England, in Ius Commune -- Zeitschrift für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte, vol. 28, pp. 389-391 (2001).
- Review of Thorne, Hager, Thorne, & Donahue, eds., The Year Books of 6 Richard II, 1382-1383, in Tijdschrift voor Rechtsgeschiedenis, vol. 67, pp. 149-150 (1999).
- "Chief Justice Holmes on the Science and Art (and Politics) of Judging," in Massachusetts Legal History, vol. 5, pp. 19-66 (1999).
- "The Mirror of Justices," in Learning the Law: Teaching and the Transmission of Law in England, 1150-1900, pp. 85-112, ed. Jonathan Bush & Alain Wijffels, London: Hambledon Press, 1999 (Proceedings of the Thirteenth British Legal

History Conference).

"Archibald Cox, Teacher" (review of Ken Gormley, *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation*), in *Boston University Law Review*, vol. 78, pp. 565-573 (April 1998).

"In Memoriam -- Elizabeth B. Clark," *Boston University Law Review*, vol. 78, pp. 229-253 (April 1998) (contributor, editor, compiler of bibliography).

"Holmes's Path," *Boston University Law Review*, vol. 77, pp. 515-558 (June 1997) (125th Anniversary Essay).

"Who Was Melville Madison Bigelow?" *Boston University School of Law Alumni Magazine*, vol. 5, pp. 6-9 (Winter 1996).

"The Distinction Between Crime and Tort in the Early Common Law," *Boston University Law Review*, vol. 76, pp. 59-87 (1996).

"Crime in the Year Books," in *Law Reporting in Britain: Proceedings of the Eleventh British Legal History Conference*, pp. 15-34, ed. Chantal Stebbings, London: Hambledon Press, 1995.

"The Concept of Property in the Early Common Law," *Law and History Review*, vol. 12, pp. 29-92 (1994).

"The Reception of Canon Law and Civil Law in the Common Law Courts before 1600," *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* vol. 13, pp. 388-420 (1993), reprinted in *Law and History: Critical Concepts in Law*, edited by Norman Doe and Russell Sandberg, vol. 2, ch. 19 (Routledge, 2016).

"The Structure of English Common Law in the Seventeenth Century," in *Legal History in the Making: Proceedings of the Ninth British Legal History Conference*, pp. 61-83, ed. W.M. Gordon, London: Hambledon Press, 1991.

Review of Norman Doe, *Fundamental Authority in Late Medieval English Law*, in *Ius Commune -- Zeitschrift für Europäische Rechtsgeschichte*, vol. 18, pp. 390-394 (1991).

"Bracton, the Year Books, and the 'Transformation of Elementary Legal Ideas' in the Early Common Law," *Law and History Review*, vol. 7, pp. 175-217 (1989) (based in part on portions of the next listed publication).

"Roman Legal Categories in the Early Common Law," in *Legal Record and Historical Reality: Proceedings of the Eighth British Legal History Conference*, pp. 9-36, ed. Thomas G. Watkin, London: Hambledon Press, 1989.

Review of O.F. Robinson, T.D. Fergus & W.M. Gordon, *An Introduction to*

European Legal History, in American Journal of Legal History, vol. 33, pp. 151-153 (1989).

Review of S.E. Thorne, Essays in English Legal History, in Harvard Law School Bulletin, vol. 37, no. 2, pp. 40-41 (1986).

"English Judicial Recognition of a Right to Privacy," Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, vol. 3, pp. 325-370 (1983).

Note, "The Right to Privacy in Nineteenth Century America," Harvard Law Review, vol. 94, pp. 1892-1910 (1981).

The Right to Privacy in American History (Harvard Program on Information Resources Policy, Research Report P-78-3, 212 pp., July 1978) (full text viewable online via PDF at the link http://pirp.harvard.edu/pubs_pdf/seipp/seipp-p78-3.pdf).

Papers Presented (not including Boston University faculty workshop series):

"Precursors of the Restatements," Workshop on Draft Essays for The ALI at 100, American Law Institute, Bob Gordon Andrew Gold, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 14, 2022.

"Courting Reform and Court Reform: A Comment on Three Productive and Enlightening Failures," American Society for Legal History, November 5, 2021, comment on papers by Jim Pfander (Northwestern), Amalia Kessler (Stanford), and Rebecca Boorstein (Yale Ph.D. candidate).

"A History of Boston University School of Law," two one-hour webinars presented with over 150 PowerPoint slides, first to admitted students on May 21 and 28, 2020, and then to alumni on July 22 and 29, 2020, (to 267 registered, 112 + 86 attended live [The History of BU Law, Part 1 of 2: Presented by David Seipp](https://mymedia.bu.edu/media/1_qggdqjk0) https://mymedia.bu.edu/media/1_qggdqjk0 [The History of BU Law, Part 2 of 2: Presented by David Seipp](https://mymedia.bu.edu/media/1_9ddqmatq) https://mymedia.bu.edu/media/1_9ddqmatq

"Tamar Frankel, the Fiduciary Principle, and Obedience to the Unenforceable," Boston University School of Law Book Celebration for The Law of Institutional Self-Regulation (Compliance), April 2, 2018.

"Federal Courts and Civil Rights -- A Long View," The Historical Role of the Federal Courts and the Extraordinary Challenges They Now Face, Boston University School of Law symposium honoring Larry W. Yackle, September 15, 2017.

"When Lawyers Lie: Forging an English Constitution in 1399," Roundtable

- Conference on "Texts and Contexts in Legal History" in Honor of Charles Donahue, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 7, 2016 (chosen to be one of eight presenters from among 27 festschrift contributors).
- "Magna Carta in the Lawless Fifteenth Century," After Runnymede: Revising, Reissuing, and Reinterpreting Magna Carta in the Middle Ages, symposium at William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, Virginia, March 18, 2016.
- "Magna Carta in Lawless Times: Its First Three Centuries and the Rule of Law," Magna Carta and the Rule of Law in Hong Kong, joint conference of Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, City University of Hong Kong School of Law, and Hong Kong University Faculty of Law, October 31, 2015.
- "The Rule of Law in Fifteenth-Century England," Law and Governance in Pre-Modern Britain, Western University, London Ontario, October 23, 2015.
- "How to Get Rid of a King: Lawyering the Revolution of 1399," 22nd British Legal History Conference, University of Reading, July 11, 2015.
- "When Lawyers Lie: Forging an English Constitution in 1399," The Richard Youard Lecture in Legal History for 2015, Oxford Law Faculty, March 10, 2015 (an annual endowed lecture series at Oxford University), also on iTunes U Oxford and at <https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/when-lawyers-lie-forging-english-constitution-1399>
- Medieval Legal History Workshop, American Society for Legal History, November 6, 2014 (presented Elizabeth Papp Kamali's paper "The Devil's Daughter of Hell Fire: The Role of Anger in Medieval English Felony Adjudication"; also commented on papers by Thomas McSweeney and Rowan Dorin).
- "What Makes a Comment a Comment," Panel on Power and Politics in Medieval Law, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, June 1, 2013 (commenting on papers by Thomas McSweeney, Ada-Maria Kuskowski, Jolanta Komornicka, and Bernard Hibbitts on English and French medieval legal history).
- "The Character of the Common Law: Some Lessons from English and American Legal History," Peking University School of Transnational Law, Shenzhen, China, June 6, 2012.
- "Trust and Conscience in the Early Common Law," Twentieth British Legal History Conference, University of Cambridge, July 15, 2011.
- "Legal Education for Export: Takeo Kikuchi's Boston University," Symposium of

125 Years of "Igirisu Horitsu Gakko (English Law School): Present, Past, and Future, Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, November 6, 2010.

"Trust and Fiduciary Duty in the Early Common Law," The Role of Fiduciary Law and Trust in the 21st Century: A Conference Inspired by the Work of Tamar Frankel, Boston University School of Law, October 29, 2010.

"The Year Books Database and After: What More Do We Need?", Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Dallas, Texas, November 13, 2009.

"Can Year Book Cases Be Counted?," Nineteenth British Legal History Conference, University of Exeter, July 8, 2009.

"A Short, Incomplete, and Opinionated History of Boston University School of Law," Brown Bag Lunch Series, March 26, 2009

"The Englishness of the Early Common Law," Conference on Comparative Medieval Law, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, Oct. 2, 2008 (also co-sponsored by Chicago Kent College of Law, Institute for Law and Humanities, and the Illinois Legal History Program) (Panel: Just How Inter-Connected Was European Medieval Law?)

"Formalism and Realism in Fifteenth-Century English Law," Eighteenth British Legal History Conference, St. Catherine's College Oxford, July 3, 2007.

"How Boston University Almost Invented Legal Realism: Centralization and the Law (1906)," Boston University School of Law Scholarship Program, Nov. 13, 2006.

"Our Law, Their Law, History, and the Citation of Foreign Law," Conference on the Role of the Judge in the Twenty-First Century, Boston University, April 22, 2006.

"Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.: The Judge as Celebrity," Supreme Court Fellows program on The Path of the Law in 2006, Boston, Massachusetts, March 15, 2006.

"Presumptions in Early English Common Law," Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Law (Gerda Henkel Stiftung), Working Group on Presumptions and Circumstantial Evidence, University of Edinburgh, March 13, 2006 (in absentia, paper read for me by Dr. W.D.H. Sellar).

"Patterns and Problems in Fifteenth-Century Litigation: A View from the Year Books," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Austin, Texas, October 30, 2004.

- "New Tricks for Finding Old Law: Bracton, the Year Books, and the English Reports," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Washington, D.C., November 14, 2003.
- "Presumptions in Bracton and the Year Books," Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Law (Gerda Henkel Stiftung), Working Group on Presumptions and Circumstantial Evidence, St. Hugh's College, Oxford, July 19, 2003.
- "The Year Book Enterprise and the Manuscript Tradition in English Legal History," Sixteenth British and Irish Legal History Conference, University College Dublin, July 3, 2003.
- "A New Index of the Year Books," Boston College Legal History Roundtable, December 5, 2003.
- "The Law's Bodies and the Manuscript Tradition in English Legal History (A Comment)," Merriam Conference on Legal History, Arizona State University, Tempe, September 20, 2002
- "Year Book Pleading and Argument (and a New Index of the Year Books)," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Chicago, November 11, 2001.
- "Holmes as an Intellectual," 2001 Spencer-Grimes Appellate Judges Seminar Series, American Bar Association, panel on Oliver Wendell Holmes: One Hundred Years, and the Bad Man Is Still on the Path of the Law, Boston, October 31, 2001.
- "The World of the Year Books," Fifteenth British Legal History Conference, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, July 4, 2001.
- "A Typical Trial, a Political Trial, and the Rule of Law in Seventeenth-Century England," Fulbright American Institute on Reform in American History and Law, Boston College, Newton, Mass., June 26, 2000.
- "Envy of the Poor (A Comment)," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Toronto, October 23, 1999.
- "Jurors, Evidences, and the Tempest of 1499," Fourteenth British Legal History Conference, University of Edinburgh, July 16, 1999.
- "Holmes on Judging," Flaschner Judicial Institute, Concord, Massachusetts, June 17, 1999.
- "Judge Scarcity, Jury Discretion, and the Rules of Law," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Seattle, Wash., October 24, 1998.

- "Coke's World: The Structure of the Common Law in 1600," Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, Anaheim, California, July 13, 1998.
- "Legal Services for the Poor in the Early Common Law," Thirty-Third International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8, 1998.
- "The Path of the Law: Where Has Holmes Taken Us?" Flaschner Judicial Institute, Boston, December 10, 1997.
- "Holmes's Path," Symposium on The Path of the Law: One Hundred Years Later, Boston University School of Law, September 20, 1997.
- "The Mirror of Justices," Thirteenth British Legal History Conference, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, July 4, 1997.
- "The Character of the Early Common Law," Legal History Workshop, University of Chicago, May 22, 1997.
- "From Honor among Warriors to Dignity among Citizens to Excuse among Patients (A Comment)," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Richmond, Va., October 19, 1996.
- "A Typical Trial, a Political Trial, and the Rule of Law in Seventeenth-Century England," USIA Institute on Law in American History, Boston College, Newton, Mass., June 25, 1996.
- "Distinguishing Criminal and Civil Actions in the Early Common Law," Faculty Colloquium, Washington & Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Va., April 12, 1995.
- "The Distinction Between Crime and Tort in the Early Common Law," Symposium on the Crime/Tort Distinction, Boston University School of Law, March 31, 1995.
- "The Structure of the Early Common Law: The Distinction Between Crime and Tort," Faculty Workshop, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York, February 13, 1995.
- "No Time for Serjeants (A Comment)," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Washington, D.C., October 21, 1994.
- "The Structure of the Early Common Law," Faculty of Law Seminar, University of Hong Kong, September 22, 1994.

"Serjeant Maynard and the Revolution of 1688 (A Comment)," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Memphis, October 22, 1993.

"Crime in the Year Books," Eleventh British Legal History Conference, Exeter, July 8, 1993.

"The Reception of Civil and Canon Law in the English Common Law Courts before 1600," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, San Francisco, October 26, 1991.

"The Concept of Property in the Early Common Law," Tenth British Legal History Conference, Oxford, July 13, 1991.

"Lay Justice and Professional Justice: Making a Virtue of Necessity," Judicial Institute of the Trial Court of Massachusetts, Sturbridge, Mass., March 10, 1990.

"English Property Law and the Renaissance," Harvard Law School Program on Legal History, Cambridge, Mass., February 26, 1990.

"The Structure of the English Common Law in the Seventeenth Century," Ninth British Legal History Conference, Glasgow, July 6, 1989.

"Bracton, the Year Books, and the 'Transformation of Elementary Legal Ideas' in the Early Common Law," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Philadelphia, October 24, 1987.

"Roman Legal Categories in the Early Common Law," Eighth British Legal History Conference, Cardiff, July 15, 1987.

Works in Progress:

I am compiling, with support from the Ames Foundation of Harvard Law School, a comprehensive index and paraphrase of and guide to printed Year Book reports (English law reports from 1217 to 1535, printed in law French, most of which have not been reprinted since 1680). My records of Year Book cases, which currently number 22,318, are mounted on a searchable website database (listed above as an electronic publication), and 14,085 of the records are linked on the searchable database to 5,113 images of the printed Year Book texts to which they refer.

I am writing volume 5 of the Oxford History of the Laws of England, surveying the legal history of the period 1399 to 1483. I will cover constitutional developments, the various law courts, pleading and procedure, the legal profession and legal education, chancery and equity, property, contracts, tort, and criminal law.

Member:

American Bar Foundation, Fellow (2010-), Life Fellow (2013-).
American Law Institute, Member (1992-), Life Member (2017-).
American Society for Legal History (Board of Directors, elected member 2003-2006; Nominating Committee, elected member and appointed Chair, 1996-1998; Program Committee, member for 2003 annual meeting, co-chair for 2008 annual meeting; Surrency Prize Committee, 1992-1994).
Ames Foundation, Director (2001-), Trustee (2012-).
Anglo-American Legal Tradition, Director (2010-)
Editorial Board, Selected Works of James Fitzjames Stephen, Boston University
Editorial Institute
Phi Beta Kappa.
Selden Society.

Personal:

Born, October 19, 1955, in Dubuque, Iowa.
Married, September 10, 1994, to Carol F. Lee.