

Curriculum Vitae
Matthew Crow
Associate Professor of History,
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Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Personal Information

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Institutional Address

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles

- Ph.D., History, June 2011

- M.A., March 2007, C. Phil., April 2008

Dissertation Title: *In the Course of Human Events: Jefferson, Text, and the Potentialities of Law*

Examination Fields: US, Early Modern Europe, Political Theory [Committee: Michael Meranze, Craig Yirush, Perry Anderson, Kirstie McClure]

Revelle College, University of California, San Diego

- B.A., History, Philosophy Minor, *Cum Laude* with Honors and Highest Distinction in History

Books/Projects

- *Thomas Jefferson, Legal History, and the Art of Recollection* (Cambridge University Press, 2017). Series: Cambridge Historical Studies in American Law and Society.

- *The Constitutions of Herman Melville: Law and the Making of Oceanic History* (book project).

Articles and Volume Chapters

- "Jefferson's Whale: Race, Climate, and Commerce in Early America," *Journal of the Early Republic* (forthcoming, Fall 2020).

- "A Melvillean Moment: Law, History, and Empire from Gibbon to Melville," *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (June, 2020), pp. 24-37.

- "Littoral Leviathan: Histories of Oceans, Laws, and Empires," *Empire and Legal Thought: Ideas and Institutions from Antiquity to Modernity*, Edward Cavanagh, ed. (Brill Studies in the History of International Law, 2020), pp. 362-387.

- "The Declaration as Political Rhetoric," *Cambridge Companion to the Declaration of Independence*, Al Brophy and Mark Brandon, ed. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- "Context as Environment: A 'Workmanlike' Approach," comment in *Journal of the History of the Present*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (April, 2020), pp. 169-171.
- "British North America to the Late Nineteenth Century," *Routledge Handbook of the History of Settler Colonialism*, Edward Cavanagh and Lorenzo Veracini, ed. (Routledge, 2016), pp. 95-108.
- "Thomas Jefferson and the Uses of Equity," *Law and History Review*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Feb., 2015), pp. 151-180.
- Co-Authored with Margaret C. Jacob, "Freemasonry and Enlightenment," *Handbook on Contemporary Freemasonry*, Henrik Bogdan and Jan A.M. Snoek, ed. (Brill, 2014), part of the series, *Brill Handbooks on Contemporary Religion*.
- "History, Politics, and the Self: Jefferson's 'Anas' and Autobiography," *Blackwell Companion to Thomas Jefferson*, Frank D. Cogliano, ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- "Jefferson, Pocock, and the Temporality of Law in a Republic," *Republics of Letters: A Journal for the Study of Knowledge, Politics, and the Arts* (December 15, 2010): <http://rofl.stanford.edu/node/79>.

Other Works in Progress

- "Equity in the Time of *Moby-Dick*," book chapter for conference volume, under review.
- "The Understory: Melville, Marx, and Darwin on Kelp, Empire, and History."
- "Sovereignty's *Decline and Fall*: Historiography and Imperial Intellectual Culture."

Papers and Presentations

- Comment on Jeffrey Insko's *History, Abolition, and the Ever-Present Now in Antebellum American Writing*, American Literature Association and Catharine Sedgwick Society, San Diego, CA, 21-24 March, 2020 (postponed).
- "Law's Islands: Ancient Constitutions in Pacific Imaginaries," Constituting Boundaries: Identities, Politics, and Colonial and Postcolonial Constitution-Making, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, 20-21 April, 2020 (postponed).
- "Jefferson's Whale: Saltwater Politics in the Age of Revolutions," The Drowned World: Water, Politics, and the Future, Fisher Center of HWS, 4 December, 2019.

- Comment on Carrie Hyde's *Civic Longing: The Speculative Origins of U.S. Citizenship*, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Honolulu, HI, 7-10 November, 2019.
- Second Book Workshop, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, 18-21 July, 2019.
- "Herman Melville, Philip Hoare, and the Desire for Deep Knowing in Law and Literature," The Twelfth International Melville Society Conference, NYU, 17-20 June, 2019.
- "The Understory: Early Modern Kelp Forests and the Methods of Legal Oceanography," Zones and Lines, Water and Land: New Conversations on Borders, Cardiff University, 22-24 May, 2019.
- "Melville's *Bartleby* and the Political Life of Equity," Panel: Conscience, Constitution, and Law in a Slaveholder's Republic," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, PA, 4-6 April, 2019.
- "Enchanted Humanities: Pacific Narratives, Ethnography, and the Knowledge of Cetacean Culture," Society of Early Americanists Biannual Conference, 28 February-2 March, 2019.
- "Thomas Jefferson's Aqueous Worlds: From Ravaged Coasts to the Freedom of the Seas," Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Williamsburg, VA, 14-17 June, 2018.
- "Littoral Leviathan: Discretion, the Law of the Sea, and the History of Political Thought," Seminar: Law and Empire in the Longue Durée, by invitation, University of Cambridge, 23-24 March, 2018.
- "Buttons for Nature: Possible Histories of Melville's Handsome Sailor," Maritime Matters: Politics, Revolution, and Ecology, Fisher Center of HWS, 12 March, 2018.
- "Ancient Constitutions, Melvillean Moments, and Antipodean Perspectives: Melville's Philosophical Histories of Law and Empire," The Eleventh International Melville Society Conference, King's College, University of London, 27-30 June, 2017.
- "*Even in the Lawless Seas*: Melville's Jurisprudence of the Nonhuman," Melville Society Panel, American Literature Association Conference, San Francisco, 26-29 May, 2016.
- "Governing the Usufruct of the Living: Print and Political Economy in Jefferson's Empire," Ithaca/Central New York Early Modern Seminar, 9 April, 2016.
- "Equity in the Time of *Moby-Dick*," Conference: Situation Critical: Critique, Theory, and Early American Studies, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, March 31-April 2, 2016.

- “Creolizing Custom,” British Legal History Conference, University of Reading, UK, 8-11 July 2015.
- “Jefferson on Use and Recollection,” and Conference Co-Organizer with Michael Meranze, Civic Arts: Enlightenment and the Subjects of Liberal Learning, Clark Memorial Library, UCLA, 24-25 October, 2014.
- Invited Fellow, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute and UCLA Center for the Liberal Arts and Free Institutions, Science, Enterprise, and Law in the Making of the Modern Commercial Republic, 30 June-11 July, 2014, Pasadena, CA.
- “The Government of Use: Legal Theory and the Roots of Jeffersonian Political Economy,” Early American History Seminar, Columbia University, 11 March, 2014.
- “The Public Philosophy of Jeffersonian Democracy,” SHEAR Annual Meeting, 18-21 July, 2013.
- “Forms of Life: The Culture of Law as a Culture of Use,” Legal Theory and Legal History: A Neglected Dialogue? Annual Conference of the International Association of Social and Legal Philosophy UK, Queen Mary, University of London, 12-13 April 2013.
- “Subjects of Natural History: Natural Law, Natural History, and the History of Thought,” Society of Early Americanists Bi-Annual Conference, Savannah, GA, 28 February- 3 March, 2013.
- Invited Participant, Machiavelli Workshop, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 7-9 February, 2013.
- “Jefferson’s Fragments: Language, Text, and Usage,” Fellow’s Forum, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library, Colonial Williamsburg, 26 June, 2012.
- “Equity and Usage: Reading Law in Jeffersonian Democracy,” Jeffersonian Democracy: From Theory to Practice, Princeton University, 17-19, May 2012.
- “Textuality and Law in the American Revolution,” Inscriptions: The Material Contours of Knowledge, UC Riverside, 10-11 March 2011, part of the international series, The Disorders of Things: Predisciplinarity and the Divisions of Knowledge, 1660-1850, UC Riverside and Birbeck College, University of London 2009-2011.
- “The Growth of Ages?: Records, Rhetoric, and British Legal Memory in Colonial Virginia,” Justice: Europe in America, 1500-1825, Annual Seminar on the International History of the Atlantic World, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, 2-10 August, 2010.

- “Radical Jurisprudence and Constitutional Text-Making: Jefferson’s Writings and Rewritings,” Comparative Perspectives on Constitutions: Theory and Practice, W.G. Hart Legal Workshop, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, 29 June to 1 July, 2010.
- “Jefferson’s Writings and Rewritings,” UCLA Graduate Student Colloquium, 25 May 2010.
- “Jefferson and Natural Jurisprudence: The Language of Equity,” Fellow’s Forum, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, 18 February, 2010.

Reviews, etc.

- Review, Geoffrey Sanborn, *The Value of Herman Melville* (Cambridge, 2018), *Nautilus* (Spring 2019), pp. 112-114.
- Review, Wendell Bird, *Press and Speech Under Assault: The Early Supreme Court Justices, the Sedition Act of 1798, and the Campaign against Dissent* (Oxford, 2016), *Journal of the Early Republic* (Spring 2018), pp. 169-171.
- "A Wrinkle in Maycomb County: Law, Equity, and Conscience in Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*," *Cumberland Law Review* 47:1 (Jan., 2017), pp. 37-44.
- Review, Garrett Epps, *American Epic: Reading the Constitution* (Oxford, 2013), *Early American Literature*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (2015).
- Review, David G. Hackett, *That Religion in Which All Men Agree: Freemasonry in American Culture* (California, 2014), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 46, No. 1 (Summer 2015).
- Review, John P. McCormick, *Machiavellian Democracy* (Cambridge, 2011), *Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, Vol. 43 (2012).
- Review, Catherine O’Donnell Kaplan, *Men of Letters in the Early Republic: Cultivating Forums of Citizenship* (Chapel Hill, 2008), *New Directions in Cultural History*, Vol. 23 (2008).
- Review, Seth Mallios, *The Deadly Politics of Giving: Exchange and Violence at Ajacan, Roanoke, Jamestown* (Alabama, 2006), in *Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, Vol. 38 (2007).
- Review, Sean P. Rice, *Minding the Machine: Languages of Class in Early Industrial America* (California, 2004), *New Directions in Cultural History*, Vol. 21 (2006).

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Fisher Center Faculty Research Fellow, HWS, 2019-2020
 NEH Summer Institute, Mystic Seaport Museum, July 2018
 Fisher Center Faculty Research Fellow, HWS, 2017-2018
 Research Fellowship, Huntington Library, June-August 2016
 HWS Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2015-2017
 Coffelt Fellow, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Library, Colonial Williamsburg, June-July 2012
 Mayers Research Fellow, Huntington Library, July 2011
 Travel Grant, Chicago Conference on the American Revolution, February 2011
 Graduate Student Research and Teaching Fellowship, 2009-2010
 Research Fellow, International Center for Jefferson Studies, February 2010
 Mellon Foundation Fellow, Library of the American Philosophical Society, September 2009
 Gary B. Nash Graduate Fellowship in Early American History, UCLA, 2008-2009

Graduate Division Summer Research Mentorship, 2007
 Graduate Division Summer Research Mentorship, 2006
 Five-Year Fellowship, Department of History, UCLA, 2005-2011
 Highest Distinction in the Department of History, UCSD, 2005
 UCSD History Department Undergraduate Honors Program, 2004-2005
 Revelle College Provost's Honors, Fall 2002- Spring 2005

Academic Employment and Appointments

Associate Professor of History, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2018-
 Assistant Professor of History, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2012-2017
 Lecturer, Department of History, UCLA, 2011-2012
 Lecturer, Department of History, UC Riverside, Fall 2011
 T.A., Department of History, UCLA, 2006-2008

Courses Offered

Hobart and William Smith

- First Year Seminar 146: Thomas Jefferson and His World
- First Year Seminar 191: Whales, Dolphins, and the Deep Blue Sea
- First Year Seminar 192: Cabinets of Curiosities
- History 105: Introduction to the American Experience
- History 111: Topics in US History: US History in Oceanic Perspective
- History 111: Topics in US History: American West
- History 206: Colonial America
- History 207: The United States in the Age of Revolutions, 1776-1848
- History 233: American Thought to 1865
- History 234: American Thought since 1865
- History 243: US Legal and Constitutional History to 1865
- History 244: US Legal and Constitutional History since 1865
- History 301: The Enlightenment
- History 305: Seminar: The Early American Republic, 1763-1840
- History 395: Seminar: Oceans, Laws, and Empires
- History 495: Honors Thesis

UCLA

- History 138C: US History, 1800-1850
- History 143A: US Constitutional History to 1865

UC Riverside

- History 30: US Presidential Campaigns

Institutional Service

Presiding Officer of the Faculty, 2019-2021
 Chair, Law and Society Program, 2019-
 Colleague Review II Committee, Fall 2019
 Colleague Review III Committee, Spring 2019

Faculty Athletic Fellow, Hobart Rowing, 2013-
 Faculty Advisor, Chi Phi Fraternity at Hobart College, 2013-
 History Department Seminar Organizer, 2013-2018
 Sexual Violence Bystander Training Facilitator, 2014-
 Mellon Project on Undergraduate Research, Provost's Office, Humanities Division, 2014
 Colleague Review I Committee, Spring 2014
 Committee on Fraternal Life, 2014-2015
 Public Policy Major Steering Committee, 2013-2016

Academic Community Service and Other Activities

Coordinator, Central New York Early Modern Seminar, 2017-
 Op-Ed Contributor, History News Network
 Blog Contributor, Junto and USIH
 Article Manuscript Reviewer: *Law and History Review*; *Journal of the Early Republic*; *Journal of Southern History*; *Criticism*; *Law, Text, Culture*; *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, *William and Mary Quarterly*; *Jurisprudence*; *Clio*
 Book Manuscript Reviewer: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press

Languages

Latin (reading knowledge, 4 years of study)
 French (reading and limited speaking knowledge, 2 years of study)
 German (limited reading knowledge, one semester of study).

Organizations

Organization of American Historians
 American Historical Association
 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
 Society for Nineteenth Century Americanists
 Melville Society

References

Helen Rozwadowski, Department of History and Maritime Studies, University of Connecticut
 Christopher Tomlins, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, UC Berkeley
 Rachel Weil, Department of History, Cornell University
 Aziz Rana, Law School and Government Department, Cornell University
 Matthew Kadane, Department of History, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Brian Steele, Department of History, University of Alabama, Birmingham
 Michael Meranze, Department of History, UCLA
 Craig Yirush, Department of History, UCLA

