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EMPLOYMENT

2022- Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of American History and American Citizenship
2015- Professor of Law and History, University of California at Berkeley
2015- Affiliated Research Professor, American Bar Foundation
2013-15 Professor, History Department, Northwestern University
2007-15 Research Professor, American Bar Foundation
2003-13 Associate Professor, History Department, Northwestern
2002-03 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Northwestern
1999-2002 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Virginia

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2000 Johns Hopkins University, History
B.A. 1993 Yale University, with Distinction in History

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-19 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2013-14 Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship
2013-17 MacArthur Fellowship
2012 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern
2011-14 Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern
2009-12 National Science Foundation Award, “Local Courts and African American Life” (award #0921883, \$131,518)
2009 EBSCOhost/America: History and Life Award, Organization of American Historians (for article “The Claims of Slaves and Ex-Slaves”)
2008 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award, Northwestern
2008-10 Wayne V. Jones Research Professorship in History, Northwestern
2006-07 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, Newberry Library
2005- Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians
2006 Lane Professor in the Humanities, Northwestern
2004 Avery O. Craven Award, Organization of American Historians
2000 Allan Nevins Prize, The Society of American Historians
1998-99 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African American Studies, University of Virginia
1998 Huggins-Quarles Award, Organization of American Historians

PUBLICATIONS

Dylan C. Penningroth, [*Race in Contract Law*, 170 U. PA. L. REV. 1199-1301 \(2022\)](#)

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Dylan C. Penningroth, [*Everyday Use: A History of Civil Rights in Black Churches*, 107 JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY 871-98 \(2021\)](#)

Dylan C. Penningroth, [*Writing Slavery's History*, 23 OAH MAGAZINE OF HISTORY 13-20 \(2009\) \(invited essay\)](#)

Dylan C. Penningroth, [*African American Divorce in Virginia and Washington, D.C., 1865-1930*, 33 JOURNAL OF FAMILY HISTORY 21-35 \(2008\)](#)

Dylan C. Penningroth, [*The Claims of Slaves and Ex-Slaves to Family and Property: A Transatlantic Comparison*, 112 AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW 1039-69 \(2007\) \(co-winner of biennial EBSCOhost/America: History and Life Award, Organization of American Historians\)](#)

Dylan C. Penningroth, *My People, My People: The Dynamics of Community in Southern Slavery*, in *NEW STUDIES IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN SLAVERY 166-76* (Edward E. Baptist & Stephanie M. H. Camp eds., 2006).

DYLAN C. PENNINGROTH, [THE CLAIMS OF KINFOLK: AFRICAN AMERICAN PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY IN THE NINETEENTH-CENTURY SOUTH](#) (2003) (winner of Avery Craven Award, OAH)

Dylan C. Penningroth, [*Slavery, Freedom, and Social Claims to Property among African Americans in Liberty County, Georgia, 1850-1880*, 84 JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY 405-35 \(1997\) \(reprinted in THE OLD SOUTH: NEW STUDIES OF SOCIETY AND CULTURE \(J. William Harris ed., 2008\)\)](#)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 "Race in Contract Law," Simpson Lecture, Univ. of Michigan
- 2021 "Race in Contract Law after the Civil War," ASLH annual meeting, New Orleans
- 2020 "Black Lawyers & the Idea of Civil Rights," Earl Dickerson Centennial, University of Chicago Law School
- 2020 "Race in Contract Law: A History," Legal History Workshop, Georgetown Law School
- 2019 "African Americans and Private Law," Duke Law School
- 2019 "Everyday Use," Johns Hopkins History Seminar
- 2018 "Everyday Use," Legal History Workshop, Stanford Law School
- 2018 "Law for a Gospel Church," University of Miami, Henry King Stanford Distinguished Lecture; Legal History Workshop, Penn Law School
- 2017 "Law for a Gospel Church," Legal History Workshop, Yale Law School
- 2016 Commenter, UCLA workshop "Race, Racism and American Law: Re-Visioning for the 21st Century"
- 2016 Moderator, ABA-CLE Panel Discussion on "Civil Rights Advocacy: Past, Present, and Future"

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- 2016 Panelist, “The Future of the African American Past,” Opening Conference for the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington DC
- 2016 “The Negro’s Lawyer: A History,” Faculty Workshops at Columbia Law School, University of Virginia Law School
- 2015 “Faith and Property in African American History,” Legal History Workshop, Univ. of Minnesota Law School; Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture, Vanderbilt Law School
- 2014 “Black Inheritance: Rights and Genealogies after Slavery,” AHA annual meeting (Jan.)
- 2013 Panelist on roundtable on Ari Bryen’s *Violence in Roman Egypt*, Law & Society Assoc. annual meeting (June)
- 2013 “Faith and Property in African American History,” New Worlds of Faith conference, Penn Law School (June)
- 2013 “Black Inheritance,” Keynote address, Emancipation sesquicentennial, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College
- 2013 Session speaker, A Day with Northwestern, Alumni Association (April)
- 2013 Comment, ABF Legal History Seminar (April)
- 2013 Comment, Newberry Library Seminar on Labor History (Feb.)
- 2012 “Black Inheritance: Rights and Genealogies after Slavery,” annual meeting, American Society for Legal History, St. Louis
- 2012 “African Americans’ Use of Law Before the Civil Rights Era,” ABF Legal Diversity Conference, Chicago
- 2011 “Law and the Black Church, 1865-1940,” American Studies Program, Princeton Univ. (Dec. 2011); ABF/Illinois Legal History Workshop (Nov. 2011); Northwestern Black Law Students Association, Chicago (Feb. 2011); Univ. Wisconsin Legal History Workshop, Madison (May 2010)
- 2011 Commenter, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Nov. 5
- 2011 Guest Scholar, Hurst Institute for Legal History, Univ. of Wisconsin
- 2011 Chair and commenter, “Legal Processes, Mobility, and the Idea of the Slave South,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2011 “Beasts and Bloodlines: Legacies of Slavery in Colonial Ghana,” Washington Univ. St. Louis Joint Law & History Colloquium (April 2011); LSA San Francisco (June 2011); Beyond Freedom conference, Gilder-Lehrman Institute, Yale (Nov. 2011)
- 2010 Commenter on panel, “Localized Law and Governance in the 19th-century U.S.,” OAH annual meeting, Washington DC
- 2010 “Beasts and Blood: Legacies of Slavery in Colonial Ghana,” Wisconsin-Northwestern African History Workshop, Evanston; and W. E. B. DuBOIS 75th Anniversary Symposium, Duke University
- 2009 Chair and commenter, “Enslavement and Gendered Visions of Freedom in the African Diaspora,” biennial meeting of ASWAD (Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora), Accra, Ghana

PEER REVIEW AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Stanford Law Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Social History*, *Journal of Southern History*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge

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University Press, University of North Carolina Press, *Civil War History*, *William & Mary Quarterly*, Harvard University Press

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Civil Rights in American History

American Legal History

GRADUATE TEACHING

Orientation Seminar (JSP)

Pedagogy Seminar (JSP)

African American History

Nineteenth-Century U.S. History

First Year Research Seminar

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

United States Legal and Constitutional History since 1850

African American History, 1500-1870

African American History Since 1860

Civil Rights in America

Blacks and the Law

The Trial in American History

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Associate Dean, Program in Jurisprudence & Social Policy / Legal Studies, 2022-25

Faculty Appointments Committee (FAC), Berkeley Law, 2021-22

Chair, ad hoc Committee on Black Life in JSP, Berkeley Law, 2020-21

Co-coordinator, Berkeley Law Faculty Workshop, 2020-21

Chair and Equity Officer, JSP Graduate Diversity Committee, Berkeley Law, 2016-18, 2020-21

Equity Officer, JSP Graduate Studies Committee, Berkeley Law, 2016-18, 2020-21

Graduate Studies and Admissions Committee, JSP, Berkeley Law, 2019-20, 2020-21

Committee on Undergraduate and Graduate School Programs, Berkeley Law, 2019-20

Tenure ad hoc committees, Berkeley Law, 2016-17, 2017-18

Graduate Studies Committee, JSP, Berkeley Law, 2015-17

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chancellor's Building Name Review Committee, Berkeley, 2020-21

Prizes and Awards Committee, History Department, 2020-21

Honors Thesis Committee, History Department, 2016-17, 2019-20

ABF Fellowship Advisory Committee, 2016-19

Jefferson Memorial Lectures Committee, Berkeley, 2015-18, Chair 2016-18

Faculty Lecturer for Learning in Retirement Program, fall 2016

Search Committee in African History, Berkeley, 2015-16

ABF Doctoral Fellowships Committee, 2015-16

ABF-Law & Social Science Fellowships Committee, 2015-16

Search Committee for Neukom Chair in Legal Diversity, American Bar Foundation, 2014-

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Freshman Advisor, Northwestern History, 2012-13

Faculty Senate (and Budget Committee), Northwestern History, 2012-13

Research Group in Legal Diversity, American Bar Foundation, 2012-14

Appointments Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2009-15

Graduate Affairs and Admissions Committee, Northwestern History Department, winter 2010, 2011-12, 2012-13

Planning Committee, Northwestern History Department, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13

Policy Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2010-11 (chair), 2012-13

Doctoral Fellowships Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2011-12

Legal Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Northwestern, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15

Selection Committee, TGS nominations to CIC Smithsonian Fellowship, 2011

Departmental tenure and promotion committees, 2010 (chair), 2011

Graduate Prize Committee, Northwestern History Department, 2009-10

Senior Search Committee, Northwestern Sociology Department, 2008-09

Tenure Committee, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern, 2006-09

Speakers Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2008-09

Council member, Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern, 2007-08

Research Committee, American Bar Foundation, 2007-08

Chair, U.S. Borderlands Search Committee, Northwestern History, 2007-08

Chair, Native American/Environmental History Search Committee, 2005-06

Chair, Early America/Early National Search Committee, Northwestern History, 2004-05

Member, College Ad Hoc Committee (on tenure), 2004-05

Member of Woodson Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Virginia, 2002

Search committee in Modern West African History, University of Virginia, 2001

Strategic Planning Committee University of Virginia, 2001

Steering Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, 1999-2002

Member of Woodson Institute Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Virginia, 1998

Chair, Curriculum Redesign Committee for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, 1999-2002

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

BIPOC Mentor for American Society for Legal History

Cromwell Dissertation Prize & Cromwell Advisory Committee, ASLH 2019-23

Project and Proposals Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2017-

Hurst Memorial Fund Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2013-21

Organizing Committee, Chicago-area U.S. Legal History Roundtable, 2013-14

Board of Directors, American Society for Legal History, 2009-12

Program Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2009-10

Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2008-10

2008 Program Committee, Organization of American Historians

Surrency Prize Committee, American Society for Legal History, 2005-07

2006 Program Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2005-06

Panelist, Public Programs Division, National Endowment for the Humanities, Jan. 2003

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Consultant for NEH Summer Seminar, "Roots," Univ. of Virginia, June 2003