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POSTDOCTORAL EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University

Microsoft/LAPA Fellow, Program in Law and Public Affairs, 2008-9

New York University School of Law

Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History, 2007-8

EDUCATION

Cambridge University, Ph.D. in History, 2007

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Visiting student, 2001-2

Cambridge University, M.Phil. in Economic and Social History, 2000.

Cambridge University, BA Hons. History, 1999. Double First class

DISSERTATION

“The Telephone Patents: Intellectual Property, Business, and the Law in the United States and Britain, 1876-1900.”

Cromwell Dissertation Prize, American Society for Legal History

Yorke Prize for law, Cambridge University

Ellen McArthur Prize for economic history, Cambridge University

Finalist, Coleman Dissertation Prize, Association of Business Historians

Finalist, Krooss Dissertation Prize, The Business History Conference

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Levinson Prize, Society for the History of Technology (2008): awarded for the essay “Who Invented the Telephone?”

Bateman Scholar, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge (2007): awarded for outstanding Ph.D. performance.

Cromwell Fellowship, American Society for Legal History (2006).

Economic History Society Fellowship, Institute for Historical Research, London (2003-04).

Isaac Newton Trust Award (2001-03): Cambridge University-wide award given with a matching grant from the history faculty.

Arts and Humanities Research Board studentship (2000-03): full funding for a Ph.D. in History at Cambridge University.

Centre for History and Economics Prize studentship (1999-2000): award given to support an M.Phil in Economic and Social History.

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PUBLICATIONS

- “Who Invented the Telephone? Lawyers, Patents, and the Judgments of History” (under consideration).
- “The Telephone Patents” (Dissertation summary), forthcoming in *Enterprise & Society* 9:4 (Dec. 2008)
- Review of Andrea Giuntini (ed.), *Communication and its lines. Economic History Review* 59:1 (Feb. 2006) 247-49.
- “Getting *Your Money’s Worth*: American models for the re-making of the consumer interest in Britain, 1930s-1960s,” in Mark Bevir and Frank Trentmann (eds), *Critiques of Capital in Modern Britain and America: Transatlantic Exchanges 1800 to the Present Day* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2002).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Technology’s Trials: Patents, Business, and the Law during the Second Industrial Revolution* (Book project).
- “Monopolies and Frauds: Patent Politics in the Gilded Age.” (Article in draft). Argues that government suits against “fraudulent” patents—traditionally attributed to widespread corruption in the Gilded Age—form the hidden pre-history of government intervention against patent monopolies.
- “The Birth of Modern Patent Litigation.” (Article in progress). Patent litigation became a distinct “social litigation system” in post-Civil War America. This article uses data from court archives to reconstruct the parties, legal practitioners, and patents involved.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Technology’s trials: patents in the United States courts, 1860-1910.” Business History Conference, 2008.
- “Follow the lawyers.” Society for the History of Technology, 2007.
- “The business and politics of patent litigation in the late nineteenth century.” Legal History Colloquium, New York University Law School, 2007.
- “The second industrial revolution in court.” Hurst Institute in Legal History, 2005.
- “Business and the legal control of technology, 1850-1950.” Panel organizer and presenter, Society for the History of Technology, 2004.
- Other papers presented (2001-8): Business History Conference; Columbia University Economic History Seminar; Yale Graduate Seminar in History of Science and Medicine; Economic History Society; Cambridge Seminar in Modern Economic and Social History; Oxford Graduate Seminar in Economic History; Cambridge-MIT conference on “Cultures of Innovation.”