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## TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Banking/Financial Institutions, Bankruptcy (general and Corporate Reorganization), Commercial Law (Contracts, Secured Transactions, Payment Systems), The Federal Reserve (seminar)

Secondary: Administrative Law (general and first-year Legislation & Regulation), Corporations/Business Associations, Securities Regulation, Law and Fiscal Crisis (seminar)

## EDUCATION

**Princeton University**, Department of History, Ph.D. Candidate

Expected Fields: U.S. History, 1877-present (with Julian Zelizer); Global Financial History (with Harold James); Central Banking (with Alan Blinder, Department of Economics)

**Stanford Law School**, J.D. 2010

Teaching Assistant: Rob Daines, Corporations (2009, 2010); Jonathan Zittrain, Torts (2009), Robert McGinn, Ethics and Public Policy (Department of Science, Technology, and Society) (2008, 2009, 2010)

Research Assistant: Ron Gilson (2008-2010)

Summer Employment: Legal and Financial Policy Consultant, AFL-CIO Office of Investment and Damon Silvers, Deputy Chairman, Congressional Oversight Panel (2009); Summer Associate, Hogan & Hartson (2009); Summer Associate, Quinn Emanuel Oliver Urquhart & Hedges (2008).

**The City College of New York**, Department of Education, M.S. 2007

**Harvard College**, A.B., Sociology and Romance Languages and Literatures 2005

Honors: *magna cum laude* (*summa* in Romance Languages), Phi Beta Kappa

Senior Thesis: Ambivalent Immigrants: Brazilians and the Conflict of Ethnic Identity (adviser: Mary Waters)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

THE STRUCTURE OF FEDERAL RESERVE INDEPENDENCE (under contract, Princeton University Press, forthcoming 2015)

WHEN STATES GO BROKE: ORIGINS, CONTEXT, AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE AMERICAN STATES IN FISCAL CRISIS (Cambridge University Press) (2012) (edited, with David Skeel)

## Law Review Articles and Essays

- Elective Shareholder Liability*, 64 STAN. L. REV. 409 (2012)
- Liability Holding Companies*, 59 UCLA L. REV. 852 (2012) (with Anat Admati and Paul Pfleiderer)
- Direct Democracy and State Fiscal Crisis: The Problem of Too Much Law*, 7 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL'Y 43 (2012)
- Scarcity Amidst Wealth: The Law, Finance, and Culture of Elite University Endowments in Financial Crisis*, 63 STAN. L. REV. 669 (2011) (student note)
- A Proposed Fat-Tail Risk Metric: Disclosures, Derivatives, and the Measurement of Financial Risk*, 87 WASH. U. L. REV. 1461 (2010)

## Shorter Pieces

- The Governance of the Federal Reserve System after the Dodd-Frank Act*, Peterson Institute for International Economics Policy Brief 13-25 (2013) (with Simon Johnson)
- available at <http://www.piie.com/publications/pb/pb13-25.pdf>
- Is the Federal Reserve Unconstitutional? And Who Decides?*, Featured Essay, Library of Law & Liberty (2013)
- available at <http://www.libertylawsite.org/liberty-forum/is-the-federal-reserve-constitutional/>
- Introduction: The Perennial Crisis*, in WHEN STATES GO BROKE: ORIGINS, CONTEXT, AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE AMERICAN STATES IN FISCAL CRISIS (Peter Conti-Brown and David Skeel eds., Cambridge University Press) (2012)
- The Accidental History of the Federal Banking and Securities Laws: A Review of Michael Perino's Hellhound of Wall Street: How Ferdinand Pecora's Investigation of the Great Crash Forever Changed American Finance*, 39 SEC. REG. L. J. 45 (2011) (invited)

## Works in Progress

- The Institutions of Federal Reserve Independence* (draft available upon request)
- The Judiciary and Fiscal Crises: An Institutional Critique* (draft available upon request)
- The President, the Constitution, and the Federal Reserve*

## EXPERIENCE

- Of Counsel*, Gupta Beck PLLC, Washington, D.C. 2013 – present
- Represent clients in appellate litigation in areas of banking, bankruptcy, consumer financial protection, and administrative law; consult clients on Dodd-Frank and other banking regulatory implementation, and on public/municipal finance. Authored or co-authored briefs in:
    - *Crouser v. BAC Home Loan Servicing Corp*, 13-14304 (11th Circuit)
    - *Cabral v. Supple, LLC*, 13-55943 (9th Circuit)
    - *Moran v. The Screening Pros, LLC*, 12-57246 (9th Circuit)
- Law Clerk*, Judge Stephen F. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit 2012 – 2013
- Law Clerk*, Judge Gerard E. Lynch, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit 2011 – 2012
- Academic Fellow*, Rock Center for Corporate Governance, Stanford University 2010 – 2011
- nonresident Academic Fellow, 2011-present.
- High School English Teacher*, H.S. for Media & Communications, New York City 2005 – 2007
- New York City Teaching Fellow; ESL Administrator

## SELECT PRESENTATIONS

### Lectures/Speeches (including scheduled)

- “The Fed: Philosopher King or Servant of the Treasury?” American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, March 20, 2014
- “Central Banking,” Guest Lecture, Finance and Society, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA, February 19, 2014
- “The President, the Constitution, and the Federal Reserve,” Constitutional Conversations, Stanford Constitutional Law Center, Stanford, CA, February 17, 2014
- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Treasury Historical Society Speaker Series, U.S. Treasury Department, Washington, DC, November 13, 2013
- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Law and Capital Markets Speaker Series, Ohio State Law School, Columbus, OH, October 30, 2013
- “The Five Foundings of the Federal Reserve,” Guest Lecture, Global Problems in Finance, MIT Sloan School of Business, Cambridge, MA, December 5, 2012
- “A Stuntzian Approach to Business Law Scholarship,” Dinner Speaker, Conference on Finance and Innovation, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC, March 25, 2011.

### Conferences and Workshops (including scheduled)

- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Max Planck Institute for Collective Goods, Bonn, Germany, June 23, 2014
- “The Unhappy Merger of Bank Governance and Financial Regulation,” Aspen-Cornell New Voices Workshop, New York, NY, March 27-28, 2014
- “The Institutions of Federal Reserve Independence,” George Mason University Law School, Faculty Workshop, Arlington, VA, March 20, 2014
- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Stanford Graduate School of Business, Finance Faculty Workshop, Stanford, CA, February 18, 2014
- Commenter, Financial Derivatives and Municipal Bankruptcy, Conference on Distressed Municipal Financing, Boston University Law School, Boston, MA, February 7, 2014
- “Federal Reserve Independence,” The Past, Present, and Future of the Federal Reserve System, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC, December 13, 2013.
- “Direct Democracy and Fiscal Crisis: The Problem of Too Much Law,” Conference on Public Pensions, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH, November 22, 2013
- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Workshop on Fiscal Sociology, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 21, 2013
- “The Judiciary, Public Pensions, and Fiscal Crisis: An Institutionalist Critique,” Conference on Working Longer and Retirement, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford, CA, October 10, 2013
- “Californian Municipalities in Bankruptcy: Options and Outcomes,” Conference on California Public Pensions, Hoover Institution, Stanford, CA, October 8, 2013
- “The Structure of Federal Reserve Independence,” Center for Law, Economics, and Finance Junior Faculty Workshop, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
- Recipient, Junior Faculty Prize
- “Direct Democracy and Fiscal Crisis: The Problem of Too Much Law,” Symposium on State Debt Crises, Duke Law School, Durham, NC, February 15, 2012
- “Liability Holding Companies,” Section on Financial Institutions, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, DC, January 4, 2012

“Elective Shareholder Liability,” Faculty Workshop, St. John’s University School of Law, Queens, NY, September 26, 2011

“Elective Shareholder Liability,” Faculty Workshop, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, June 29, 2011

“The Perennial Crisis,” Conference on State Fiscal Crises, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, May 13, 2011

#### SELECT AFFILIATIONS

*Graduate Affiliate*, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University

*Fellow*, Center for Law, Economics, & Finance, The George Washington University Law School

*Expert Advisory Panel*, Project on Environmental, Social, and Governance Investing by Educational Endowments, IRRC Institute

*Member*, New York State Bar (admitted 2011); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (admitted 2014); application pending, District of Columbia Bar.

#### OTHER

**Languages:** Fluent in Portuguese, proficient in Spanish and Capeverdean Creole, beginner French and German

**Personal:** Married to Nikki Conti-Brown, with two children: Gabriel (born 2008) and Caleb (born 2011)