

# **Jonathon Booth**

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## **Education**

**2021 Harvard University, Ph.D., History** (expected)

Dissertation: “Dethroning Justice: Building Post-Emancipation Societies through Law in the Atlantic World.”

2019 Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

2018 Harvard University, A.M., History

2014 McGill University, M.A., History

2013 McGill University, B.A., History and Economics First-Class Joint Honours  
Dean’s Honour List, 2012–13

## **Publications**

“Ending Forced Labor in ICE Detention Centers: A New Approach.” *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* 34:3 (2020): 573–611.

“The Impact of the American Civil War on Political Writing in Jamaica and Cuba” in *Caribbean Literature in Transition*, (Cambridge University Press, 2020), forthcoming.

“Capitalism, Anti-Blackness, and the Law: A Very Short History,” *Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal* 35 (2019).

“Review of *Between Fetters and Freedom: African American Baptists since Emancipation* edited by Edward R. Crowther and Keith Harper.” *Journal of African American History*, 102 (4) (2017): 556–59.

“Review of *To Render Invisible: Jim Crow and Public Life in New South Jacksonville* by Robert Cassanello.” *Journal of African American History* 99 (3) (2014): 308–09.

“Review of *Encountering Revolution: Haiti and the Making of the Early Republic* by Ashli White.” *NeoAmericanist* 7 (2014).

“Book Review: *Violence Over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West*.” *Kanata: Undergraduate Journal of the Indigenous Studies Community of McGill* 4 (2011): 127–129.

## **Teaching and Advising**

2020–2021 Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

Chloe Lemmel-Hay, “Haitian Refugees and the Concept of the ‘Economic Migrant.’”

2019 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University

The Northern Side of the Civil Rights Movement, Prof. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Fall 2019.

American Populisms: From Thomas Jefferson to Rush Limbaugh, Prof. Brett Flehinger, Spring 2019.

2017 Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

Nicholas Barber, “The Court’s Gotta Eat: Indigent Defense and the Rise of Mass Incarceration in Louisiana from *Gideon* to Katrina, 1963-2005.”

Awards: Thomas T. Hoopes Prize

Kathryn Ann Huggins Prize (Most outstanding thesis relating to African American life, history, or culture)

2013–2014 Teaching Assistant, McGill University  
Gilded Age and Progressive Era U.S., Prof. Shanon Fitzpatrick, Fall 2013.  
United States History 1940-65, Prof. Leonard Moore, Winter 2014.

## **Employment**

2019–2020 Research Assistant, Professor Morton Horwitz  
2018 Summer Associate, Sidley Austin, LLP  
2018–2019 Research Assistant, Professor Jeffrey Frieden  
2017–2018 Research Assistant, Professor William Rubenstein  
2016 Research Assistant, Professor Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham  
2013–2014 Vice President for Research Assistants, Association of McGill University Research Employees  
2012–2014 Research Assistant, Professor Jason Opal  
2010–2012 Clerk, McGill University Bookstore

## **Conference and Workshop Presentations**

“Policing Gun Ownership in Jamaica: 1833-1840,” Northeast Conference on British Studies. Zoom. October 10, 2020.  
“Learning the Law of Freedom: Legal Knowledge after Emancipation,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting. Boston. November 22–24, 2019.  
“The Birth of Policing in Post-Emancipation Jamaica,” American Society for Legal History, Student Research Colloquium. Boston. November 20–21, 2019.  
“Vagrancy Laws in Jamaica, 1833–1843,” Northeast Conference on British Studies. Endicott College. October 14, 2017.  
“The Legal Architecture of Post-Emancipation Jamaica,” Fellow Presentation. American Antiquarian Society. August 9, 2016.  
“Law, Labor, and Post-Emancipation Society in Jamaica,” University Center for History and Economics Graduate Workshop. Harvard University. April 5, 2016.  
“Dethroning Justice: Race, Space, and Criminalization in Jim Crow Atlanta,” American Political History Institute Graduate Student Conference. Boston University. April 1–2, 2016.  
“Crime, Injustice and the Origins of the Morant Bay Rebellion,” The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History. University of the West Indies – Mona. October 22–24, 2015.  
“The Haitian Revolution and the Formation of the Antebellum South,” New Frontiers Graduate History Conference. York University. February 20–22, 2014.

## **Awards, Prizes, and Fellowships**

2020 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Travel Grant, \$2,500.  
2020 Charles Warren Center for American History Summer Travel Grant for Dissertation Research, \$3,000.  
2020 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Merit Term Time Fellowship, \$14,865  
2020 American Historical Association Littleton-Griswold Research Grant for Research in U.S. Legal History, \$800.

- 2019–2020 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Research Grant on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, \$10,000
- 2019 Harvard Law School Irving Oberman Memorial Prize: Legal History, \$1,000
- 2019 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2019, Fall 2019.
- 2017–2019 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada - Doctoral Fellowship, \$40,000
- 2016–2019 Harvard Law and Graduate Studies Full Tuition Fellowship, Harvard Law School
- 2014–2017 Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture, Bourse de doctorat en recherche, \$60,000
- 2017–2018 Law and History Program Fellow, Harvard Law School
- 2017 Harvard Law School Summer Academic Fellowship, \$1,000
- 2016 The Jens Aubrey Westengard Fellowship for Summer Study, \$1,500
- 2016 American Antiquarian Society, Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Research Fellowship, \$1,850
- 2016 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Predissertation Summer Research Travel Grant, \$1,900
- 2015–2016 Graduate Student Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2015 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Predissertation Grant, \$3,200
- 2015 Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant, \$1,000
- 2013–2014 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada M.A. Scholarship, \$17,500
- 2014 McGill University, Schull Yang Graduate Travel Award, \$1,000
- 2013 McGill Faculty of Arts Mobility Award, \$2,000
- 2013 McGill University, Fred Victor Stone Memorial Prize, \$260
- 2012 McGill University, Howard Weinroth Memorial Essay Prize, \$80
- 2012 McGill University, The Senator Lazarus Phillips Scholarship in History, \$950
- 2012 McGill Arts Research Internship Award, \$4,000

### **Service and Pro Bono Work**

- 2016–2021 History House Advisor, Pforzheimer House, Harvard University.
- 2017–2019 Executive Editor, Black Letter Law Journal, Harvard Law School.
- 2018–2019 Convener, Harvard Atlantic History Workshop.
- 2018 Intern, Fair Labor Division, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.
- 2016, 2018 Judge, History, National Collegiate Research Conference.
- 2016–2017 Client Representative, Tenant Advocacy Project, Harvard Law School.

### **Bar Admission**

Massachusetts (since 2019).

### **Languages**

Spanish— Proficient reading and writing.  
 French— Proficient reading.