

## **ANDREW PORWANCHER**

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### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **University of Oklahoma**

- Wick Cary Associate Professor of Classics & Letters, 2017-present
- Wick Cary Assistant Professor of Classics & Letters, 2011-2017

### **EDUCATION**

**University of Cambridge**, PhD in History, 2011

**Brown University**, AM in History, 2008

**Northwestern University**, BA in Communication, *summa cum laude*, 2006

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

- *Theodore Roosevelt and the Jews* (under contract with Princeton University Press)
- *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton* (forthcoming with Princeton University Press, 2021)
- *James Bradley Thayer: A Life and Legacy* (in-progress)
- *The Devil Himself: A Tale of Honor, Insanity, and the Birth of Modern America* (Oxford University Press, 2016)
- *John Henry Wigmore and the Rules of Evidence: The Hidden Origins of Modern Law* (University of Missouri Press, 2016) \*Scribes Book Award for Best Work of Legal Scholarship-Honorable Mention

#### **Articles**

- “Of Mortarboards and Minutia: A Longitudinal Study of Commencement Addresses at Brown University,” *American Educational History Journal* 43 (September 2016): 211-224.
- “Prying the Gates Wide Open: Academic Freedom at Brown University, 1974-1977,” *Paedagogica Historica* 49 (April 2013): 273-292.

- “The Justice and the Dean: Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. and John Henry Wigmore,” *Journal of Supreme Court History* 37 (November 2012): 266-282.
- “Humanism’s Sisyphean Task: Curricular Reform at Brown During the Second World War,” *History of Education* 40 (July 2011): 481-499.
- “Objectivity’s Prophet: Adolph S. Ochs and the *New York Times*, 1896-1935,” *Journalism History* 36 (January 2011): 186-195.

### **Book Review**

- Daniel R. Coquillette and Bruce A. Kimball, *On the Battlefield of Merit: Harvard Law School, the First Century* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015) in *Law and History Review* (August 2016): 819-821.

### **Encyclopedia Entry**

- “A Treatise on the System of Evidence in Trials at Common Law including the Statutes and Judicial Decisions of All Jurisdictions of the United States,” in *Books that Made the Law in the Western World* (New York: Springer, 2016), 428-429.

## **EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS**

**Harvard University**, Belfer Center, Ernest May Fellowship in History and Policy, 2020-2021

**University of Texas at Austin**, Clements Center for National Security, Senior Visiting Research Fellowship, spring 2019

**Princeton University**, James Madison Program, William E. Garwood Visiting Fellowship, spring 2018

**Yeshiva University**, Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, Senior Research Fellowship, fall 2017

**Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture**, International Fellowship, 2017

**Gilder Lehrman Institute**, Research Fellowship, 2016

**American Jewish Historical Society**, Lapidus Fellowship, 2015

**University of Oxford**, St. Antony’s College, Alistair Horne Fellowship, 2013-2014

## **TEACHING**

### **Award**

- Longmire Prize for Teaching, 2017 (College of Arts & Sciences)

### **Courses**

- US History: Civil War-Present
- Famous Trials in American History
- Introduction to Constitutional Studies
- Debating Constitutional Controversies
- American Legal Philosophy
- Milton's Constitutional Convention
- Shakespeare's Moot Court
- Constitutional Narratives

## **INTERNAL FUNDING**

### **University of Oklahoma**

- OU Humanities Forum Fellowship, 2016-2017
- Faculty Investment Program, Winter 2015
- Travel Assistance Program, Winter 2015
- Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2015
- Faculty Assistance Grant, Summer 2015
- Dream Course Grant, Spring 2015
- Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2014
- Faculty Enrichment Grant, Fall 2013
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- Junior Faculty Fellowship, Summer 2012
- Faculty Enrichment Grant, Fall 2011

### **University of Cambridge**

- Lightfoot Grant, Spring 2010
- Prince Consort Grant, Summer 2009

## **INVITED TALKS**

### **Universities & Colleges**

#### **Middlebury College**

- “The Jewish Founding Father?” September 24, 2019, Middlebury, VT

#### **University of Tennessee at Chattanooga**

- “Faith and Freedom: Hidden Lessons from the Founders,” September 17, 2019, Chattanooga, TN

#### **University of St. Thomas School of Law**

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” April 23, 2019, Minneapolis, MN

#### **Vanderbilt University**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” January 22, 2019, Nashville, TN

#### **University of Virginia**

- “Alexander Hamilton and the Politics of Faith,” September 22, 2018, Charlottesville, VA

#### **Hamilton College**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” April 24, 2018, Clinton, NY

#### **University of Pittsburgh**

- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” April 9, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA

#### **Princeton University**

- “Alexander Hamilton: His Life, Thought, and Legacy,” February 26, 2018, Princeton, NJ (panelist)

#### **Stern College**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” November 14, 2017, New York, NY

#### **Columbia University**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” February 19, 2017, New York, NY

### **Yeshiva University**

- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” November 21, 2016, New York, NY

### **University of Oxford**

- “The Devil Himself,” February 24, 2014, Oxford, UK
- “‘A Journey into Fairyland’: An American Professor in Meiji Japan,” May 16, 2014, Oxford UK

### **Oxford Brookes University**

- “‘A Journey into Fairyland’: An American Professor in Meiji Japan,” March 5, 2014, Oxford UK

### **University of Southern California**

- “The Devil Himself,” March 27, 2013, Los Angeles, CA

### **Duquesne University**

- “The Devil Himself,” April 18, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

### **Other Organizations**

#### **Gerding Theater at the Armory**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” March 7, 2020, Portland, OR

#### **Renaissance Hotel**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” January 26, 2020, Boca Raton, FL

#### **Palm Beach State College**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” January 25, 2020, Palm Beach, FL

#### **Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center**

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” November 3, 2019, Tulsa, OK

#### **Ford Community and Performing Arts Center**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” September 21, 2019, Detroit, MI

### **Skirball Cultural Center**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” June 6, 2019, Los Angeles, CA

### **Mittleman Jewish Community Center**

- “A Jewish Founding Father,” June 5, 2019, Portland, OR

### **Palm Isles**

- “The First Freedom: Free Speech in America,” April 2, 2019, Boynton Beach, FL

### **Guthrie Theater**

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” March 23, 2019, Minneapolis, MN

### **Temple Beth Israel**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” February 24, 2019, Chicago, IL

### **West End Synagogue**

- “Hamilton’s Jewish Roots,” January 20, 2019, Nashville, TN

### **Temple Beth El**

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” January 10, 2019, Huntington, NY

### **Dix Hills Jewish Center**

- “Theodore Roosevelt & the Jews,” December 12, 2018, Dix Hills, NY

### **Oklahoma City Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

- “George Washington’s Thanksgiving: Faith and Freedom in Early America,” November 20, 2018, Oklahoma City, OK

### **Monticello**

- “Hamilton v. Jefferson Colloquium,” November 15-17, 2018, Charlottesville, VA

### **Day of Knowledge**

- “The Devil Himself,” September 1, 2018, Mexico City, Mexico

### **Congregation Beth El**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” May 15, 2018, Fairfield, CT

### **Yeshiva Community Shul**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” April 21, 2018, New York, NY

### **Dix Hills Jewish Center**

- “Theodore Roosevelt & the Jews,” December 12, 2018, Dix Hills, LI
- “The Not-So-Chosen People,” July 18, 2018, Dix Hills, LI
- “The Jewish Founding Father,” April 16, 2018, Dix Hills, LI

### **Great Neck Synagogue**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” March 10, 2018, Great Neck, LI

### **New York Historical Society**

- “Hamilton: America’s Jewish Founder,” March 8, 2018, New York, NY

### **Mishkenot Sha’nanim**

- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” February 19, 2018, Jerusalem, Israel

### **Beth Jacob Congregation**

- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” February 7, 2018, Los Angeles, CA

### **Hadassah**

- “TR & the Jews,” December 10, 2018, Boca Raton, FL
- “The Jewish Founding Father,” December 4, 2017, Boca Raton, FL

### **One Day University**

- “A Jewish Founding Father?” February 24, 2019, Chicago, IL
- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” February 9, 2019, Washington, DC
- “Free Speech: The First Amendment in Crisis,” December 15, 2018, New York, NY
- “A Jewish Founding Father?” December 9, 2018, Boca Raton, FL
- “The Jewish Founding Father,” October 27, 2018, New York, NY
- “The Constitution Revisited,” July 22, 2018, New York, NY
- “The Jewish Founding Father,” February 18, 2018, New York, NY

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” October 19, 2017, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Dallas Bar Association**

- “The Role of Biography in Legal History: the Case of John Henry Wigmore,” February 6, 2017, Dallas, TX

#### **United States Embassy**

- “The Devil Himself,” June 12, 2014, London, UK

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

#### **Association for Jewish Studies**

- “Alexander Hamilton and the Hebrew Republic,” December 16, 2018, Boston, MA

#### **Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History**

- “The Jewish Founding Father,” April 20, 2017, Columbia, MO

#### **Shawnee Trail Conference**

- “Networks and Novelty in the Ivory Tower: the Case of John Henry Wigmore,” May 21, 2016, Columbia, Missouri \*keynote address

#### **Society for U.S. Intellectual History**

- “The Jewish Founder,” October 16, 2015, Washington, DC

#### **Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities**

- “The Devil Himself,” March 6, 2015, Washington, DC

#### **American Society for Legal History**

- “American Legal Thought and the Law of Evidence,” November 11, 2011, Atlanta, GA
- “Honor and Vengeance in the North,” November 9, 2013, Miami, FL

#### **Law and Society Association**

- “Law & Society: A Historical Perspective from Evidence Law,” June 7, 2012, Honolulu, HI
- “The Devil Himself,” May 30, 2013, Boston, MA



## **SERVICE**

### **University of Oklahoma**

- OU Humanities Forum, Faculty Advisory Committee
- Center for the History of Liberty, Faculty Advisory Board
- Society of Fellows, Faculty Advisor
- Curriculum Committee, Classics & Letters
- Peer Tutoring Program, Faculty Advisor
- University of Oklahoma Hillel, Board of Directors
- President's Day of Learning, Guest Speaker
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Lecturer
- Freedom 101 Online Series, Lecturer
- Visions of America Summer Institute, Lecturer

### **Profession**

- Book reviewer for Routledge

### **Museum Exhibits**

- "An American Tragedy," Abel Colley Tavern & Museum, 2016, Uniontown, PA
- "Research Revealed," Harvard Law School, 2013, Cambridge, MA

### **K-12 Outreach**

- Casady School, February 29, 2016, Oklahoma City, OK
- Hebrew Abrams Academy, March 14, 2016, Yardley, PA
- Avenues: The World School, May 27, 2016, New York, NY

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

### **Television**

- Pennsylvania Cable Network, "PA Books," October 2, 2016

### **Print**

- "If Robert Mueller Won't Save Our Democracy, Who Will?" *Forbes*, March 27, 2019
- "Alexander Hamilton and the Jews," *The Jewish News* (Detroit, MI), February 27, 2019

- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” *Moment Magazine* (Washington, DC), June 15, 2018
- “There’s evidence that Alexander Hamilton was Jewish,” *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*, April 19, 2018
- “Could Alexander Hamilton be a Member of the Tribe?” *St. Louis Jewish Light*, April 4, 2018
- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” *Jewish Journal* (Los Angeles) February 15, 2018
- “U.S. Founding Father One of Us?” *Jerusalem Post*, February 14, 2018
- “As ‘Hamilton’ debuts in L.A., historian asks: Was he Jewish,” *Jewish Journal* (Los Angeles), September 9, 2017
- “What Would Have Happened if Steve Bannon Wasn’t Fired,” *Inverse*, August 18, 2017
- “A. Hamilton was Jewish, historian says,” *Jewish Advocate* (Boston), February 17, 2017
- “Tell Tale Signs,” *The Times* (London), November 26, 2016
- “Alexander Hamilton’s Jewish Roots,” *Jewish Chronicle* (London), November 24, 2016
- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” *Tablet Magazine*, November 22, 2016
- “Nineteenth Century Dukes-Nutt Murder Scandal Subject of New Exhibit and Book,” *Herald-Standard* (Uniontown, PA), May 20, 2016
- “19th century murder scandal subject of new exhibit, book,” *Washington Times*, May 24, 2016

### **Podcast**

- “Hannukah and other Jewish Holidays in Colonial America,” *Growing Patriots*, December 6, 2018
- “Excited Utterance,” *Vanderbilt Law School*, January 30, 2017