

ANDREW PORWANCHER

APPOINTMENTS

University of Oklahoma

- Wick Cary Professor, Constitutional Studies, Department of Classics & Letters, and (by courtesy) Judaic & Israel Studies, 2017-present
- Wick Cary Associate Professor, Constitutional Studies, Department of Classics & Letters, and (by courtesy) Judaic & Israel Studies, 2017-present
- Wick Cary Assistant Professor, Constitutional Studies, Department of Classics & Letters, and (by courtesy) Judaic & Israel Studies, 2011-2017

Harvard University

- Ernest May Fellow, 2020-2022

Princeton University

- William E. Garwood Fellow, 2018

University of Oxford

- Alistair Horne Fellow, 2013-2014

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, PhD in history, 2011

Brown University, MA in history, 2008

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

PUBLISHED BOOKS

- *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton* (Princeton University Press, 2021)
 - *Journal of the American Revolution Book-of-the-Year Award
 - *Independent Publisher Book Award (Silver Medal-Biography)
 - *Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Award (Finalist-History)
- *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)

- *The Prophet of Harvard Law: James Bradley Thayer and His Legal Legacy* (University Press of Kansas, 2022) [lead co-author with A. Coffey, J. Mazeitis, and T. Jipp]

FORTHCOMING BOOKS

- *Theodore Roosevelt and the Jews* (under contract with Princeton University Press)
- *The Great Jewish Lunacy Trial* (in progress)

Articles

- “Becoming Brahmin: A Country Boy’s Journey to Harvard Yard,” *American Nineteenth Century History* 23.2 (2022) [lead co-author with A. Coffey]
- “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

- Review of *On the Battlefield of Merit: Harvard Law School, the First Century*, by Daniel R. Coquillette and Bruce A. Kimball, *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 *The Formation and Transmission of Western Legal Culture: 150 Books that Made the Law in the Age of Printing* (New York: Springer, 2016), 428-429.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Harvard University, Belfer Center, Ernest May Fellowship in History and Policy, 2020-2022

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

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

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

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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University of Cambridge

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

INVITED TALKS

Universities & Colleges

University of Texas at Austin

- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” April 7, 2021, Austin, TX

Harvard University

- “The Bull Moose and the Bear: Theodore Roosevelt and the Deep Origins of Russian Disinformation,” February 25, 2021, Cambridge, MA

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**Ida & Herman Weinberg Lecture @ Park Synagogue**

- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” May 5, 2021, Cleveland Heights, OH

OLLI at Florida International University

- “The Constitution: Enduring Myths and Hidden Truths,” February 22, 2021, Miami, FL

Temple Judea

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” February 2, 2021, Fort Myers, FL

Rodeph Sholom

- “A Jewish Founding Father,” January 11, 2021 New York, NY

North Shore Hebrew Academy

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” December 2, 2020 Great Neck, NY.

Larchmont Temple

- “A Jewish Founding Father?” October 10, 2020, Larchmont, NY.

OLLI at the University of Georgia

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” August 19, 2020, Athens, GA.

Emanuel Synagogue

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” August 17, 2020, Oklahoma City, OK.

Temple Rodef Shalom

- “The Jewish Life of Alexander Hamilton,” August 11, 2020, Falls Church, VA.

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

- “Faith, Freedom, and the Founders: The Past and Future of Church & State,” December 9, 2020, zoom.
- “A Jewish Founding Father? Alexander Hamilton's Hidden Life,” August 10, 2020, zoom.
- “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

Opinion Pieces & Press Coverage

- "Before Griner, A Russian prosecution put Theodore Roosevelt in a bind," *Washington Post*, August 13, 2022
- "Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish," *Jewish Renaissance*, Winter 2022
- "Alexander Hamilton and American Paranoia," *Marginalia*, November 19, 2021
- "Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish," *Wall Street Journal*, October 7, 2021
- "The Art of Biography: Wisdom from the Hamilton Musical," *Starting Points*, September 27, 2021
- "Alexander Hamilton and His Jewish Witnesses," *PB Daily*, August 16, 2021
- "The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton," *The Page 99 Test*, August 16, 2021
- "Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? Does It Matter?" *Religion Dispatches*, August 4, 2021
- "Alexander Hamilton and the Politics of Pandemic" *Starting Points Journal*, April 15, 2020 *most popular article of 2020

- “Life Behind the CV: A Case Study of an Unusual Legal Scholar,” *Starting Points Journal*, September 30, 2018
- “The Hamilton Musical and Historical Unknowns,” *Oxford University Press Blog*, May 18, 2016
- “Our Lost Faith in the American Murder Trial,” *Oxford University Press Blog*, May 15, 2016
- “History Departments, Law Schools, and the Abyss in Between,” *U.S. Intellectual History Blog*, October 3, 2014
Print
- “American founding father was Jewish,” *Australian Jewish News*, October 31, 2021
- “Bastard. Orphan. And Jew? New book explores ‘The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,’” *J. The Jewish News of Northern California*, October 11, 2021
- “Historian claims founding father Alexander Hamilton had Jewish upbringing” *Heritage Florida Jewish News*, August 27, 2021
- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” *Providence Journal*, August 26, 2021
- “Historian Claims Founding Father Alexander Hamilton Had Jewish Upbringing,” *The Algemeiner*, August 18, 2021
- “Alexander Hamilton was raised Jewish by convert mother, historian claims,” *Israel Hayom*, August 18, 2021
- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? Historian explores founding father's early life in new book,” *Jerusalem Post*, August 17, 2021
- “Historian claims founding father Alexander Hamilton had Jewish upbringing,” *Cleveland Jewish News*, August 17, 2021
- “Was Alexander Hamilton Actually Raised Jewish,” *Inside Hook*, August 16, 2021
- *Washington Post/Bloomberg Opinion*, “The Big Question: Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?” August 15, 2021
- “Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish? Let’s Weigh the Evidence,” *Jewish Journal* (Los Angeles), August 13, 2021
- “Critics Decry new Oklahoma law that protects drivers who ‘unintentionally’ run over or kill protestors,” *Yahoo! News*, April 28, 2021
- “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

Podcasts

- “Ep. 31, Andrew Porwancher,” *The Rabbi’s Neighborhood*, November 22, 2021
- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” *Talks from the Hoover Institution*, October 26, 2021
- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” *The Jewish Hour*, September 19, 2021
- “How Jewish Was Alexander Hamilton?” *Times Will Tell (The Times of Israel)*, August 27, 2021
- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” *Rosner’s Domain*, August 13, 2021
- “The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton,” *The Missing Piece*, April 28, 2021
- “Hannukah and other Jewish Holidays in Colonial America,” *Growing Patriots*, December 6, 2018
- “John Henry Wigmore and the Rules of Evidence,” *Excited Utterance* (Vanderbilt Law School), January 30, 2017

Television

- Pennsylvania Cable Network, “PA Books,” October 2, 2016