Biographies

Convenors:

Gary Gerstle
*Paul Mellon Professor of American History and fellow of Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge*

Gary Gerstle has written extensively about immigration, race, and nationality, with a particular focus on how Americans have constituted (and reconstituted) themselves as a nation and the ways in which immigration and race have disrupted and reinforced that process. His works in this area include the prizewinning *American Crucible: Race and Nation in the Twentieth Century* (2001). He has also studied the history of American political thought, institutions, and conflicts, and maintains a longstanding interest in questions of class formation. His forthcoming book, *Liberty and Coercion: The Paradox of American Government from the Founding to the Present* (Princeton University Press, 2015) reflects his steadily deepening interest in the history of the US state. A September 2015 conference at UC Santa Barbara, *Beyond the New Deal Order*, will reflect on developments in American political history since the publication of his 1989 book, *The Rise and Fall of the New Deal Order, 1930-1980*.

Joel Isaac
*Senior Lecturer in Modern Political Thought and fellow of Christ’s College, University of Cambridge*

Joel Isaac's research focuses on the history of political economy, social science, and constitutional theory in the United States since the Civil War. He is the author of *Working Knowledge: Making the Human Sciences from Parsons to Kuhn* (2012) and co-editor (with Duncan Bell) of *Uncertain Empire: American History and the Idea of the Cold War* (2012). He is currently writing a book about ideas of economic development in the twentieth century.
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Duncan Bell is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of Christ’s College. He works on the history of political thought, focusing on modern imperial ideologies, and in contemporary international political theory. He is the author of The Idea of Greater Britain: Empire and the Future of World Order, 1860-1900 (Princeton, 2007), and the editor of several volumes, the most recent of which (with Joel Isaac) is Uncertain Empire: American History and the Idea of the Cold War (Oxford, 2012).

Elisabeth S. Clemens
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Elisabeth S. Clemens’s research explores the role of social movements and organizational innovation in political change. Clemens’ first book, The People’s Lobby: Organizational Innovation and the Rise of Interest Group Politics in the United States, 1890-1925 (Chicago, 1997) received best book awards in both organizational sociology (1998) and political sociology (1999). She is also co-editor of Private Action and the Public Good (Yale, 1998), Remaking Modernity: Politics, History and Sociology (Duke, 2005), Politics and Partnerships: Voluntary Associations in America’s Past and Present (Chicago, 2010), and the journal Studies in American Political Development. She is now completing Civic Gifts, which traces the tense but powerful entanglements of benevolence and liberalism in the development of the American nation-state.

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Nick Guyatt works on the history of colonial America, the Atlantic World and the United States in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. His first book examined the emergence of American religious nationalism from the founding of Virginia to the collapse of Reconstruction. He is currently finishing a book on the unsettling relationship between ideas of racial equality and programmes for racial separation in the early American republic. He has published several articles on racial removal projects from the American Revolution to the Civil War. His next project is a history of American ideas about imperialism from the mid-eighteenth century through the early twentieth, with a focus on how Americans viewed other people’s empires. He has side interests in the history of contemporary American evangelicalism, and especially in the increasingly popular view among evangelicals that the End Times are fast approaching; and in the history of contemporary international relations.

Ira Katznelson
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Ira Katznelson’s *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time* (Liveright, 2013) has been awarded the Bancroft Prize in History, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award in Political Science, the Sidney Hillman Foundation Prize for Book Journalism, and the J. David Greenstone Book Prize in Political Science and History. Other recent books include *Liberal Beginnings* (Cambridge University Press, 2008; with Andreas Kalyvas), *When Affirmative Action Was White* (Norton, 2006), and *Desolation and Enlightenment* (Columbia University Press, 2003). Katznelson has served as president of the American Political Science Association and the Social Science History Association. He is a member at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society, and a Research Associate at Cambridge University’s Centre for History and Economics.
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Linda K. Kerber has served as President of the American Historical Association (2006), Organization of American Historians in 1996-97, and as President of the American Studies Association (1988). In 2006-07 she was Vyvyan Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University. In her writing and teaching she has emphasized the history of citizenship, gender, and authority. She is an elected member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, based in the Netherlands.


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Desmond King is a Member of the Royal Irish Academy and Fellow of the British Academy. His numerous papers and nine books on such topics as racial inequality and comparative political economy include with Rogers M Smith Still a House Divided: Race and Politics in Obama’s America (PUP 2011); Actively Seeking Work: The Politics of Workfare in the US and Britain (U of Chicago P 1995); Separate and Unequal: African Americans and the US Federal Government (OUP, 2007); Making Americans: Immigration, Race and the Origins of the Diverse Democracy (Harvard UP, 2002); and with Randall Hansen, Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race and the Population Scare in Twentieth-Century North America (Cambridge UP, 2013)
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Paul A. Kramer is author of *The Blood of Government: Race, Empire, the United States and the Philippines* (UNC Press, 2006), as well as numerous articles, including "Power and Connection: Imperial Histories of the United States in the World," in the *American Historical Review*. His scholarship has been awarded SHAFR's 2007 Bernath Book Prize, its 2002 Bernath Article Prize, and the Bernath Lecture Prize for 2008, and the Organization of American Historians' 2007 James A. Rawley Prize. He is co-founder and co-editor of Cornell University Press' "The United States in the World" series, and has received fellowships from Harvard University's Warren Center, Fulbright, the Smithsonian Institution and the American Council of Learned Societies. He has served as Program Chair for the 2009 annual meeting of SHAFR, on the editorial board of *Diplomatic History* and *Philippine Studies*. Alongside his academic work, he has published several essays in the *New Yorker* on themes relating to the United States' role in the world. He is currently at work on books dealing with transnational US history, and the international history of US immigration policy since the mid-19th century.

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Nomi Claire Lazar is a political theorist at work on various manifestations of the relationship between political institutions and human agency. This work spans the history of political thought, contemporary philosophy, and public policy. In addition to a number of scholarly articles, she is the author of *States of Emergency in Liberal Democracies* (Cambridge, 2009) and is completing revisions to a second book, *How Time Frames: Temporal Rhetoric in the Politics of Legitimation*. Professor Lazar holds a PhD in Political Science (Yale), an MA in Legal and Political Theory (School of Public Policy, UCL), and an HonBA in Philosophy (Toronto). Before beginning the PhD, she served in the Criminal Law Policy section of the Department of Justice, Canada. She has also served as Harper-Schmidt Collegiate Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago, and as Canadian Bicentennial Visiting Fellow at Yale University.

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Andrew Preston is Reader in American History and a Fellow of Clare College at Cambridge University, where he also serves as editor of The Historical Journal. His most recent books are Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith: Religion in American War and Diplomacy (Knopf, 2012); America in the World: A History in Documents from the War with Spain to the War on Terror, with Jeffrey Engel and Mark Lawrence (Princeton, 2014); and Faithful Republic: Religion and Politics in the 20th Century United States, with Bruce Schulman and Julian Zelizer (Penn, 2015).

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David Runciman writes on late-nineteenth and twentieth century political thought; theories of the state and of political representation; and contemporary political philosophy and politics. His books include Politics: Ideas in Profile (Profile Books, 2014); The Confidence Trap: A History of Democracy in Crisis from the First World War to the Present (Princeton University Press, 2013); Political Hypocrisy: The Mask of Power from Hobbes to Orwell and Beyond (Princeton University Press, 2008); Representation (Polity Press, 2008); and The Politics of Good Intentions: History, Fear and Hypocrisy in the New World Order (Princeton University Press, 2006). He is currently working on Conspiracy and Democracy, a five-year Leverhulme-funded research program based in CRASSH.

Professor Runciman led the team on the ELECTION podcast, the University's weekly politics podcast, and writes frequently for the London Review of Books.

Stephen Sawyer
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Stephen W. Sawyer is Associate Editor for the English edition of the Annales, Histoire et Sciences Sociales and Director of Publication of the Tocqueville Review. Trained as a specialist of nineteenth-century France, he has published widely on political history and theory.
James Sparrow  
*Associate Professor of United States History and Deputy Dean, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago*

James Sparrow’s research and teaching focus on the state and social citizenship in the modern United States. He is especially interested in national political culture and its formation within specific social, cultural, and institutional contexts. His first book, *Warfare State*, is a history of the social politics of the national state as its foundations shifted from welfare to warfare during World War II. Its central concern is to examine the ways in which different groups of citizens encountered the burgeoning warfare state and in the process accepted, rejected, or otherwise contested the legitimacy of expanding federal authority in everyday life. His second book project, *The New Leviathan*, examines changing notions and practices of sovereignty during the United States’ rise to globalism. Blending political and intellectual history with social and cultural methodology, it traces the shifting intersections of international and national, global and local levels of power, to explain the modalities of rule at home and abroad that resulted from a world politics rigidified by bipolar nuclear contention.

Geoffrey R. Stone  
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Mr. Stone is a former chair of the Board of the American Constitution Society, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Member of the American Philosophical Society, the American Law Institute, and the National Advisory Council of the American Civil Liberties Union.

In the 2013, Mr. Stone served on the five-member Review Group appointed by President Obama to make recommendations concerning NSA surveillance and related issues. The Review Group’s Report, *Liberty and Security in a Changing World*, received the American Library Association’s James Madison Award for 2014. Mr. Stone currently serves as a Member of the Senior Advisory Group to the Director of National Intelligence.
Heather Ann Thompson  
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Heather Ann Thompson writes about mass incarceration for scholarly publications as well as popular venues such as the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Salon*, *Huffington Post*, and *Dissent*. Her academic pieces, including “Why Mass Incarceration Matters,” and “Rethinking Working Class History through the Lens of the Carceral State” won best article awards, and her piece in the Atlantic, “How Prisons Change the Balance of Power in America” was a finalist for a best media article award. Thompson has been awarded an NEH, a Soros Justice Fellowship, and she recently was appointed to serve on a National Academy of Sciences panel studying causes and consequences of incarceration in the United States. Her forthcoming book *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Rebellion of 1971 and its Legacy* (Pantheon Books, 2016), was recently named a finalist for the Anthony Lucas Works-in-Progress Award for non-fiction.

John F. Witt  
*Allen H. Duffy Class of 1960 Professor of Law, Yale University*

John F Witt's most recent book *Lincoln’s Code: The Laws of War in American History* was awarded the 2013 Bancroft Prize, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, was selected for the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award, and was a *New York Times* Notable Book for 2012. Previous writing includes *Patriots and Cosmopolitans: Hidden Histories of American Law* (Harvard University Press, 2007), and the prizewinning book, *The Accidental Republic: Crippled Workingmen, Destitute Widows, and the Remaking of American Law* (Harvard University Press 2004). He has also published articles in the *American Historical Review*, the *Columbia Law review*, the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Review*, and other scholarly journals. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Slate*, and the *Washington Post*. In 2010 he was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his project on the laws of war in American history.