

Bonnie Cherry

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APPOINTMENTS

2025- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Santa Clara University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Jurisprudence and Social Policy, UC Berkeley Law, May 2025
 Dissertation: *"Little Kingdoms": Administrative Authority, Security, and Sovereignty Cooptation in Indian Country*
 Certificate in International Law
 Committee: Calvin Morrill (chair), Seth Davis, Jonathan Simon

B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (*highest honors*), University of California, Berkeley 2017
 Thesis: *The Gift and the Ghost: Security and Identity in the Tohono O'Odham Borderlands*

A.A. Global Studies (*honors*), Berkeley City College, 2015

Areas of Specialization: federal Indian policy, administrative authority, critical security studies, humanitarian law, Tribal law and politics, qualitative and archival methods

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2024 Center for Interdisciplinary Critical Inquiry Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley
2024 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellow
2023 Francis S Coles Summer Research Grant, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley Law
2023 Mike Synar Research Fellow, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley
2023 Graduate Student Travel Award, Center for Military, War, and Society Studies
2023 National World War II Museum Emerging Scholar
2022-2023 John L. Simpson Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, UC Berkeley
2022-2023 Empirical Legal Scholars Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley Law
2022 Society for Scientific Study of Religion Conference Travel Award
2022 Russell F. Weigley Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for Military History
2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley

2020	Graduate Mentored Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2020	Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law Fellowship, Berkeley Law
2017-2024	Selznick Graduate Fellowship, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley Law

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Cherry, Bonnie. "Justice, sharp and bloody": Sovereignty, Military Justice, and Humanitarian Law in the US-Modoc War" in <i>Rethinking the Indian Wars</i> , editors Maurice Crandall and Lance Blyth. University of Nebraska Press (forthcoming)
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Chaired Panels

2023	Rules and Engagement : How Law and War Shape Each Other, Society for Military History Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 23-26.
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Papers

2025	"The Shadow Wolves: Tribal Sovereignty and the Co-Production of Border Security", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver Canada, September 11-14.
2024	"Justice, sharp and bloody": Tribal Sovereignty, Military Justice, and Executive Authority in the US-Modoc War, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, June 6-9.
2023	Leupp Isolation Center and Administrative Authority in Indian Country, American Society for Legal History Student Research Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA October 25-2.
2023	"Little Kingdoms": Leupp Isolation Center and Federal Indian Policy in WWII, Interdisciplinary Law and Humanities Workshop, Georgetown Law, May 23-25.
2022	The Germ of Violence: Grant's 'Quaker Peace Policy' and Legalized Securitization of Indian Country, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 11-13.
2022	Routine Exceptionality: Mapping the Geolegalities of Japanese-American Internment Camps in Indian Country, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16.
2022	Sacrifice and Security: The Case of the Modoc War, Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, April 28-May 1.
2021	Sacrificial Logic and the Securitization of Indian Country, International Studies Association/ISA West, Pasadena, CA, September 23-25.

INVITED TALKS

2025	The Shadow Wolves: Tribal Sovereignty and the Co-Production of Border Security, Stanford Center for Law and History, April 11.
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2023 Plenary Power and the Legalized Securitization of Indian Country, Institute for American Constitutional Heritage, University of Oklahoma, March 8.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Honors Teaching Fellow, University of California, Berkeley Legal Studies Department

Legal Studies Honors Research Program (Fall 2023-Spring 2025)

Instructor, University of California, Berkeley Legal Studies Department

Engaging Conflict: Fieldwork in Israel and the West Bank (Spring/Summer 2017, 2018, 2019)

The Sanctuary Tradition in Law and Social Practice (Fall 2021- 2022, writing intensive)

Honors Thesis Advisor, University of California, Berkeley Legal Studies Department

Sidney Carrigan, "A Disabling Society: The Understanding of Disability Rights Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (Spring 2023)

Alexis Gutierrez, "Disability and Healthcare: A Study of the Challenges Encountered by Disabled Individuals When Seeking Healthcare" (Spring 2023)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley Legal Studies Department

American Legal and Constitutional History (Summer 2024)

Law and Social Theory (Fall 2018)

International Law and International Relations (Spring 2019)

Foundations of Legal Studies (Summer 2019)

Law, the Self, and Society (Fall 2019)

Immigration and Citizenship (Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025-present 19th c Indian Affairs Project, Stanford Law School, Principal Investigator: Greg Ablavsky

2017-2019 Comparative Constitutions Project, UC Berkeley School of Law, Principal Investigator: David Lieberman

2017-2018 Native/Migrant/Refugee Project, UC Berkeley Center for Race and Gender, Principal Investigators: Beth Piatote and Leti Volpp

2015-2016 Women's Labor Migration from Turkey to the United States, Beatrice Bain Research Group on Gender, UC Berkeley

2015-2016 Race, Gender, and Discrimination in Israel, Principal Investigator: Dr. Tamar Katz, UC Berkeley/Tel Aviv, Israel

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Seminar in Military History, National WWII Museum, 2023
Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Berkeley Graduate Division, 2023
Designing a Writing Based Course, Townshend Center for the Humanities, 2021
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2020
Summer Academy in Public International Law, Hague Academy of International Law, 2020
Violence/War/Trauma Course, Center for Comparative Conflict Studies, 2020
Palestinian Refugees and International Law, University of Oxford Refugee Studies Centre, 2018

SERVICE

To Community

Student Research Forum Coordinator, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, 2023-present
Hidden Curriculum Series Coordinator, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, 2021-2023
Committee for Black Life in JSP Student Representative, 2020-present
Community Advisor/First Responder, UC Student Family Housing, 2020-present
Disabled Graduate Student Peer Advisor, UC Berkeley Disabled Students Program, 2017-present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Legal History, 2020-present
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2022-present
Law and Society Association, 2019-present
International Studies Association, 2017-present
Society for Military History, 2017-present

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Instructor and Campus Coordinator, Olive Tree Initiative, 2016-2020
Grant Writer, Haskell Indian Nations University, 2009-2011
Grant Writer and Program Assistant, Four Winds Native Center, 2011-2012

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Intermediate reading, writing, Beginner speaking
ASL: Beginner signing

REFERENCES

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