



The Law in **Action:** Re-Thinking the Boundaries of **Law and Society**



Friday, April 18
The Leopold Room
(Harris 108)

Conference program:

8:30- 9:00 Coffee and Welcome
Welcome—Sarah Maza, CCHS Director
Convener's Introduction—Jesse Nasta, CCHS Graduate Fellow

1 9:00- 10:45 Session One—Embodying Law: The Legal Construction of the Individual

Chair. Paul RAMIREZ (NU)

- Evelyn ATKINSON (University of Chicago), "The Right to Bodily Integrity: *Pratt v. Davis* and the Origins of Informed Consent"
- Rachel BOYLE (Loyola University), "From Hysteria to Insanity: Feminine Criminality and Husband Slaying in Chicago, 1870-1919"
- Jason MORGAN (University of Wisconsin-Madison), "Suehiro Izutarō, Hozumi Shigeto, and the Case Law Revolution in Japan: Domesticating Taishō Democracy"

Commentator: Kate MASUR (NU)

10:45- 11:00: Coffee ☺

2 11:00- 12:45 Session Two—The Law, Violence, and the State

Chair: Joanna GRISINGER (NU)

- Jesse NASTA (NU), "Navigating Freedom: African American Mobility and Legal Status on the Antebellum Mississippi"
- Matthew JUNE (NU), "A History in Two Acts: Uses and Abuses of the Constitution's Commerce Power from the New Deal to Civil Rights and Controlled Substances"
- Andrew BAER (NU), "Police Torture and Other Pervasive Practices: The Role of Official Misconduct in the Rise of Mass Incarceration in the United States after 1970."

Commentator: Beth LEW-WILLIAMS (NU)

12:45- 1:30: Lunch

1:30- 3:00: **Keynote Address—Rebecca SCOTT (University of Michigan)**

"Free or Not? Eulalie Oliveau, the Kidnapped Midwife from False River"

3 3:00- 4:45: Session Three—Law in Culture and Culture in Law

Chair: Helen TILLEY (NU)

- Melissa VISE (NU), "Free Speech, the Law, and Republican Ethics: The Medieval Case"
- Ian Saxine (NU), "Imperial Properties: Land Deeds and Anglo-Wabanaki Relations in Eighteenth-Century Maine"
- Géraldine GUDEFIN (Brandeis University), "Jewish Bigamists?: Rabbinical Divorces and Trials for Bigamy in New York at the Turn of the Twentieth Century"

Commentator: Mitra SHARAFI (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

4:45- 5:30: Reception

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