**S. Deborah Kang**

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Associate Professor Visiting Scholar

Department of History Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

California State University, San Marcos University of California, San Diego

**EDUCATION**

University of California at Berkeley

Ph.D., United States History, 2005

*Fields:* United States History, Late Modern European History, Law and Social Theory *Dissertation:* “The Legal Construction of the Borderlands: The INS, Immigration Law, and Immigrant Rights on the U.S.-Mexico Border, 1917-1954” (Professor Jon Gjerde, Chair)

University of California at Berkeley

M.A., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, 1997

*Fields:* American Legal History, Asian American History, Law and Social Theory

Cornell University

B.A., *magna cum laude,* College Scholar, European Literature and History, 1992

*Thesis:* “The Representation of the Doctor in the Work of Balzac, Flaubert, and Zola”

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Department of History, California State University, San Marcos

Associate Professor, 2017-Present

Department of History, California State University, San Marcos

Assistant Professor, 2011-2017

Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California at San Diego

Visiting Scholar, 2015-2018

Department of History, University of California at Berkeley

Postdoctoral Scholar, 2009-2011

Department of History, Harvard University

Lecturer on History, 2008-2009

Department of History, University of California at Berkeley

Lecturer, 2007-2008

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University

Research Fellow, 2006-2007

Department of History, Cornell in Washington, Cornell University

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2006

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Proven Course Redesign Grant, 2015-2016

Chancellor's Office, California State University

- Awarded $10,148 to implement redesign of the Modern United States history survey course.

Participant, Building and Strengthening Digital Humanities through a Regional Network, 2015-2016

National Endowment for the Humanities Start-Up Grant Project

University Professional Development Grant, 2014-2015

California State University, San Marcos

Faculty Center Professional Development Grant, 2013-2014

California State University, San Marcos

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, & Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, 2013-2014

California State University, San Marcos

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Faculty Development Grant, 2012-2013

California State University, San Marcos

Innovations in Teaching Faculty Learning Community Grant, 2012-2013

California State University, San Marcos

Faculty Center Connections Grant, 2011-2013

California State University San Marcos

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, June 2012

The Huntington Library, San Marino California

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of History, 2009-2011

University of California at Berkeley, Department of History

The Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellowship for the Study of Southwestern America, 2006-2007

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003

University of California at San Diego

Eugene Irving McCormac Graduate Scholarship, 2001-2003

University of California at Berkeley

Mentored Research Award, 1995-1996

University of California at Berkeley

Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, 1993-1995

University of California at Berkeley

National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars Summer Research Grant, 1991

Cornell University

**AWARDS**

Nominee, Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize, 2009

Undergraduate Council, Harvard University

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2009

Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2008

Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

American Jurisprudence Award in Jurisprudence, 1995

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley

Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell University, 1992

**PUBLICATIONS**

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

S. Deborah Kang, *The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).

Jon Gjerde, *Catholicism and the Shaping of Nineteenth Century America,* edited with a Preface and Epilogue by S. Deborah Kang (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012).

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

S. Deborah Kang, “Implementation: How the Borderlands Redefined Federal Immigration Law and Policy, 1917-1924,” *California Legal History: Journal of the California Supreme Court Historical Society,* vol. 7 (2012).

S. Deborah Kang, “Jon Gjerde’s Immigrant America,” in *Norwegian American Essays 2010,* edited by Øyvind Gulliksen (Oslo: Novus Forlag, 2011).

S. Deborah Kang, “Crossing the Line: The INS and the Federal Regulation of the Mexican Border,” in *Bridging National Borders in North America,* edited by Andrew Graybill and Benjamin Heber Johnson (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2010).

BOOK REVIEWS

S. Deborah Kang, review of *Deportation: The Origins of U.S. Policy*, by Torrie Hester, *Western Historical Quarterly* (forthcoming Spring 2018).

S. Deborah Kang, review of *Border Dilemmas: Racial and National Uncertainties in New Mexico*, *1848-1912,* by Anthony P. Mora, *Social History* (2012).

S. Deborah Kang, review of *Migra! A History of the U.S. Border Patrol,* by Kelly Lytle Hernández,

*Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. 42, n. 2 (2011): 248.

**PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Invited Presentation, Covington and Burling, LLP, San Francisco, California, August 14, 2017.

“Making Law on the Border: The INS and Immigration Law and Policy in Modern America,” Invited Panelist, “Immigration Detention and Removal: Historical Practices and Contemporary Legacies,” Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico, June 20-23, 2017.

“The Practice of Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Invited Panelist, “No Borders and Walls: A Scholar, Activist, and Artist Symposium,” Centro Cultural de la Raza, Balboa Park, San Diego, California, May 27, 2017.

“The Battle for the Border: The INS and the Shaping of American Immigration Policy,” Invited Presentation, History Department Reading Group, California State University, San Marcos, San Marcos, California, April 6, 2017.

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Research Seminar, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California at San Diego, March 13, 2017.

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Alumni Event, Department of History, California State University San Marcos, March 2, 2017.

“Westering Women: Gender, Immigration, and Race in the American West, 1850 to the Present.” Invited Speaker, “California Dreaming: The Story of Migration and Immigration to the Golden State, Pre-History to the Present,” Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, Borrego Springs, California, January 28, 2017.

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Invited Speaker, “California Dreaming: The Story of Migration and Immigration to the Golden State, Pre-History to the Present,” Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association, Borrego Springs, California, January 27, 2017.

“Digital History in the American Institutions Survey Course,” Panelist, San Diego Digital History Initiative: Learning through Digital Humanities, University of San Diego, October 21, 2016.

“Native Americans, Mexican Nationals, and the Shaping of a State Employment Agency in Arizona, 1942-1970,” Presentation, International Migration Workshop, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego, May 19, 2016.

“The Migration and Immigration History of California.” Invited Speaker, “California Dreaming: The Story of Migration and Immigration to the Golden State, Pre-History to the Present,” Anza- Borrego Desert Natural History Association, Borrego Springs, California, January 30, 2016.

"The Politics of Immigration Policy in the Twentieth Century." Invited Panel Chair and Commentator, Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 7, 2014.

"Roundtable: New Directions in Borderlands History." Panel Chair, Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2014.

"California and the West Coast," Panel Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Southern California Regional Conference, California State University San Marcos, April 20, 2013.

“Moving Forward and Looking Back: A Student’s Perspective on the Legacies of Jon Gjerde.” Invited Panelist, “Remembering Immigration Historian Jon Gjerde,” Panel sponsored by the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 2013.

“Implementation: How the Borderlands Redefined Federal Immigration Law and Policy, 1917-1924.” Invited Panelist, “The Golden Laboratory: Legal Innovation in Twentieth Century California,” Panel sponsored by the California Supreme Court Historical Society, Annual Meeting, American Society for Legal History, St Louis, Missouri, November 2012.

“Making the Bracero Program Local: Migratory Labor and Anti-Statism in Arizona, 1942-1964.” Panel Organizer and Participant, Annual Meeting, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, San Diego, California, August 11, 2012.

“A Genealogy of Anti-Statism in Borderlands History.” Invited Panelist, State of the Field Panel: Borderlands History, Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April, 2012.

“The Domestic and International Origins of the Bracero Program: Tracing the Intersections between Immigration and International History in the Classroom.” Invited Presentation, Internationalizing the United States History Survey Symposium, Department of History, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, February 11, 2011.

“At the Border and Beyond: The Immigration Border Patrol and Federal Immigration Enforcement Policy, 1917 – 1954.” Panelist, Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 10, 2010.

“Inventing the Border: The Border Patrol and the Border Exception to the Fourth Amendment.” Invited Presentation, Hubert Howe Bancroft and Current Studies on California, Mexico, and the American West, The Bancroft Library 150th Anniversary Symposium, Berkeley, California, March 5, 2010.

“Immigrant Rights Awareness Week.” Invited Panelist, Harvard College Act on a Dream Club, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 29, 2009.

“Immigration History for the Millennial Generation.” Invited Presentation, 2008 Summer Institute: Teaching American History for All, University of California at Berkeley History-Social Science Project, Berkeley, California, August 6, 2008.

“Crossing the Line: The INS and the Federal Regulation of the Mexican Border – Law and Demography.” Invited Presentation, Bridging National Borders in North America, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies 2007 Annual Public Symposium Part II, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, March 24, 2007.

“Peripheries and Center: Immigration Law and Policy on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Invited Presentation, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, February 14, 2007.

“Undocumented and Illegal Immigration in the Contemporary World.” Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2-5, 2006.

“Crossing the Line: The INS and the Federal Regulation of the Mexican Border – Law and

Society.” Invited Presentation, Bridging National Borders in North America, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies 2007 Annual Public Symposium Part I, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, September 15-16, 2006.

**FORTHCOMING PRESENTATIONS**

“Immigration Law and Policy and the Making of the American State on the US-Mexico Border,” Invited Presentation, University of Texas, Austin, April 27-28, 2018.

“Center and Periphery: A History of Federal Immigration Law and Policy in the US-Mexico Borderlands,” Invited Presentation, United We Dream, Washington, DC, October 7, 2017.

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” Invited Presentation, Francis Parker School, Western History Association, Take a Historian to School Day, San Diego, California, October 12, 2017.

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“The INS on the Line: Making Immigration Law on the US-Mexico Border, 1917-1954,” IEHS Blog

IEHS Online: The Website of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, February 18, 2017.

“Trump’s Mexico Border Wall,” Take Two

National Public Radio, Los Angeles/KPCC Affiliate, Pasadena, California, January 26, 2017.

“Bridging National Borders in North America,” Think with Kris Boyd

National Public Radio, KERA-Dallas Affiliate, Dallas, Texas, March 22, 2007.

**FACULTY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS

History 131: U.S. History, 1865 to the Present, Lecture Course

History 301: Historical Methods and Writing, Seminar

History 338A: Modern US Indian Policy, Lecture Course

History 345: Immigration History, Lecture Course

History 346: Western History, Lecture Course

History 347: California History, Lecture Course

History 350: Chicano/a History, Lecture Course

History 430: Social Movements in Modern United States History, Seminar

History 538: North American Borderlands History, Graduate Seminar

History 538: Modern United States History, Graduate Seminar

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

History 100: Asian American History, Seminar

History 101: Senior Thesis Seminar

History 103: Readings in American Immigration History, Seminar

History 103: American Immigration Law and Policy in Historical Perspective, Seminar

History 103: Landscapes of Migration: Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race in the Twentieth Century, Seminar

History 137AC: American Immigration History from 1492 to the Present, Lecture Course

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

History 74k: American Immigration Law and Policy in Historical Perspective, Seminar

History 84k: Senior Thesis Seminar

History 91r: Transnational Approaches to Mexican Immigration History, Seminar

History 1435: American Legal History from 1492 to the Present, Lecture Course

History 1436: American Immigration History from 1492 to the Present, Lecture Course

History 2470hf: Graduate Student Workshop in Twentieth Century United States History

- Invited Participant, Dissertation course supervised by Professor Lizabeth Cohen

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

American Studies: American Immigration Law and Policy in Historical Perspective, Seminar

**GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY

California and the Pacific Rim (Department of Geography)

United States History (Department of History)

Law and Modern Social Thought (Legal Studies Program)

Asian Americans and the Law (Boalt Hall School of Law)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Advisory Team, Literacy and the Law: K-12 Civics Curricula, 2017-Present

California State University San Marcos and the Superior Court of San Diego

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 2016-Present

2017 Annual Meeting of the Western Historical Association, San Diego, California

Member, Editorial Board, 2016-Present

*Western Legal History: The Journal of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society*

Book Review Editor, 2013-2016

*Western Legal History: The Journal of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society*

Committee Member, Prize Committee, Jerome I. Braun Prize, 2015

The Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society

Adviser, *Immigrant Nation,* 2013-2014

Multimedia immigration history website produced by documentary filmmaker Kate McLean.

Committee Member, Prize Committee, Graduate Student Writing Competition, 2013

California Supreme Court Historical Society

Manuscript Referee, 2007-Present

*American Quarterly*

*Modern American History*

Texas Tech University Press

University of Texas Press

*Western Historical Quarterly*

Faculty Expert, 2010-2011

Media and Public Affairs Office, University of California at Berkeley

Associate Editor, 1994-1996

*Asian Law Journal,* Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley

Member, 1994

*Berkeley Women's Law Journal,* Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley

**CAMPUS SERVICE**

UNIVERSITY

Chair, Academic Policy Committee, Fall 2017

Academic Senate, California State University, San Marcos

Member, University Without Borders Action Group, January 2017 – Present

Executive Committee, Academic Senate, California State University, San Marcos

Co-Organizer, DACA: Know Your Rights Information Session, January 24, 2017

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences, California State University, San Marcos

Co-Organizer, DACA/AB540 Teach-In, December 8, 2016

Office of Diversity, Educational Equity, and Inclusion, California State University, San Marcos

Co-Author, California State University, San Marcos Faculty Handbook, 2016-2017

Faculty Center Advisory Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Member, Academic Senate, 2016-2017

California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2014-2017

Academic Policy Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2014-2016

Faculty Center Advisory Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2014-2016

Community Engagement Faculty Advisory Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2013-2015

Library and Academic Technology Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Participant, 2011-2012

New Faculty Institute

COLLEGE

Member, Ethnic Studies Development Board, March 2017 – Present

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences, California State University, San Marcos

Member, Faculty Development Committee, 2016-2018

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences, California State University, San Marcos

Affiliate, 2014-Present

Ethnic Studies Program, California State University, San Marcos

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Member, Graduate Program Committee, 2016-Present

Department of History, California State University, San Marcos

Faculty/Graduate Student Reading Group Founder and Coordinator, 2015-Present

Department of History, California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2013-2016

Graduate Student Admissions Committee, History Department, California State University, San Marcos

Member, 2013-2014

History Department B.A. Assessment Committee, California State University, San Marcos

Fundraiser, 2012-2013

War at Home and Abroad Digital History Archive, California State University, San Marcos