



The History of U.S. Immigration



Experts will examine the historic migration to the United States, providing context for modern-day immigration policy.

Monday, June 30, 2025

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Central Time

Virtual via Zoom

Approved for 2.5 hours of Texas MCLE credit



Agenda

2:00 - 2:10 PM

Welcome

Leonard M. Baynes

Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen

Distinguished Chair

Professor of Law

University of Houston Law Center

2:10 - 2:30 PM

The Problem of Immigration in a Slaveholding Republic

Kevin Kenny

Glucksman Professor of History

Director of Glucksman Ireland House

New York University

2:30 - 2:50 PM

U.S. Immigration Policy Regarding Asians, 1790-1965

Gabriel "Jack" Chin

Edward L. Barrett Jr. Chair & Martin Luther King Jr.

Professor of Law

Director of Clinical Legal Education

UC Davis School of Law

2:50 - 3:10 PM

Jewish Immigration and the Galveston Movement of 1907-1914

Bryan Edward Stone

Professor of History

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi

3:10 - 3:30 PM

Historical Lessons Learned for Contemporary Practice

Daniel I. Morales

Associate Professor of Law

Dwight Olds Chair

University of Houston Law Center

3:30 - 3:50 PM

Black Voluntary Immigration to the U.S. and the Emerging African American Diaspora

Leonard M. Baynes

Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen

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Roundtable Discussion with Dean Baynes and All Panelists

BIOGRAPHIES



LEONARD M. BAYNES

*Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center*

Leonard M. Baynes, now the currently longest serving law dean in Texas, made history in 2014 with his appointment as the first dean of African descent of the University of Houston Law Center.

During his deanship, the UH Law Center's entering credentials increased from a median LSAT score of 159 to 161 and a median GPA of 3.47 to 3.75 with almost 20% of the students from first-generation college backgrounds and over 80% of first-generation law school backgrounds. Also, during his tenure, the ultramodern \$93 million, state-of-the-art John M. O'Quinn Law Building opened in 2022. Dean Baynes initiated an award-winning Pre-Law Pipeline Program designed to create more opportunities for first-generation, economically challenged, and under-resourced college students.

In 2020, Dean Baynes was named to the Lawyers of Color Power List by the Lawyers of Color Foundation. In 2022, he was recognized by the AALS with the Clyde Ferguson Award and by his alma mater, Columbia University School of Law, with the Paul Robeson Award. Dean Baynes has written more than 35 law review articles and in 2020 published a casebook titled *Communications Law in the Public Interest* with Wolters Kluwer.



GABRIEL "JACK" CHIN

*Edward L. Barrett Jr. Chair of Law
Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law
Director of Clinical Legal Education
University of California Davis School of Law*

Gabriel "Jack" Chin is a teacher and scholar of Immigration Law, Criminal Procedure, and Race and Law. His scholarship has appeared in the *Penn*, *UCLA*, *Cornell*, and *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties* law reviews and the *Yale*, *Duke* and *Georgetown* law journals among others. The U.S. Supreme Court cited his work on collateral consequences of criminal conviction in *Chaidez v. United States*, 133 S. Ct. 1103, 1109 (2013), in which the Court called his *Cornell Law Review* article "the principal scholarly article on the subject" and in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 130 S. Ct. 1473 (2010), which agreed with his contention that the Sixth Amendment required defense counsel to advise clients about potential deportation consequences of guilty pleas. Justice Sotomayor cited his *Penn Law Review* article in her dissent in *Utah v. Strieff*, 136 S. Ct. 2056, 2070 (2016).

He teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Immigration, and is Director of Clinical Legal Education. He also works with students on professional projects. His efforts with students to repeal Jim Crow laws still on the books includes a successful 2003 petition to the Ohio legislature to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment, 136 years after the state disapproved it during the ratification process. He and his students also achieved the repeal of anti-Asian alien land laws which were on the books in Kansas, New Mexico and Wyoming. For this work, "A" Magazine named him one of the "25 Most Notable Asians in America." In connection with classes with a practical component, he has tried felony cases and argued criminal appeals with his students.



KEVIN KENNY

*Glucksman Professor of History
New York University*

Kevin Kenny is Glucksman Professor of History at New York University. He received his PhD in US History from Columbia University. His books include *Making Sense of the Molly Maguires* (1998; 25th anniversary edition, 2023), *The American Irish: A History* (2000), *Peaceable Kingdom Lost: The Paxton Boys and the Destruction of William Penn's Holy Experiment* (2009), *Diaspora: A Very Short Introduction* (2013), and most recently, *The Problem of Immigration in a Slaveholding Republic: Policing Mobility in the Nineteenth-Century United States* (2023), which won the James A. Rawley Prize and the Theodore Saloutos Award. A Distinguished Lecturer of the Organization of American Historians, Professor Kenny served as President of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society from 2021 to 2024.

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**DANIEL I. MORALES**

Associate Professor of Law

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University of Houston Law Center

Professor Daniel I. Morales is a scholar and theorist of immigration law known for his work challenging the legality of immigration controls and highlighting the advantages of a less nationalized immigration system. His scholarship has appeared in leading law reviews, including the *N.Y.U. Law Review*, *U.C. Irvine Law Review*, *Indiana Law Journal*, and *Wake Forest Law Review*. He is a co-editor, with Professor Nick De Genova, of a forthcoming book from Duke University Press exploring the applicability of abolitionist thought to the migration context.

Professor Morales is a frequent contributor to local and national media. He has published op-eds in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, and has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and many other national and local print publications. Professor Morales has also provided expert commentary on NPR's *Here & Now*, Southern California Public Radio's *AirTalk* with Larry Mantle, and Houston Public Media's *Town Square* with Ernie Manouse.

Professor Morales began his academic career as a William H. Hastie Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School and subsequently clerked for both the Hon. R. Guy Cole Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, and the Hon. Joan B. Gottschall, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and his B.A., magna cum laude, from Williams College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He practiced law at Jenner & Block LLP and Kirkland & Ellis LLP and teaches Constitutional Law, Immigration Law, and seminars on legal theory.

**BRYAN EDWARD STONE**

Professor of History

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi

Bryan Edward Stone is an award-winning community college professor at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he teaches courses in U.S. History. He was named a 2024 Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, which recognizes ten Texas college and university faculty annually. He has also received the 2024 Western Regional Teaching Award from the Association of Community College Trustees; the 2021 Teacher of the Year Award from Del Mar College; and the 2019 Del Mar College Aileen Creighton Award for Teaching Excellence. His latest book is *Neither Fish nor Fowl: A Mercantile Jewish Family on the Rio Grande*, the edited memoir of Morris S. Riskind of Eagle Pass, Texas. Bryan is the author of *The Chosen Folks: Jews on the Frontiers of Texas* (2010), which won the Southern Jewish Historical Society Book Prize in 2011, and the editor of Alexander Gurwitz's historical memoir *Memories of Two Generations: A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas* (2016).

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