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Ph.D. Candidate, Boston College Expected Date of Completion: 2025

Field: American History

Dissertation Working Title: “Local Theocracies: Joint Religious-Public Schools and the Rise of Disestablishment in Nineteenth-Century America”

Advisor: Heather Cox Richardson

# Research Interests:

United States Constitutional History, History of Church and State in America, History of Religion in America and the Atlantic World, History of Public Education in America, History of Public Perceptions of Science and the Environment in America, History of Science Education in America

# Professional Experience

**Education:**

Boston College (2020-present)

Teaching Assistant, History 1113 African Diaspora and the World I Fall 2020

Professor Priya Lal

Teaching Assistant, History 1114 African Diaspora and the World II Spring 2021

Professor Martin Summers

Teaching Assistant, History 1067 America in the World I Fall 2021

Professor Heather Cox Richardson

Teaching Assistant, History 1068 America in the World II Spring 2022

Professor Seth Jacobs

Teaching Assistant, History 1012 Atlantic Worlds II Fall 2023

Professor Chandra Mallampalli

Teaching Assistant, History 1002 Europe in the World II Spring 2024

Professor Robert Savage

**Research Fellowship:**

Cromwell Fellowship for Early Career Scholars in 2023-2024

American Legal History

**Law and Religion Project**:

Robin Miller Radner (2011-present)

Self-employed independent analyst, researcher and educator promoting awareness and

understanding of history and topics relating to law and religion in America. Lectures to civic

groups, professional organizations, and religious communities on the impact of religion on a wide

range of social, cultural, scientific, and political issues. Essayist, blogger.

**Child Welfare Law**:

Assistant County Attorney, Orange County Department of Law, Goshen, NY (1993-1995)

Represented Departments of Social Services, Juvenile Probation and the Office of Child Support

enforcement in child protective and juvenile justice proceedings, and administrative

support hearings. Argued motions and was lead trial attorney on cases involving physical and

sexual abuse of children, physical and emotional neglect of minors, juvenile delinquency,

children in need of supervision, and child support enforcement.

Deputy County Attorney, Onondaga County Department of Law, Syracuse, NY (1989-1991)

Trial attorney and litigator. Represented Departments of Social Services and Juvenile Probation in

child protective and juvenile justice proceedings. Lead trial attorney in child abuse and

neglect, juvenile delinquency, and child in need of supervision cases.

**Education Law**:

Associate, Pelletreau and Pelletreau, Patchogue, NY (1991)

Education Law specialist at general practice law firm. Advised public school district clients

on policy matters and civil litigation.

Associate, O’Hara and Crough, P.C., Liverpool, NY (1987-1989)

Civil litigator and Education Law specialist at general practice law firm. Represented school

districts in administrative and civil proceedings. Vetted school manuals to ensure policies were

constitutional, particularly regarding health, safety, and privacy. Prepared newsletters and was part

of the team that gave seminars to clients on legal issues affecting public schools.

**General Practice**:

Contracts Specialist, SunLife Financial, Wellesley, MA (2000-2001)

Prepared stop loss insurance contracts for multi-national financial services corporation on a

temporary contract basis.

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Saddle River, NJ (1992)

Assisted with documentation and federal regulatory agency filings on a temporary contract basis.

Law Office of Kenneth Guttenplan, Great Neck, NY (1992)

Litigation support consultant for matrimonial law firm. Represented private clients in

custody and support hearings.

**Administrative/Managerial:**

Office Manager, Radner Design Associates, Sudbury, MA (2003-2006)

Managed day-to-day operations of landscape architectural firm. Assisted with marketing,

supply orders, research, and billing.

Administrator, Advocates, Framingham, MA (2002-2003)

Assisted clients and provided administrative support to counseling and medical staff at

community-based, outpatient mental health clinic.

# Education

**Boston College, PhD Student** 2019-present

Studying the history of law, religion, and science in America

Advisor: Heather Cox Richardson

**University at Buffalo School of Law, JD** May 1987

Coursework/Primary Areas of Interest: Constitutional Law and History; First Amendment Law; Public Employment Law; Public Education Law; Child Welfare Law; Corporations; Law, Culture and Society Research Seminar; Trial Techniques

Organizations: Phi Alpha Delta Legal Honor Society

**Nazareth College, BA Political Science, *cum laude*** May 1983

Pre-Law Concentration

Minored in Modern Foreign Languages

Primary Coursework: Modern Revolutions; Macro Economics; Public Policy; Advanced French Translation; French Culture and History; Commercial French; French Literature; German; Italian; Russian; Classical Rhetoric; Pre-Law Internship at Monroe County Public Defender’s Office

Honors and Awards:

German Consulate Award for Outstanding First-Year German Student

Pi Delta Phi International French Honor Society

Pi Gamma Mu National Social Sciences Honor Society

William Woerner Foundation Merit Scholarship for Dean’s List Scholars

# Professional Training

Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence: 2020-present

Grading in Canvas

Canvas Basics

Boston College Graduate Student Teaching Conference

Fundamentals of Teaching Online

Boston College History Department:

Workshop: Teaching Online for History Instructors

Organization of American Historians:

Building a Media Presence for Historians

Omohundro Institute of Early American Historians:

Podcasting for Historians

American Historical Association:

Seminar for Independent Scholars and Public Historians

# Representative list of Lectures/Seminars Presented

“Educational Borderlands: Joint Catholic-Public Schools in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Comhfhios, the Graduate Irish Studies Conference at Boston College (2022)

“The History of Women on the Supreme Court,” The 405 Talk Show for The Esquire Network (2020)

“Taking Care in Difficult Times: Success Stories at the Intersection of Law, Science and Religion,” Congregation B’nai Torah (2017)

“Forbidden Fruit: The Impact of Religious Freedom Claims on Science and Education,” Congregation B’nai Torah (2016)

“A Brief History of the Death Penalty in America,” Newton-Wellesley Public Library (2015)

“Challenges to the First Amendment: Preserving the Separation of Church and State,” York Diversity Forum (2015)

“Dismantling the Wall: Women’s Rights and Civil Liberties in the Post-Establishment Clause Era (Life After Hobby Lobby),” Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers (2014)

# Current Projects

**Dissertation:**

“Local Theocracies: Joint Religious-Public Schools and the Rise of Disestablishment in Nineteenth-Century America,” (projected date of completion: 2025)

**Articles/Essays**:

The Law and Religion Project Blog (lawreligionproject.wordpress.com)

**Courses**:

Current Topics in Religion and State for Adult and Community Education Programs

# Web/Social Media

Website: www.RobinRadner.com

Twitter: @RRadner

Blog: LawReligionProject.wordpress.com

Facebook: Robin M. Radner- Writer, Commentator

LinkedIn: Robin Miller Radner

# Representative Continuing education/Conferences Attended

“Non-fiction Article Writing,” Emerson College 2000

“Religious Accommodation in the Age of Civil Rights,” Harvard Law School 2013

“Law, Religion and American Health Care,” Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, 2014

# Organizations And Licensure

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History

American Society for Legal History

Organization of American Historians

Society for US Intellectual History

Boston Area Legal History Colloquium

**Bar Admissions**:

New York State Bar (retired)

District of Columbia Bar (inactive)

# Advocacy

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Civil Liberties Union

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

National Center for Science Education

# Representative Volunteer/Community service Work

Board Member, Massachusetts Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State: Attend meetings, support efforts to address separation of church and state controversies at state and local levels

Friends of the Framingham Public Library Volunteer: Sort and catalog donations, maintain displays, assist with sales and fundraising campaigns

Framingham Public Schools Elementary School Library Aide (K-5): Read books to elementary school children, helped them select books from the library, assisted school librarian with cataloguing, shelving and maintenance

Framingham High School Theater Production Volunteer: Cast member for joint school/community production of “The Laramie Project”

# Languages

English: Native Language

French: Intermediate Listener, Intermediate Speaker, Advanced Reading and Intermediate Writing

German: Novice Listener, Speaker, Reading and Writing

Italian: Novice Listener, Novice Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Novice Writing

Russian: Novice Listener, Novice Speaker, Intermediate Reading and Novice Writing