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BIO

I am an intellectual and legal historian. I aim in my research to understand the historical development of important social, political, and legal institutions and doctrines, such as sovereignty, the state, and international law. My current book project - called "Civilization and the Law of Nations" - re-constructs the assumptions about human nature and human sociability that animated the work of the early modern lawyers whose contributions gave initial shape to European ideas of international legal order. I especially wish to understand why these particular beliefs about human nature came to be regarded as universally applicable at a time of greater global and inter-cultural exchange. My PhD project focused on the reception of ancient Roman political and legal ideas and their role in shaping the modern state.

Before coming to Stanford, I was a postdoctoral fellow in the History Department at the University of Zürich, where I worked on a project tracing the reception of ancient Roman legal and political ideas across different points in European history. I earned my PhD in History in 2021 at the University of California, Los Angeles.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- COLLEGE Lecturer, Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, University of California, Los Angeles , History (2021)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2025-26

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Global Capitals: How Cities Shape Cultures, States, and People: COLLEGE 118 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Machiavelli's State and its Later Reception** *Jus Cogens: Philosophy and Critique*
  Dymond, J.
  2025; 7
- **Association and Corporation in Early Modern Jurisprudence** *Natural Law and Domestic Government in the Early Modern Period*
  Dymond, J.
  Brill.2025
- **Ciceronian Jurisprudence and the Law of Nations** *The Historical Journal*
  Dymond, J.
  2024; 67 (1)
- **Human Character and the Formation of the State: Reconsidering Machiavelli and Polybius 6** *Journal of the History of Ideas*
  Dymond, J.
  2021; 82 (1)