

Legal Knowledge Trailer

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Meggan Cashwell 00:11

I'm Meggan Cashwell, postdoctoral fellow at UVA Law Special Collections and co-editor of a forthcoming volume on the history of legal education at UVA. For the past three and a half years, I've been working with a group of scholars to tell the history of the Law School from different perspectives. Each scholar is writing a chapter for this volume, and while the book itself is still in progress, I thought, Why wait? Let's start these conversations now.

David Konig 00:38

We look at Lomax and if we look at Davis, we see a not uncritical approach to much of the law of the time.

Justene Hill Edwards 00:47

We can go through student notebooks and really track how faculty introduced slavery as a legal concept.

Randall Flaherty 00:56

John Minor was very famous in the South as a legal educator. He was very dedicated throughout his career to growing the reputation of the University.

Laura Edwards 01:04

Women, regardless of their status as slave or free, Black or white, they needed to know legal rules to navigate the world.

Meggan Cashwell 01:14

This is *Legal Knowledge*, a podcast that chronicles the history of the Law School at the University of Virginia. In this inaugural season, I'll be sitting down with these scholars to discuss the first hundred years of UVA Law, from Thomas Jefferson's founding vision for the Law School in 1819 to coeducation in 1920. Each of them will share their insights about the Law School's past, discuss the specific sources and discoveries that have been illuminating for them, and consider the importance of this history in the present day.

Anne Coughlin 01:46

As a female faculty member, as a woman who has been teaching at the UVA Law School since 1996, I'm part of this history and I've learned things about my own history that I previously just didn't know.

Liz Varon 01:58

Our role in the present is to be the place that researches and analyzes and sees and testifies that history, more honestly and more carefully and more fully than any place else.

Meggan Cashwell 02:13

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