

that furthered liberal policy goals. As these articles reveal, the complex legal order of postwar California provides an excellent medium for studying the laws and legal institutions that have shaped contemporary society both in this state and nationally.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Among the goals of the California Supreme Court Historical Society and its journal are to encourage the study of California legal history and give exposure to new research in the field. Publication of the following "Student Symposium" furthers both of these goals.

Professor Reuel Schiller, whose course offerings at UC Hastings include a seminar on American Legal History, devoted his spring 2012 course to "The Rise and Fall of Legal Liberalism." Professor Schiller — who is also a member of the journal's Editorial Board — graciously agreed to propose to his seminar students that they consider writing on California aspects of legal liberalism with the possibility that the most promising papers might be accepted by the journal. From those provided by Professor Schiller, I have selected the five that appear on the following pages as our first presentation of a Student Symposium in the field of legal history in California.¹

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¹ The papers provided by Professor Schiller also included the one that appears here by Jeremy Zeitlin, which was written for Professor Joseph Grodin (another member of the journal's Editorial Board).