



Andrew T. Fede '78 Considers History, Equality and Roads Not Taken

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The September 17, 2024 issue of Montclair State University (MSU) Alumni News featured a [profile](#) on partner and MSU alum Andrew T. Fede. Deviating from his initial plan to teach social studies, Andy used his history degree as a path to law school – but he circled back, returning to Montclair as an adjunct instructor and authoring several books that merge his love of history with his knowledge of law. For more than 40 years, Andy has maintained a diverse practice focused on several areas, which include appellate litigation, business and governmental civil litigation, municipal law, zoning and planning, real estate tax appeal, and labor and employment. Since 1986, Andy has been an adjunct professor at MSU, teaching a variety of law courses in the University's Department of Political Science and Law. In addition, Andy has successfully merged his expertise in law, his desire to educate others, and his love of history through the publication of numerous articles and books exploring the intersection of law, slavery, and race-based inequality in the United States. His newest book is titled, *A Degraded Caste of Society: Unequal Protection of the Law as a Badge of Slavery*, released by the University of Georgia Press.

A Degraded Caste of Society continues Andy's interest in how written law impacts equitable treatment. His books form a series, with the first an overview of enslavement law, the second focusing on manumission, and the third comparing homicide law involving enslaved people in the United States with other slave societies.

To read Andy's complete profile on Montclair State University Alumni News, click [here](#).

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