

## ROBINSON WOODWARD-BURNS

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania, Political Science, 2017  
Dis.: *American Reconstitution: How the States Stabilize American Constitutional Development*  
Committee: Rogers Smith (chair), Mark Graber, Anne Norton
- M.A. University of Pennsylvania, Political Science, 2014  
Fields: Political Theory, American Politics, American Political Development
- M.A. University of Maryland, Government and Politics, 2012  
Fields: American Politics and Political Theory
- B.A. College of William and Mary, *magna cum laude*, 2010  
Majors: Government and Philosophy
- Visiting Student, University of Oxford, Hertford College, 2009  
Major: Politics and International Relations

### EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, Howard University, Department of Political Science, 2017-present

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Articles

“Solitude before Society: Emerson on Self-Reliance, Abolitionism, and Moral Suasion.” *Polity* 48.1 (2016): 29–54.

#### Book Reviews

“The Critical Minute: Recording and Remembering Early American Political Thought.” *The Tulsa Law Review*, forthcoming 2019.

#### Other Publications

“The Equal Rights Amendment Is One State from Ratification. Now What?” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, June 20, 2018

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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“For the Punishment of Crime: The Antebellum Northern Foundation of Convict Slavery”  
Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, U. of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, 2018

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Laboratories of Democracy? State Constitutional Antecedents to Federal Constitutional Rights” (with David Bateman and Stephan Stolher)

American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2017

Law and Society Association Meeting, June 2018

Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2017

“From the States to the Nation with the Nineteenth Amendment” (with Dawn Teele)

American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2017

Law and Society Association Meeting, June 2017

State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2017

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, January 2017

“When All Uniters Are Isolated: Emerson’s Antislavery Constitutionalism”

Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 2017

American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2017

Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2017

Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship Conference, Johns Hopkins University, March 2017

Graduate Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, March 2017

Association for Political Theory Conference, October 2016

“The Union Indissoluble: Suffrage, Federalism, and Jacksonian Constitutional Stability”

Graduate Conference in Public Law, University of Texas, October 2016

American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2016

Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 2016

“Experience Must Be Our Only Guide: Constitutional Instability at the American Founding”

Penn Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Graduate Workshop, September 2015

Graduate Conference in Public Law, University of Texas, September 2015

“American Reconstitution: Federal and State Constitutional Development since 1776”

American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2015

Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2015

Graduate Political Science Conference, University of Pennsylvania, February 2015

“Rousseau and Emerson on Solitude, Sympathy, and the American Indian”

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2014

Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 2014

“Violence and Moral Suasion in David Walker’s *Appeal*”

Graduate Political Science Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March 2013

“Emerson on Solitude and Conversation”

French-Italian Graduate Society Conference, University of Pennsylvania, March 2013

Graduate Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, January 2013

“Egalitarian Duties and Emersonian Citizenship”

New England Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012

“Divided Liberalism: Tocqueville and Emerson on the Jacksonian Democrats”

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012

Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 2012

Political Theory Workshop, University of Maryland, November 2011

“Limits of Lockean Reparations for African American Slavery”

Government Honors Workshop, College of William and Mary, November 2009

## TEACHING

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### Howard University

Instructor

Graduate

American Political Thought, Fall 2018

Nature and Uses of Political Theory, Spring 2018

Undergraduate

Constitutional Law I: Government Powers, Fall 2017

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties, Spring 2018

### University of Pennsylvania

Instructor

Introduction to American Politics, Summer 2016, 2017

Teaching Assistant

Modern American Constitutional Law, Spring 2015

Early American Constitutional Law, Fall 2014

American Political Thought, Spring 2014

Modern Political Thought, Fall 2013

Center for Teaching and Learning:

Trainer for Teaching Assistants, August 2016

Teaching Certificate, October 2015

### University of Maryland

Teaching Assistant

Political Theory: Ancient and Modern, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Introduction to Political Theory, Summer 2011

American Government and Politics, Spring 2011

### Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth

Teaching Assistant

International Politics, Summer 2011, 2012

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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### Awards

McWilliams Award for Best Faculty Paper in Political Theory, NPSA, 2018

Nominated, Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper, NPSA, 2018

Tom Carsey Award, American Political Science Association, 2017

Prestage-Cook Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2017

Best Graduate Student Poster in Law and Courts, American Political Science Association, 2015

## Fellowships

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Howard University, 2018  
Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2012-17  
Summer Fellowship, Jack Miller Center, 2015, 2017  
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2010-12  
Jessie Ball DuPont Scholarship, 2008

## Grants

Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2018  
Faculty Startup Grant, Howard University, 2017-9  
School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-7  
Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2013, 2016  
Graduate & Professional Student Association Travel Grant, U. of Pennsylvania, 2014-6  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2015  
School of Arts and Sciences Grad. Student Government Travel Award, U. of Pennsylvania, 2014  
Jacob K. Goldhaber Grant, University of Maryland, 2012  
Department Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2012  
Academic Competitiveness Grant, U.S. Department of Education, 2008

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Co-Investigator

American State Constitutions Project, with David Bateman and Stephan Stohler, 2016-present

### Research Assistant

Assistant to Stephan Stohler, Summer 2016  
Center for American Politics and Citizenship, University of Maryland, Summer 2010

### Invited Participant

Institute for Constitutional History, Antislavery Constitutionalism Seminar, 2018  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Slavery and the Constitution, 2018  
Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, 2015, 2017  
Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland School of Law, 2012-3, 2017-8  
Summer Institute for Civic Studies, Tufts University, 2013

### Other

Writer covering DC politics for *Petworth News*, 2018-present  
Consultant to Brennan Center for Justice on U.S. Supreme Court *amicus curiae* brief for *Evenwel v. Abbott*, 578 U.S. \_\_\_ (2016), 2016  
Intern for Office of U.S. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, Summer 2007-08

## MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

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### Memberships

American Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
National Capital Area Political Science Association  
Association for Political Theory  
Law and Society Association

## Service

Undergrad. Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Political Science, Howard University, 2018-present  
Faculty Advisor, Charles Hamilton Houston Society, Howard University, 2017-present  
Pre-Law Advisor, Department of Political Science, Howard University, 2017-present  
Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, Howard University, 2017-present  
Graduate Student Organization Chair, Dept. of Political Science, U. of Pennsylvania, 2013-14  
Admissions Committee, Dept. Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2011-12

## REFERENCES

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