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EDUCATION

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

M.A. University of Maryland, Government and Politics, 2012

B.A. College of William and Mary, *magna cum laude*, 2010

Visiting Student, University of Oxford, Hertford College, 2009

EMPLOYMENT

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

“Trump Wants to Change the Rules of Citizenship. Here Are Three Reasons His Proposal Might Be Unconstitutional.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, October 31, 2018

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Emerson on Self-Reliance, Mobbing, and Constitutional Reform”
Political Theory Workshop, Department of Government, Georgetown University, Sept. 2018
- “For the Punishment of Crime: The Antebellum Northern Foundation of Convict Slavery”
Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland School of Law, February 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “For the Punishment of Crime: The Antebellum Northern Foundation of Convict Slavery”
Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 2018
- “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

Howard University

Instructor, Graduate Courses

American Political Thought, Fall 2018

Nature and Uses of Political Theory, Spring 2018

Instructor, Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2019

Constitutional Law I: Government Powers, Fall 2017

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties, Spring 2018, 2019

University of Pennsylvania

Instructor, Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to American Politics, Summer 2016, 2017

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

Modern American Constitutional Law, Spring 2015

Early American Constitutional Law, Fall 2014

American Political Thought, Spring 2014

Modern Political Thought, Fall 2013

University of Maryland

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Courses

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

Introduction to Political Theory, Summer 2011

American Government and Politics, Spring 2011

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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 and 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

Co-Investigator

American State Constitutions Project, an analytically-coded repository of provisions in all American state constitutions, with startup funding from Cornell University, SUNY – Albany, and Howard University. 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
Teaching Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, 2015
Intern for Office of U.S. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, Summer 2007-08

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Memberships

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

University Service

Howard University, Department of Political Science
Graduate Dissertation Advisor, one student, 2018-present
Graduate Dissertation Committee Member, two students, 2018-present
Undergraduate Honors Advisor, two students, 2018-present
Awards Committee Member, 2017-present
Faculty Advisor to Charles Hamilton Houston Pre-Law Society, 2017-present
Pre-Law Advisor, 2017-present
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science
Graduate Student Organization Chair, 2013-14
University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12

Professional Service

Reviewer for *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*
Discussant and Chair, Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 2018

REFERENCES

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