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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of Michigan, Department of Political Science (Sept. 2013)

Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, Department of Political Science (2006 - 2013)

EDUCATION

Gilbane Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Theory. Brown University (2005 – 2006)

Princeton University. Ph.D. Politics (January 2006). Dissertation: *The Constitution of Conflict*.

University of Texas at Austin. B.A. Government/Plan II Liberal Arts Honors (May 1999)
Phi Beta Kappa, high honors. Special Honors in Government.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Current Research

My current research explores antebellum activism around family, sociality, and the political economy of feelings in the context of constitutional antislavery. Drawing on Gretchen Ritter's concept of the "Social Constitution," I explore how Black and white antislavery activists, including the (Frederick) Douglass family, the Forten family, the Purvis family, and the Grimké sisters self-consciously created family and social networks to support an intergenerational human rights struggle. What implications does their activism have for how we understand political agency within a statist system, and the terms of constitutional reproduction/transformation?

Chapters

"What does 'War' Mean?," *Constitution of Conflict: Separation of Powers and American Constitutionalism* (Benjamin Keinerman, Connor Ewing, Charles Zug, eds., University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming)

"Frederick Douglass and Constitutional Emergency: An Homage to the Political Creativity of Abolitionist Activism," *States of Exception in American History* (Gery Gerstle and Joel Isaac, eds., Chicago University Press, 2020)

"The Constitutional Politics of the Executive Branch," *The Oxford Handbook of the U.S. Constitution*, eds. Mark Tushnet, Mark A. Graber, and Stanford Levinson (Oxford University Press, 2015)

“The Relational Conception of War Powers” *The Limits of Constitutional Democracy*, Stephen Macedo and Jeffrey Tulis, eds., (Princeton University Press, 2010)

Book

War Powers: The Politics of Constitutional Authority (Princeton University Press, May 2013). Richard E. Neustadt Book Award from the Presidents & Executive Politics Section of the APSA for the best book on the American presidency in 2013.

Book conferences:

Boston University Law Review Symposium (October 2014); *Tulane Law School*, New Orleans (October 2013); *Georgetown Law School* (September 2013).

Reviews:

Symposium edition: “War Powers and the Constitution: A Symposium on Stephen M. Griffin’s *Long Wars and the Constitution* and Mariah Zeisberg’s *War Powers: The Politics of Constitutional Authority*” *Boston University Law Review* vol. 94:4 (July 2015). Authors include Stephen Griffin, Douglas Kriner, Pnina Lahav, Gary Lawson, Kaija Schilde. <http://www.bu.edu/bulawreview/volume-95-number-4-july-2015/>

“Constitutionalism and War-Making,” Peter Shane, *Texas Law Review* 92:689-715 (February 2014). [Available at: <http://www.texasrev.com/wp-content/uploads/Shane.pdf>]

“War Powers: The Politics of Constitutional Authority,” Bruce Peabody, *Congress and the Presidency* 41:2, 259-261 (May 2014)

Articles:

“Where’s the Middle? Constitutional Aspirations, Biased Institutions, and the Disappearing Middle Class,” eds. Jack Knight & Melissa Schwartzberg, *Wealth: NOMOS LVIII*. (New York: NYU Press, 2017): 146-157

"War Powers in a Global Order," *Drake University Law Review* 64(4) (2016), p 1097-1109

“Should We Elect the US Supreme Court?” *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 7 no. 4 (December 2009)

“A New Framing? Constitutional Representation at Philadelphia’s National Constitution Center” *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 6 no. 3 (September 2008)

“Religious Freedom in Canada and the United States” (co-authored with Christopher Eisgruber) *I•CON International Journal of Constitutional Law* (April 2006)

“Constitutional Fidelity and Interbranch Conflict” *The Good Society* vol. 13.3 (December 2004)

Book Reviews:

“Interpretation is a Political Power” *Boston University Law Review* 95:4 (2015) (response to journal symposium on my book)

“Review: The Structure of the American Civic Sphere” *Constitutional Commentary* 30:71 (2015)

“Review: Take Up Your Pen: Unilateral Presidential Directives in American Politics” *Law and Politics Book Review* 24(3) (March 2014)

“Review: *Power and Constraint: The Accountable Presidency After 9/11*” (review: *Power and Constraint* by Jack Goldsmith). 48 *Tulsa Law Review* 195 (2013)

“The Politics of Constitutional Fidelity” (review: Jack M. Balkin, *Living Originalism*) *University of Illinois Law Journal* 1212 (3): 801-814 (2012)

“Democratic Processualism” (book review: Stephen Elkin, *Reconstructing the Commercial Republic: Constitutional Design After Madison*) *The Journal of Social Philosophy* 41 (2): 202-209 (2010)

“Interpreting Constitutions: A Comparative Study” *Law and Politics Book Review* 16(8) (August 2006)

Public Writing:

“Testing the Judicial Capacity Model,” *Balkinization* (September 2019) (review of Andrew Coan’s *Rationing the Constitution*)

“Imagining a Federative Legislative Power,” *Starting Points* (February 19, 2018)
[<http://startingpointsjournal.com/imagining-federative-legislative-power/>]

“Executive Secrecy” (with William Howell), *Boston Review* (July 1, 2015) [<http://bostonreview.net/books-ideas/howell-zeisberg-executive-secrecy>]

“Debate over War Powers may yield positive outcome” (September 25, 2013)
[<http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2013/09/debate-over-war-powers-resolution-may-yield-positive-outcome/0>]

FELLOWSHIPS, Awards, Grants (selected)

Michigan Humanities Award (2023)

Department of Political Science Tronstein Outstanding Teaching Award (2021)

Telluride Faculty Fellowship (2020) (residential program, declined COVID)

Metrick Family Creativity and Collaboration in Curriculum Award (2019) (for developing an undergraduate PS course to promote respectful dialogue, collaboration, and discussion of difference)

Advance SUCCEED Faculty Fellowship (2019)

UM Center for Research on Learning and Teaching Instructional Development Fund, “Developing Curricula for Local History of Black Civil Rights” (2019)

Stephen Tatum Scholar, *University of Texas at Austin School of Law* (2009-10) (research fellowship)

Edmond J. Safra Faculty Fellowship in Ethics, *Harvard University* (2009-10) (declined)

Rising Scholars Award, *Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts*, University of Notre Dame (2006)

Gilbane Research Fellow in Political Theory, Brown University (2004-05)

Visiting Graduate Fellow, Government Department, *Harvard University* (2003-04)

Graduate Prize Fellowship, *Princeton University Center for Human Values* (2002-03)

University Fellowship, *Princeton University* (1999-2003)

Phi Beta Kappa (1999)

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society (1997-1999)

TEACHING

The Declaration of Independence (University of Michigan freshman seminar; also through CSP’s Summer Bridge Scholar Program)

Antislavery and the Constitution (University of Michigan)

What Is Law? (University of Michigan)

American Constitutional Politics (University of Michigan)

Separation of Powers (University of Michigan)

The Constitution Outside of the Courts (University of Michigan)

Constitutional Theory and Politics (University of Michigan)
 War and the Constitution (University of Texas Law School, University of Michigan)
 Judicial Politics (University of Michigan)
 Philosophy of Law (Brown, University of Michigan)
 Democratic Theory (Brown University; University of Michigan)
 Feminist Political Theory (Brown University)

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, and INVITED PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- “Naming ‘The Family’ as a vehicle of constitutional power,” University of Maryland School of Law Constitutional Law Schmooze. March 2024.
- “Punish Treason, Reward Loyalty, by Mark Graber,” Author Meets Critics panel, *American Political Science Association*. September 2023.
- “Frederick Douglass, Seizing Citizenship,” Workshop, *University of Michigan School of Law*. April 2023.
- “‘Conduct is more convincing than Language’: Family-making as constitutional activism in 19th century antislavery,” Conference on “Constitutionalism and the Free Society,” *McGill University*. April 2021.
- “Reading Between the Lines,” Symposium on Strauss, *James Madison Center at Michigan State University* November 2019.
- “Gary Jacobsohn’s Transforming Constitutional Identity,” Lifetime Achievement Award Panel, *American Political Science Association* (August 2019)
- “Emergence, Re-Emergence, and Emergency: Equality and White Supremacy in American Political Development,” Lincoln Symposium, Jack Miller Center, Philadelphia, August 2018
 Also presented at Carl Schmitt Conference, *University of Chicago*, May 2018
- “Towards a New Political Jurisprudence: Constitutional Elaboration,” Political Theory In/Of/As Political Science, McGill University, Montreal CA. May 2018
- “Hypocrisy’s Path: A Preliminary Study of Thomas Jefferson, Frederick Douglass, and the Racialized Constitution,” *Lincoln Symposium in American Political Thought*, Jack Reed Center, Philadelphia PA. August 2017.
- “Intersectionality, Legal Powers and Empire: An Exploration,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference*, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH. May 2016.
- “War Powers in a Global Age,” *Drake School of Law Constitutional Law Symposium*. April 2016.
- “Presidential War Powers: the Roosevelt Doctrine, Cold War, and War Powers Resolution” Daoud Family Lecture, Albion College, MI. April 2015.
- “Author Meets Critics: *The American Warfare State*” (Respondent to book by Rebecca Thorpe) *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago. April 2015.
- “Constitutional Authority and Political Process” (Discussant) *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago. April 2015.
- “Towards a Reflexive Constitutional Politics” (Keynote Address) University of Texas Conference on Public Law, Austin, TX. October 2014.
- “Emerging Directions in War Powers Research” (Roundtable) APSA, Washington, D.C., August 2014

- “War Powers: The Politics of Constitutional Authority,” University of Ottawa, *Center for International Policy Studies*, Ottawa Canada. January 2014. Also presented at:
 Women’s Studies & Political Science, *Franklin & Marshall University*, Lancaster PA. November 2013.
Emory University School of Law, Atlanta GA. November 2013.
Princeton University Public Law Colloquium, Princeton, NJ. September 2014.
- “A Decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind” (Paper). Constitutional Law Workshop, *University of Maryland School of Law*. February 2013.
- “Evaluating Constitutional War Authority in Two Cases: The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cambodian Incursion” (Paper). Political Philosophy Workshop, *University of Virginia*. February 2012. Presented earlier versions at:
 Conference on American Constitutional Development, *Harvard Law School*. October 2008.
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. March 2008.
 Walter Murphy Conference, ‘The Limits of Constitutional Democracy,’ *Princeton University*. Feb 2008.
- “A Limited Defense of Cold War Presidentialism” (Paper). *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. April 2013. Also presented version at:
 Duke-Harvard Foreign Relations Law Workshop, *Harvard Law School*. October 2011.
 Constitutional Theory Workshop, *Princeton University*. December 2010.
- “Coercive Acquisition as Constitutional Imperialism” (Paper). University of Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, *University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison*. October 2010. Also presented at:
APSA Annual Meeting, panel on ‘Constitutional Empire.’ August 2009.
- “Legislative Investigations as Security Power” (Paper). Political Theory Workshop, *Washington University*. St. Louis, MO. November 2010. Also presented versions at:
 Constitutional Law and Theory Colloquium, *Cornell Law School*. September 2010.
 Constitutional Law Colloquium, *University of Illinois College of Law*. September 2010.
AALS Annual Meeting, panel on ‘Constitutionalism in the Age of Obama.’ January 2010.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline:

- NEH peer review panelist, *Political Science & Jurisprudence* (2023)
 Co-editor, *Constitutional Thinking* series, University of Kansas Press (2019 – present)
 Faculty Editorial Board, *Michigan Journal of Law and Society* (2021 – present)
 Editorial board, *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, (2019-present)
 APSA American Political Thought Section’s Best Book Award Committee (2020)
 American Political Thought editorial board (2019 – present)
 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award Committee (APSA) (2017)
 Neustadt Prize Committee (APSA) (2016)
 Treasurer, Law and Courts Section of the APSA (2014-2016)
 Section Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)
 CQ Press Award committee (2007)

University:

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science (2022-present)
 Race, Law, & History Faculty Fellow (2023- present)
 UMAPS Mentor, African Studies Center (2024)
 Champion Ethics Slam Participant, UM Philosophy (2017, 2018, 2019)
 Undergraduate Admissions Review Committee (2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-21)
 Warrior-Scholar Project Faculty (2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021)
 Comprehensive Studies Summer Bridges Program (Summer 2016, 2018)
 LS&A Nominating Committee (Winter 2012, 2014)

University Senate (AY 2014-2017)

Manuscript Reviewer:

Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Law & Courts, American Journal of Political Science, Review of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Kansas University Press, American Political Thought, University Press of Kentucky, Yale University Press, Polity, Presidential Studies Quarterly, International Security, Journal of Legislative Studies, Cambridge University Press