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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2018-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Associate, Trinity College

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA 2016-2018
Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer
Program on Constitutionalism & Democracy

EDUCATION

PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (GOVERNMENT) 2016
Fields: Public Law, American Politics
Dissertation: “The Politics of Sovereignty: Federalism in American
Political Development”
Nominated for Corwin Award for Best Dissertation in Public Law

A.M., UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (SOCIAL SCIENCES) 2011
Thesis: “Federative Conflict: An Inquiry into the Role of Conflict in
the American Constitutional Order”

B.A., UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—MADISON 2008
Majors: Political Science, Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Law: constitutional theory, law, and development; rights jurisprudence;
comparative constitutional law and design
American Politics: federalism; political institutions; American political development;
American political thought

PUBLICATIONS

“From Predicate to Object: Constitutionalizing Sovereignty in the American Order.”
In *America Then and Now: Citizenship and Constitutionalism in American Politics*,
edited by Steven Pittz and Joseph Postell. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri
Press. (forthcoming)

“The Structural Articulation of ‘Equal Dignity.’” In *Probing Human Dignity:
Exploring the Margins from an Interdisciplinary Perspective*, edited by Stephanie
Arel, Vanessa Hellmann, and Levi Cooper. New York: Springer. (forthcoming)

“With Dignity and Justice for All: The Jurisprudence of ‘Equal Dignity’ and the
Partial Convergence of Liberty and Equality in American Constitutional Law.”
International Journal of Constitutional Law 16(3): 753-775. (2018)

“The Promises and Pathologies of Presidential Federalism.” *Presidential Studies
Quarterly* 48(3): 552-569. (2018, with Nicholas F. Jacobs)

“The Problem of Rule-Following in American Political Thought.” In *Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of James M. Buchanan*, edited by P. Aligica, C. Coyne, and S. Haeffele. London: Rowman & Littlefield International. (2018)

“Structure and Relationship in American Federalism: Foundations, Consequences, and ‘Basic Principles’ Revisited.” 51 *Tulsa Law Review* 689. (2016)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

The Politics of Sovereignty: Federalism in American Political Development (book manuscript)

Good Government: Separation of Powers and American Constitutionalism (book project, co-editor)

“Not so with different Governments’: Separation of Powers, Federalism, and the Limits of Constitutional Conflict” (under revision for edited volume)

“Dignity and America’s Multiple Constitutional Traditions”

“*Federalist* 39 as a (Messy) Model of Constitutional Development”

“The Judicial Construction of Federalism”

“Theory vs. Praxis: Constitutional Discourse and House Rule XII” (with Sean Theriault)

BOOK REVIEWS & POPULAR WRITING

“What happened to the State of the Union address? Originally, it helped the president and Congress deliberate,” THE MONKEY CAGE at *The Washington Post*, Jan. 30, 2018. (with Charles Zug)

“In the House but Not of the House?” LAW AND LIBERTY, Oct. 8, 2015.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Dignity and America’s Multiple Constitutional Traditions.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 2019. (*scheduled*)

“Dignity and America’s Multiple Constitutional Traditions.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. June 2019.

“The Political Architecture of the Compound Republic.” Ashbrook Center at Ashland University. Ashland, OH. March 2019. (*invited colloquium*)

“The Judicial Construction of Federalism.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 2018.

“Not so with different Governments: Separation of Powers, Federalism, and the Limits of Constitutional Conflict.” Lincoln Symposium in American Political Thought. Philadelphia, PA. August 2018. (*invited paper*)

“From Predicate to Object: Constitutionalizing Sovereignty in the American Order.” Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Colorado Springs, CO. April 2018.

“From Predicate to Object: Constitutionalizing Sovereignty in the American Order.” Lincoln Symposium in American Political Thought. Philadelphia, PA. August 2017. (*invited paper*)

“*Federalist 39* as a (Messy) Model of Constitutional Development.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

“Discourse vs. Institutions: A Response to Pamela Brandwein” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. October, 2016. (*invited*)

“The Structural Articulation of ‘Equal Dignity.’” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

“From Law to Governance: The Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the Reconstruction of American Federalism.” Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Columbia, MO. May 2016.

“Relational Federalism: Constitutional Logic vs. Constitutional Law.” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. September 2016.

“Federalism, the Separation of Power(s), and the Puzzle of Constitutional Authority.” Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Columbia, MO. May 2015.

“Federalism, the Separation of Power(s), and the Puzzle of Constitutional Authority.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2015.

“Structure and Relationship in American Federalism: Foundations, Consequences, and ‘Basic Principles’ Revisited.” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. October, 2014.

“The Politics of Sovereignty: Structure and Relationship in American Federalism.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Seattle, WA. April 2014.

“The Two Logics of American Federalism, 1787-1837.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto & Trinity College

- Civil Liberties in the United States (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- Ethics and Society: Human Dignity (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- Political Economy and Social Inequality (Fall 2018-Winter 2019, Fall 2019-Winter 2020)
- American Political Development (Winter 2019)

University of Virginia

- The American Political Tradition (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- Constitutional Democracy: The Theory & Design of Modern Government (Spring 2018)

University of Texas

- Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties (TA, Spring 2016)
- Introduction to American Government (Supp. Instructor, Fall 2015)
- Issues and Policies in American Government: American Political Parties (Asst. Instructor—University Extension, Fall 2014-Summer 2016)
- Introduction to American Government (TA, Summer 2014)
- U.S. Congress (TA, Spring 2014)
- Constitutional Law: Structure of Power (TA, Fall 2013)
- Religion and Politics in the United States (TA, Summer 2013)

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

- Reviewer for *Law & Social Inquiry*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Political Science Review*
- Organizer, Shawnee Trail Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism (2019, 2020)
- Co-editor, *The New Rambler Review* (2019-present)
- Co-founder and co-organizer, University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law (2014)
- Co-founder and co-chair, University of Texas Public Law Lunch (Fall 2012-Spring 2014; Spring 2016)
- Member of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and Law & Society Association

HONORS

- SSHRC Exchange Grant (Trinity College), 2019 (\$600 CAD)
- Intercontinental Academia on Human Dignity; 2015-2016, 2019
- Bradley Research Fellowship, 2016 (\$8,000)
- University of Texas Summer Research Fellowship, 2016 (\$6,500)
- Macdonald Summer Fellowship, 2015 (\$5,500)
- Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, 2015
- University of Texas Professional Development Grant; 2014, 2015, 2016 (\$300-\$400)
- University of Texas Tuition Grant, Spring 2015 (\$3,500)
- Macdonald Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-2015 (\$8,500)
- Macdonald Fellowship, University of Texas, 2012-2013 (\$25,000)
- University of Chicago Tuition Scholarship, 2010-2011 (\$16,000)

RESEARCH
SKILLS

- Languages: French and Spanish (research proficient); Biblical Hebrew (elementary)
- Introductory knowledge of STATA, SPSS, and Python