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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-2021, Director, The Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage
- 2016-2021, Wick Cary Chair in Constitutional Studies
- 2017-2019, Presidential Teaching Fellow, Honors College, University of Oklahoma
- 2012- present Second Century Presidential and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma
- 2012-2013- Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008 - Affiliated Faculty, Institute for American Constitutional Heritage, University of Oklahoma
- 2006-2012- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania (2005)
- M.A. University of Pennsylvania (2001)
- B.A. Colorado State University (1996)

DISSERTATION

- *The Not-So-Great Writ: Habeas Corpus and American Political Development*
 - **Awarded the 2006 APSA Edward S. Corwin Award for the Best Dissertation in Public Law**
 - Committee: Rogers M. Smith (Chair), Marie Gottschalk, and John DiIulio

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *The Rise and Fall of the Voting Rights Act* (with Charles S. Bullock, III & Keith Gaddie) (University of Oklahoma Press, 2016)
 - **Winner of the 2018 V.O. Key Award for the best book on southern politics**
 - **Cited in *US v. Brnovich 19-1257 (2021) J. Kagan, diss.***
- *Habeas Corpus in America: The Politics of Individual Rights* (University Press of Kansas, 2011) (2nd ed. With new preface, 2023)
 - **Cited in *Davenport v. Williams, No. 20-826 (2022) J. Kagan, diss***
 - Reviewed in: *Choice; Perspectives on Politics; American Historical Review; Political Science Quarterly; Review of Politics; Tulsa Law Review; Law & Politics Book Review* (5 reviews); *Library Journal*
 - Author Meets Critics Roundtable, Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2012
- *The Extraordinary Effects of Ordinary Politics: Constitutional Rights During War and Crisis* (in progress)

Articles & Book Chapters

- “Constitutional History in Constitutional Interpretation,” (multi book essay), *Perspectives on Politics*, 2022
- “Magna Carta & Habeas Corpus,” in, Andrea Martinez, Reb Brownell, & Daniel Magraw, eds (foreword by Sandra Day O’Connor), Magna Carta and the Rule of Law. American Bar Association, 2014.
- “Roberts’ Road: Judicial Independence and the Roberts Court,” *Extensions*, 2013
- “Seats, Votes, Citizens, and History in the One-Person, One-Vote Problem” (with Ronald Keith Gaddie and Charles S. Bullock) *Stanford Law & Policy Review* (Spring 2012)
- “Benedick v. Beatrice: *Citizens United* and the Reign of the Laggard Court” (with Charles S. Bullock and Ronald Keith Gaddie) *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* (Spring 2011)
- “With a Little Help from a Friend: Habeas Corpus and Magna Carta After Runnymede” *PS: Political Science and Politics* (Summer 2010)
- “Before KKV, V.O. Key: Southern Politics and Social Science Methodology” (with Ronald Keith Gaddie) in, Todd G. Shields, ed., Unlocking V. O. Key’s Southern Politics, Little Rock: University of Arkansas Press, 2010
- “The Electoral College and Voting Rights” (with Charles S. Bullock and Ronald Keith Gaddie) *Faulkner University Law Review*, Fall 2009 (Inaugural issue)
- “Nothing New Under the Sun: Habeas Corpus and the Rule of Law in the Bush Administration” *American Review of Politics* (Spring-Summer): 2009

Other Publications

- Book Review, Terri Peretti, *Partisan Supremacy: How the G.O.P. Enlisted Courts to Rig America’s Election Rules*, Law & Courts Book Review, 2021
- Book Review, Jay Cost, *The price of Greatness: Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and the Creation of American Oligarchy*, The Historian, 2018.
- Book Review, Jocelyn Jones Evans, *One Nation Under Siege: Congress, Terrorism, and the Fate of American Democracy*, APSA Legislative Studies Newsletter, 2011.
- Book Review, David Kyvig, *The Age of Impeachment: American Constitutional Culture Since 1960*, APSA Legislative Studies Newsletter, 2009.
- Book Review, Benjamin Wittes, *Confirmation Wars: Preserving Independent Courts in Angry Times*, APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter, 2008.
- Book Review, Christian Fritz, *American Sovereigns: The People and America’s Constitutional Tradition Before the Civil War*, Law & Courts Book Review, 2008.
- “Habeas Corpus” *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan, 2008).
- “Habeas Corpus Act of 1867” *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan, 2008).
- “*Ex parte Milligan*” *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan, 2008).
- “The Judicial Branch” *Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics* eds. Michael Genovese and Lori Han.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Second Century Presidential Professor (2013-present)
- Feaver-MacMinn Host Professor (University of Oklahoma), with Melvin Urofsky
- Most Inspiring Faculty, University of Oklahoma Department of Athletics (2008)
- University of Oklahoma Junior Faculty Summer Grant (2008, 2007, 2006)
- APSA Edward S. Corwin Award for the Best Dissertation in Public Law (2006)
- Fellow, Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia (2004-2005)

- Lynde & Harry Bradley Dissertation Fellowship (2004-2005)
- Alvin Z. Rubinstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching (2002)
- Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars (2003 & 2005)
- Teaching Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (1998-2002)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Discussant, Temple University Law School International Law Colloquium, April 9, 2013, Philadelphia, PA
- Author Meets Critics Roundtable, *Habeas Corpus and the Politics of Individual Rights*, Midwest Political Association, April, 2012, Chicago, Ill.
- “The Extraordinary Effects of Ordinary Politics,” APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2011
- “Citizens United and the Rein of the Laggard Court,” Southern Political Science Association, January 6-8, 2011, New Orleans, LA
- “Functional Sovereignties,” University of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Discussion Group, October 22-23, 2010, Madison, WI
- “The Extraordinary Effects of Ordinary Politics,” Midwest Political Association, April, 2010, Chicago, Ill.
- “Before KKV, V.O. Key: *Southern Politics* and Social Science Methodology,” paper presented at the “Unlocking V. O. Key Conference” University of Arkansas, April 1-3 2009
- Chair and participant, Roundtable, “The Legacies of the Bush Administration,” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2009.
- “Sunset Amendments: Is the Voting Rights Act an ‘Un-enumerated’ Right?” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2009
- “Constitutional Polarization and the 1965 Voting Rights Act,” University of Oregon School of Law, September 11-14, Eugene, OR
- “Are Race-Conscious Constitutional Remedies ‘Temporary?’” Paper presented at the 2008 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 10-12, 2008
- “The Extraordinary Effects of Ordinary Politics: Rights, War, and Constitutionalism” Paper presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association Annual meeting, Chicago, Ill, 2007
- “Habeas in Congress: Appellate Changes to Supreme Court Jurisdiction,” Roundtable on Habeas Corpus and the Bush Administration, 2007 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill, April 2007.
- “Habeas Corpus and the ‘History’ of the Warren Court,” Paper to presented at the 2005 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005
- “Nineteenth Century Conceptions of Congress: The Habeas Acts of 1833 & 1842,” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Legal Historians, November 10-11, 2005, Cincinnati, OH
- “Multiple Orders & The Habeas Corpus Act of 1867,” Paper presented at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association, January 5-7, 2005, New Orleans, LA
- “Habeas Corpus & Chattel Slavery, 1789-1862,” Paper presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association, April 16, 2004, Chicago, Ill

TEACHING

- Undergraduate
 - American Constitutionalism
 - Constitutional Interpretation
 - Civil Rights & Civil Liberties
 - Race and American Politics
 - Introduction to American Politics

- Graduate:
 - American Political Development
 - American Constitutional Development
 - Survey of the Discipline
- Ph.D. Committee Member: Jordan Jones; Matthew Field; Sondra Petty (defended); Brienne Parker, Jared Schroeder (Journalism); Brian Nies (History); Courtney Buchowski (History)

SERVICE

- APSA Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights and Freedoms (2018-present)
- Chair, Faculty Appeals Board
- Personnel Committee (Political Science, 2013-present)
- Co-editor, *American Review of Politics*
- Academic Program Review Committee (Lead reviewer for Gaylord School of Journalism)
- Series Co-Editor, *Studies in American Constitutional Heritage*, University of Oklahoma Press
- American Politics Field Coordinator
- President's Curriculum Committee (2010-present)
- Employee Benefits Committee, Faculty Senate (2009-present)
- Search Committee, Institute for American Constitutional Heritage
- Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science
- Search Committee (Political Theory; American Politics)
- FIR (Faculty-In-Residence), Adams Tower (2006-2010)
- Mock Interviewer, Rhodes and Truman Scholarship (Honors College)
- On-going contributor, University of Oklahoma "Constitution Day" celebration (2005-present)

INVITED TALKS

- Hobart & Smith College, Geneva, NY, "Why did John Roberts Vote like a Democrat?"
September 13, 2012
- Oklahoma City Federal Bar Association, "Supreme Court 2010-2011 Term Review," Oklahoma City Federal Courthouse, July 28, 2011
- Cameron University, Lawton, OK, Constitution Day featured speaker, "Civil Liberties during War"
- Brookhaven Community College, Dallas, TX, September, 17 2007, Constitution Day Featured Speaker
- Collin County Community College, Plano, TX, "The Future of the Second Amendment," panelist, September 17, 2007

References available upon request