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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

2023–2025 Postdoctoral Scholar, School of Law
Supervisors: Howard Gillman, Mark Graber (Maryland), Keith Whittington (Princeton)

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TX

PH.D., GOVERNMENT (Summer 2024, expected)
Fields: Public Law & American Politics
Dissertation: *The Aggrandized Judiciary: Ideas in American Judicial Power*
Committee: Jeff Tulis (Chair), HW Perry, Jr., Gary Jacobsohn, & Josh Chafetz

J.D., LAW SCHOOL, *with Honors*, 2021
Articles Editor, TEXAS LAW REVIEW
Supreme Court Clinic
Research Assistant to Professor Cary Franklin

M.A., GOVERNMENT, 2019

BATES COLLEGE, LEWISTON, ME

B.A. POLITICS, *cum laude* with Honors in Politics, 2016
Honors Thesis: “Fragmented Citizenship in the Fragmented State: Ideas, Institutions, and the Failure of Reconstruction.”
Advisor: Stephen Engel

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, LONDON, UK

Political Science Affiliate Program, 2015

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 “Incongruous Ideas of Impeachment: ‘Impeachable Offenses’ and the Constitutional Order.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50, no. 4: pp. 948–67.

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 *Clarifying Judicial Aggrandizement*, 172 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE (2024)
- 2023 *Nondelegation and Judicial Aggrandizement*, 15 ELON L. REV. 1 (2023).
- 2020 Note, *Epiphenomenal or Constructive?: The State Action Doctrine(s) and the Discursive Properties of Institutions*, 98 TEXAS L. REV. 1139.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Review of *The Living Presidency: An Originalist Argument Against its Ever-Expanding Powers* by Saikrishna Prakash. *Law & Politics Book Review* 30 (9): 135-140.

OTHER WRITINGS

- Oct. 2, 2023 “We shouldn’t let courts decide Trump’s 14th Amendment eligibility: The debate reveals how juristocratic our legal culture has become” (with Beau Baumann). *MSNBC*. <https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/trump-president-2024-supreme-court-14th-amendment-rcna118409>.
- Oct. 29, 2022 “Trump’s subpoena stalling highlights the growing hubris of America’s judges” (with Josh Chafetz). *NBC News*. <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/trump-hopes-judge-will-january-6-subpoenas-rcna54620>.
- January 7, 2021 “Yes, Again. And Now” (with Connor M. Ewing). *The Constitutionalist*. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/07/yes-again-and-now-by-allen-sumrall-connor-m-ewing/>.
- January 5, 2021 “The Case for Impeaching Trump (Again)” (with Connor M. Ewing). *The Constitutionalist*. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/05/the-case-for-impeaching-trump-again-by-allen-sumrall-and-connor-m-ewing/>.
- July 17, 2020 “The Supreme Court is Aggrandizing Itself and the Presidency, in That Order.” *A House Divided*. <https://ahousedividedapd.com/2020/07/17/the-supreme-court-is-aggrandizing-itself-and-the-presidency-in-that-order/>.
- April 20, 2020 “Covid-19 and the Decline of Loyal Opposition.” *A House Divided*. <https://ahousedividedapd.com/2020/04/02/covid-19-and-the-decline-of-loyal-opposition/>.

OTHER MEDIA

April. 2, 2024 Guest, *See Generally*, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review Podcast.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025–2026 U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT
Law Clerk, the Honorable Gregory Phillips. Cheyenne, WY.
- 2021–2022 U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
Law Clerk, the Honorable James O. Browning. Albuquerque, NM.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Political Development (APD), American constitutional development, courts & judicial politics, the presidency, separation of powers, ideas and political development, constitutional law.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX (declined).
- 2023 Civitas Institute Summer Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX
- 2023 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Travel Grant, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX (declined)
- 2022 Clyde Rabb Littlefield Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, Academic Year 2022–2023, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX
- 2020 Travel Grant, Hayek Fund. Institute for Humane Studies (declined due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, “Separation of Powers in Theory and Practice.” Philadelphia, PA. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. (\$3500)
- 2017 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. (\$2500)
- 2016 Recruitment Fellowship, awarded by the Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, (\$30,000)
- 2016 Henry W. and Raymond S. Oakes Award for demonstrating superior scholarship and an aptitude for success at law school. Bates College, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- 2022 American Government (Online Course). Professors Daron Shaw & Eric McDaniel
- 2021 Global Justice. Professor Ben Gregg.
- 2021 Civil Liberties. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2020 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2020 United States Foreign Policy (Online Course). Professor Patrick McDonald
- 2020 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2019 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2019 American Government (Online Course). Professors Eric McDaniel & Daron Shaw
- 2019 Civil Liberties. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2017 EU/Regional Integration. Professor Zeynep Somer-Topcu
- 2016 The American President. Professor Bruce Buchanan

TEACHING ASSISTANT, ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY SUMMER SESSION

- 2016 Mock Trial & Debate

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 “Judicial Self-Aggrandizement and Judicial Rhetoric,” (with Josh Chafetz). Symposium on Judicial Rhetoric, University of Virginia School of Law. Charlottesville, VA.
- 2023 “Is Trump Constitutionally Disqualified for Re-Election?” (with Michael McConnell, David Frum, and Mark Graber). Cosponsored by the American Bar Association, American Constitution Society, Reform for Illinois, and The Federalist Society. (Online).
- 2023 The Nature of American Judicial Power. Junior Law & Politics Research Community. (Online).
- 2021 “Ideas, Doctrine, and Institutional Change: Chief Justice Taft and the Nondelegation Doctrine.” Policy History Conference. Tempe, AZ. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2021 “‘This is not who we are.’ Wait, What?: Panel discussion on race, politics, and insurrection.” Bates College MLK Day Observance. Lewiston, ME. (Online).

- 2020 “Constitutional Red Lines: Judicial Politics in an Age of Constitutional Dysfunction.” UT Public Law Workshop. Austin, TX.
- 2020 “Ideas, Doctrine, and Institutional Change: Chief Justice Taft and the Nondelegation Doctrine.” Shawnee Trail Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Waco, TC. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 “Public Opinion, The Nondelegation Doctrine, and Constitutional Change.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2019 “The Reconstruction-Era Ku Klux Klan and Political Change Through Discourse.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2018 “The Progressive Struggle with Courts: Formalism, Chevron, and Presidential Power.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2017 “Reconstruction, The Fragmented State, and Political Change” Shawnee Trail Seminar on American Politics and Constitutionalism, Southwest Social Science Association Meeting. Austin, TX.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2019 Co-Organizer (with Tara Ginnane, Joseph Cozza, and Kyle Shen), Graduate Conference in Public Law, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 Co-Organizer (with Tara Ginnane and Joseph Cozza), Graduate Conference in Public Law, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Mexico

LANGUAGES

French (Intermediate–Advanced Reading, Writing, and Speaking)