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Education

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2004. Focus fields in American Politics and Political Theory with an emphasis on Public Law.

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

M.A. in Political Science, December 2002

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

B.A. in Political Science and Theatre Arts, 1997, *Magna Cum Laude* in Honors program

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Division of Political Science

Mark O. Hatfield School of Government

Portland State University

Fall 2008-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

California State University, Northridge

Fall 2004-Spring 2008

Publications

Books

Rights, Remedies, and the Impact of State Sovereign Immunity. 2008. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Articles

“The Suits That Counted: The Judicialization of Presidential Elections.” 2007. (with Charles Anthony Smith) *Election Law Journal* 6:251-265.

“The Institutional Stability of the Judiciary in the Aftermath of Terrorism.” 2005. (with Charles Anthony Smith) *Judicature* 88: 172-177.

Book Chapters

“When Justice Is Not Blind: Corruption and the Courts” In Michael Genovese and Virginia Farrar-Myers, eds., *Corruption and American Politics*. (Forthcoming). Amherst, NY: Cambria Press.

“Leadership and the Supreme Court: First Among Equals?” In Michael Genovese and Lori Cox Han, eds., *Leadership at the Crossroads*. Vol. 2 (2008) Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

“Executive Immunity for the Post-Clinton Presidency,” (with Evan Gerstmann). In Michael Genovese and David Adler, eds., *The Presidency and the Law: The Clinton Legacy*. (2002) Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas.

Book Reviews

Review of Colin J. Bennett and Charles D. Raab’s *The Governance of Privacy* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2006) for *The Law and Politics Book Review* Vol. 17, No. 2 (February 2007)

Review of Joshua Rozenberg’s *Privacy and the Press* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) for *The Law and Politics Book Review* Vol. 14, No. 9 (September 2004)

Review of David Skillen Bogen’s *Privileges and Immunities: A Reference Guide to the United States Constitution* (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2003) for *The Law and Politics Book Review* Vol. 13, No. 8 (August 2003).

Encyclopedia Entries

“State Sovereign Immunity.” In David S. Tanenhaus, ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, (2008) MacMillan Reference.

“Chief Justice.” In David Schultz, ed., *The Encyclopedia of American Law*, (2002) New York: Facts on File, Inc.

“Dilation and Extraction (D&X),” [with Evan Gerstmann]. In Judith A. Baer, ed., *A Historical and Multicultural Encyclopedia of Female Reproductive Rights in the U.S.* (2002) Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Company.

“Bad Tendency Test,” [with Evan Gerstmann]. In Thomas T. Lewis and Richard L. Wilson, eds., *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Supreme Court*. (2001) Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, Inc.

In Progress

The Many Faces of Strict Scrutiny: How the Supreme Court Changes the Rules in Race Cases, with Evan Gerstmann, arguing that strict scrutiny is not a uniform test across equal protection law, instead showing significant variation. Currently under review.

Local Courts and Regime Politics, work in progress examining the ways in which consideration of how city-level regimes use courts influences the theory of regime politics.

Limits of the Law: Immunity and the Rule of Law, work in progress exploring the relationship between immunity from the law and effective governance by the rule of law.

Papers and Professional Activities

Invited Events:

Presenter, "When Justice Is Not Blind: Corruption and the Courts." *Political Corruption in America* conference sponsored by Loyola Marymount University Institute for Leadership Studies annual conference, February 2009

Speaker, "Race, Class, and Voter IDs in the 2008 Presidential Election." Center for Law, Diversity, and Justice, Western Washington University, October 2008

Speaker, "Voter IDs, Turnout, and the 2008 Presidential Election." Willamette University, Election 2008 Course, September 2008

Presenter, "Who Pays the Price?: The Impact of State Sovereign Immunity." Boston College/American Enterprise Institute Federalism Project, March 2006

Panelist, Privacy Forum, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 2006

Roundtable Participant, "The Year After: A Roundtable Discussion of September 11 and Its Political and International Consequences." University of San Diego, September 11, 2002.

Conferences:

"The Myth of Strict Scrutiny: How the Supreme Court Actually Looks at Race Discrimination by the Government," [heavily revised, with Evan Gerstmann]. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 19-21, 2009.

Discussant, *Religion in U.S. Judicial Politics*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 19-21, 2009.

Discussant, *Law as a Tool for Reform, Relief, and Retrenchment*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 20-22, 2008

"The Myth of Strict Scrutiny: How the Supreme Court Actually Looks at Race Discrimination by the Government," [with Evan Gerstmann]. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2007.

Chair, *Comparative Courts*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2007.

"The Suits That Counted: The Judicialization of Presidential Elections After *Bush v. Gore*." [revised, with Charles Anthony Smith]. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1-4, 2005.

"The Suits That Counted: The Judicialization of Elections After *Bush v. Gore*." [revised, with Charles Anthony Smith]. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2-5, 2005.

“The Suits That Counted: The Judicialization of Elections After *Bush v. Gore*.” [with Charles Anthony Smith]. Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7-10, 2005.

“The Impact of State Sovereign Immunity: The Early Cases.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2-5, 2004.

“Immunity Federalism and State Power.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2003.

“State Sovereign Immunity and the Loss of Legal Accountability.” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 5-8, 2003.

“The Hidden Costs of Protection: State Sovereign Immunity and Harm to States.” Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2003.

“Institutional Rigidity and Court Responses to Terrorism,” [with Charles Anthony Smith]. Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2003.

“Winning the Battle, Losing the War: The Consequences of State Sovereign Immunity.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 27-29, 2003.

“Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis: Federal Court Reactions to September 11th,” [with Charles Anthony Smith]. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association annual meeting, May 30-June 1, 2002.

“Presidential Immunity After Clinton,” [with Evan Gerstmann]. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 3, 2000.

Reviewer:

Manuscript reviewer for *Judicature*, Roxbury Press, W.W. Norton

Professional Society Memberships:

American Political Science Association (Law & Courts, Federalism & Intergovernmental Studies, and Undergraduate Education sections)

Western Political Science Association

Law and Society Association

Teaching and Research Interests

Public Law: Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Judicial Process, Legal Theory, Law and Society

American Politics: Introductory American Politics, Presidency, Congress, American Political Development, Federalism, Urban Politics, Racial and Ethnic Politics

Courses Taught:

Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Introduction to Law and Legal Studies, Jurisprudence, Law, Society and Politics, United States Government, United States Politics, Judicial Internship coordinator, Independent Study (graduate level) in American Politics

Supplements:

Designed online simulations for use with Thomson American politics texts, 2007.

Created question slides for use with clicker technology for *The Logic of American Politics* by Samuel Kernell and Gary Jacobson, 3rd ed. (CQ Press, 2005).

Created supplemental transparencies for *The Logic of American Politics* by Samuel Kernell and Gary Jacobson, 2nd ed. (CQ Press, 2002).

Awards, Grants, Fellowships

California State University, Northridge:

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Grant- Fall 2007 (for development and deployment of university pre-law advisement website)

University Faculty Research Grant- Spring 2006 (for work on Limits of Law project)

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Summer Research Stipend- Summer 2005 (for expansion of work on judicialization of elections), Summer 2006 (for work on Limits of Law project), Summer 2007 (for work on chapter on leadership and the courts)

Dean's New Faculty Research Grant- Spring 2005 (for work on judicialization of elections)

UCSD:

Summer Graduate Teaching Fellowship- 2002- University-wide fellowship to five graduate students to teach summer courses; Edmund G. Brown Fellowship, 1999-2003- Tuition, fees, and support for Ph.D. program

Loyola Marymount University:

Presidential Scholarship, 1993-1997, Alpha Sigma Nu- National Jesuit Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha- Political Science National Honor Society

Service

Portland State University

Pre-law Advisor (2008-present)

Member, Graduate Committee (2008-present)

Member, Planning Committee (2008-present)

Election 2008 Roundtable Planning Committee and Panelist (2008)

California State University, Northridge:

University Pre-law Adviser (2004-2008)

Board of Directors, Valley Community Legal Foundation (2006 – 2008)

Chair, Department Curriculum Committee (2005-2008)

Chair, Search & Screen Committee- Public Law/Political Theory (2006)

Planning Committee, CSUN Academic Freedom Series (2006)

CSUN Constitution Day Planning Committee and Panelist (2005-2008)