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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Current Associate Professor of Political Science
Assumption College

2010-2011 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Political Theory Project
Brown University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Government) Georgetown University (2005-2010)
Major: Political Theory
Minors: Philosophy (tested), American Government

Dissertation (Defended with Distinction):
“Madison’s Metronome: The Constitution
and the Tempo of American Politics”
Committee: George W. Carey (advisor), Patrick Deneen and Richard
Boyd

Areas of Major Comprehensive Examination
(Passed with Distinction): Ancient, Long 18th Century, American and
Liberal Political Thought

M.A. (Liberal Studies) Georgetown University (2002-2005)
Concentration: Theory and Practice of American Democracy
Thesis: “Needles in Madison’s Haystack: Minority Factions and
Pressure Group Politics in the ‘Extended Republic’”
Advisor: George W. Carey

B.A. (Government) University of Texas at Austin (1987-1991)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Madison’s Metronome: The Constitution, Majority Rule and the Tempo of American Politics,
University Press of Kansas (March 2012)

American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan, University Press of Kansas (February 2015)

BOOK IN PROGRESS

Independent of Heaven Itself: The Constitution and the Courts (under contract to University Press of Kansas, manuscript projected March 2018)

Old Whigs: Burke, Lincoln and the Politics of Prudence (under contract to Encounter Books, manuscript projected August 2018)

ARTICLES

“James Madison and the Legitimacy of Majority Factions,” *American Political Thought* 2:2 (Fall 2013)

“Machiavelli’s Inflationary Economy of Violence: Notes on the Story of Agathocles,” *Interpretation* 42:2 (Winter 2016)

REFERENCE

“John Adams,” *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Political Thought*

“Separation of Powers,” *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Political Thought*

“Daniel Patrick Moynihan,” *Encyclopedia of American Governance*

REVIEWS

“The Cussedness of Nathan Glazer,” Review Essay on *When Ideas Mattered: A Nathan Glazer Reader*, Joseph Dorman and Leslie Lenkowsky, eds., *Society* (forthcoming)

Review of *The Papers of James Madison, Retirement Series, Volume 3*, David B. Mervin, et. al., eds., *Early American Literature* 52:3 (2017)

Review Essay on *Reflections on the Revolution in France and Other Writings*, ed. Jesse Norman, *Society* (July 2018)

“James Madison Problems,” Review Essay on *The Mind of James Madison* by Colleen Sheehan, *Madison’s Hand* by Mary Sarah Bilder, and *James Madison and the Problem of Constitutional Imperfection* by Jeremy Bailey, *Journal of the Early Republic* (Winter 2016/2017)

“The Birth of Tragedy,” Review Essay on *Reinhold Niebuhr: Major Works on Religion and Politics*, ed. Elisabeth Sifton, *Society* (August 2016)

Review of *Ambition in America* by Jeffrey A. Becker, *American Political Thought* (Fall 2015)

Review of *The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke* by David Bromwich, *Society* (April 2015)

Review of *Edmund Burke: The First Conservative* by Jesse Norman and *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine and the Birth of Right and Left* by Yuval Levin, *Society* (August 2014)

Review of *Moynihan’s Moment* by Gil Troy, *Society* (December 2013)

Review of *Cosmic Constitutional Theory* by Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, *Society* (March 2013)

NON-REFEREED WRITINGS

New York Times

- “Impeachment’s Political Heart,” May 18, 2017
- “The President’s Self-Destructive Disruption,” October 11, 2017
- “The Power of the Courts is Messing Up Politics,” November 12, 2017
- “The Scoundrel Theory of American Politics,” December 8, 2017
- “How Not to Impeach,” January 2, 2018

Washington Post

- “It’s all about the president now,” October 26, 2017
- “There will be no winners in the Supreme Court’s wedding cake case,” December 4, 2017

Society

- “Of Principle and Prudence: Reflections on Lincoln’s Second Inaugural at 150,” 52:6
(December 2015)

National Affairs

- “Moynihan and the Neocons,” Winter 2016
- “A Constitutional Welfare State,” Fall 2016
- “Trump and Truth,” Spring 2017
- “After Federalist No. 10,” Fall 2017

Extensions: Journal of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

- “Majorities and Madisonian Paradoxes,” Summer 2014

Modern Age

- “The Founding Fathers: A Conserving Caucus in Action,” (co-authored with George W. Carey, January 2014)
- “Conservatism’s Constitutional Moment,” Spring 2017

Online Library of Law and Liberty (www.libertylawsite.org)

- “Congress and Deliberation in the Age of Wilson: An Elegy,” invited *Liberty Forum* essay, March 2013
 - “Evaluating the Moynihan Report on the Negro Family 50 Years Later,” invited *Liberty Forum* essay, March 2015
 - “He Tried to Warn Us: Hayek on Trump,” invited *Liberty Forum* essay, January 2017
 - “The Price of Trump: Reflections on Year One of an Unconventional Presidency,” invited *Liberty Forum* essay, January 2018
- More than 150 other op-ed-length essays on constitutional issues and current events

The Imaginative Conservative (www.imaginativeconservative.org)

- “The War on Terror and the Quest for Community,” September 2012
- “Prudence as Excellence: Edmund Burke, Abraham Lincoln and the Problem of Greatness,” April 2013

The Federalist (www.thefederalist.com)

“Trump is Right, The Convention is Rigged—And That’s a Good Thing,” May 2016

“Why Scott Walker’s Education Doesn’t Matter,” July 2015

Huffington Post

“Fifty Years Ago, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Was Right,” February 2015

“What Pat Moynihan Actually Said,” March 2015

“The Unconservatism of Micromanaging the Poor,” April 2015

“What Liberals Owe Daniel Patrick Moynihan,” July 2015

“This Constitution Day, Teach the Whole Document,” September 2015

“In Defense of Daniel Patrick Moynihan,” September 2015

“As Trump Burns Republicans, Democrats Shouldn’t Fiddle,” March 2016

“On Welfare Reform, Moynihan Was Right,” May 2016

“Scorn Trump, Not Trump’s Supporters,” July 2016

TEACHING

Assumption College

The American Founding

The American Congress

American Political Thought

Problems in Civil Liberties

Constitutional Law

Political Issues: The Quest for Justice

American Government

Burke, Paine and the Politics of Rights (Senior Seminar)

Political Thought of Practicing Statesmen

U.S. Judiciary

Brown University:

Capitalism: For and Against

Authority and Legitimacy: Basis and Boundaries of Majority Rule

Georgetown University:

American Political Thought

The Federalist on Current Affairs

Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Programs

American Political Thought

History of American Political Communication

Speechwriting: Composition and Delivery

Teaching Competencies

American Politics, Congress, Civil Liberties, Constitutional Law/Judiciary, Introduction to/History of

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “The Telos of the First Amendment: The Case of Campaign Finance,” Constitution Day Lecture, Georgetown University
- 2017 “Defining Decency Down: Free Speech and the American Campus,” Constitution Day Lecture, American University
- 2017 “The Politics of Impeachment,” Constitution Day Lecture, Belmont Abbey College
- 2017 “Unilateral Executive?” Constitution Day panel with Saikrishna Prakash, Skidmore College
- 2017 “Independent, not Equal: The Constitutional Status of the Judiciary,” American Political Science Association
- 2017 “‘The Stable Foundation of Nature’: James Wilson’s Critique of Edmund Burke,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2016 “The Old Regime and the New Deal,” American Political Science Association
- 2016 “American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan,” Kansas City Public Library
- 2016 “The Old Regime and the New Deal,” Southern Political Science Association
- 2015 “James Madison and Public Opinion,” Constitution Day panel with Colleen Sheehan and Jeremy Bailey, College of the Holy Cross
- 2015 “James Madison and the Bill of Rights,” Constitution Day panel with Colleen Sheehan and Jeremy Bailey, Assumption College
- 2015 “Independent of Heaven Itself,” Constitution Day Lecture, Texas State University
- 2015 “Of Prudence and Principle: Reflections on Lincoln’s Second Inaugural at 150,” Paideia Colloquium, Assumption College
- 2015 “‘The Dilemma of a Judicial Rencounter’: James Madison, the Judiciary, and Constitutional Interpretation,” Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at James Madison’ Montpelier (Presentation to Staff)
- 2015 “‘The Nurse of Aggrandizement’: Woodrow Wilson, World War I and the Executive State,” Assumption College
- 2015 “John Quincy Adams’ 1791 ‘Letters of Publicola’: Reconsidering the Founding,” American Political Science Association
- 2015 “Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Scholar as Statesman, the Statesman as Scholar,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2014 “Restoration without Romance,” Constitution Day Lecture, Boise State University
- 2013 “Congress’ Constitutional Capitulation,” University of Oklahoma Department of Political Science and Institute for American Constitutional Heritage (Invited Lecture)
- 2013 “Why We’re Wrong About Rights: George W. Carey on Individualism, Community and the Contemporary Condition,” American Political Science Association
- 2013 “When Veneration Becomes Excessive: James Madison on Constitutional Amendments,” American Political Science Association (co-authored with Benjamin A. Kleinerman)
- 2013 “Needles in Madison’s Haystack: Minority Factions and Pressure Group Politics in the ‘Extended Republic,’” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2012 “A Conversation on the Presidency,” Assumption College
- 2012 “James Madison and the Legitimacy of Majority Factions,” American Political Science Association (scheduled but canceled due to hurricane)
- 2012 “When Veneration Becomes Excessive: James Madison on Constitutional

- Amendments,” Midwest Political Science Association (co-authored with Benjamin A. Kleinerman)
- 2011 “Quantum Constitutionalism,” American Political Science Association
- 2010 “Temporal Republicanism,” Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop
- 2010 “‘The Collision and Contagion of the Passions:’ Factions, Justice and the Extent of Popular Authority in Federalist 10,” Northeast Political Science Association
- 2008 “‘The Mild Voice of Reason’: James Madison and the Tempo of American Democracy,” Southern Political Science Association
- 2007 “The Is, the Ought Not and the Oven of Akhnai: Faith and Reason in Strauss’ *Natural Right and History*,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2006 “Mr. Cheney, Meet Mr. Agathocles: Torture, Terrorism and Machiavelli’s ‘Economy of Violence,’” Northeastern Political Science Association
- 2006 “Raising Money, Raising Hackles: Analyzing Interest Group Response to Supreme Court Decisions through Direct Mail Solicitations,” Southern Political Science Association (co-author)

PANELS AND CONFERENCES

- 2016 Panel Chair, “Bruce Frohnen and George W. Carey’s *Constitutional Morality and the Rise of Quasi-Law*,” American Political Science Association
- 2016 Panelist, “Toleration, the Constitution and the Limits of an Open Society,” Alexander Hamilton Institute
- 2015 Invited Participant and Presenter, “The Moynihan Report at 50: Reflections, Realities and Prospects,” Princeton University
- 2015 Director, “Basis and Boundaries of Majority Rule,” Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2015 Discussant, “American Political Thought: Founding Perspectives,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2015 Panel, “The Moynihan Report at Fifty,” U.S. Society for Intellectual History
- 2015 Invited Participant, “Executive Power and Constitutional Government,” Liberty Fund
- 2015 Invited Participant, “Congress, the Constitution and Contemporary Politics,” American Enterprise Institute
- 2015 Invited Participant, “Liberty and Executive Power in the United States Constitution,” Cato Institute/Liberty Fund
- 2013 Discussant, “Political Theory in the American Founding and Antebellum Era,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2013 Invited Participant, “Limiting Majoritarianism in Republican Constitutional Theory,” Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2012 Invited Participant, “Liberty and the Paradoxes of Democracy,” Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2012 Invited Participant, “John Marshall and His Critics,” Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2010 Panel Discussant, “Rights, Consent, and the Scope of Political Power in America,” Northeast Political Science Association
- 2010 Panel Chair and Discussant, “Contextualizing Deliberative Democracy, Public Justification, and the Politically Possible,” Northeast Political Science Association
- 2010 Invited Participant, “The Founding and Re-Founding of America,” Lehrman American Studies Seminar at Harvard University
- 2009 Discussant, “Joseph Addison’s Cato,” Georgetown University Political Theory Colloquium
- 2009 Invited Participant: “James Madison and the Extended Republic: Size,

- 2008 Republicanism, and Liberty in the Early Republic,” Liberty Fund Colloquium
Invited Participant: Summer Institute, Jack Miller Center for the Teaching of
America’s Founding Principles

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Jack Miller Center, Chairman’s Award for Best Dissertation in American Political Thought
2010 Georgetown University Harold N. Glassman Award for Best Dissertation in the Social
Sciences
2009 Best Self-Taught Course by a Graduate Student, Georgetown University
 (“*The Federalist* on Current Affairs”)
2006 Best Graduate Student Paper in Political Theory, Georgetown University
 (“To Try Experiments Merely Upon Philosophy: Hume, Montesquieu and the Tenth
Federalist”)

SERVICE

Chair, Standing Committee on General Education, Assumption College, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
Core Curriculum Mission Statement Committee, Assumption College, 2015-2016
Secretary and Executive Committee Member, Assumption College Faculty Senate, 2013-
2014, 2014-2015
Director, Minor in Law Ethics and Constitutional Studies, Assumption College
Faculty Advisor, Assumption College Moot Court Club
Academic Assessment, Department of Political Science, Summer 2015
Member, Working Group on Core Curriculum, Assumption College, 2012-2013, 2014
Early Action Accepted Students Day, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Accept Assumption Day, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Summer Advising, 2013, 2014, 2015
Academic Assessment Plan (Co-Drafting), Department of Political Science, Summer 2012
Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Political Thought*,
History of Political Thought, *Polity*, *Law and History Review*, *Perspectives on
Political Science*

LANGUAGES

Reading: French (tested by exam) and Hebrew

OTHER PROFESSIONAL

1999-2010 Content Communications, LLC
Arlington, Virginia

Founder and president of political and public relations writing firm.
Wrote speeches and op-eds for national political figures -- including
Cabinet officials, governors, senators and members of Congress -- as
well as leading corporate
executives. Published ghostwritten articles in leading newspapers,
including *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and *Boston Globe*.

Ghostwriter of books published by Penguin Viking Press and Simon & Schuster.

1993-1999

U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey
Washington, D.C.

Several positions as senior aide to prominent member of U.S. Senate, including press secretary, communications director and policy director.

1996 [leave of absence]

Morales for U.S. Senate
Dallas, Texas

Statewide campaign manager for Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. Coordinated strategy, served as principle media spokesperson, managed staff of more than 20 and supervised budget of more than \$1 million in Senate campaign that garnered national and international attention.

1992-1993

U.S. Senators Lloyd Bentsen and Bob Krueger
Washington, D.C.

Positions included staff assistant and deputy press secretary.

1991-1992

Williamson County Sun
Georgetown, Texas

Reporter and editor for local newspaper in Central Texas.