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## EDUCATION

PhD, Politics – Princeton University (2010)

Dissertation, "Positive Constitutional Rights in the United States," won the Edward S. Corwin Award for Best Dissertation in Public Law and the Walter Dean Burnham Best Dissertation Award from the Politics and History section of APSA.

Dissertation Committee: Keith Whittington, Kim Scheppelle, Paul Frymer, Amy Bridges

MA, Political Science – Columbia University (2004)

BA, Political Science and English – Swarthmore College (2002) – Graduated with High Honors

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University (Fall 2013 - present)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Hunter College, City University of New York (Fall 2011 - Spring 2013)

## BOOKS

*Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places: Why State Constitutions Contain America's Positive Rights* Princeton University Press (2013).

## ARTICLES

"Constitutions Un-entrenched: Toward an Alternative Theory of Constitutional Design" with Mila Versteeg. *American Political Science Review*. (forthcoming)

"American Constitutional Exceptionalism Revisited" with Mila Versteeg. *University of Chicago Law Review*. Volume 81, Issue 4 (Fall 2014): 1641-1707.

"Kentucky's Constitutional Crisis and the Many Meanings of Judicial Independence" *Studies in Law, Politics & Society*. 58 (special issue 2012): 73-99.

"What's Happened to American Federalism?" (Review Essay) *Polity*. 43, no. 3 (July 2011): 388-403.

"To Change the Fundamental Law of the State': Protective Labor Provisions in U.S. Constitutions" *Studies in American Political Development*. 24, no. 1 (April 2010): 1-23.

"Popular Constitutionalism's Hard When You're Not Very Popular: Why the ACLU Turned to Courts" *Law and Society Review*. 42, no. 2 (June 2008): 367-395.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Elizabeth Beaumont, *The Civic Constitution: Civic Visions and Struggles in the Path toward Constitutional Democracy*. *Political Science Quarterly*, 130, no. 2 (Summer 2015): 390-392

“Lost Rights and the Importance of Audience.” *Tulsa Law Review* 49, no. 2 (Winter 2013): 421–430.

Review of Kevin McMahon, *Nixon's Court: His Challenge to Judicial Liberalism and Its Political Consequences*. *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 42, no. 4, (December 2012): 912–914.

Review of Michele Goodwin, *Black Markets: The Supply and Demand of Body Parts*. *Journal of Politics*, 69, no. 1 (February 2007): 269-270.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Entries on “Positive Rights,” “Negative Rights,” and “Adequate and Independent State Grounds” in *American Governance*, edited by Stephen L. Schechter, Macmillan (*forthcoming*).

Entry on “Positive Rights” in *The Oxford Handbook on the United States Constitution*, edited by Mark Tushnet, Sanford Levinson, and Mark Graber, Oxford University Press (Oct 2015).

Scott F. Gilbert, Anna Tyler, and Emily Zackin, *Bioethics and The New Embryology: Springboards for Debate*. Sinauer Associates (June 2005).

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Member, 2016-2017, Institute for Advanced Study School of Social Science, Princeton, NJ

Edward S. Corwin Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Field of Public Law (2011)  
given by the American Political Science Association

Walter Dean Burnham Award for Best Dissertation in Politics and History (2011)  
given by the American Political Science Association, politics and history section

Wilson Society Fellowship, Princeton University (2008, 2009)  
selective interdisciplinary program supporting dissertation research on international and domestic public policy

Miller Center of Public Affairs Wilson Carey McWilliams Fellowship, University of Virginia (2008)  
competitive national fellowship, awarded to a graduate student in political science or history  
whose dissertation combines political theory and American politics

Martha Nussbaum Grant for Dissertation Research, Princeton University (2008)

Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Teaching Award (2007)  
university-wide award recognizing outstanding teaching by graduate students

Princeton University Library Prize for Outstanding Scholarship by a Graduate Student (2005)

Alpheus Thomas Mason Fellowship, Princeton University (2005)

Princeton University Fellowship (2004–2008)

Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College (2002)

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Invited participant at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, The US Constitution and Comparative Constitutional Law, May 17, 2016, Chicago, IL (scheduled)

“Bankruptcy Law as American Statebuilding”

Invited participant at Yale University, Taking Stock of the State in 19C America, April 15-16, 2016, New Haven, CT (scheduled)

“Debtors and State-Driven Constitutional Development”

Invited presentation at March 25, 2016 Duke Law School Faculty Workshop, Durham, NC

Invited presentation at March 4-5, 2016 University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Baltimore, MD

“Debtors and State-Driven Constitutional Development”

Invited presentation at February 18, 2016 University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Legal Theory Workshop, Baltimore, MD

“Debtors and State-Driven Constitutional Development”

Invited presentation at February 12, 2016 University of Wisconsin Political Theory Workshop, Madison, WI

“Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places”

Invited public lecture sponsored by the Wisconsin Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, February 12, 2016, Madison, WI

“Debtors and State-Driven Constitutional Development”

Invited Presentation at Sept 25, 2015 Syracuse University Sawyer Law Research Seminar, Syracuse, NY.

Invited participant at May 8-9, 2015 Meeting on American Political Economy in Comparative Perspective

Invited participant at Dec 5-6, 2014 Annual Princeton ConLaw Schmooze

“Rethinking the Significance of *Blaisdell v. Home Building & Loan Association*: States, Debtors, and American Constitutional Development.”

Invited Presentation at Oct 17, 2014 Law and the Local Workshop at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

“Private Risk and Public Power: Debtors’ Movements, State Laws, and the U.S. Constitutions”

Invited Presentation at Mar 22, 2014 Williams College American Political Development Workshop, Williamstown, MA

“What’s Happened to American Federalism?”

Invited Presentation at 2013 Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Madison, WI.

“American Constitutional Exceptionalism Revisited” with Mila Versteeg,

Invited Presentation at A Wave of Change: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Michigan’s Constitution and the Evolution of State Constitutionalism, Oct 11, 2013, Detroit, MI.

“Seeing Past Emergencies: The Institutionalization of State-Level Debtor Protections”

Invited Presentation at the 2013 University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Baltimore, MD.

“Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places”

Invited Presentation at Dec 3, 2012 Rutgers Emerging Trends in Political Science Series, New Brunswick, NJ.

“Why State Constitutions Contain America's Positive Rights”

Invited Presentation at Nov 15, 2012 Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism, Philadelphia, PA.

“Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places”

Invited Presentation at Nov 12, 2012 Boston Area Public Law Colloquium, Cambridge, MA.

“Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places”

Invited Presentation at Oct 26, 2012 Cornell University Department of Government PSAC Workshop, Ithaca, NY.

“Why Write New Rights?: Understanding Constitutional Development Apart from Entrenchment”

Invited Presentation at 2012 Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Madison, WI.

“The Enforcement of Socioeconomic Rights and The Global Constitutional Canon”

Invited Presentation at 2012 University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Baltimore, MD.

“Debtor Relief Laws and Constitutional Development”

Invited Presentation at the 2011 Princeton University Constitutional Law “Schmooze,” Princeton, NJ.

“Of Ski Trails and State Constitutions: Silly Details or Serious Principles?”

Invited Presentation at 2011 University of Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, Madison, WI.

“Positive Rights and State Constitutions”

Invited Presentation at 2011 The Future of Equality Conference, Austin, TX.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Bankruptcy, Race, and the American Welfare State”

Presented at 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

“The Debtors’ Fresh Start and American Statebuilding”

Presented at 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

“A ‘Fresh Start’ for Insolvent Debtors and the Development of Bankruptcy Law”

Presented at 2014 Journal of Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH

“Defining American Bankruptcy Law”

Presented at 2014 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

“Looking for Rights in All the Wrong Places”

Book panel at 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Panelist on “The New Princeton School of Constitutional Thought”

Panel at 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Constitutional Change and American Federalism”

Presented at 2013 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Boston, MA.

“Debtors, Creditors, the Constitution, and Federalism”  
Presented at 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Are Constitutional Rights Inherently Conservative?”  
Presented at 2011 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

“Exclusion by Constitution: The Double-Edged Nature of Positive Rights Advocacy in Nineteenth-Century State Constitution Making”  
Presented at 2010 Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH.

“Are State Constitutions Really Worse Than the Federal One?”  
Presented at 2010 Law and Society Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“State Constitutions as Tools for Educational Change”  
Presented at 2009 American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, Ontario.

“Positive Constitutional Rights to Environmental Protection in the United States”  
Presented at 2009 Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

“Constitutionalizing Education Rights in the United States”  
Presented at 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference, Chicago, IL.

“The American Positive Rights Tradition: Constitutionalizing Labor Rights in U.S. States”  
Presented at 2007 American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Labor Rights and U.S. Constitutionalism”  
Presented at 2007 Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND HONORS**

##### **Courses Developed and Taught**

Johns Hopkins University (2013- )

- American Constitutional Law (two-semester undergraduate)
- Theories of Constitutional Governance (graduate)
- Rights in Theory and Practice (graduate)

Hunter College (2011-12)

- American Government: A Historical Introduction
- The American Judiciary
- Constitutional Law: Civil Rights
- Constitutional Law: First Amendment

**Finalist for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award** – Johns Hopkins University (2015)

**Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Teaching Award** – Princeton University (2007)