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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

PhD Candidate, Department of Government

Expected Graduation: Spring 2019

Substantive Fields: American Politics and Public Law

Dissertation: “Perverse Politics: The Legal Subversion of the Constitution’s Political Architecture”

Committee: Jeffrey K. Tulis (Chair), Gary J. Jacobsohn, H.W. Perry Jr., and Josh Chafetz (Cornell Law)

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas

BA in Political Science, Economics Minor

Graduated May 2011

Magna Cum Laude

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Perverse Politics: “Recess Appointments, *Noel Canning*, and the Limits of Law.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (June 2018).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Constitutional Theory and Development, the Presidency and Congress, Separation of Powers, American Constitutional Law, American Political Thought

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Legal Undermining, and the Persistence, of Constitutional Politics: The Case of the Legislative Veto”

“Executive Agreements, Treaties, and the Constitution’s Political Architecture”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught: American Constitutional Principles: Core Texts (Spring and Fall 2018); American Government (Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistantships: American Government, Civil Rights and Liberties, The Ratification Debates, Research Methods in Political Science, American Government in Comparative Perspective, Human Rights and Patriotism, Seeking Justice in American Constitutional Law

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

Member of the APSA and MPSA

Co-organizer, University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law (2015-2018)

Co-President, Department of Government Graduate Student Organization (2017-2018)

28th Amendment Project with the Comparative Constitutions Project, National Constitution Center (July 2016)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Legislative Veto and the Undermining of Constitutional Politics.” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2018.

“Recovering the Constitution’s Political Architecture.” Shawnee Trail Conference in American Politics. Austin, TX. April 2017.

“Refiguring the Face of Democracy: Sight and Voice in American Constitutionalism.” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. October 2016.

“Forms and Processes of Authority: Tocqueville and the Separation of Powers.” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. September 2015.

“Forms and Processes of Authority: Tocqueville and the Separation of Powers.” Shawnee Trail Conference in American Politics. Columbia, MO. May 2016.

“Taking a Break from Constitutional Authority: Toward a Relational Understanding of Recess Appointments.” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2015.

“Taking a Break from Constitutional Authority: Toward a Relational Understanding of Recess Appointments.” University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, TX. October 2014.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

University Continuing Fellowship, \$10,000 (Spring 2019)

UT College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Fellowship, \$7,000 (Summer 2018)

Departmental Summer Dissertation Fellowship, \$5,000 (Summer 2017)

REFERENCES

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