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Academic Positions

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor (political theory & constitutional law) | 2021 – Present

California State University, Monterey Bay; School of Humanities & Communication

Lecturer (legal studies) | 2019 – 2021

California State University, Sacramento; Department of Political Science

Lecturer (law & political theory) | 2016 – 2021

University of California, Davis; Department of Political Science

Graduate Assistant/Instructor (political theory) | 2015 – 2019

Education

University of California, Davis

Doctor of Philosophy | 2019

Master of Arts | 2018

Fields: political theory; American politics
Dissertation: *Citizenship & Solidarity: A Study of Liberal Civic Friendship*
Committee: Robert S. Taylor (chair), John T. Scott, Shalini Satkunanandan

The George Washington University Law School

Juris Doctor, cum laude (top 25% of class) | 2012

Fields: constitutional law; jurisprudence

Brigham Young University-Idaho

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude | 2008

Major: English (literary studies) Minor: Philosophy

Publications

Published or Pending:

To Hell with Heaven: An Introduction to Apatheism, Hypatia Press (July 5, 2024)

“Religion, Pluralism, and Liberal Principles: The Legacy of *Wisconsin v. Yoder*.” In *Wisconsin's Free Speech Legacy*, edited by Timothy Shiell, Fulcrum Publishing (forthcoming)

“Tolerating the Violent: The Liberal Egalitarian Justifications for the *Brandenburg* Test.” In *Free Speech and Incitement in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Eric T. Kasper and JoAnne Sweeny, SUNY Press (forthcoming).

“The Kingdom of Friends: A Kantian Theory of Citizen Solidarity.” *Philosophia* 50 (2022): 1233-41

“Public Exposure: Of Burqas, Secularism, & France’s Violation of European Law.” *The George Washington International Law Review* 44, no. 1 (2012): 79-105.

Edited Volumes:

Co-editor of *Is the Constitution Everything It Appears to Be?: Legal Rights and Personal Appearance* (forthcoming)

Solo Volumes:

For All: Defining and Achieving Justice, Hackett Press (under contract)

In Progress:

“Autonomy Proves Too Much: The Christian Nationalism of Samuel Alito”

“But Not For Thee: First Amendment Knowledge and Support for Free Speech Among College Students”

“The Farm or the Factory?: The Agrarian Counterpoint to Industrialism in American Political Thought”

Published Popular Interest:

“A Show for the Shelf,” *Medium* (June 24, 2022)

“Apatheism: A Primer,” *Medium* (May 8, 2021)

“Mindfulness in the College Classroom,” *Medium* (June 25, 2020)

“At the Threshold,” *Medium* (June 1, 2010)

“The Ringmaster’s Whip: The Role of Apple’s MFN in the E-books Case,” *FCE Newsletter* (November 2013)

Speaking Engagements & Media Appearances

Interviewed about Election 2024 results with *Minnesota Now* | November 7, 2024

Interviewed about Wisconsin voters with *Minnesota Public Radio* | October 29, 2024

Interviewer for Janja Lalich for The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | September 16, 2024

“Reading the Writing on the Wall: Restoring the Separation of Church and State” **delivered** at the Chippewa Valley chapter of the ACLU | August 27, 2024

“To Hell with Heaven: An Introduction to Apatheism” book talk **delivered** at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library and Dotters Books, co-sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Humanists and The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | July 25, 2024

“The Hollow Crown: Shakespeare on How Leaders Rise, Rule, and Fall” **delivered** for The Wisconsin Shakespeare Festival’s Arts & Ideas forum | June 24, 2024

“A Hole in the Wall: Separation of Church and State in the U.S. Constitution” **delivered** for the Chippewa Valley Humanists | May 28, 2024

Interviewer for John Wood Jr. for The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies at UWEC | April 10, 2024

Interviewed about Wisconsin *Catholic Charities Bureau* case with *Wisconsin Public Radio* | March 20, 2024

“The Paradox of Tolerance” **delivered** at the Philosopher’s Café for the Center for Applied Ethics | November 8, 2023

Interviewer for David Hogg for The Forum series at UWEC | October 23, 2023

Interviewer for Manu Meel for The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies at UWEC | October 16, 2023

Interviewer for Bari Weiss for The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies at UWEC | September 20, 2023

Interviewed about Wisconsin fake electors for *Wisconsin Public Radio* | August 11, 2023

“Apatheism: A Primer” **delivered** at the Eau Claire chapter of the Wisconsin Humanist Association | April 1, 2023

Interviewer for Megan Phelps-Roper for The Menard Center for Constitutional Studies at UWEC | March 8, 2023

Interviewed about SCOTUS OT 2022 term preview with *WQOW News*; Eau Claire, WI | October 5, 2022

Interviewed about Dobbs and Wisconsin abortion law with *WEAU News*; Eau Claire, WI | June 28, 2022

Interviewed about Roe v. Wade’s future with *WQOW News*; Eau Claire, WI | May 3, 2022

Interviewed about Election 2020 for *The Lutrinae*; Seaside, CA | November 9, 2020

Interviewed about Election 2020 for *KION News*; Salinas, CA | November 4, 2020

Awards, Honors, & Grants

UWEC Celebration of Scholarship for new book *To Hell with Heaven* | Fall 2024
Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship & Civil Dialogue Grant for religious freedom event | Academic Year 2024-2025
Wisconsin Institute for Citizenship & Civil Dialogue Grant for Bridge UWEC | Academic Year 2024-2025
CSUMB School of Humanities & Communication Lecturer Grant | Spring 2020
CSUS Department of Political Science Professional Development Grant | Spring 2019
Bret Hewitt Distinguished Qualifying Exam Award | 2018
Russell J. & Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship | 2018-2019
Humane Studies Research Fellowship | Fall 2018
Hayek Fund for Scholars | Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Theory Subfield Comprehensive Exam High Pass | 2017 (first such award in 17 years)
CSUS School of Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty Council Travel Award | Spring 2017, Spring 2018
Institute for Humane Studies Conference & Research Grant | Spring 2017
UC Davis Department of Political Science Charles Hardin Award | Spring 2017, Spring 2018
UC Davis Department of Political Science Travel Award | Fall 2016, Spring 2018
UC Davis Social Sciences Institute Summer Research Collaborative | Summer 2016
UC Davis Department of Political Science Fellowship | Fall 2015

Conferences & Training Presentations

Presenter at “Free Speech on Campus Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | October 23, 2024
Panelist at the “Grad School Info Session” for political science and criminal justice majors | October 14, 2024
Panelist at “Free Pizza and Free Speech” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | September 9, 2024
Presenter at the “Wisconsin High School and Middle School Teacher Symposium” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | July 17-19, 2024
Presenter at various forums for Badger Boys State at UWEC | June 10-14, 2024
“Religion, Tolerance, and Liberal Principles: The Continued Legacy of *Wisconsin v. Yoder*” **presented** at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 5, 2024
“Tolerating the Violent: The Liberal Egalitarian Justifications for the *Brandenburg* Test” **presented** at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 5, 2024
Panelist at the “Free Speech on Campus Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | March 27, 2024
Presenter at “MCSII Network Free Speech Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | October 28, 2023
Panelist at the “Grad School Info Session” for political science and criminal justice majors | October 10, 2023
Panelist at “Free Pizza and Free Speech” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | September 6, 2023
Presenter at the “Wisconsin High School and Middle School Teacher Symposium” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | July 19-21, 2023
Presenter at various forums for Badger Boys State at UWEC | June 15-16, 2023
Discussant and Chair for the “Democratic Action” panel (Political Philosophy) at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 14, 2023
“Autonomy Proves Too Much: The Political Theory of Samuel Alito” **presented** at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 13, 2023
Panelist at the “Free Speech on Campus Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | March 29, 2023
Presenter at “Faculty Workshop” for the Marquette University Law School | February 7, 2023
Panelist at the “Grad School Info Session” for political science and criminal justice majors | November 9, 2022
Presenter at “MCSII Network Free Speech Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | October 29, 2022
Classroom host and discussant for Monica Lewinsky as part of “Monica Lewinsky: The Price of Shame” for *The Forum* series at UWEC | October 26, 2022

Panelist at the “Teach with Free Speech” faculty seminar for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | October 24, 2022

Classroom host and discussant for Nadine Strossen as part of “Censorship, Free Speech, and the Constitution with Nadine Strossen” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | September 19, 2022

“Tolerating the Violent: The Liberal Egalitarian Justifications for the Brandenburg Test” **presented** at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference | September 18, 2022

Panelist at “Free Pizza and Free Speech” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | September 7, 2022

Presenter at the “Wisconsin High School and Middle School Teacher Symposium” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | July 21-22, 2022

Presenter at various forums for Badger Boys State at UWEC | June 13-17, 2022

Discussant for Chad Oldfather’s “Some Observations on Separation of Powers and the Wisconsin Constitution” presentation at the Third Annual Civil Liberties Symposium for the Menard Center for the Study of Institutions & Innovation | April 18, 2022

Panelist at the “Free Speech on Campus Workshop” for the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies | April 13, 2022

“One Nation Ignoring God: A Theory of Public Apatheism” **presented** at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 10, 2022

Discussant for the “Democratic Participation and Freedom” panel (Political Philosophy) at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference | April 7, 2022

“Cacti and the Constitution: Indigenous Sacred Sites and US/Mexico Border Security” **presented** at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference; Virtual | May 27, 2021

“The Ultimate Emergency: A Liberal Egalitarian Theory of Existential Risk Reduction” **presented** at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 14, 2021

Discussant for the “The Reach of Free Speech” panel (Law & Jurisprudence) at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 14, 2021

Chair for the “The Canon and Its Problems” panel (Political Theory: Critical & Normative) at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 14, 2021

Chair for the “Political Theory of the American Founding” panel (Political Theory) at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 14, 2021

Discussant for the “Judicial Review, Litigation Reform, and Political Speech” panel (Judicial Politics, Legal Politics and Public Law) at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 2, 2021

Discussant for the “Constitutional Exigencies” panel (Judicial Politics, Legal Politics and Public Law) at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 3, 2021

Chair of the “The Ancients, the Moderns, and Us” panel (Political Theory: Critical and Normative) at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 1, 2021

Chair of the “Constitutions & Law’s Contentions” panel (Political Theory and Its Applications) at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 2, 2021

Chair of the “Courts and Liberties” panel (Judicial Politics, Legal Politics and Public Law) at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference; Virtual | April 1, 2021

“The Academic Teaching Market” **presented** for the Graduate Association of Political Science Students at UC Davis; Davis, CA | February 5, 2021

“Rawls, Primary Goods, & Restorative Justice within Liberal Egalitarianism” **presented** at the *Western Political Science Association Annual Conference*; Los Angeles, CA | April 10, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)

“Preserving the Kingdom: Conservation Within Kant’s Theory of Right” **presented** at the *Western Political Science Association Annual Conference*; San Diego, CA | April 19, 2019

“The Kingdom of Friends: Civic Friendship in Kantian Liberalism” **presented** at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*; Boston, MA | August 30, 2018

“An Age Where Lawyers Rule’: The Late-Modern Lawyer as True Politician in Weber’s Religiopolitical Framework” **presented** at the *Western Political Science Association Annual Conference*; San Francisco, CA | March 30, 2018

“Justice as Friendship: Fraternity in Rawlsian Liberalism” **presented** at the *Western Political Science Association Annual Conference*; Vancouver, BC, Canada | April 14, 2017

“The Kingdom of Friends” **presented** at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*; Chicago, IL | April 7, 2017

“The Fraternity-Difference Principle Correspondence” **presented** at the *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference*; Boston, MA | November 10, 2016

Courses Taught

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Department of Political Science

American Political Thought (Themes and Eras)
Contemporary Political Thought (Liberalism and Its Critics)
Distributive Justice (Contemporary Theories)
Introduction to Legal Advocacy and Moot Court
Judicial Politics (Law: Process and Substance)
Modern Political Thought (Social Contract Theory)
POLS Honors Independent Reading
Survey of U.S. Constitutional Principles (Introduction to Constitutional Law)
The Idea of Tolerance in the Western Political Tradition (Contemporary Theories of Tolerance)
U.S. Constitutional Principles (Equality and Privacy)

California State University, Monterey Bay; School of Humanities & Communication

Constitutional Law (Powers and Protections)
Critical Perspective on Law in Society (The Limits of Religious Freedom)
Multicultural Conflict Resolution (Political Conflict, Dialogue, & Mediation)
Pathways to the Legal Profession (Ethical & Egalitarian Lawyering)
Political Participation (Civics, Citizen Values, & Service Learning)

University of California, Davis; Department of Political Science

Legal Philosophy (Intro to Jurisprudence & Critical Legal Theory)

California State University, Sacramento; Department of Political Science

Constitutional Law I (Federal and State Power)
Constitutional Law II (Civil Liberties and Rights)
American Government (Advanced Federal Government Survey)

Department, University, and Professional Service and Development

Lalich Center on Cults and Coercion (Professional) Board Member | November 2024-Present
Journal of Value Inquiry Reviewer | September 2024
Association for Student Humanists (UWEC) Club Advisor | Fall 2024-Present
University Senate Compensation & Budget Committee (UWEC) At-Large Member | Fall 2024-Present
McNair Scholars (UWEC) Advisor for Shayla Breen | Fall 2024
College of Arts & Sciences Service Workload Committee (UWEC) Member | Fall 2024
POLS/CRMJ Policy Committee (Dept.) Member | Fall 2024-Present
Leadership Club with Dean Sternfeld-Dunn (College) Member | Fall 2024-Present
Bridge UWEC (UWEC) Club Advisor | Spring 2024-Present
Civil Dialogue Working Group (UWEC) Contributor | 2023-Present
University Mediation Program (UWEC) Certified Mediator | 2023-Present
Mock Trial (UWEC) Club Advisor | 2023-Present
Menard Center for Constitutional Studies (Dept.) Steering Committee Member | 2021-Present
Capstone Advisor (Dept.) for Steven Ross (political science, Fall 21) and Dana Athmann (history, Fall 21); Thomas Reiter (political science, Spring 22) and Michalia Thurin (political science, Spring 22); Ellie Pomerleau (political science, Fall 22); Alex Carlton (political science, Spring 23), Brock Erdman political science, Spring 23), Taylor Golding (political science, Spring 23), Hannah Hawthorne (political science, Spring 23), and Grace Justice (political science, Spring 23); Emma Ressler (political science, Fall 23) and Elizabeth TenBarge (political science, Fall 23); Noah Yerama (political science, Spring 24); Teresa Fischer (political science, Fall 24) and McKayla Reuter (political science, Fall 24)
2023 Comparative Politics Assistant Professor Search Committee (Dept.) Member | Fall 2023
2023 Visiting Research Assistant Professor Search Committee (Dept.) Member | Summer 2023

2022 Constitutional Law Assistant Professor Search Committee (Dept.) Member | Fall 2022
Moot Court (Dept.) Advisor | 2021-2023
Prelaw Advising (CSUMB) Faculty Resource | 2019-2021
Justice Studies Major Proposal & Curriculum Development (CSUMB) Contributor | 2020-2021
Legal Studies Major Revision (CSUMB) Contributor | 2020-2021
The Law Society (CSUMB) Advisor | 2019 – 2020
Civics & Service-Learning Development Committee (CSUMB) Member | 2019-2020
Davis Political Theory Forum (UC Davis) Webmaster | 2018 – 2019
Prelaw Advising (UC Davis) Graduate Student Mentor | 2015 – 2019

Organizational Membership & Community Involvement

American Atheists
American Civil Liberties Union
American Humanist Association
American Political Science Association
Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Association of American Colleges & Universities
International Association for Research on Service-Learning & Community
Midwest Political Science Association
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Sierra Club
Western Political Science Association

Legal Practice

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; Washington, DC
Associate | 2012 – 2015
Summer Associate/Law Clerk | 2011 – 2012

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia Bar
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Virginia Bar