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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science (2010)

Dissertation: *The Federalist Society and the Structural Constitution: An Epistemic Community at Work*. Committee: Robert A. Kagan, Shannon Stimson, Gordon Silverstein, Daniel A. Farber

M.A. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science (2005)

B.A. Boston University. Philosophy and Political Science (2003)

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Politics, Pomona College (2011 – present)

American Constitutionalism I: Structures of Power (Politics 33A)

American Constitutionalism II: Rights and Liberties (Politics 33B)

Introduction to American Politics (Politics 3)

Law and Politics (Politics 133)

Senior Seminar in American Politics and Law (Politics 190D)

Critical Inquiry Seminar: Running for Office (ID-1)

Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley School of Law (2010-2011)

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley (2004-2007)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division, “Studying Variance Within and Evaluating the Efficacy of Support Structures for Legal Mobilization,” award number [1551871](#) \$157,000 (2016-2019)

Hirsch Research Initiation Grant. Pomona College Internal Grant (2015-2017).

Mike Synar Fellowship for Outstanding Research in American Politics. Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley (2009).

Phi Beta Kappa Alpha Chapter of Northern California Doctoral Fellow (2008-2009).

HONORS AND AWARDS

C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book on Law and Courts, the American Political Science Association’s Law and Courts Section, (for *Ideas with Consequences*) (2016)

Wig Distinguished Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching, Pomona College (2014)

Graduate Student Instructor and Mentor of the Year, UC Berkeley Undergraduate Political Science Association (2007).

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Office of Teaching Resources, University of California, Berkeley (2006)

Phi Beta Kappa Epsilon Chapter of Massachusetts (2003)

Polytropos Award, Faculty of the Core Curriculum of Boston University (2003)

Peter M Nelson Memorial Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy at Boston University (2001)

PUBLISHED WORK

Books

Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society & the Conservative Counterrevolution.^{*} Oxford University Press, 2015.

^{*}Winner of the 2016 C Herman Pritchett Award for the Best Book on Law and Courts published by a Political Scientist

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals & Law Review Journals

“Playing for the Rules: How and Why New Christian Right Public Interest Law Firms Invest in Secular Litigation.” With Joshua C. Wilson. *Law and Policy*, Vol. 39, Issue 2: 121-141 (2017)

“Lawyers for God and Neighbor: The Emergence of ‘Law as a Calling’ as a Mobilizing Frame for Christian Lawyers.” With Joshua C. Wilson. *Law and Social Inquiry* 39(2) (2014).

“It’s the Network: The Federalist Society as a Supplier of Intellectual Capital for the Supreme Court.” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* Vol. 61 (2013).

“An [Un]Clear Conscience Clause: The Sources and Consequences of Statutory Ambiguity in State Contraceptive Mandates.” With Rachel VanSickle-Ward. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law* 38 (4) (2013).

“Helping Ideas Have Consequences: Political and Intellectual Investment in the Unitary Executive Theory, 1981-2000.” *Denver University Law Review* 89 (1) (2011-2012).

“Support Structures and Constitutional Change: Teles, Southworth, and the Conservative Legal Movement.” *Law and Social Inquiry* 36 (2): 551-74 (2011).

Book Reviews

Review of Pamela Karlan, *The Long Reach of the Sixties: LBJ, Nixon, and the Making of the Contemporary Supreme Court*. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. 2017.

Review of Jefferson Decker, *The Other Rights Revolution: Conservative Lawyers and the Remaking of American Government*. *Law and Politics Book Review*. Vol 27 (3): 49-52 (2017).

Review of William Howell and Terry Moe, *Relic: How our Constitution Undermines Effective Government and Why We Need a More Powerful Presidency*. *The Forum*. Spring 2017.

“The Constrained Court.” Review of Ian Millhiser, *Injustices: The Supreme Court’s History of Comforting the Comfortable and Afflicting the Afflicted*. *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, Issue 37 (Summer 2015).

Review of Pamela Karlan, *A Constitution for All Times*. *Law and Politics Book Review*, 24 (6): 283-286 (June 2014).

Review of Michael Avery and Danielle McLaughlin, *The Federalist Society: How Conservatives Took the Law Back from Liberals*. *Political Science Quarterly*, 129(1): 177 (Spring 2014)

UNPUBLISHED WORK

- *Revise and Resubmit*
 - “The Support Structure Pyramid: A Conceptual Framework for Litigation-Based Movements.” Co-authored with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver. Revise and Resubmit from *Law and Society Review* (decision received June 2017).

- *Works Under Review*
 - “An Activist’s Court: Political Polarization and the Roberts Court.” *Parchment Barriers: Political Polarization and the Limits of Constitutional Order* (eds. Zachary Courser, Eric Helland, Kenneth P Miller) Volume under review with Kansas University Press.

- *Works in Progress*
 - *Higher Counsel: The Rise of the Conservative Christian Legal Movement*, Co-authored with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver. Book project under advanced contract with Oxford University Press (expected manuscript submission date December 2018).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/ INVITED TALKS:

“How the Constitution Changes: Lawyers, Legal Institutions and the ‘Support Structure’ for Constitutional Development.” Taking the Constitution Seriously Speaker Series. Claremont Graduate University. May 2, 2017.

“Justice Confirmed.” Supreme Court Panel Discussion. Foley Institute. Washington State University. March 20, 2017.

“Black-Robed Policymakers or Defenders of the Constitution? When the Supreme Court Should and Should not Govern Us.” Constitution Day Talk, Northwestern University, Department of Legal Studies. October 1, 2015

“Culture Warrior, Esquire: Will Christian Law Schools and Training Programs Reshape Law and Politics?” Boston University Political Science Department. May 1, 2015.

“Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution.” University of Pennsylvania Law School (sponsored by the American Constitution Society). Mar. 18, 2015.

“Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution.” University of California, Berkeley (co-sponsored by Center for Right Wing Studies, Center for the Study of Law and Society, and Travers Department of Political Science). Feb. 19, 2015.

“Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution.” Marsico Visiting Scholar, University of Denver Political Science Department. Feb 3-6, 2015.

“Wrestling with Conscience Clauses” (with Rachel Van Sickle-Ward, Pitzer College). Southwestern Law School Faculty Speaker Series. April 5, 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Support Structures and Legal Mobilization: Lessons in Movement Building and Efficacy from New Christian Right Law Schools and Training Programs.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, MX.* June 20, 2017.

“Freedom and Constraints in Building a Movement: Lessons from New Christian Law Schools and Training Programs.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C.* Apr 15, 2017.

“Thickening Support: The Conservative Christian Legal Movement and the Development of Support Structure Models.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.* June 3, 2016.

“Support Structures: Just Seventeen, You know What I Mean.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA* May 30. 2015.

“When the Public Interest is God’s Interest: The Strategies, Successes and Failures of New Christian Right Public Interest Law.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.* Aug 28, 2014

“When the Public Interest is God’s Interest: The Strategies, Successes and Failures of New Christian Right Public Interest Law.” (with Joshua C Wilson, University of Denver). *Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. May 29, 2014.*

“Judicial Activism, Inc. How the Federalist Society Network Shaped Citizens United.” *Presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science (SoCLASS) Forum. Whittier Law School. Mar. 28, 2014.*

“Whither the Conservative Christian Legal Movement?” Co-Authored Paper with Josh C. Wilson. *Prepared for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Aug 30-Sep 2, 2012.*** Meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac****

“An [Un]Clear Conscience Clause: The Sources and Consequences of Statutory Ambiguity in State Contraceptive Mandates” (with Rachel Van Sickle-Ward, Pitzer College). *Presented at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI. June 2012.*

“Lawyers for God and Neighbor: the Importance of ‘Law as a Calling’ as a Mobilizing Frame for Christian Lawyers” (with Josh C Wilson, John Jay, CUNY). *Presented at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI. June, 2012.*

“Lobbying the Least Dangerous Branch: The Federalist Society, Idea Diffusion, and Constitutional Change.” *Presented at the APSA Annual Meeting in Seattle. September, 2011.*

“Lobbying the Least Dangerous Branch: The Federalist Society, Idea Diffusion, and Constitutional Change.” *Presented at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco. June, 2011*

“Building the Unitary Executive from the Inside Out (1981-1988) and the Outside In (1989-2000).” *Paper prepared for WPSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. March, 2010.*

“The Federalist Society and the Unitary Executive: An Epistemic Community at Work.” *Presented at APSA Annual Meeting in Toronto. September, 2009.*

“Unpacking the Reagan Revolution.” *Presented at MPSA Annual Meeting in Chicago.* April, 2008.

“A Marriage of Convenience? Reagan, the Fledgling Federalists, and Originalism.” *Presented at WPSA Annual Meeting in San Diego.* March, 2008.

“Catching Intellectual Colds: Law, Politics and the Academy.” *Presented at Brown University.* May, 2007.

“Judicial Community, Interpret Thyself!” *Presented at the University of California, Berkeley.* April, 2006.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Panelist, “Raised Right: Fatherhood in Modern American Conservatism” by Jeffrey Dudas.

Author Meets Reader. *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association.* Mexico City. June 20, 2017.

Welcoming Remarks. “Law and Legitimacy.” *Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum.* Claremont McKenna. April 28, 2017.

Discussant. “Politics in an age of Societal Division.” *Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum.* UC San Diego. March 18, 2016.

Panelist, “Polarization and the Supreme Court.” David Dreier Roundtable, Claremont McKenna College, October 9, 2015.

Organizer, “Lawyers, Networks and Institutions: Examining the ‘Support Structure’ for Legal Development.” *Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA* May 30, 2015

Chair, “Regulation in Uncharted Territory.” *Third Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum.* USC Law School. Mar. 27, 2015.

Co-Organizer, Law, Politics, and Democracy, *Second Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum*. Whittier Law School. Mar. 28, 2014.

Chair, Empirical Inquiries in Constitutional Law, *APSA Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, Aug 29-Sep 1, 2013

Chair, Constitutional Law and the Political Theory of Rights, *APSA Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, Aug 29-Sep 1, 2013

Co-Organizer, Host, and Opening Remarks, Law at the Fault Lines Conference, *The First Annual Meeting of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum*. Pomona College, March 1, 2013

Discussant, “Polarization in the Judiciary,” Politics to the Extreme. CSU Channel Islands, Oct 8-9, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee/ Reviewer for: *Studies in American Political Development*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *National Science Foundation Law and Social Sciences Division*

Co-Founder & Chair, Steering Committee, Southern California Law and Social Science Forum (2012 – present)

Member, Law and Society Association (2010 – present)

Member, American Political Science Association (2007 – present)

2017-2018: Served as Chair of APSA Distinguished Teaching Award Committee

2014-2015: Served as Chair, Law & Courts Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award

2012-2013: Served on the Law & Courts Section Best Paper Award Committee

Member, Midwest Political Science Association (2007 – 2009)

Member, Western Political Science Association (2007 – present)

COLLEGE SERVICE

Co-Chair, Task Force on Public Dialogue (2017-2018)
Faculty Executive Committee, Div III representative (2017-present)
Chair, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) (Spring 2017)
Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (2016-present)
Curriculum Committee (2016-2017)
Analyzing Difference Committee (2016-2017)
Dean of the College Search Committee (2015 – 2016)
Critical Writing and Thinking Committee (2015- 2016)
Faculty Advisor, The Claremont Journal of Law and Public Policy (2015 – present)
Pomona College Emergency Building Coordinator, Carnegie Bldng (2013-2014)
Pomona College Ad Hoc for Arts and Humanities (AHAH) (2013 – 2014)
Pomona College ID-1 Steering Committee (2012 – 2013)
PPE Steering Committee (2012 – 2014)
Faculty Host, Downing College Visiting Scholar (2012-2013)
Co-Organizer, Pomona College Social Science Research Confab (2012-2013, 2016-2017)

COMMUNITY SERVICE & CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of US Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI). “Who is Brian Schatz?” Pomona College Commencement. May 14, 2017.

Invited speaker, “The 2016 Election.” Pomona College Alumni Event. New York City, NY. Nov. 5, 2016.

Panelist, “Constitutional Rhetoric and Presidential Elections.” Claremont Consortium Constitution Day Panel. Sep. 14, 2016.

Invited Speaker, Claremont Democratic Club. “The Future of the Supreme Court.” Sep. 9, 2016.

Invited Panelist, “Justice Scalia’s Legacy.” Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College. Mar 3, 2016.

Teach-In (w/ David Menefee-Libey) on the Scalia vacancy, Merrick Garland, the Senate and the Supreme Court. Feb 24, 2016.

Faculty Interviewer, “A Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.” Big Bridges Auditorium, Oct. 15, 2015.

Freshman Orientation Speaker, on Sonia Sotomayor’s *My Beloved World*, Aug. 30, 2015.

Invited speaker, “Daring Minds East Coast Lecture Series,” Pomona College New York City Alumni Chapter. Mar. 19, 2015.

Invited Speaker, Claremont Democratic Club. “Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution.” Feb 23, 2015.

Faculty Speaker, Pomona College Class Day, “#Authority” May 17, 2014.

Featured Face in the Pomona College Women’s Union’s Project, “Words of Wisdom from Women Faculty” April 2014.

Invited Speaker, La Canada Crescenta Democratic Club. “The Supreme Court’s New Brand of Judicial Activism: Thinking Beyond Shelby County and Citizens United.” Apr. 27, 2014

“If you Can’t Beat ‘em, Join ‘em! Promoting Research Savvy with Wikipedia.” With Char Booth and Sara Lowe (CUC Library). Presented to the Teaching and Learning Center. Mar. 25, 2014.

Panelist, “Work-Life Balance.” Women’s Union Event. Thurs Nov. 21, 2013.

Panelist, “The Government Shutdown.” Sponsored by Politics and Economics Departments, Oct. 4, 2013.

Featured Speaker, “The Supreme Court and the Future of Constitutional Law.” Pomona College Alumni Telecast, Sept. 16, 2013.

Co-organizer and Participant, “Supreme Court Session Debrief Lunch.” With David Menefee-Libey for Faculty and Students. June 26, 2013.

Invited Speaker, “The Supreme Court’s Big Week.” Summer SURP Barbecue in Miriam Feldblum’s Backyard. June 25, 2013.

Panelist, *Beyond Bigotry*. Organized by Pomona Student Union, April 25, 2013

Faculty Panelist, Student & Parent Admit Days April 15 and April 22nd, 2013

Organizer and Presenter, Politics Department Event. “Gay Marriage Supreme Court Oral Argument Debrief.” March 27, 2013

Host and Co-Organizer, *Law at the Fault Lines* Conference. Inaugural event of the Southern California Law and Social Science Forum. March 1, 2013.

Panelist, *Roe v Wade* 40th Anniversary Event. Sponsored by Gender and Women’s Studies. Jan. 23, 2013

Speaker and Co-Organizer, Politics Department/PSU Co-Sponsored Event. “The First Presidential Debate.” Oct. 3, 2012

Invited Speaker, Claremont Democratic Club. “The Paul Ryan Effect.” Sep. 14, 2012

Faculty Facilitator, International Student Orientation. Aug 26, 2012

Faculty Participant, Five-C’s New Faculty Orientation, Dom’s Lounge. May, 2012

Organizer and Speaker, Pizza and Politics Workshop (w/ Prof. Menefee Libey). “Health Care Reform at the Supreme Court: Postmortem of Historic Three Day Oral Argument.” Apr 6, 2012

Invited Speaker, Pomona College Women’s Union, “Contraception Access in the States.” Apr 5, 2012

Invited Speaker, La Canada Crescenta Democratic Club. “The Tea Party & the Conservative Legal Movement” Jan. 29, 2012

Invited Panelist, Claremont Consortium’s Constitution Day Panel: “The Tea Party of Intent: How the Tea Party Interprets the Founding Documents.” Sep. 14, 2011.