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## EDUCATION

### **Princeton University**

M.A., Ph.D., Politics, 2004

*Dissertation*: "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: The History and Promise of Constitutional Tort Litigation"

*Committee*: Keith Whittington, Rogers M. Smith, Christopher Eisgruber, Ken Kersch

*Fields of Concentration*: Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics, American Politics, and Political Theory

*Research Assistant*: Walter F. Murphy and Jennifer Hochschild

*Fellowships*: Princeton University Fellowship, 1992-1996; Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1994; Council on Regional Studies Fellowship, 1993

### **Yale University**

School of Law, J.D. 2000

*Research Assistant*: Bruce Ackerman

*Visiting Exchange Scholar*: Department of Political Science, 1994-1996

### **Baylor University**

B.A. Political Science and Foreign Service, 1991, Phi Beta Kappa

*Honors*: National Merit Scholar full-tuition scholarship, Honors Program, University Distinguished Student in Foreign Service, Senior Thesis: "Education for Racial Justice"

## SCHOLARSHIP

*Taming the Rights Revolution: The Supreme Court, Constitutional Torts, and the Elusive Quest for Accountability* (book manuscript)

"Sisterhood of Struggle: Leadership and Tactics in the Campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment," in *Feminist Legal History* (Tracy A. Thomas & Tracey Jean Boisseau eds., New York University Press, 2011)

"Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights in the Era Before *Brown*," 85 *IND. L. J.* 1599-1657 (2010)

"Parades, Pickets, and Prison: Alice Paul and the Virtues of Unruly Constitutional Citizenship," 24 *J. LAW & POL.* 339-433 (2008)

"*Deshaney v. Winnebago County* & the 'Blessings of Liberty'," in *Civil Rights Stories* (Myriam Gilles & Risa Goluboff eds., Foundation Press, 2007)

"Implementing the Rule of Law: The Role of Citizen-Plaintiffs," 13 *The Good Society* 36-44 (Fall 2004)

## RECENT TEACHING

2010- Joseph H. Flom Professor, Department of Political Science, The City University of New York – City College  
Recipient, 2011 Faculty Award – City College Undergraduate Student Government  
Responsibilities include developing and teaching the honors curriculum in the Skadden, Arps Honors Program in Legal Studies: "Political Theory and Civil Liberties,"

- “Jurisprudence,” “American Constitutional Development,” and “Advanced Legal Analysis”
- 2005-2010 Assistant Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law  
Responsibilities included teaching “Constitutional Law,” “Torts,” “Criminal Procedure,” “Constitutional Tort Litigation,” “Jurisprudence,” and “Constitutional Theory”
- 2004-2005 Founding Director, Law and Social Change Initiative, Miami University of Ohio
- 2003-2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University of Ohio  
Responsibilities included teaching law and politics courses, including “Administrative Law,” “Criminal Procedure,” “Constitutional Law,” and “Law and Social Change”
- 2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delaware  
Responsibilities included teaching five undergraduate courses: “Introduction to Law,” “Constitutional Law I,” “Civil Liberties,” “American Political Systems,” and “Judicial Process”
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Wellesley College  
Recipient, Class of 2002 Mentoring Award  
Responsibilities included developing and teaching four undergraduate courses: “Civil Liberties in the Modern State,” “Courts, Law, and Politics,” “Defendants’ Rights in Crisis Times,” and “Introduction to American Government”

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Organizer & Presenter, “The Rights Revolution Revisited: Political Science Perspectives on the Role of Private Enforcement of Civil Rights in the United States,” (with Sean Farhang, Charles Epp, Michael McCann, Shep Melnick, Tom Burke, Sarah Staszak, Quinn Mulroy, and Tom Hilbink), The City College of New York, April 2012

“The Burger Court and Civil Rights: The Revolution that Almost Was,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012

Panel Chair & Organizer, “A Roundtable Discussion of Kevin J. McMahon’s *Nixon’s Court* (2011),” (with Kevin J. McMahon, Mark Graber, Ken Kersch, and Terri Peretti), annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012

Invited Presentation, Comments, “Theoretical Perspectives on Rights and Freedom,” Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Annual Meeting of The Association of American Law Schools (AALS), January 2012

Invited Presentation, “Constitutional Torts in the Forgotten Years,” (with commentary by Louise Weinberg, University of Texas School of Law), Federal Courts Junior Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois Law School, October 2010

Invited Presentation, “The President’s Committee on Civil Rights and the Rise of a Civil Rights Litigation Support Structure,” Maryland/Georgetown Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, February 2010.

Invited Presentation, “The Burger Court and Constitutional Torts: The Revolution that Almost Was,” University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School Symposium on the Law of Section 1983, October 2009.

Panel Chair & Organizer, “A Roundtable Discussion of Barry Friedman’s *The Will of the People: How Public Opinion Has Influenced the Supreme Court and Shaped the Meaning of the Constitution* (2009),” (with Barry Friedman, Mark Graber, Steven Teles, and Mark Tushnet), American University Washington College of Law and the Institute for Constitutional History, September 2009.

“Constitutional Torts in the ‘Forgotten Years’,” (with commentary by Barry Friedman, New York University School of Law), Workshop on Federal Judges and Judging, American University Washington College of Law, September 2009.

Presenter, “Champions of Constitutional Change: A Roundtable on Amendment Campaigns,” (with Richard Aynes, David Kyvig, and Rebecca Zietlow), annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, May 2009.

Invited Presentation, “Parades, Pickets, and Prison: Alice Paul and the Virtues of Unruly Constitutional Citizenship,” International Conference on Feminist Constitutionalism, Queen’s University, Ontario, February 2009.

Co-Organizer (with Robert Tsai) & Presenter, “Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights in the Era Before *Brown*,” Conference on Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights, (with Jeffrey Tulis, Keith Whittington, Kevin McMahan, Joseph Lowndes, Steven Teles, and Michael Gerhardt), American University Washington College of Law, January 2009.

Invited Presentation, “Parades, Pickets, and Prison: Alice Paul and the Virtues of Unruly Constitutional Citizenship,” (with commentary by Robyn Muncy, University of Maryland Department of History), D.C.-Area Legal History Roundtable, Georgetown University Law Center, September 2008.

“Constitutional Torts in the Modern Era,” (with commentary by Vicki Jackson, Georgetown University Law School), Workshop on Federal Judges and Judging, American University Washington College of Law, September 2008.

Discussant, “Law and Inequality,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008.

Panel Chair & Discussant, “Civil Rights and the Court,” annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.

Invited Presentation (with Mary L. Clark), “What Third-Wave Feminism Can (and Should) Learn from First-Wave Feminism,” Conference on Feminisms and Feminist Legal Theory, University of Baltimore School of Law, March 2008.

Invited Presentation, “Parades, Pickets, and Prison: Alice Paul and the Virtues of Unruly Constitutional Citizenship,” Maryland/Georgetown Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, March 2008.

Invited Presentation, “Section 1983 Actions: An Overview,” Appellate Judges Education Institute, Washington, D.C., September 2007.

“Reassessing the Theory of Partisan Entrenchment: Reconstruction and the Politics of Supreme Court Appointments,” annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2007.

“The Truman Committee on Civil Rights and the Rise of a Civil Rights Litigation Support Structure,” annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, July 2007.

Panel Chair & Organizer, “The Courts, the Constitution, and Social Change,” (with Gerald Rosenberg and Mark Graber), American University Washington College of Law's Founders' Conference, April 2007.

Invited Presentation, “Defending the ‘Living Constitution’: A Response to Justice Scalia,” American University Washington Semester Program, April 2007.

“*DeShaney* and the Lost Promise of Progressive Constitutionalism,” Junior Faculty Colloquium, Washington & Lee University School of Law, October 2006.

“*DeShaney v. Winnebago County* and the ‘Blessings of Liberty’,” annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, July 2006.

Panel Chair & Organizer, “Progressive Liberalism and the ‘Culture Gap’: A Roundtable on the Future of the Democratic Party,” (with Rogers Smith, William Galston, and Jeffrey Isaac), annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2005.

## **LEGAL PRACTICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

- 1999-2001      Litigation Associate, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, D.C.  
Researched and drafted legal memoranda for Plaintiffs’ Briefs in four Supreme Court cases in the 1999 and 2000 Terms, *Morrison*, *Bond*, *Dickerson*, and *Kyllo*, and prepared a key *amicus curiae* brief for a second 2000 Term case, *Garrett*.
- Spring 2001      Project FEC Task Force, Democracy 21, Washington, D.C.  
Volunteer for Fred Wertheimer’s Task Force, created to develop and propose model legislation to reform procedures for the governmental enforcement of campaign finance laws. Responsibilities included researching and drafting section regarding the FEC’s appointment process for inclusion in the Task Force’s final White Paper.
- Summer 1997      Summer Associate, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, N.Y.  
Researched and drafted legal memoranda on issues of constitutional law and civil procedure; assisted in all aspects of trial preparation; conducted legal and social science research on campaign finance reform.
- 1991-1992      Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Ga.  
Recruited and trained an advocacy coalition and community volunteers in order to inform low-income persons, particularly the elderly, about SSI, Medicaid, and Food Stamp programs and to assist those potentially eligible with their applications.