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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

2023–2025 Postdoctoral Scholar, School of Law  
Supervisors: Howard Gillman, Mark Graber (Maryland), Keith Whittington (Princeton)

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

2021–2022 Visiting Research Scholar (appointed via Letter of Academic Title), Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TX

PH.D., GOVERNMENT, (Spring/Summer 2024, expected)  
Fields: Public Law & American Politics  
Dissertation: *The Imperial Judiciary: Court-Centric Governance and the Nature of American Judicial Power*  
Committee: Jeff Tulis (Chair), HW Perry, Jr., Ran Hirschl, & Josh Chafetz

J.D., LAW SCHOOL, *with Honors*, 2021  
Articles Editor, TEXAS LAW REVIEW  
Supreme Court Clinic  
Research Assistant to Professor Cary Franklin

M.A., GOVERNMENT, 2019

BATES COLLEGE, LEWISTON, ME

B.A. POLITICS, *cum laude* with Honors in Politics, 2016  
Honors Thesis: “Fragmented Citizenship in the Fragmented State: Ideas, Institutions, and the Failure of Reconstruction.”  
Advisor: Stephen Engel

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, LONDON, UK

Political Science Affiliate Program, 2015

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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2020 “Incongruous Ideas of Impeachment: ‘Impeachable Offenses’ and the Constitutional Order.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50, no. 4: pp. 948–67.

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LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

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2023 *Clarifying Judicial Aggrandizement*, 172 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE \_\_ (forthcoming)

2023 *Nondelegation and Judicial Aggrandizement*, 15 ELON L. REV. 1 (2023).

2020 Note, *Epiphenomenal or Constructive?: The State Action Doctrine(s) and the Discursive Properties of Institutions*, 98 TEXAS L. REV. 1139.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2020 Review of *The Living Presidency: An Originalist Argument Against its Ever-Expanding Powers* by Saikrishna Prakash. *Law & Politics Book Review* 30 (9): 135-140.

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OTHER WRITINGS

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Oct. 2, 2023 “We shouldn’t let courts decide Trump’s 14th Amendment eligibility: The debate reveals how juristocratic our legal culture has become” (with Beau Baumann). *MSNBC*. <https://www.msnbc.com/opinion/msnbc-opinion/trump-president-2024-supreme-court-14th-amendment-rcna118409>.

Oct. 29, 2022 “Trump’s subpoena stalling highlights the growing hubris of America’s judges” (with Josh Chafetz). *NBC News*. <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/trump-hopes-judge-will-january-6-subpoenas-rcna54620>.

January 7, 2021 “Yes, Again. And Now” (with Connor M. Ewing). *The Constitutionalist*. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/07/yes-again-and-now-by-allen-sumrall-connor-m-ewing/>.

January 5, 2021 “The Case for Impeaching Trump (Again)” (with Connor M. Ewing). *The Constitutionalist*. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/05/the-case-for-impeaching-trump-again-by-allen-sumrall-and-connor-m-ewing/>.

July 17, 2020 “The Supreme Court is Aggrandizing Itself and the Presidency, in That Order.” *A House Divided*. <https://ahousedividedapd.com/2020/07/17/the-supreme-court-is-aggrandizing-itself-and-the-presidency-in-that-order/>.

April 20, 2020 “Covid-19 and the Decline of Loyal Opposition.” *A House Divided*.  
<https://ahousedividedapd.com/2020/04/02/covid-19-and-the-decline-of-loyal-opposition/>.

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#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2021–2022 U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO  
 Law Clerk, the Honorable James O. Browning

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#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Political Development (APD), American constitutional development, courts & judicial politics, the presidency, separation of powers, ideas and political development, constitutional law.

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#### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX (declined).
- 2023 Civitas Institute Summer Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX
- 2023 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Travel Grant, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX (declined)
- 2022 Clyde Rabb Littlefield Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, Academic Year 2022–2023, University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX
- 2020 Travel Grant, Hayek Fund. Institute for Humane Studies (declined due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, “Separation of Powers in Theory and Practice.” Philadelphia, PA. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. (\$3500)
- 2017 Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. (\$2500)
- 2016 Recruitment Fellowship, awarded by the Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, (\$30,000)
- 2016 Henry W. and Raymond S. Oakes Award for demonstrating superior scholarship and an aptitude for success at law school. Bates College, 2016

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- 2022 American Government (Online Course). Professors Daron Shaw & Eric McDaniel
- 2021 Global Justice. Professor Ben Gregg.
- 2021 Civil Liberties. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2020 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2020 United States Foreign Policy (Online Course). Professor Patrick McDonald
- 2020 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2019 Constitutional Interpretation. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2019 American Government (Online Course). Professors Eric McDaniel & Daron Shaw
- 2019 Civil Liberties. Professor H.W. Perry, Jr.
- 2017 EU/Regional Integration. Professor Zeynep Somer-Topcu
- 2016 The American President. Professor Bruce Buchanan

TEACHING ASSISTANT, ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY SUMMER SESSION

- 2016 Mock Trial & Debate

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023” Is Trump Constitutionally Disqualified for Re-Election?” (with Michael McConnell, David Frum, and Mark Graber). Cosponsored by the American Bar Association, American Constitution Society, Reform for Illinois, and The Federalist Society. (Online).
- 2023 The Nature of American Judicial Power. Junior Law & Politics Research Community. (Online).
- 2021 “Ideas, Doctrine, and Institutional Change: Chief Justice Taft and the Nondelegation Doctrine.” Policy History Conference. Tempe, AZ. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2021 “‘This is not who we are.’ Wait, What?: Panel discussion on race, politics, and insurrection.” Bates College MLK Day Observance. Lewiston, ME. (Online).
- 2020 “Constitutional Red Lines: Judicial Politics in an Age of Constitutional Dysfunction.” UT Public Law Workshop. Austin, TX.
- 2020 “Ideas, Doctrine, and Institutional Change: Chief Justice Taft and the Nondelegation Doctrine.” Shawnee Trail Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Waco, TC. Canceled due to COVID-19.

- 2019 “Public Opinion, The Nondelegation Doctrine, and Constitutional Change.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2019 “The Reconstruction-Era Ku Klux Klan and Political Change Through Discourse.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2018 “The Progressive Struggle with Courts: Formalism, Chevron, and Presidential Power.” UT Public Law Lunch. Austin, TX.
- 2017 “Reconstruction, The Fragmented State, and Political Change” Shawnee Trail Seminar on American Politics and Constitutionalism, Southwest Social Science Association Meeting. Austin, TX.

#### LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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- 2019 Co-Organizer (with Tara Ginnane, Joseph Cozza, and Kyle Shen), Graduate Conference in Public Law, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 Co-Organizer (with Tara Ginnane and Joseph Cozza), Graduate Conference in Public Law, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

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New Mexico

#### LANGUAGES

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French (Intermediate–Advanced Reading, Writing, and Speaking)