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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Cornell University**, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York (May 2002)
Concentration: Political Theory
Second Field: Constitutional Law and Judicial Politics
Dissertation: *Constitutionalism and Character: Executive Power and the American Founding*
- M.A. Cornell University**, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York (May 2000)
- B.A. Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, New Jersey (May 1995) *Summa Cum Laude*
Graduated First in Class
Majors: Political Science, Psychology Minor: German
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Professor**, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University (2017-present)
- Associate Professor**, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University (2010-2017)
- Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science/Politics and International Relations, Florida International University (2004-2010)
- Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Vassar College (2003-2004)
- Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (2002-2003)
- Instructor**, Department of Government, Department of English, Cornell University (2001-2002)
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SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOKS

- America's Founding and the Struggle over Economic Inequality* (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2015)

Outside the Law: Emergency and Executive Power (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009)

EDITED VOLUMES

Interpretation in Political Theory (co-edited with Sean Noah Walsh) (New York: Routledge, 2016)

Extra-Legal Power and Legitimacy: Perspectives on Prerogative (co-edited with Benjamin A. Kleinerman) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The American Revolution and the Pursuit of Economic Equality,” in *Capitalism and the American Revolution: We Hold These Truths: America at 250*, eds. Yuval Levin, Adam J. White, and John Yoo (Washington, D.C.: AEI Press, 2025), pp. 31-59

Jermaine Young and Clement Fatovic, “The Other Side of the Law: Discrimination and Emergency Powers,” *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law*, Volume 25, No. 1 (2025), pp. 33-57 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/13582291241307813>)

“Emergencies and the Rule of Law,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, ed. William R. Thompson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019) (<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.93>) (reprinted in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Crisis Analysis*, ed. Eric Stern [Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022])

“James Madison and the Emergency Powers of the Legislature,” *Constitutional Studies*, Volume 1, Number 1 (2016), pp. 67-93

“Blurring the Lines: The Continuities between Executive Power and Prerogative,” *Maryland Law Review*, Volume 73, Number 1 (2013), pp. 15-53

“Reason and Experience in Alexander Hamilton’s Science of Politics,” *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, Volume 2, Number 1 (Spring 2013), pp. 1-30

“Filling the Void: Democratic Deliberation and the Legitimization of Extra-Legal Action,” in *Extra-Legal Power and Legitimacy: Perspectives on Prerogative*, eds. Clement Fatovic and Benjamin A. Kleinerman (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 169-197

“Settled Law in Unsettling Times: A Lockean View of the War on Terror,” *The Good Society*, Volume 18, Number 2 (Autumn 2009), pp. 14-19

“Emergency Action as Jurisprudential Miracle: Liberalism’s Political Theology of Prerogative,” *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 6, Number 3 (September 2008), pp. 487-501

“The Anti-Catholic Roots of Liberal and Republican Conceptions of Freedom in English Political Thought,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Volume 66, Number 1 (2005), pp. 37-58

“Constitutionalism and Presidential Prerogative: Jeffersonian and Hamiltonian Perspectives,” *American Journal of Political Science*, Volume 48, Number 3 (July 2004), pp. 429-444

“Constitutionalism and Contingency: Locke’s Theory of Prerogative,” *History of Political Thought*, Volume XXV, Issue 2 (Summer 2004), pp. 276-297

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Benjamin Barber,” in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*, ed. Clyde W. Barrow (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024), pp. 500-501 (<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918.ch139>)

“Michel Foucault,” in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*, ed. Clyde W. Barrow (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024), pp. 553-554 (<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918.ch164>)

“Participatory Democracy,” in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*, ed. Clyde W. Barrow (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024), pp. 387-388 (<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918.ch88>)

“Prerogative,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons, et al. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014), pp. 2989-2992 (<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118474396.wbept0824>)

“Dictatorship,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons, et al. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014), pp. 923-924 (<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118474396.wbept0270>)

“Emergency,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons, et al. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014), pp.1038-1043 (<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118474396.wbept0308>)

“Thomas Paine,” in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, ed. Mark Bevir (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010), pp. 1007-1011

“Commonwealthmen,” in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, ed. Mark Bevir (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010), pp. 247-249 (reprinted in *Britannica*)

BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of Mark Zachary Taylor, *Presidential Leadership in Feeble Times: Explaining Executive Power in the Gilded Age*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 139, No. 3 (Fall 2024), pp. 504-505

Review of Sarah Burns, *The Politics of War Powers: The Theory and History of Presidential Unilateralism*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 136, Issue 1 (Spring 2021), pp. 178-180

Review of George William Van Cleve, *We Have Not a Government: The Articles of Confederation and the Road to the Constitution*, in *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 125, Issue 5 (December 2020), pp. 1867-1868

Review of Kate Elizabeth Brown, *Alexander Hamilton and the Development of American Law* and Jack N. Rakove, *A Politician Thinking: The Creative Mind of James Madison*, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 16, Number 3 (September 2018), pp. 836-838

Review of Robert Lamb, *Thomas Paine and the Idea of Human Rights*, in *Review of Politics*, Volume 79, Issue 1 (January 2017), pp. 141-144

Review of Eric Nelson, *The Royalist Revolution: Monarchy and the American Founding*, in *Tulsa Law Review*, Volume 51, Number 2 (Winter 2016), pp. 225-239

Review of Michael P. Federici: *The Political Philosophy of Alexander Hamilton*, in *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture* (Spring 2014), pp. 180-183

Review of Jeremy Waldron, *God, Locke, and Equality: Christian Foundations in Locke's Political Thought*, in *History of Political Thought*, Volume XXVI, Issue 1 (Spring 2005), pp. 171-173

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"America's Founders and Presidential Prerogative," *Short Stack: Washington Post Book World Blog*, posted February 16, 2010 (Guest Blog)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

On Treason (book manuscript in progress)

"'Respect the Office of the President': Origins and Functions of a Monarchical Idea" (with Kevin Evans) (paper under revision)

Review of David Lay Williams, *The Greatest of All Plagues: How Economic Inequality Shaped Political Thought from Plato to Marx*, in *Hobbes Studies* (review under submission)

"Dogma and Deliberation in Thomas Jefferson's Republican Politics" (paper under revision)

"Contingency and the Limits of Sovereignty: Schmitt and Arendt on Political Action" (paper under revision)

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Editorial Assistant for *American Political Thought: A Norton Anthology*, eds. Isaac Kramnick and Theodore J. Lowi

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Jermaine Young and Clement Fatovic, “The Other Side of the Law: Discrimination and Emergency Power,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (August-September 2023)

“Treason and the Consolidation of Identity,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (September 2022)

Kevin Evans and Clement Fatovic, “Respect the Office of the President: Origins and Implications of a Royalist Idea,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2020)

“Treason and the Constitution of Authority,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (September 2018)

“Dogma and Deliberation in Thomas Jefferson’s Republican Politics,” Jack Miller Center’s Lincoln Symposium on American Political Thought, Philadelphia, PA (August 8-August 12, 2017)

“Dogma and Deliberation in Thomas Jefferson’s Republican Politics,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (March 2016)

“James Madison and the Emergency Powers of the Legislature,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (January 2016)

“‘Obliged to act according to emergencies’: Legislative Prerogative at the American Founding,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)

“Economic Equality as Non-Domination,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (August 2014)

“Constructing the Constitution: How the Early Congresses Understood Their Own Powers,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (April 2013)

“‘Necessary and Proper’: Alexander Hamilton on the Economic Powers of the National Government,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA (March 28-30, 2103)

“Is There an Element of Prerogative in All Executive Power?” Conference on Executive Power, Maryland Constitutional Law Discussion Group, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland (February 22-23, 2013)

“‘Not Charity but a Right’: Thomas Paine on the Justice of a Welfare State,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2012)

“‘Silently Lessening the Inequality of Property’: Thomas Jefferson on the Government’s Role in Reducing Economic Inequality,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (September 2011)

“Filling the Void: Democratic Deliberation and the Legitimization of Extra-Legal Powers,” “Perspectives on Prerogative,” Conference sponsored by the Symposium on Science, Reason & Modern Democracy at Michigan State University (March 24-26, 2011)

“Timeless Principles in Times of Transition: Ideology and Evidence in Jefferson’s Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C. (September 2010)

“Reason and Experience in Alexander Hamilton’s Science of Politics,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (April 2010)

“Filling the Void: The Legitimization of Extra-Legal Powers,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario (September 2009)

“Contingency and the Limits of Sovereignty: An Arendtian Critique of Carl Schmitt,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia (March 2009)

“Emergency Action as Jurisprudential Miracle: Liberalism’s Political Theology of Prerogative,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (August-September 2006)

“The Political Theology of Prerogative,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2006)

“Restricted Area: A Tocquevillean Critique of Homeowners Associations,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (August-September 2005)

“Freedom for Sale: Restricting Liberties for the Sake of Property Values,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2005)

“The Constitution of a European Demos,” “The New Face of Europe,” Workshop (Part II), The Center for European Studies, University of Florida, Paris Research Center, Paris, France (February 18-19, 2005)

“The Post-Republican Presidency: Constitutionalizing Virtue in a Liberal Regime,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2004)

“Constitutional Crisis or Constitutional Destiny?: The Philadelphia and European Constitutional Conventions,” “The New Face of Europe,” Workshop (Part I), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (February 27-28, 2004)

“The Philosophical Skepticism of Alexander Hamilton’s New Science of Politics,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2004)

“Constitutionalism and Criminality: Locke, Hamilton, and Jefferson on Discretionary Executive Power,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2003)

“The Reversal of Law and Morality in Hume’s Ethical Theory,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island (November 2002)

“Liberty and Anti-Popery: The Anti-Catholic Roots of Liberal and Republican Ideas of Freedom,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November 2001)

“Custodian of the Constitutional Machinery: Constitutionalism and the Executive in Blackstone’s *Commentaries*,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albany, New York (November 2000)

“Executive Virtue: Locke’s Theory of Prerogative,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November 1999)

“Personal and Official Bases of Power: Locke’s Theory of Prerogative,” New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Queens, New York (May 1999)

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Level: American Political Thought; Problems of Democracy; Ancient and Medieval Political Theory; Contemporary Political Theory; Modern Political Theory; Introduction to Political Theory; Political Thought of the American Founding; Modernity and Its Critics; Constitutional Theory; Politics, Democracy, and the Courts; Freedom of Speech; Politics, Law, and Judgment in Film; Economic Inequality

Graduate Level: American Political Theory; Seminar in Political Theory; Democratic Theory; Liberalism and Its Critics; Foundations of Political Science

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The American Revolution and the Pursuit of Economic Equality,” Symposium on America at 250: Capitalism and the American Revolution, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C. (April 15, 2024)

“Inequality in American History,” US-Pakistan Fulbright Virtual Academic Exchange, Virtual Conference co-hosted by the University of Management and Technology, Pakistan, and Florida International University (December 6, 2021)

“Subversion and the Legitimation Crisis in Recent Superhero Narratives,” Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Organization Pop Culture Event Series, Florida International University (October 26, 2021)

“Treason and the Constitution of Authority,” Political Theory Workshop, The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (February 28, 2019)

“The Metaphor of the Race of Life,” Celebrating Isaac Kramnick, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (May 30, 2015)

“Economic Inequality and the Conditions of Freedom: Views from the American Founding,” Annual Faculty Advisory Board Talk, Center for Humanities in an Urban Environment, Florida International University (April 10, 2013)

“Executive Power Symposium,” Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and the University of Texas Law School, Austin, TX (April 8-10, 2010)

“Alexander Hamilton and the Creation of the Constitution,” Constitution Day Lecture, College of Law, Florida International University (September 17, 2007)

“Constitutionalism and Presidential Prerogative: Jeffersonian and Hamiltonian Perspectives,” Duquesne University (April 23, 2007)

“What Are the Limits of Presidential Powers in a Crisis?” Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Lecture, Florida International University (March 15, 2006)

COLLOQUIA PARTICIPATION

Conference on “Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and American Conservatism,” Sponsored by the Heritage Foundation’s B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics,” Washington, D.C. (December 10-11, 2014)

Roundtable on “Clinton Rossiter’s *Constitutional Dictatorship: Crisis Government in the Modern Democracies*: Still Relevant?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario (September 2009)

Wye Faculty Seminar, “Citizenship and the Global Polity,” The Aspen Institute (July 19-25, 2008)

MEDIA APPEARANCE

Interview on storming of U.S. Capitol by pro-Trump supporters, *Roaring News*, The Roar (WRGP), Episode 11 (aired January 15, 2021)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND DISTINCTIONS

Sabbatical Leave Award, Florida International University (Fall 2012)

Book Award, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Florida International University (April 2006)

Summer Research Grant, Florida International University (Summer 2005)

The Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Annual Prize for Distinguished Scholarship, Cornell University (July 2002)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell University (2001-2002)

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in American Legal Theory, Cornell University (1998)

Olin Foundation Fellowship, Cornell University (1996-2000)

Sage Foundation Fellowship, Cornell University (1995-1996)

Edward McNall Burns Award in Political Science, Rutgers University (May 1995)

Undergraduate Associate, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University (1994-1995)

Phi Beta Kappa, Rutgers University (1994)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Member, Political Science Graduate Student Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2004-Summer 2015, Fall 2018-Spring 2019, Fall 2021-present)

Member, Tenure, Promotion, and Personnel Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2019-Summer 2021, Fall 2022-Summer 2024, Fall 2025-present)

Vice-Chair, Tenure, Promotion, and Personnel Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2023-Summer 2024)

Chair, American Politics and Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Spring-Summer 2024)

Chair, Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Spring-Summer 2023)

Chair, Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)

Chair, Judicial Politics Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Spring 2020-Spring 2021)

Chair, Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2018)

Member, Graduate Student Development Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2016-Spring 2018)

Chair, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Graduate Student Development and Seminars, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)

Director, Graduate Program in Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2011-Summer 2014)

Member, Committee on M.A. in International Campaign Management, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2013)

Member, Committee on Secondary Faculty Appointments, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2013)

Member, Committee for Envisioning the Department of Politics and International Relations' Future (Spring 2013)

Member, Bylaws Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

Member, Politics and International Relations Program Review Committee (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

Member, Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

Member, Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Politics and International Relations (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

Member, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science (Fall 2007)

Director, Political Science Research Colloquium (Fall 2005-Spring 2008)

Member, Student Learning Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science (Fall 2005-Spring 2006)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Awards Committee for UGS Award for Graduate Student Outstanding Paper or Manuscript, Florida International University (March 2025)

Vice-Chair, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs Assembly, Florida International University (August 2017-July 2019)

Member, Faculty Working Group/Faculty Board, Center for the Humanities in an Urban Environment, Florida International University (April 2010-Summer 2016)

Member, Graduate and Professional Education Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida International University (Fall 2014)

Faculty Advisor, Zuna (FIU Microlenders), Florida International University (Fall 2009-Fall 2010)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Division Co-Chair, Division on American Political Thought, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2020)

Discussant, “American Thought in an International Context,” Jack Miller Center’s Lincoln Symposium on American Political Thought, Philadelphia, PA (August 8-August 12, 2017)

Member, Florida International University Advisory Board, *Class, Race and Corporate Power*, 2014-present

Participant, “Interpretive Methods in Political Theory,” 2016 Methods Café, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (March 2016)

Participant, “Interpretive Methods in Political Theory,” 2015 Methods Café, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)

Chair/Discussant, Panels on “Interpreting Political Theory: Method and Technique I” and “Interpreting Political Theory: Method and Technique II,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (April 17-19, 2014)

Co-Organizer, Panels on “Interpreting Political Theory: Method and Technique I” and “Interpreting Political Theory: Method and Technique II,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (April 17-19, 2014)

Chair/Discussant, Panel on Contemporary Insights from 19th Century American Political Thought, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA (March 28-30, 2013)

Co-Organizer, “Perspectives on Prerogative,” Conference sponsored by the Symposium on Science, Reason & Modern Democracy at Michigan State University (March 24-26, 2011)

Co-Organizer, Panel on the Philosophical Foundations of Extralegal Action, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (August-September 2006)

Discussant, Session on “Pushing the Theoretical Envelope,” Social Construction and International Studies Workshop, Florida International University (November 7, 2005)

Discussant, Panel on “Bodies, Violence, and Identity,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2004)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the following journals: *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (2024); *American Political Thought* (2012, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024); *History of Political Thought* (2011, 2015, 2020); *Locke Studies* (2019, 2020); *Polity* (2016, 2019); *American Political Science Review* (2005, 2006, 2007, 2018); *PS: Political Science & Politics* (2018); *Class, Race and Corporate Power* (2014, 2017); *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* (2017); *The Historian* (2016); *European Journal of Political Theory* (2013); *South Carolina Law Review* (2012); *Political Research Quarterly* (2010); *Perspectives on Politics* (2008, 2015); *American Journal of Political Science* (2005); *Journal of Politics* (2004)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the following book publishers: Rowman & Littlefield (2022); University Press of Kansas (2017); Routledge (2017); Polity Press (2011); Oxford University Press (2008)

Reviewer, Promotion File, Georgia Tech (Summer 2025)

Reviewer, Tenure File, Bard College (Fall 2021)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Foundations of Political Theory Section)