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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2003 Ph.D. Boston College.  
\*Co-winner of the APSA 2004 E.E. Schattschneider Award for best dissertation in American government and politics submitted in 2002 or 2003.
- 1996 B.A. Rhodes College.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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- Current: University of Houston, *dual appointment*  
2010- Associate Professor, Honors College and Political Science
- 2010-12 Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science  
\*directed graduate program with approximately 70 MA and PhD students.
- 2007-10 Assistant Professor, University of Houston  
2005-7 Assistant Professor, Duquesne University  
2003-5 Assistant Professor, Eastern Washington University  
2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University

## **CURRENT RESEARCH**

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### ***Book in Progress:***

James Madison and the Politics of Constitutional Imperfection

### ***National Science Foundation Grant:***

“The Politics of Presidential Decree: Presidential Proclamations, the Unilateral Presidency, and the Separation of Powers” (Co PI, with Brandon Rottinghaus)

### ***BOOKS (peer reviewed monographs)***

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2013\* The Removal Power: Dilemmas in American Constitutional Development  
University Press of Kansas, with David Alvis and Flagg Taylor (\*forthcoming).

2007 Thomas Jefferson and Executive Power, Cambridge University Press.  
(paperback issued in 2010)

\*Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, Review of Politics, Journal of the Early Republic, Tulsa Law Review, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Congress and the Presidency, Claremont Review of Books, Federal Lawyer, Political Studies Review, and Choice.

\*Subject of roundtable at 2009 meeting of Southern Political Science Association.

***Journal Articles (peer reviewed)***

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- 2013\* “The Development of Unilateral Power and the Problem of the Power to Warn: Washington through McKinley,” Presidential Studies Quarterly, with Brandon Rottinghaus (\*forthcoming).
- 2012 “Should We Venerate that which Cannot Love?: James Madison on Constitutional Imperfection” Political Research Quarterly 65 (4): 732-44.
- 2008 “The New Unitary Executive and Democratic Theory: The Problem of Alexander Hamilton” American Political Science Review 102 (4): 453-65.
- \*Subject of *exchange* in Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy (see below).
- 2008 “Constitutionalism, Conflict, and Consent: Jefferson on the Impeachment Power.” Review of Politics 70 (4): 572-94.
- 2004 “Executive Prerogative and the ‘good officer’ in Thomas Jefferson’s Letter to John B. Colvin,” Presidential Studies Quarterly 34 (4): 732-754.

***Journal Articles in Special Editions and Exchanges***

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- 2012 “Did Madison Believe a Bill of Rights Would Educate the People?” Perspectives on Political Science 41: 2 (2012): 59-66.
- 2010 “The Traditional View of Hamilton’s *Federalist* No. 77 and an Unexpected Challenge: A Response to Seth Barrett Tillman,” Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy 33: 1 (2010): 169-84.
- 2005 “The Louisiana Purchase and Political Necessity,” Journal of Contemporary Thought, 19-20 (Summer and Winter, 2005): 117-139.
- 2004 “Richard Weaver’s Untraditional Case for Federalism,” in special issue, Publius: The Journal of Federalism 34: 4 (2004): 33-50.

***Chapters in Edited Collections***

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- “Jefferson’s Executive: More Responsible, More Unitary, and Less Stable,” in *Prerogative Power Today*, ed. Clement Fatovic and Benjamin Kleinerman (under contract at Oxford University Press).
- “Nature and Nature’s God in the *Notes on the State of Virginia*,” in *Enlightenment and Secularism*, ed. Christopher Nadon (under contract at Lexington Books).

**Chapters (cont.):**

- 2012 “From ‘floating ardor’ to the ‘union of sentiment’: Jefferson on the Relationship between Public Opinion and the Executive,” Blackwell Companion to Thomas Jefferson, ed. Francis Cogliano. London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2009 “The Revolution of 1800,” in A History of the U.S. Political System :Ideas, Interests, and Institutions, ed. Richard A. Harris and Daniel J. Tichenor. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-Clio, 66-77.

**Other Publications**

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- 2009 Book review of David E. Kyvig, The Age of Impeachment: American Culture since 1960 (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2008), Review of Politics 71 (2009).
- 2008 “Imperfection and Constitutionalism: James Madison on the ‘Difficulties’ of the Constitution,” in The People and American Government, ed. Kent Tedin (New York: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2008), 492-502.
- 2006 Book review of Susan Dunn, Jefferson’s Second Revolution: The Election Crisis of 1800 and the Triumph of Republicanism (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004) in Presidential Studies Quarterly 36: (3): 554-6.
- 2001 “The Republican Executive: Thomas Jefferson and the Development of Presidential Power,” Extraordinary Times, IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conferences, Vol. 11: Vienna, 2001.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2012 National Science Foundation (pending), \$46,000, co-PI with Brandon Rottinghaus.
- 2005 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Fellowship, 2005
- 2001 Visiting Research Fellow, International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, February, 2001.
- 2000 Junior Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences. Vienna, Austria, July- Dec., (Funding through dissertation fellowship from Boston College)

**AWARDS AND HONORS (Internal)**

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- 2006 McAnulty College NEH Endowment Award for course development, McAnulty College, Duquesne University, 2006 (\$2,500 for series of guest lectures)
- 2006 Wimmer Family Faculty Development Award, McAnulty College, Duquesne University, 2006 (\$3,000)
- 2004 Faculty Grant for Research, Eastern Washington University, 2004 (\$5,000).
- 2003 Dissertation Nominated for Council of Graduate Schools International Distinguished Dissertation in the Social Sciences. Boston College, 2003.
- 2002 University Dissertation Fellow, Boston College.

- 2001 Thomas P. O'Neill Fellow in American Politics, Boston College.
- 2000 University Dissertation Fellow, Boston College.
- 1996 Thomas P. O'Neill Fellow in American Politics, Boston College.
- 1996 Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude, Rhodes College, 1996.
- 1995 Phi Alpha Theta Award for highest GPA in history, Rhodes College, 1995.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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#### Graduate:

1. American Political Thought
2. American Politics and Public Policy
3. Democratic Thought

#### Undergraduate:

4. Human Situation: Modernity (Core sequence at UH Honors College)
5. Human Situation: Antiquity (Core sequence at UH Honors College)
6. Special Topics: The Political Theory of the Founding
7. American Political Thought
8. Political Parties and Elections
9. The American Presidency
10. The American Federal System and State Politics
11. Introduction to US Politics
12. Senior Seminar on Executive Power and Constitutionalism
13. Constitutional Law and Politics: Civil Liberties
14. Constitutional Law and Politics: Federalism
15. Social, Political and Economic Systems (undergraduate Core at Duquesne)
16. Sophomore Seminar on "Rights in Conflict"
17. Introduction to Political Theory

### **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2012 Faculty Research Workshop, Political Science, University of Missouri.
- 2011 Constitution Day Lecture, Holy Cross College.
- 2011 Public lecture and colloquium leader, Mercer University.
- 2008 Public lecture, Ashland University.
- 2008 Senior seminar, Holy Cross.
- 2005 Boston College Faculty Research Workshop.
- 2005 Public Lecture, Holy Cross College.
- 2003 Alliance Française of Charlottesville, VA.
- 2002 International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello.
- 2001 International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello.

### **INVITED TALKS for TEACHER WORKSHOPS**

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- 2011 "Civil Liberties during World War I and World War II," College Station, TX.
- 2011 "Presidential Selection in the Constitutional Order," Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Shreveport, LA.

- 2010 “Presidential Selection in the Constitutional Order,”  
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Monroe, LA.
- 2008 “Thomas Jefferson and Executive Power,” Ashland University.
- 2008 “Presidential Selection in the Constitutional Order,”  
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Lake Charles, LA.
- 2007 “James Madison on Constitutional Imperfection,” Houston Branch  
of the Dallas Federal Reserve.

### INVITED CONFERENCES

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- 2011 “Jefferson’s Executive: More Energetic, More Responsible, and Less Stable,”  
paper for conference, “Perspectives on Prerogative,” Michigan State University.  
Also delivered in conference at Morehead State University.
- 2009 “Madison and the Problem of Veneration,” paper for conference at Tocqueville  
Forum, Georgetown University, 2009.
- 2009 Virginia Festival of the Book. Aired on C-SPAN.
- 2009 “Did the Bill of Rights Change the Constitution?” participant in workshop at  
Claremont McKenna College, 2009.
- 2005 “Richard Weaver’s Understanding of Federalism,” paper for seminar on  
Federalism organized by Publius: The Journal of Federalism. Washington, DC.

### Commissioned Internet Publications and Opinion Editorials

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- . “Jefferson Presidency” for *Encyclopedia Virginia*.
- 2012 Review of Jon Meacham, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, for Law and  
Liberty.
- 2012 Review of Michael A. Sollenberger and Mark J. Rozell, *The President’s Czars:  
Undermining Congress and the Constitution*, for Law and Liberty.
- 2012 Review of Charles Thach, *Creation of the Presidency*, for Law and Liberty.
- 2010 “The Professional Peril of American Political Thought,” for Jack Miller Center.
- 2010 “Presidential Words of Thanksgiving,” Houston Chronicle. 22 November 2010  
(with Brandon Rottinghaus).
- 2006 “It’s OK to GO to New Orleans,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. 15 January 2006.

### CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- American Political Science Association Meeting: 2012, 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2005.
- Southern Political Science Association: 2011, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006.
- Northeastern Political Science Association: 2010 and 2008.
- Midwestern Political Science Association: 2006.
- Western Political Science Association: 2004.
- New England Political Science Association: 2002.
- Conference on the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, Louisiana State University at  
Shreveport. 2003.

**SERVICE**

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***University of Houston***

University Committee on Application to Phi Beta Kappa Chapter (2009, 2012)

## Departmental Committees:

Chair, Graduate Committee, 2010- 2012  
 Chair, Political Theory Search Committee (2009)  
 Graduate Affairs (2007- present)  
 Undergraduate Affairs (2007-2008)

## Honors College Committees:

Personnel Committee, 2011-12  
 Honors College Ross Lence Master Teacher Residency committee (2008-9)  
 Honors College Search Committee, joint appointment with Philosophy (2007)

***Duquesne University***

College Committee on Faith and Politics Conference, 2006. Duquesne, spring, 2006.

Constitution Day Lecture, "John Roberts and the Politics of the Appointment and Confirmation Process," Pi Sigma Alpha, Duquesne University. September, 2005.

***Eastern Washington University***

Panel presentation, "Presidential Emergency Powers," EWU Presidential Lecture Series. February, 2004.

Library Affairs Council and Department Library Representative, EWU, 2003-5.

***Other***

Directed lunch seminar for graduate students seeking academic jobs, Boston College. April, 2005.

***Referee***

National Endowment for the Humanities.

Cambridge University Press; NYU University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; and Continuum Publishers.

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics; Review of Politics; Studies in American Political Development; Political Research Quarterly; Journal of the Early Republic; Journal of Policy History; and Publius: The Journal of Federalism.