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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Houston, expected Spring 2018
Major Field: Political Theory Minor Field: American Politics

M.A., University of Houston, 2015
Political Theory

B.S., Texas A&M University, 2005
Major: Political Science Minor: Philosophy

WORKING PAPERS

“The Problem of Constitutional Discretion” (Dissertation)
Committee: Jeremy D. Bailey (Chair), Jeffrey Church, Brandon Rottinghaus, George Thomas

“Reaffirmation: An Improved Mechanism for Constitutional Change”

“Presidential Micromanagement: Executive use of Unilateral Tools to Control the Bureaucracy” with Brandon Rottinghaus

“Birthright Citizenship, Jurisdictional Allegiance, and Constitutional Citizenship Abroad”

“Judicial Appointment and the Cloture Change of 1975” with Sarah Mallams

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Development of American Equity” presented at the 2017 Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism

“Informal Judicial Rules and American Constitutionalism” presented at the 2017 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Birthright Citizenship, Jurisdictional Allegiance, and Constitutional Citizenship Abroad” presented at the 2016 Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Intraconstitutional Discretion and the Presidential Pardon Power” presented at the 2016 Lone Star Conference for the Study of Political Thought

“Intraconstitutional Discretion and the Presidential Pardon Power” presented at the 2016 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

“Unilateral Control: Executive use of Unilateral Tools to Control the Bureaucracy” presented at the 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; with Brandon Rottinghaus

“Reconciling Jefferson and Madison on the Question of Constitutional Duration” presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constitutionalism, Discretionary Power, American Political Thought, American Political Development, and Public Law.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at the Hobby School of Public Affairs, Fall 2016 – Present
Assisted with the completion of the Texas Lottery Commission 2016 Demographic Survey of Texas Lottery Players.

Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Carp, Fall 2013 – Spring 2016
Assisted in the coding of Federal District Court decisions as part of the Carp-Manning U.S. District Court Database.

Research Assistant to Dr. Brandon Rottinghaus, Summer 2013
Coded Presidential Memorandum using the Policy Agenda Project and Presidential Proclamations Project coding schemes.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Constitutional Theory and Design, American Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Constitutional Law, Judicial Process, American Politics, and The Presidency.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Summer 2016
Introduction to Constitutional Law (Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Church, Spring 2017
Philosophy and Public Policy: Ideology and Political Theory (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Johanna Luttrell, Fall 2016
Philosophy and Public Policy: Research Ethics (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Robert Carp, Fall 2013 – Spring 2016
Introduction to Constitutional Law (Undergraduate)
Judicial Process (Undergraduate)
Constitutional Law (Graduate)

AWARDS

Hobby School of Public Affairs Graduate Fellowship, 2016 – 2018
Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2016
University of Houston Political Science Department Graduate Fellowship, 2013 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, 2013 - Present
Southern Political Science Association, 2013 – Present
Southwestern Political Science Association, 2015 - Present
University of Houston Political Theory Workshop and Reading Group, 2012 – Present

REFERENCES

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