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EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (2011)

Study Abroad, Montpelier and Paris France (summer 2010)

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kentucky (2010)

Major: American (Judicial Politics and Public Law)

Minor: Research Methods (Quantitative and Qualitative)

Dissertation: *Law & Ideology in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Review of Federal Agency Decisions*

M.A., Political Science, University of Kentucky (2007)

M.P.A., Public Administration, University of South Carolina (1994)

B.A., History, Coker College (1991)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI: Associate Professor, Political Science (2018–present), Assistant Professor, Political Science (2011–18)

- Taught American government, constitutional law, judicial process, administrative law, public policy, environmental law and politics, queer politics and policy
- Published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and books on topics related to sexuality law, politics, and theory. Routinely provided research presentations and invited talks at professional conferences and universities
- Performed extensive service activities connected with university life and the political science profession, including (*inter alia*) search and hiring, conference coordination, advising student athletes and student organizations, faculty advocacy, budget, planning, recruitment, event planning, awards selection, personnel, tenure and renewal, town hall meetings, diversity and inclusion, and curriculum development

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago: Research and Teaching Assistant (2008–11)

- Assisted in research design, legal research, and quantitative analyses for several research initiatives including analyzing a Supreme Court database, dissents from the bench, and creating/coding a dataset employment law cases
- Provided one-on-one research assistance and instruction to law students in LexisNexis, a comprehensive legal database
- Served as a teaching assistant for two professors in contracts and legislative process

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY: Visiting Assistant Professor of Government (2004–08)

- Taught graduate and undergraduate classes in American government, judicial process, administrative law, public policy, queer theory, and minority group politics
- Performed extensive service activities connected with university and community life

Columbia College, Columbia, SC: Adjunct Professor and Guest Lecturer (2000–02)

- Taught course in public policy and guest-lectured in public sector data evaluation, legislative process, change management, and cultural diversity

PUBLICATIONS

2020. "Outspeak and Neoliberalism in the U.S." in *Civil Liberties in Real Life*, Tim Schiel (ed). London: Cambridge Scholars Publishing
2020. "Queer Theory" in *LGBT Americans in the Political System: An Encyclopedia of Activists, Voters, Candidates, and Officeholders*. Jason Pierceson (ed). Santa Barbara, CA: ABCCLIO. pp. 346–48.
2019. "Fuck-scripting: Becoming-Queer in *Interior. Leather Bar*" in *Queer Adaptation*. Pamela Demory (ed). Palgrave
2018. "Fagchild Tools: Softening the Body Politic and Sexualizing Paul Ryan in a Pussy-grabbing Era." *Politics & Gender* 14(4).
2017. "Constructing Queer Theory in Political Science and Public Law: Sexual Citizenship, Outspeak, and Queer Narrative." *New Political Science* 39(4): 568–87.
2017. "Vulnerable White Men and Sexual Citizenship: Charles Ray Sculptures." *Masculinities: A Journal of Identity and Culture* 7(Feb.): 71–93.
2017. "Queer Sensibilities: Notes on Method." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5(1):172–81.
2017. "Queer Sensibilities and Other Fagchild Tools" in *LGBTQ Politics: A Critical Reader*, M. Brettschneider, S. Burgess, and C. Keating (eds.). New York: NYU Press.
2016. "Queer Theory's Utility" *Writing from Below* 3(2). Review essay at www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/ojs/index.php/wfb/article/view/771/html_24.
2013. "Registering to Vote Is Easy, Right? Active Learning and Attitudes about Voter Registration." *Journal of Political Science Education* 9(4): 379–402 (with Joseph Gershtenson, Dennis L. Plane, and Joshua M. Scacco)
2005. "The Marriage Debate and Minority Stress," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 35(2): 221–24 (with Ellen D. B. Riggle and Sharon Rostosky)

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

- Daum, Courtenay W. *The Politics of Right Sex: Transgressive Bodies, Governmentality, and the Limits of Trans Rights* (2020) in *New Political Science* (online February 2022)
- Panfil, Vanessa R., *The Gang's All Queer: The Lives of Gay Gang Members* (2017) in *Politics & Gender* 14(4): (2018).
- Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens, *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Branch Influence and Judicial Decisions* (2012) in *American Review of Politics* 34 (Fall/Winter): 356359 (2013).
- Josh Sides, *Erotic City: Sexual Revolutions and the Making of Modern San Francisco* (2009) in *H-Net (Humanities and Social Sciences Online)* (fall 2012)
- David W. Patton, Stephanie L. Witt, Nicholas P. Lovrich, and Patricia J. Frederickson, *Human Resource Management: The Public Service Perspective* (2002) in *Review of Public Personnel Administration* 25(2): 196–98. (June 2005).

GRANTS (SELECT)

- ArtsCore* (\$2,000), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh through Cargill Foundation (2016–17). Funding to incorporate arts into environmental politics and sustainability pedagogy.
- Faculty Development Grant* (\$9,000), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2015). Funding to examine queer sexual citizenship in the U.S. Courts of Appeals
- Gateway Course Success Initiative Grant* (\$5,000), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, College of Letters & Science (2013–14). Funding for collaboration with Writing Center to develop to improve performance and retention among minority students in political science.
- Faculty Development Grant* (\$9,600), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2012). Funding to develop two interdisciplinary courses in Environmental Studies.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (SELECT)

Faculty Fellow, Men's Swim & Dive Team (2018–present)
UWO Pre-Law Faculty Advisor (2011–present)
Political Science Dept, Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment (alternating years, 2011–present)
Political Science Dept, Budget & Implementation Committee (alternating years, 2011–present)
UWO, Faculty Advocacy Committee (2021–present)
Faculty Advisor, College Republicans (2019–present)
Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Society (2011–present)
Faculty Committee, College of Letters & Science (2022–present)
Mentor for New Faculty (2022)
Inclusive Excellence Council (2013–18)
LGBTQ Education & Advocacy Council (2012–18)
Campus Sustainability Council (UWO) (2011–14)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Political Science Association (APSA) (2005–present)
APSA Sexuality & Politics Division (2007–present), President-elect & Program Chair (2020–present)
APSA Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Scholars in the Profession (2022–present)
Midwest Political Science Association (2005–present)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) (2004–present)
Peer reviewer for *New Political Science* and *Politics, Groups, & Identities*

HONORS AND AWARDS (SELECT)

Outstanding Advisor Award (UWO) (2021)
Diversity Leadership Award, College of Letters and Science (UWO) (2015)
Smith Distinguished Teaching Award (UWO Political Science) (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)