

Curriculum Vita

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ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999.

Dissertation: *The Dynamics of American Law: A Diffusion of Innovations Perspective.*

Major fields: Law & Politics, Political Methodology (Distinction), Political Philosophy.

Graduate Study, University of Chicago, 1981-82.

B.A. with honors, St. Olaf College, 1980.

Majors in Philosophy and Political Science, Distinction in Political Science.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Rhode Island College, 2006-present

Assistant Professor, Rhode Island College, 2001-2006

Visiting Assistant Professor, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. 2000-2001

Visiting Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's University. 1999-2000

Visiting Assistant Professor, Skidmore College. Summers 1999, 2000 & 2001

Visiting Instructor, Dartmouth College. Fall 1998

Instructor, Skidmore College, 1991-98.

Visiting Instructor, Skidmore College, 1987-91.

COURSES TAUGHT

American Government & Politics

Civil Liberties

Constitutional Law

Courts & Public Policy

Criminal Law & Procedure

Development of American Democracy

First Year Seminar: Democracy

Internship in the Public Sector

Introduction to Politics

Jurisprudence & Judicial Process

Law and Politics of Civil Rights

Law and Society

Methodology in Political Science.

Public Policy Formation

PUBLICATIONS

(Co-authored with Eric Christiansen) *Reforming Higher Education Funding in Rhode Island: Lessons from Other States*. Peer-reviewed publication for the Rhode Island Collaborative, (2016).

“Death-qualified Jury” in *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties*, M.E. Sharpe (2005).

“Jury Size” in *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties*, M.E. Sharpe (2005).

“Jury Unanimity” in *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties*, M.E. Sharpe (2005).

“Stag Hunting with the State AG: Anti-Tobacco Litigation and the Emergence of Cooperation Among State Attorneys General”, *Law and Policy* (October, 2003).

Book Review: Sloane, et al. *Drinkers, Drivers and Bartenders*. Law & Politics Book Review, Vol. 10 No. 10 (October, 2000).

Book Review: Finkel. *Commonsense Justice* Law & Politics Book Review, Vol. 6, No. 4 (April, 1996).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

The Old is Dying and the New Cannot be Born: Doctrinal Incoherence, Minimalism & Constitutional Change. Law and Society Association, Minneapolis, June 2014.

Madison’s Negative on State Laws and Contemporary Judicial Review, New England Political Science Association, Portland, April 2013.

The States, the Supreme Court and the Development of National Constitutional Culture. New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, April 2012.

Probing the Secrets of the Solicitor General’s Power. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August/September 2006.

Constitutional Development from the Bottom Up: State Law and Supreme Court Decisions. Law and Society Association, Baltimore, July 2006.

That Dreadful Class of Evils: Supreme Court Countermajoritarianism in Cases Invalidating State Laws, 1954-2003. American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005.

Supreme Court Counter-Majoritarianism Revisited: Warren Court Cases Invalidating State Laws, 1954-1969. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2005.

Of Courts and Legislatures: Comity, Conflict and Cooperation in the Policy Process. Law and Society Association, Chicago, June 2004.

Targeting Justice: Policy Entrepreneurship, Political Backlash & The New Politics of State Attorney General Races. New England Political Science Association, April 2004.

Stag Hunting with the State A.G.: Anti-Tobacco Litigation and the Emergence of Cooperation Among State Attorneys General. Law & Society Association, Pittsburgh, June 2003.

Playing the Litigation Game: Cooperation and Coordination Among State Attorneys General in Multistate Lawsuits New England Political Science Association, Providence, May 2003.

Courts and Legislatures in the Diffusion of Policy Innovations: A Competing Risks Model. Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, November 2002.

Listening for the Dog that Doesn’t Bark: An Examination of the Effects of Stare Decisis in State Supreme Courts. Law & Society Association. Vancouver, June 2002.

Reassessing the Significance of Stare Decisis. New England Political Science Association, May 2002.

Sample Selection Effects and the Success of the Federal Government Before the US Supreme Court. Law & Society Association. Miami Beach, May 2000.

Do More Justices Mean Less Justice? Court Size and Efficiency. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, April 2000.

Constitutional Adjudication as Degradation Ritual: The Impact of BOWERS V. HARDWICK. Law and Society Association. Chicago. May, 1999.

Dynamics of Judicial Innovation: A Diffusion Approach Employing a Sample-Selection Model. Northeastern Political Science Association Boston, November, 1998.

The Diffusion of Legal Innovations: A Re-examination. American Political Science Association. Boston, September, 1998.

The Diffusion of Legal Issues Among State Courts: An Event History Analysis. Law and Society Association. Aspen. June, 1998.

Arguing the Punishment: Jury Nullification and Instructions on Sentencing in 'Three Strikes' Cases. Law and Society Association. Toronto, June, 1995.

Revisiting the Diffusion of Doctrinal Innovations: A Case Study and Research Note. Law and Society Association. Phoenix, June, 1993.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publisher's Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, for Kellstedt & Whitten, *Fundamentals of Political Science Research Workbook*, 2019.

Manuscript Reviewer Law and Society Review, 2004, 2010, 2012.

Manuscript Reviewer, American Political Science Review, 2009.

Manuscript Reviewer, Political Research Quarterly, 2008.

Panel Chair, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, 2006.

Publisher's Reviewer, WW. Norton Co., for Ginsberg, Lowi and Weir, *We the People*, 2005.

Publisher's Reviewer, CQ Press, for Barbour, Wright, Streb & Wolf, *Keeping the Republic*, 2005.

Publisher's Reviewer, CQ Press, for Susan Mezey, *Behind Closed Doors: Gay Rights in Law & Politics*, 2004.

Panel Chair, Law and Society Association Annual meeting, 2003.

Publisher's Reviewer for Van Geel, *Understanding Supreme Court Opinions 2d Edition*, 1997.

COLLEGE SERVICE

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Director, Liberal Studies Major, 2015-present.
Chair, RIC/AFT Committee on Political Education. 2016-present.
Chair, Department of Political Science (3 terms), 2009-2018.
Chair, Council of Rhode Island College (2 terms), 2005-2007
Director, Bachelor of General Studies Program, 2004-2014.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE AND OTHER SERVICE

College Pre-Law Advisor, 2016-present.
Faculty advisor, Pre-Law Socity, 2016-present.
Organizer, “Liberal Studies 150”, 2017, 2018, 2019.
Member, Postsecondary Commissioner’s Working Group on Performance-based Funding, 2016.
Chair, RIC/AFT Elections Committee, 2016-18.
Faculty member, Gaige Hall design architect search and task group, 2016-17.
Member, Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, 2017-present.
Member, Justice Studies Advisory Committee, 2017-present.
Member, Change of Major Revision Committee, 2015.
Campus Coordinator, Generation Citizen, 2014-15.
Member, Advisory Committee on Retention Needs (ACORN), 2012-14.
Chair, Curriculum Committee subcommittee to investigate “credit creep,” 2012.
Member, Executive Committee of the College Curriculum Committee 2010-12.
Member, Search Committee for Director of Admissions. 2011.
Member, Ad Hoc Registration and Enrollment Committee, 2011.
Member, Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Sciences, 2011.
Chair, Committee to Establish a Liberal Arts Major, 2010-11.
Chair, NEASC Review Committee for Standard 3 (College Governance), 2009-11
Chair, Council of Rhode Island College, By-Laws Committee, 2008-11.
Member, Council of Rhode Island College, Curriculum Committee 2008-2010.
Member, Joint AFT/Administration Committee on Faculty Evaluation, 2006
Organizer, RIC Constitution Day Event, 2005-2018.
Member, Council of Rhode Island College, Executive Committee, 2004-05.
Member, Council of Rhode Island College, Committee on Committees, 2004-06.
Member, Council of Rhode Island College (Department Representative), 2002-07.

Moderator, Presidential Election Panel "Antidotes for Addicts", 2004.

Chair, American Democracy Project, Campus Culture and Climate Committee, 2003-2004.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Department representative to AFT Assembly of Department Representatives, 2019.

Search committee member, Public Law Position, 2018.

Search committee, member Comparative Politics, 2011.

Search committee member, Geography position, 2009.

Search committee member, American Politics, 2005.

Departmental Representative to College Honors Program 2005-2008.

Founder and Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, 2002-2006.

Faculty Advisor, Political Science Club, 2001-2006.

Honors Theses Directed:

Morgan Leonard, 2019

Gary Pascoa, 2014

Daniel McCarthy, 2013

Ryan Fitzpatrick. 2005

April Knights, 2005

Nichole Magnifico, 2005

HONORS & GRANTS

Selected by senior class to give Cap & Gown Honors address, May 2006.

Rhode Island College. \$1,600 Faculty Research Grant, 2004.

Pi Sigma Alpha. \$865 Chapter Grant from National Organization, 2004.

Two Student Activities Awards for "Best Class at RIC," 2013.

RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

RIC host for Rhode Island Supreme Court on-campus session, 2015.

RIC host for Operation Clean Government Candidate School, 2012 & 2014.

Board of Directors, Summit Neighborhood Association 2008-2010 & 2012-present.

Vice President, 2009 & 2018, Secretary, 2014-18.

Co-founder & Communications Director, East Side Public Education Coalition. 2006-2009.

Appointed Member, Providence Schools Superintendent's Committee on the Future of Nathan Bishop Middle School, 2006-2008.

Co-President, Nathanael Greene Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization, 2005-2007 (reelected 2006).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Law and Society Association.

American Political Science Association.

National Association of Pre-law Advisors