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Education

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

- Ph.D., Political Science; 1996
 - Major Field: Constitutional Theory
 - Minor Fields: American Politics, Political Theory
- M.A., Political Science; 1993
 - Major Field: Constitutional Theory
 - Minor Fields: American Politics, Political Theory

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- Graduate coursework in the Department of Political Science; 1989-1991
 - Major Field: American Constitutional Law
 - Minor Fields: American Politics, Political Theory

HOBART COLLEGE

- B.A.; 1988
 - Major: Political Science
 - Graduated with Honors in Political Science

Professional Experience

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

- Assistant Dean of the Faculty and Director, First-Year Exp. 2008 — present
- Director, First-Year Experience 2007 — 2008
- Professor of Government 2009 — present
- Associate Professor of Government 2004 — 2009
 - Chair 2005 — 2007
- Assistant Professor of Government 1998 — 2004
 - Pre-Law Advisor 1998 — 2004
 - Director, Law and Society Program 2001 — 2005

STOCKTON COLLEGE

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science 1996 — 1998

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

- Instructor, Department of Political Science 1993 — 1995
- Teaching Assistant 1992 — 1993

Publications

Books:

From Words to Worlds: Exploring Constitutional Functionality, (The Johns Hopkins Series in Constitutional Thought), Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press (2009).

The Communitarian Constitution. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press (2004).
Paperback edition (2006).

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Is There a Paradox in Amending a Sacred Text?” (Maryland Constitutional Law Schmooze Symposium Issue) 69 *Maryland Law Review* 1, pp. 66-76 (2009)

“The Paradox of Race and America’s Experiment with Capital Punishment: Are We Probing Deeply Enough?” Review Essay in *International Criminal Justice Review*, Volume 18-3 (September, 2008).

“Evolutionary History: The Changing Purposes for Capital Punishment” (with John J.P. Howley and Molly Appel) in *Is the Death Penalty Dying? Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*. Austin Sarat, ed., Volume 42 (2008), pp. 1-19.

“Extinguishing the Victims’ *Payne* or Acquiescing to the “Demon of Error”:
Confronting the Role of Victims in Capital Clemency Proceedings” (with Charles S. Lanier) in *Wounds That Do Not Bind: A Victim-Centered Perspective on Criminal Homicide and Capital Punishment*. James Acker and David R. Karp, ed., (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2006)

“Bomb Plans on the Internet: The Case for Constitutional Protection,” *The American Review of Politics*, Vol. No. (Fall/Winter 2004)

“Legal Constraints on Restorative Practices: The Case of Speech Codes” in *Restorative Community Justice on the College Campus*. David Karp and Thom Allena, eds. (Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas Publishers, 2004).

“Debating Death: Critical Issues in Capital Punishment” (with David R. Karp) in *Critical Issues in Crime and Justice* (Second Edition). Albert R. Roberts, ed. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003).

“Defending the Politics of Clemency” (with John J. P. Howley), *Oregon Law Review* 81:1 (Spring 2002): 231-254.

“The Comparative Legal System of Lesotho” (with Christopher A. Whann), in *Legal Systems of the World: A Political, Social, and Cultural Encyclopedia*. Herbert M. Kritzer, ed. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO, 2002).

“Restorative Justice in School Communities” (with David R. Karp), *Youth & Society* 33:2 (December 2001): 249-272.

Short Articles, Reviews, and Media

“Academic Minute” — Reflections on the Constitution — WAMC – NPR, July 13, 2010.
http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wamc/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1672895

Review of Robert L. Tsai’s *Eloquence and Reason: Creating a First Amendment Culture in Perspectives on Politics*, Volume , Number (Forthcoming, 2011)

Review of Roberta Rosenthal Kwall’s *The Soul of Creativity: Forging a Moral Rights Law for the United States* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume , Number (July, 2010).

Review of Zachary Elkins, Tom Ginsburg, and James Melton’s *The Endurance of National Constitutions* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 20, Number 2 (February, 2010).

Review of Franz von Benda-Beckmann, Keebet von Benda-Beckmann, and Julia Eckert’s (eds.) *Rules of Law and Laws of Ruling: On the Governance of Law* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 19, Number 12 (December 2009).

Review of Sonu Bedi’s *Rejecting Rights* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 19, Number 7 (July, 2009)

“Wrong Way to Make Right Choice,” Op-Ed in the *Times Union* (Albany, NY), May 27, 2009

Review of Mauro Zamboni’s *The Policy of Law: A Legal Theoretical Framework* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 18, Number 5 (May 2008).

Review of Stephen Elkin’s *Reconstructing the Commercial Republic: Constitutional Design After Madison* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 17, Number 2 (February 2007).

Review of Gretchen Ritter’s *The Constitution as Social Design: Gender and Civic Membership in the American Constitutional Order* in *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 5, Number 1 (March 2007)

“Executive Clemency,” “Rational Basis Test,” Doctrine of Strict Scrutiny,” in *Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*. Otis Stephens and John Scheb, eds. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishers (2006).

Review of Shirley Robin Letwin’s *On the History of the Idea of Law* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 16, Number 9 (August 2006).

Review of Stuart Banner’s *The Death Penalty: An American History* in *Criminal Justice Review*, Volume 31, Number 2 (June 2006).

“Suicide Ruling Reflects O’Connor’s Influence,” Op-Ed in *The Post Star* (Glens Falls, NY), January 29, 2006.

“Roberts Could Change History,” Op-Ed in *The Post Star* (Glens Falls, NY), July 21, 2005.

Review of Alan Brudner’s *Constitutional Goods* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 15, no. 6 (June 2005). (translated into Chinese, July, 2005)

Review of T.R.S. Allan’s *Constitutional Justice: A Liberal Theory of the Rule of Law* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 14, no. 6 (June, 2004)

Review of George I. Lovell's *Legislative Deferrals: Statutory Ambiguity, Judicial Power, and American Democracy* in *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 13, no. 11 (November, 2003)

"Community Justice in the Campus Setting" (with David R. Karp and Pat Oles) in *Conflict Management in Higher Education Report* 3:1 (October 2002).

"Constitutionalism," "Judicial Scrutiny," "James Bradley Thayer," in *Encyclopedia of the United States Supreme Court*. Thomas T. Lewis and Richard L. Wilson, ed. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1999.

Conferences and Presentations

"Founding Narratives: How Presidents Speak About America's Constitutional Birth," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 2010.

"Echoes of the Founding: Examining America's Constitutional Birth," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA November 2009.

Participant in panel examining my book, *From Words to Worlds: Exploring Constitutional Functionality*, at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, April 2009.

Discussant for panel "Law and History" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, April 2009.

Participant, Maryland Constitutionalism "Schmooze" (invited), "Is There a Paradox in Amending a Sacred Text?" (admissions ticket), University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD, February 2009.

Discussant for panel "The Supreme Court: Decisions and Interpretation" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2008.

Chair for panel "The Supreme Court: docket and Procedures" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2008.

Discussant for panel "Public Law: Constitutional Issues" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 2008 (submitted discussion remarks to Chair).

Chair and Discussant for panel "Politics and the Courts" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2007.

Participant in "Author Meets Critics: Mark A Graber's *Dred Scott and the Problem of Constitutional Evil*" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newton, MA, April 2007.

Discussant for panel "Judicial Review in Comparative Perspective" at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newton, MA, April 2007.

"From Words to Worlds: Reflections on Why Constitutional Texts Matter," at the *We The People* State Finals, Charlottesville, VA, February 9, 2007

"Constitutional Empowerment," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2006

“Constitutional Aspiration,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, May 2006.

“From Words to Worlds: Some Thoughts on Constitutional Transformation,” invited lecture, Princeton’s Public Law Speakers’ Series, March 2, 2006.

“Organizing Constitutions and Constitutionalism,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2005

Chair for panel “The Countermajoritarian Problem” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2005

Chair for panel “Civil Rights and the Law” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 2005.

Discussant for panel “Liberty and Constitutional Democracy” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 2005.

“From Words to Worlds: Examining Constitutional Functionality,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2004

“From Words to Worlds: Examining Constitutional Functionality,” poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004

Chair and Discussant for panel “Constitutional Law and Global Inequalities” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004

Chair and Discussant for panel “The Judiciary and Politics in Liberal Democracy” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, May 2004.

Participant for Workshop “Restorative Justice: Promoting Student Growth, Responsibility and Re-engaging the Spirit of the Campus Community” at the annual meeting of the Association for Student Judicial Affairs, Tampa, FL, February 2004

"The Impact of Female State Chief Judges on the Administration of State Courts," (with Robert C. Turner) paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.

Discussant for panel “Perspectives on Constitutional Construction” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.

Discussant for panel “Constitutionalism and the Right to Culture” at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Providence, May 2003.

"The Impact of Female State Chief Judges on the Administration of State Courts," (with Robert C. Turner) paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2003.

“Defending the Politics of Clemency,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences, Bristol, Rhode Island, June 2002.

“Roundtable: The Citizen and the Constitution,” participant at the conference sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, Washington DC, June 2002.

“Defending the Politics of Clemency,” paper presented at the University of Oregon School of Law Conference entitled “The Law and Politics of the Death Penalty: Abolition, Moratorium, or Reform?” Eugene, Oregon, March 2002.

“The Elusive Quest for Constitutional Recognition,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2001.

“Roundtable: Federal Judicial Selection in the Wake of the 2000 Election,” participant at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001.

“Roundtable: Restorative Justice in the Classroom and on Campus,” participant at the annual meeting of the Justice Studies Association, Norton, MA, May 2001.

“Internal Constitutional Conflict: The Classroom Battle Between Free Speech and Religious Liberty,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Albany, November 2000.

Chair for panel “Judicial Appointments and Behavior” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Albany, November 2000.

Discussant for panel “Judicial Decisionmaking” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Albany, November 2000.

“Balancing Free Speech and Diversity on Private College Campuses,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Hofstra University, April 2000.

“Free Speech and the Internet: A Justification for Greater Constitutional Protection,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 1999.

Chair for panel “State Courts and Federalism” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 1998.

“Constitutional Recognition and the Quebecois: The Comparative Lessons of the African-American Community,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998.

Discussant for panel “Community and Constitutional Law” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998.

Chair and Discussant for panel “Judicial Politics” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 1997.

“Roundtable: Community and Morality in a Democratic Society,” New York University, February 1997.

“Revisiting the Judicial Double Standard: Alternative Perspectives on the American Constitutional Order,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Conference, Boston, November 1996.

Discussant for panel “Judicial Selection Process” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 1996.

“Individualism and Community: A Review of Recent Debates in Political Thought,” paper presented at the Center for Civic Education Conference on Individualism and Community in a Democratic Society, Washington DC, October 1996.

Chair and Discussant for panel “Influential Individuals and Democratic Governance” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Newark, November 1995.

“A Constitutional Challenge to Communitarianism,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, November 1994.

Participant at “The Good Polity” Conference, University of Pennsylvania, November 1994.

“The Constitutional Vision for the United States Presidency,” paper presented at the “Crisis in Democracy” Conference, Philadelphia, October 1993.

“The Incorporation Debate: A Study of Original Intent and Interpretivism,” paper presented at the Bicentennial Bill of Rights Conference, Purdue University, March 1991.

Honors and Awards

2008-2009 Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching

Faculty Commencement Speaker, May 2004

Visiting Scholar (Virginia “We the People” Program), Center for the Constitution, James Madison’s Montpelier, 2005-2008

Selected Panel Participant/Speeches at Skidmore

“Echoes of the Founding: Examining America’s Constitutional Birth” Survey of Liberal Studies for Mature Audiences (October 26, 28, 2009)

“Do Constitutions Even Matter Anymore?” Survey of Liberal Studies for Mature Audiences (October 20, 22, 2008)

Regular Speeches about FYE at Junior Admissions Open Houses and Accepted Candidates Days

Moderator – Publishing Day Panel (May 2, 2008)

Convocation Speaker (2007, 2008, 2009)

Introduction for Linda Greenhouse, Commencement, 2007

Bias Response Panel, April 25, 2007

“Capital Punishment: Current Controversies” (Concord, MA Art Association), Alumni Club of Boston, March 4, 2007

“Race to Execution” WMHT Discussion about Capital Punishment (Saratoga Springs Library), February 25, 2007

“Roe v. Wade and the Future of Constitutional Privacy,” November 8, 2006

“Perspectives on Leadership,” August 31, 2006

“Shades of Gray,” February 22, 2006

“The Roberts’ Court,” Fridays at Four, October 28, 2005

“Present at the Creation: Reflections on the History of the Government Department” (moderator), June 4, 2005.

Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Speech, May 3, 2005

“What Does a Feminist Look Like?” (Women’s Studies Panel), November 9, 2004

“The 2004 Election” (Honors Forum Discussion), November 2, 2004

“Academic Rigor” (Pedagogy Workshop), October 24, 2003

“Shades of Gray II,” April 23, 2003

“Civil Liberties in the Wake of 9-11,” October 29-31, 2002

“Terrorism and the Constitution,” October 9, 2002.

“Public Forum on the Saratoga City Charter,” October 15, 2001.

“The Supreme Court in American Life: Changing Trends in the Area of Civil Rights and Liberties,” Summer Exploration, August 7, 2001.

“The Debate Over Capital Punishment in America,” February 5, 2001.
 “Death Penalty Panel Discussion,” December 5, 2000.
 “Roundtable Discussion on the 2000 Election,” November 14, 2000.
 “The 2000 Election,” Honors Forum Discussion, October 27, 2000.
 “China-Taiwan Relations,” April 7, 2000.
 “Public Forum on Women’s Reproductive Rights,” April 4, 2000
 “Student Bill of Rights Forum,” February 29, 2000.
 “The Ten Commandments in the Classroom: The Constitutional and Legal Implications,”
 November 15, 1999.
 “Crisis in the American Presidency: Future Impacts,” October 13, 1998.

Courses Taught

Freedom in Film (ID 151)
 Evolving Standards of Decency (ID 151)
 Peer Mentor Seminar (ID 201)
 American Liberty: Our Enduring Struggle With Constitutional Rights (Scribner Seminar)
 The Killing State: Capital Punishment in America (Scribner Seminar)
 United States Government Institutions
 United States Judicial Process
 American Constitutional Law
 Civil Liberties
 Contemporary Constitutional Problems
 Law and Society
 Law, Citizenship and Justice
 Comparative Constitutional Systems
 Death Penalty in America

Grants Awarded

Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “Echoes of the Founding: Examining America’s Constitutional Birth, Part II” (with Matt Rothenberg), Summer 2010
 Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “Echoes of the Founding: Examining America’s Constitutional Birth, Part I” (with Matt Rothenberg), Summer 2009
 Teagle Foundation Grant: “Writing in the Majors Initiative” (Principal Investigator for the College), 2008-2012 - \$150,000.
 Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “The Historical Justification for Capital Punishment” (with Molly Appel), Summer 2006
 Title VI Federal Grant, for curriculum development: “Comparative Constitutional Systems,” 2005-2006.
 Skidmore Major Project Completion Grant, *From Words to Worlds: Examining Constitutional Functionality*, 2005.
 Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “Transcending: Reflections by Crime Victims” (with Matthew Sweet and Sarah Luckenbach), Summer 2003.
 Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “Elevating Associate Justices: The Recipe for Downplaying Ideology in the Appointment of the Chief Justice?” (with Jared Gottlieb), Summer 2002.
 Skidmore Summer Collaborative Research Grant, “Free Speech and Internet Violence: A Justification for Broad Constitutional Protection” (with Jon Eick), Summer 2001.
 A.W. Mellon Grant to Enrich Law and Society Program (part of Presidential Initiative Grant), 2000.

Professional Affiliation and Service

Current Membership:

American Political Science Association
Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association
Northeastern Political Science Association
New England Political Science Association

Professional Service:

“Assessing College-Level Learning in the First Semester: Can We Really Say Anything At All?” (invited presentation at Mellon Assessment Conference, Hamilton College, April 23-24, 2010).

“Systematic Improvement Grants: Lessons Learned and Obstacles Overcome: (invited presentation at Teagle Conference – Duke University – October 16, 2009).

“Student Engagement: Cultivating Intellectual Independence II,” (invited presentation/lecture at MassBay Community College, Wellesley, MA, June, 2009).

“Student Engagement: Cultivating Intellectual Independence,” (invited presentation/lecture at MassBay Community College, Wellesley, MA, March 2008).

NITLE Workshop, “Teaching and Learning Centers: Models and Practices,” (Middlebury College – September 21-23, 2007)

American Council on Education, “Chairing the Academic Department” Workshop (Washington DC – June 14-17, 2006)

Manuscript Reviewer for Johns Hopkins University Press, Stanford University Press, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Massachusetts Press, Roxbury Publishing, Pearson/Longman Publishers, Butterworth Heinemann (Elsevier), *Law and Society Review*, *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, *The American Review of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*

College Committee Service:

Assistant Dean of the Faculty, 2008-
Director of the First-Year Experience, 2007-
Leadership Development Cabinet, 2009-2010
Student Assessment and Intervention Group, 2009
Chair, Teagle Review Committee (Writing in the Majors Initiative) 2008-
Organizer, Faculty Learning Community (New Faculty Seminar Program) 2008-
Honors Forum Council, 2008-
Assessment Steering Committee, 2008-
Center for Teaching and Learning Working Group, 2008-2009
Chair of Numerous FYE Advisory Groups
Dean of Student Affairs Search Committee, 2007-2008
Institutional Planning and Policy Committee, 2006-2007
Subcommittee on Admissions and Financial Aid, 2006-2007
McCormack Residency Advisory Group, 2007
Director, FYE Assessment Project, 2006-2007

Course Release Taskforce, 2006
Inclusive Hiring Taskforce, 2006
First-Year Experience Assessment Taskforce, 2006
Law and Society Steering Committee, 2006-
Saratoga Springs Free Speech Ordinance Taskforce, 2005-2006
Assessment Taskforce, 2005-2007
Dean of Special Programs Search Committee, 2005
Committee on Education Policy and Planning, 2005-2007
Chair, 2006-2007
Physical Activities Subcommittee, 2006
Periclean Executive Committee, 2003-2005
University Without Walls Committee, 2003-2005 (Chair, 2004-05)
Dean of Faculty Staff, 2007-
Academic Staff, 2001-
Athletic Council, Spring 2003
ICARUS Committee, Spring 2003, 2005
Defense Advisor: Integrity Board, 2001-present
Integrity Board Member, 1999-2001
Leadership Institute Study Group, 2000-2001
Honor Code Discussion Group, 1999-2000
Athletic Council, Spring 1999.