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Professional

- starting 2023 Assistant Professor of Political Science and Kinder Institute Assistant Professor of Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri.
- 2021-present Assistant Professor of Political Science, previously Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs.
- 2020-2021 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Williams College.

Education

- 2020 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015 B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College.

Academic Publications

Books

- 2024
(forthcoming) *Dwight Eisenhower and the Federal Highway Act* (University Press of Kansas).
- 2022 *Demagogues in American Politics* (Oxford University Press).

Journal Articles

- 2023 “‘Giving Government to Business’: Dwight Eisenhower and the Federal Highway Act,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 53, 2.
- 2023 “Thank God for the Deep State: Presidential Demagoguery and the ‘Unitary Executive,’” *American Political Thought* 12, 1 (forthcoming).

- 2021 “Support for Nationalization and State Building in the Early American Republic: The Act for the Relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen,” *Journal of Law and Courts* 9, 2 (Fall): 283-304.
- 2021 “Creating a Demagogue: The Political Origins of Daniel Shays’ Erroneous Legacy in American Political History,” *American Political Thought* 10, 4 (Fall): 601-628.
- 2020 “The Republican Theories of Rousseau and the American Anti-Federalists,” *Australian Journal of Politics & History* 66, 2: 181-199.
- 2020 “Conceptual Weaponization and the Study of the Presidency,” *Interpretation* 47, 1 (Fall): 211-218.
- 2019 “Diagnosing the Blinding Effects of Trumpism,” *Critical Review* 31, 2: 242-254.
- 2019 “Could Political Science Become Diagnostic? Restoring a Forgotten Method,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 48, 1: 56-63.
- 2019 “Demagoguery as Pathology: Interpreting European Politics Today,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 48, 3: 183-191.
- 2018 “The Rhetorical Presidency Made Flesh: A Political Science Classic in the Age of Donald Trump,” *Critical Review* 30, 3-4: 347-368.
- 2018 “Nietzsche’s Final Teaching,” *Interpretation* 44, 3 (Spring): 425-449.

In Progress

- 2024 (estimated, under contract) “The Eisenhower-McCarthy Standoff” (In *Separation of Powers and American Constitutionalism*, University Press of Kansas).

Courses

- Fall 2021, Fall 2022 Political Parties
- Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 American Political Thought

Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023	Introduction to American Politics
Spring 2021	Demagoguery and Populism in American Politics
Spring 2021	American Political Development
Fall 2020	Conspiracy Theories in American Politics
Fall 2020	The Presidency

Grants and Fellowships (selected)

2022	Jack Miller Center Constitution Day Funding, \$2,654
2022	Jack Miller Center Summer Institute
2020	UT Austin Departmental Fellowship, \$2,200
2019	UT Austin Graduate School Fellowship, \$19,906
2019	UT Austin College of Liberal Arts Summer Fellowship, \$7,640
2019	Jack Miller Center Summer Institute
2018	University of Konstanz Research Grant, €2,500
2018	Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant, \$10,000
2015-2019	UT Austin Recurring Recruitment Fellowship, \$20,000
2018	UT Austin Summer Funding, \$4,207
2018	Center for European Studies Teaching Fellowship, \$2,000
2017	Jefferson Center Scholarship, \$1,500
2017	UT Austin Summer Funding, \$4,107
2017-2019	Clements Center Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000
2015	Hertog Political Studies Fellowship, \$3,000

Honors

2022	George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award, APSA Presidents & Executive Politics Section. (nominated)
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- 2020 E.E. Schattschneider Dissertation Award, APSA. (nominated)
- 2020 Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award, APSA Politics & History Section. (nominated)
- 2019 Best Teaching Assistant, Government Department, UT Austin. (runner up)
- 2017 Robert Wood Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, NEPSA. (nominated)
- 2015 St. John's College Caritas Society Community Service Award.
- 2014 Annapolis, MD City Council Citation for Public Service.

Talks and Presentations

- 2022 "Demagogues in American Politics," invited book talk at the Clements Center for National Security, UT Austin, October 26.
- Fall 2021, Spring 2022 "Core Readings in African American Political Thought," Center for the Study of Government and the Individual.
- 2021 "Does the U.S. Constitution create a small-government regime?" invited talk at Rotary Club of Williamstown.
- 2021 "On the Possibility of Good Demagoguery," Forum on Social and Political Thought at the Center for Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech.
- 2020 "The Structural Origins of American Internationalism," invited talk at the Clements Center Conference on Restraint in Foreign Affairs, Austin, TX.
- 2017 "From Nature to History: The Search for Intelligible Necessities in Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Nietzsche," invited talk at St. John's College, Annapolis.

Other Writing (selected)

- 2022 “Demagogues in American Politics,” *The Constitutionalist*, October 3.
- 2022 “Justice Alito Needs to Stop Demagogic Post-Roe Comments,” *RealClear Public Affairs*, August 9.
- 2022 “The Federalist,” *Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy*.
- 2022 “President Biden Need a Covid Plan,” *The Constitutionalist*, April 27.
- 2021 “A Trumpian Third Party?” *The Constitutionalist*, May 24.
- 2021 “Rhetorical Duty and the Constitutional Order,” *The Constitutionalist*, February 18.
- 2020 “Will the Real Justice Thomas Please Stand Up? The Endurance and Power of Erroneous Political Narratives,” *A House Divided*, January 14.
- 2019 (with Elayne Allen) “Demagoguery, ‘Cov-Cath,’ and Public Discourse in the Trump Era,” *A House Divided*, November 4.
- 2019 “Between Demagoguery and Populism,” *Law & Liberty*, October 3.
- 2018 “Toward a More Perfect Originalism,” *Law & Liberty*, October 31.
- 2018 “Against Senate Resolution 355,” *Claremont Review of Books Online*, September 10.
- 2018 “Constitutional Bureaucracy? Exchange with John Marini,” *Claremont Review of Books* 18, 2 (Spring): 3-4.
- 2018 (with Connor M. Ewing) “What happened to the State of the Union address?” *The Washington Post*, January 30. Included in online AP curriculum for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (MD).
- 2017 “Flake’s exit from Senate won’t fix GOP hyperpartisanship,” *Austin American-Statesman*, November 1.

Conference Activity

- 2022 Panel Presentation, Shawnee Trail Conference, April 29, Baylor University.
- 2021 APSA Conference, September, Seattle, WA.
- 2019 Invited Discussant, UT Law School Works-in-Progress Roundtable in Comparative Law, May 21, Austin, TX.

- 2019 “‘A Proper Object for the Care of Government’: The Obamacare Precedents Debate Revisited,” Panel Presentation, Shawnee Trail Conference, March, Columbus, MO.
- 2018 “Daniel Shays and the Question of Oligarchy at the Founding,” Panel Presentation, APSA Conference, August 31, Boston, MA.
- 2018 “Demagoguery and the American Presidency: A Preliminary Investigation,” Panel Presentation, Shawnee Trail Conference, April 19, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2018 “Demagoguery and the American Presidency: A Preliminary Investigation,” Panel Presentation, MPSA Conference, April 6, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “Xenophon’s Plan in the Hellenica: Logic and Pedagogical Purpose,” Panel Presentation, MPSA Conference, April 8, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “The Powers of the North: Thucydides on Barbarism,” Panel Presentation, MPSA Conference, April 7, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “The Powers of the North: Thucydides on Barbarism,” Panel Presentation, NEPSA Conference, April 21, Providence, RI. (Nominated for Robert Wood Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper)
- 2016 “The Leviathan and its Critics: Hobbes, Weber, Strauss, and Malatesta,” Panel Chair and Discussant, NEPSA Conference, April 22, Providence, RI.
- 2016 “Problems in Ancient Political Thought,” Panel Chair, NPSA Conference, November 11, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “The Socratic Critique of Law in Plato’s *Crito*,” Panel Presentation, NPSA Conference, November 11, Boston, MA.
- 2016 “The Socratic Critique of Law in Plato’s *Crito*,” Panel Presentation, WPSA Conference, April 12, San Diego, CA.

University Service

- Spring 2023 Chair, hiring committee, Political Science Instructor, CU – Colorado Springs.
- Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 Social Science Symposium Series Committee, CU – Colorado Springs.
- Fall 2022 Member, hiring committee, Director of Outreach, CSGI, CU – Colorado Springs.
- Fall 2022 Member, hiring committee, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, CU – Colorado Springs.
- Spring 2022 Member, hiring committee, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science, CU – Colorado Springs.

Peer Reviewer

- 2021 - present *American Political Thought, Presidential Studies Quarterly.*

Advising and Mentoring

- 2021 Reader, Williams College Senior Thesis, Jack McGovern: “Policy Demanding Presidential Candidates,” Spring.
- 2019 Advisor, UT Austin Senior Thesis, Pauline Hodencq: “An Interwar Case of Reforming the French Civic Code,” Spring.
- 2016 - 19 Mentor, University of Texas Pre-Graduate Mentorship Program: Pauline Hodencq (Southern Methodist Law), Corey Herndon (University of Texas at Austin - Government), Carey Balden (University of Chicago - Political Science), Nicholas James (London School of Economics; University of Oxford - Political Science).
- 2017 - 20 Mentor, University of Texas Government Department Graduate Mentorship Program

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association (APSA); Law and Courts Section (APSA); American Political Thought Section (APSA).

References

Joshua Dunn, CU – Colorado Springs – jdunn@uccs.edu - 719-255-3941.

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