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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Current	Assistant Professor of Political Science Assumption College
2010-2011	Postdoctoral Research Associate Political Theory Project Brown University

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (Government)	Georgetown University (2010) Major: Political Theory Minors: Philosophy (tested), American Government  Dissertation (Defended with Distinction): “Madison’s Metronome: The Constitution and the Tempo of American Politics” Committee: George W. Carey (advisor), Patrick Deneen and Richard Boyd  Areas of Major Comprehensive Examination (Passed with Distinction): Ancient, Long 18 <sup>th</sup> Century, American and Liberal Political Thought
M.A. (Liberal Studies)	Georgetown University (2005) Concentration: Theory and Practice of American Democracy Thesis: “Needles in Madison’s Haystack: Minority Factions and Pressure Group Politics in the ‘Extended Republic’” Advisor: George W. Carey
B.A. (Government)	University of Texas at Austin (1991)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

*Madison’s Metronome: The Constitution, Majority Rule and the Tempo of American Politics*,  
University Press of Kansas (March 2012)

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*American Burke: The Uncommon Liberalism of Daniel Patrick Moynihan*, University Press of Kansas (February 2015)

#### ARTICLES

“James Madison and the Legitimacy of Majority Factions,” *American Political Thought* (fall 2013)

#### REFERENCE

“John Adams” and “Separation of Powers,” *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Political Thought*

#### REVIEWS

Review of *Cosmic Constitutional Theory* by Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, *Society* (March 2013)

Review of *Moynihan’s Moment* by Gil Troy, *Society* (December 2013)

Review of *Edmund Burke: The First Conservative* by Jesse Norman and *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine and the Birth of Right and Left* by Yuval Levin, *Society* (forthcoming)

Review of *The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke* by David Bromwich, *Society* (Summer 2015)

#### ARTICLES IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

“Machiavelli’s Inflationary Economy of Violence,” invitation to revise and resubmit from *Interpretation*

“Needles in Madison’s Haystack,” under revision

#### NON-REFEREED WRITINGS

*Modern Age*

“The Founding Fathers: A Conserving Caucus in Action,” (co-authored with George W. Carey, January 2014)

*Extensions* (Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma)

“Majorities and Madisonian Paradoxes”

*Online Library of Law and Liberty* ([www.libertylawsite.org](http://www.libertylawsite.org))

“Congress and Deliberation in the Age of Wilson: An Elegy,” invited *Liberty Forum* essay, May 2013 (respondents: Stephen F. Knott and George Thomas)

Approximately four dozen other op-ed-length essays on constitutional issues and current events

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*The Imaginative Conservative* (www.imaginativeconservative.org)

“The War on Terror and the Quest for Community”

“Prudence as Excellence: Edmund Burke, Abraham Lincoln and the Problem of Greatness”

### **TEACHING**

*Lead Instructor*

Assumption College

The American Founding  
The American Congress  
American Political Thought  
Problems in Civil Liberties  
Constitutional Law  
Political Issues: The Quest for Justice  
American Government

Brown University:

Capitalism: For and Against  
Authority and Legitimacy: Basis and Boundaries of Majority Rule

Georgetown University:

American Political Thought  
*The Federalist* on Current Affairs

Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Programs

American Political Thought  
History of American Political Communication  
Speechwriting: Composition and Delivery

*Teaching Competencies*

Introduction to/History of Political Thought, American Political Thought, Constitutional Law/Civil Liberties, Democratic Theory, Social Contract Theory/Liberalism, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Political Thought, American Government, Political Rhetoric

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“The Judicial Dilemma”: Uses both theory and case law to argue that originalist jurisprudential principles are not inherently compatible with judicial restraint and that restraint must therefore ultimately rely on the disposition rather than the philosophy of judges.

“Quantum Constitutionalism”: Draws on *The Federalist*, the ratification debates and other writings of the Framers to argue that the Constitution is designed not to guarantee respect for individual rights in each case but rather to create higher and higher probabilities, growing with time, that majorities will behave reasonably.

“When Veneration Becomes Excessive” (co-authored with Benjamin A. Kleinerman, Michigan State University): Madison’s call for constitutional veneration in Federalist 49 has been misinterpreted as setting an unreasonably high bar for constitutional amendments, a device he assumed would be used far more frequently.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2013 “Congress’ Constitutional Capitulation,” University of Oklahoma Department of Political Science and Institute for American Constitutional Heritage (Invited Lecture)
- 2013 “Why We’re Wrong About Rights: George W. Carey on Individualism, Community and the Contemporary Condition,” American Political Science Association
- 2013 “When Veneration Becomes Excessive: James Madison on Constitutional Amendments,” American Political Science Association (co-authored with Benjamin A. Kleinerman)
- 2013 “Needles in Madison’s Haystack: Minority Factions and Pressure Group Politics in the ‘Extended Republic,’” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2012 “A Conversation on the Presidency,” Assumption College
- 2012 “James Madison and the Legitimacy of Majority Factions,” American Political Science Association (scheduled but canceled due to hurricane)
- 2012 “When Veneration Becomes Excessive: James Madison on Constitutional Amendments,” Midwest Political Science Association (co-authored with Benjamin A. Kleinerman)
- 2011 “Quantum Constitutionalism,” American Political Science Association
- 2010 “Temporal Republicanism,” Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop
- 2010 “‘The Collision and Contagion of the Passions:’ Factions, Justice and the Extent of Popular Authority in Federalist 10,” Northeast Political Science Association
- 2008 “‘The Mild Voice of Reason’: James Madison and the Tempo of American Democracy,” Southern Political Science Association
- 2007 “The Is, the Ought Not and the Oven of Akhnai: Faith and Reason in Strauss’ *Natural Right and History*,” Midwest Political Science Association
- 2006 “Mr. Cheney, Meet Mr. Agathocles: Torture, Terrorism and Machiavelli’s ‘Economy of Violence,’” Northeastern Political Science Association

- 2006 "Raising Money, Raising Hackles: Analyzing Interest Group Response to Supreme Court Decisions through Direct Mail Solicitations," Southern Political Science Association (co-author)

**PANELS AND CONFERENCES**

- 2013 Discussant, "Political Theory in the American Founding and Antebellum Era," Midwest Political Science Association
- 2013 Invited Participant, "Limiting Majoritarianism in Republican Constitutional Theory," Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2012 Invited Participant, "Liberty and the Paradoxes of Democracy," Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2012 Invited Participant, "John Marshall and His Critics," Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2010 Panel Discussant, "Rights, Consent, and the Scope of Political Power in America," Northeast Political Science Association
- 2010 Panel Chair and Discussant, "Contextualizing Deliberative Democracy, Public Justification, and the Politically Possible," Northeast Political Science Association
- 2010 Invited Participant, "The Founding and Re-Founding of America," Lehrman American Studies Seminar at Harvard University
- 2009 Discussant, "Joseph Addison's Cato," Georgetown University Political Theory Colloquium
- 2009 Invited Participant: "James Madison and the Extended Republic: Size, Republicanism, and Liberty in the Early Republic," Liberty Fund Colloquium
- 2008 Invited Participant: Summer Institute, Jack Miller Center for the Teaching of America's Founding Principles

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2011 Jack Miller Center, Chairman's Award for Best Dissertation in American Political Thought
- 2010 Georgetown University Harold N. Glassman Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences
- 2009 Best Self-Taught Course by a Graduate Student, Georgetown University ("The Federalist on Current Affairs")
- 2006 Best Graduate Student Paper in Political Theory, Georgetown University ("To Try Experiments Merely Upon Philosophy: Hume, Montesquieu and the Tenth

Federalist")

**SERVICE**

Secretary and Executive Committee Member, Assumption College Faculty Senate, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Director, Minor in Law Ethics and Constitutional Studies, Assumption College

Member, Working Group on Core Curriculum, Assumption College, 2012-2013, 2014

Member, Standing Committee on General Education, Assumption College

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Thought* and *Law and History Review*

**LANGUAGES**

Reading: French (tested by exam) and Hebrew

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL**

1999-2010

Content Communications, LLC  
Arlington, Virginia

Founder and president of political and public relations writing firm. Wrote speeches and op-eds for national political figures -- including Cabinet officials, governors, senators and members of Congress -- as well as leading corporate executives. Published ghostwritten articles in leading newspapers, including *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and *Boston Globe*. Ghostwriter of books published by Penguin Viking Press and Simon & Schuster.

1993-1999

U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey  
Washington, D.C.

Several positions as senior aide to prominent member of U.S. Senate, including press secretary, communications director and policy director.

1996 [leave of absence]

Morales for U.S. Senate  
Dallas, Texas

Statewide campaign manager for Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. Coordinated strategy, served as principle media spokesperson, managed staff of more than 20 and supervised budget of more than \$1 million in Senate campaign that garnered national and international attention.

1992-1993

U.S. Senators Lloyd Bentsen and Bob Krueger  
Washington, D.C.

Positions included staff assistant and deputy press secretary.

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1991-1992

*Williamson County Sun*  
Georgetown, Texas

Reporter and editor for local newspaper in Central Texas.