

Academic Experience

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Ia.

Bouma Fellow in Law, Summer 2021–present

Professor of Law, Fall 2020–present

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2017

Pepperdine University, Rick J. Caruso School of Law, Malibu, Calif.

Professor of Law, Fall 2019–Summer 2020

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), Fall 2017–Summer 2019

Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2011–Summer 2017

University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Ind.

Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2020

Penn State Law, University Park, Pa.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Shughart Scholar, Summer 2010–Summer 2011

Professional Experience

Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, Ill.

Associate, Litigation practice group, Fall 2008–Spring 2010

Summer Associate, Summer 2006

Hon. Raymond W. Gruender, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Mo.

Judicial Clerk, Fall 2007–Fall 2008

Principal Publications

Reducing Election Litigation, *FORDHAM L. REV.* (forthcoming) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]

Twenty-Third Amendment Problems Confronting District of Columbia Statehood, *HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y PER CURIAM* (forthcoming)

Brnovich v. DNC: Election Litigation Migrates from Federal Courts to the Political Process, *CATO SUP. CT. REV.* (forthcoming)

Electoral Votes Regularly Given, 55 *GA. L. REV.* 1529 (2021) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]

Weaponizing the Ballot, 48 *FLA. ST. U. L. REV.* 61 (2021) [[SSRN](#)]

The Electoral College and the Federal Popular Vote, 15 *HARV. L. & POL'Y REV.* 129 (2020) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]

Chameleon Congressional Districts, 64 *ST. LOUIS U. L.J.* 673 (2020) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]

Nonjudicial Solutions to Partisan Gerrymandering, 62 *HOWARD U. L.J.* 791 (2019) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]

The High Cost of Lowering the Bar, 32 *GEO. J. L. ETHICS* 307 (2019) (with Robert Anderson IV) [[SSRN](#)]

The Democracy Ratchet, 94 *IND. L.J.* 451 (2019) [[SSRN](#)]

Legal Quandaries in the Alabama Senate Election of 2017, 69 *ALA. L. REV.* 983 (2018) [[SSRN](#)]

What's Old Is New Again: The Nineteenth Century Voter Registration Debates and Lessons About

Voter Identification Disputes, 56 WASHBURN L.J. 109 (2017) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]
“*Natural Born*” *Disputes in the 2016 Presidential Election*, 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 1097 (2016) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]
Ballot Speech, 58 ARIZ. L. REV. 693 (2016) [[SSRN](#)]
Legislative Delegations and the Elections Clause, 43 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 717 (2016) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]
Perpetuating “One Person, One Vote” Errors, 39 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL’Y 371 (2016) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Scrutinizing Federal Electoral Qualifications, 90 IND. L.J. 559 (2015) [[SSRN](#)]
Winner: Pepperdine University School of Law Dean’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 2016
The Play in the Joints of the Election Clauses, 13 ELECTION L.J. 310 (2014) (peer reviewed) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Judicial Review of Congressional Power Before and After Shelby County v. Holder, 8 CHARLESTON L. REV. 287 (2013) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Invisible Federalism and the Electoral College, 44 ARIZ. ST. L.J. 1237 (2012) [[SSRN](#)]
More Thoughts on the Compact Clause and the National Popular Vote: A Response to Professor Hendricks, 7 ELECTION L.J. 227 (2008) (peer reviewed) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
The Compact Clause and the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, 6 ELECTION L.J. 372 (2007) (peer reviewed) [[SSRN](#)]

Casebook

ARTHUR D. HELLMAN, DAVID R. STRAS, RYAN W. SCOTT, F. ANDREW HESSICK, & DEREK T. MULLER, FEDERAL COURTS: CASES AND MATERIALS ON JUDICIAL FEDERALISM AND THE LAWYERING PROCESS (Carolina Academic Press, 5th ed. 2022)

Book Chapters

“Ballot Access,” in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN ELECTION LAW (Eugene D. Mazo ed., Oxford University Press) (forthcoming)
“Simplifying Presidential Elections,” in THE BEST CANDIDATE: PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN POLARIZED TIMES (Eugene D. Mazo & Michael R. Dimino eds., Cambridge University Press 2020) [[SSRN](#)]

Essays, Responses, & Notes

A Bully Pulpit Approach to Elections in the Early Biden Administration, 2021 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE: Biden 100 Days 166 (Apr. 30, 2021) (solicited) [[link](#)]
Governing Elections Without Law, 100 B.U. L. REV. ONLINE 278 (2020) (solicited) [[link](#)]
Restraining Judicial Application of the “Safe Harbor” Provision in the Electoral Count Act, 81 OHIO ST. L.J. ONLINE 221 (2020) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Celebrating the Work of Professor Bob Cochran: An Introduction, 47 PEPP. L. REV. iii (2020) (symposium) [[SSRN](#)]
Cyber Interference in Elections and Federal Agency Action, HARV. L. REV. BLOG (Oct. 29, 2018) (solicited) [[link](#)]
Three Divergent Election-Law Decisions in the Early Trump Administration, 2017 U. ILL. L. REV.

ONLINE: Trump 100 Days (Apr. 29, 2017) ([link](#))
Complexity Confronting State Judges and the Right to Vote, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. FURTHERMORE 65 (2016) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Evenwel v. Abbott: *A New Attempt to Define “One Person, One Vote,”* GEO. WASH. L. REV. DOCKET (Apr. 5, 2016) [[link](#)]
“Compact Clause,” 1 AMERICAN GOVERNANCE 355 (S. Schechter et al. eds., Macmillan 2016)
Disfavored Candidates and the Democracy Canon, 65 FLA. L. REV. FORUM 53 (2013) (solicited) [[SSRN](#)]
Note, “*As Much Upon Tradition as Upon Principle*”: *A Critique of the Privilege of Necessity Destruction Under the Fifth Amendment*, 82 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 481 (2006) [[SSRN](#)]

Testimony

U.S. Senate committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, “Examining D.C. Statehood,” June 22, 2021 [[link](#)]

Works in Progress

Federal Judicial Clerkship Report of Recent Law School Graduates, 2020 Edition [[SSRN](#)]

Amicus Briefs

Amicus Curiae Brief of Derek T. Muller in Support of Neither Party, *Chiafalo v. Washington and Colorado Department of State*, S. Ct., 19-465 & 19-518 [[link](#)]
Amicus Curiae Brief of Derek T. Muller in Support of Neither Party, *Baca v. Colorado Department of State*, 10th Cir., 18-1173 [[link](#)]

Grant

2019, AccessLex: Co-Principal Investigator (with C.J. Ryan), *The Secret Sauce: Evaluating Overperforming (and Underperforming) Law Schools on the Bar Exam*

Commentary

Claims of voter suppression in newly enacted state laws don’t all hold up under close review, THE CONVERSATION, Aug. 10, 2021 [[link](#)]
Supreme Court Raised the Bar for Challenge to GA Election Law, REALCLEARPOLITICS, July 23, 2021 [[link](#)]
DC Statehood Could Give a Few People 3 Electoral Votes, REALCLEARPOLICY, May 6, 2021 [[link](#)]
The Diamonds Hidden in H.R. 1’s Massive Mine, REALCLEARPOLITICS, Mar. 31, 2021 [[link](#)]
Democrats Have Been Shameless About Your Presidential Vote Too, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 6, 2021 [[link](#)]
Teacher, mentor, colleague: Judge Barrett will be an outstanding justice, THE GAZETTE (Cedar Rapids, Ia.), Oct. 6, 2020 [[link](#)]
Trump Can’t Postpone the Election, WALL ST. J., A13, Apr. 30, 2020 [[link](#)]
California’s election rules make it hard to hold politicians accountable, L.A. TIMES, Jan. 10, 2020 [[link](#)]

No Country for Old Presidents, WALL ST. J., A11, Nov. 13, 2019 [\[link\]](#)
Judicial vacancies threaten the rule of law, ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, Jan. 4, 2018 [\[link\]](#)
How Not to Get Trump's Tax Returns, N.Y. TIMES, A23, Apr. 3, 2017 [\[link\]](#)
Faithless Electors: Now It's Up To Congress, WALL ST. J., A11, Dec. 20, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
An outstanding choice for U.S. Supreme Court vacancy, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Dec. 13, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
Libertarians and Greens Can Win—Even If They Lose, WALL ST. J., A11, Oct. 14, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
What would happen in the Electoral College if Trump dropped out?, NATIONAL REVIEW, Oct. 11, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
Don't force electors to vote for Trump or Hillary, DETROIT NEWS, June 16, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
Awarding presidential delegates by congressional districts is unfair, SACRAMENTO BEE, June 6, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
GOP nomination process 101: Candidates' remedial edition, REUTERS, Apr. 14, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
If no one else can stop Trump, the Electoral College still can. It's in the Constitution, WASH. POSTEVERYTHING, Mar. 17, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
Natural-born mess: What would it take to kick Ted Cruz off the ballot?, REUTERS, Jan. 15, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
Courts should stay out of Cruz eligibility fight, THE HILL, Jan. 15, 2016 [\[link\]](#)
The Donald on 'SNL': Equal Time Isn't Needed, WALL ST. J., A15, Nov. 5, 2015 (with Babette Boliek) [\[link\]](#)
Mary Landrieu's residency isn't up to courts, it's up to Congress, NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE, Sept. 3, 2014 [\[link\]](#)
Fix Michigan election law, DETROIT NEWS, May 19, 2014 [\[link\]](#)

Shorter Works and Appearances

Founder & Blogger, EXCESS OF DEMOCRACY, Mar. 2013–present [\[link\]](#)
Over 600,000 page views and 400,000 unique visitors since launch
Named to the ABA ANNUAL BLAWG 100 in 2014, 2015, 2016, & 2017
Contributor, ELECTION LAW BLOG, July 2021–present [\[link\]](#)
Symposium: Brnovich, election-law tradeoffs, and the limited role of the courts, SCOTUSBLOG, July 6, 2021 [\[link\]](#)
Texas v. Pennsylvania Would Have Upended the Electoral College, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, Dec. 21, 2020 [\[link\]](#)
Symposium: #LookingBack: Whither Republican Party of Pennsylvania v. Boockvar?, ELECTION LAW BLOG, Nov. 8, 2020 [\[link\]](#)
Symposium: #2DaysOut: A Ballot Dispute in the Making?, ELECTION LAW BLOG, Nov. 1, 2020 [\[link\]](#)
Symposium: Leave courts out of presidential elector dispute, SCOTUSBLOG, Apr. 27, 2020 [\[link\]](#)
Politics as Usual, PUBLIC DISCOURSE, July 7, 2019 [\[link\]](#)
Symposium: Why not continue the political struggle in partisan-gerrymandering cases?, SCOTUSBLOG, Feb. 5, 2019 [\[link\]](#)
Diverging Supreme Court Trends May Leave Some Conservatives Out In the Cold, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, Dec. 20, 2018 [\[link\]](#)

A Future Justice Kavanaugh and Executive Privilege, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, July 3, 2018 [\[link\]](#)

Symposium on Gill v. Whitford: No closer to consensus, SCOTUSBLOG, June 18, 2018 [\[link\]](#)

Guest Blogger, PRAWFSBLAWG, Apr.–May 2018 [\[link\]](#); Jan. 2013 [\[link\]](#)

Senate Rules May Not Block Roy Moore, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, Nov. 15, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

Guest, Tom Donnelly, *The Debate Over President Trump’s Election Commission*, We the People Podcast, National Constitution Center, Jul. 20, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

Federal Power Over Elections and the Twenty-Fourth Amendment, National Constitution Center’s Interactive Constitution, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

The Twenty-Fourth Amendment, National Constitution Center’s Interactive Constitution, 2017 (with Deborah N. Archer) [\[link\]](#)

Guest, *The Kobach fallout on election security*, ELECTION LAW BLOG (Rick Hasen ed.), July 1, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

When bar exam scores go low, discipline rates go high, DAILY JOURNAL, June 7, 2017 (with Rob Anderson IV)

Speech Equality’s Crushing Weight, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, June 27, 2016 [\[link\]](#)

The Case for More Money in Politics, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, June 2, 2016 [\[link\]](#)

Guest, *Who Decides If Ted Cruz Is Eligible to Be President?*, ELECTION LAW BLOG (Rick Hasen ed.), Jan. 7, 2016 [\[link\]](#)

Guest, Jeffrey Rosen, *Voting rights on trial in North Carolina*, We the People Podcast, National Constitution Center, Jul. 22, 2015 [\[link\]](#)

One Man, One Vote in Texas, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, May 29, 2015 [\[link\]](#)

Guest, *Oral Argument*, Episode 61: Minimum Competence, May 15, 2015 [\[link\]](#)

Kerr v. Hickenlooper: *Exploring the Tenth Circuit’s Dubious Legal Reasoning*, JURIST - Forum, Mar. 31, 2014 [\[link\]](#)

Book Review, TARA ROSS, ENLIGHTENED DEMOCRACY, Law & Liberty, Liberty Fund, Oct. 16, 2012 [\[link\]](#)

What’s Really Going On in the NFL Head-Injury Lawsuit, Right Field, NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE, June 7, 2012 [\[link\]](#)

Teaching Experience

Recipient, Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence, Pepperdine University, 2018

Federal Courts (scheduled Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2017, Spring 2011)

Legislative Redistricting Seminar (Fall 2021)

Evidence (Fall 2021, Summer 2020 x2, Spring 2020, Fall 2018 x2, Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Spring 2014)

Civil Procedure (Spring 2021, Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2010)

Election Law (Fall 2020, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2012)

Advanced Topics in Election Law (Spring 2020)

Administrative Law (Spring 2018, Fall 2015)

Complex Litigation (Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Spring 2012)

Civil Procedure II (Spring 2012)

Civil Procedure I (Fall 2011)

Education

University of Notre Dame Law School, Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, 2007

NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW

Note Editor & Article Selection Committee, 2006–2007

Dean's Awards for highest grades in Business Associations and Election Law

Hillsdale College, Bachelor of Arts in English, *summa cum laude*, 2004

Honors Program graduate

Senior Class Vice President

Select Presentations

Panelist, “Improving Presidential Elections,” Rebuilding Democracy and the Rule of Law,” Association of American Law Schools, May 7, 2021 (invited)

Participant, Symposium, GEORGIA LAW REVIEW, Mar. 26, 2021 (invited)

Participant, “The Impact of the 15th and the 19th Amendments on the 2020 Presidential Election: Voter Accessibilities Battle Against Voter Suppression,” LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW, Mar. 5, 2021 (invited)

Participant, “Toward Our 60th Presidential Election,” FORDHAM LAW REVIEW, Feb. 26, 2021 (invited)

Speaker, “Election Law Issues and the Electoral College from 2020 into the Future,” Indianapolis Lawyers Chapter, Nov. 16, 2020 (invited)

Panelist, “2020 Elections: The Good, the Bad, and the Unresolved,” Polk County Bar Association, Nov. 13, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “The Electoral College: Its History and a Defense,” University of Southern California Gould School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Nov. 12, 2020 (invited)

Discussant, “Pending Election Litigation,” University of Iowa College of Law Faculty Roundtable, Nov. 2, 2020

Roundtable Discussant, “Pre-Election Virtual Roundtable,” The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Oct. 29, 2020 (invited)

Presenter, “Iowa Election Code 101,” Iowa State Judiciary, Oct. 30, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “Voter IDs, Gerrymandering, and Political Questions,” University of Connecticut School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 28, 2020 (invited)

Debate Participant, “A Debate on the 2020 Election,” George Washington University Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 28, 2020 (invited)

Panelist, Cady Day, “Your Vote. Your Voice. Our Democracy.”, Iowa State Bar Association, Oct. 23, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “Absentee Ballots and 2020 Election Controversies,” Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 21, 2020 (invited)

Participant, 37th Annual Jefferson B. Fordham Debate, “Can We End Partisan Gerrymandering?” University of Utah College of Law, Oct. 15, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “The Electoral College,” Wake Forest Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 20, 2020 (invited)

Debate Participant, “Election Law Controversies in 2020,” Pepperdine University Rick J. Caruso School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 13, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “The Electoral College: Its History and a Defense,” Columbia Law School Federalist

Society Student Chapter, Oct. 5, 2020 (invited)

Panelist, “What Does the Constitution Say About Voting?”, Constitutional Democracy Project, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Sept. 17, 2020 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, “Ending Balancing Tests in Election Law,” University of Iowa College of Law, July 6, 2020

Presenter, “Seinfeld Law: Evidence,” Yada Yada Law School, June 17 2020

Roundtable Participant, “What If the 2020 Presidential Election is Disputed?”, The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law, May 4, 2020 (invited)

Panelist, “Electoral College: A Politically Plausible Fix,” The Hyatt Fund, Vanderbilt Law School, February 21, 2020 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, “Weaponizing the Ballot,” University of Notre Dame Law School, Jan. 28, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “Weaponizing the Ballot,” Columbia Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Jan. 21, 2020 (invited)

Speaker, “The Electoral College, Its History, and Proposals for Reform,” Puget Sound Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter, Dec. 2, 2019 (invited)

Speaker, *From Russia With Love: Foreign Interference in Federal Elections*, University of Washington School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Dec. 2, 2019 (invited)

Speaker, *From Russia With Love: Foreign Interference in Federal Elections*, University of Oregon School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 29, 2019 (invited)

Speaker, “The Electoral College, Its History, and Proposals for Reform,” Willamette University College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 28, 2019 (invited)

Panelist, “The Electoral College,” *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, Harvard Law School, Oct. 18–19, 2019 (invited)

Panelist, “Enduring Controversies in Election Law,” The Childress Symposium, ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL, Oct. 10–11, 2019 (invited)

Speaker, “From Russia With Love: Foreign Interference in Federal Elections,” St. Louis University School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 10, 2019 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, “Weaponizing the Ballot,” University of Missouri School of Law, Oct. 9, 2019 (invited)

Speaker, *Partisan Gerrymandering and the Federal Courts*, Seattle University School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 30, 2019 (invited)

Participant, Roundtable & Workshop, *Law’s Futures 2.0*, Northwestern Prtizker School of Law, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 27, 2019 (invited)

Panelist, *Supreme Court Preview*, UCLA Hammer Forum, Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 19, 2019 (invited)

Panelist, *The Supreme Court: Term Review and a Look to the Horizon*, The Claremont Institute, Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, Orange, Calif., Sept. 14, 2019 (invited)

Presenter, “Behind the Rankings,” LSAC Annual Meeting & Educational Conference, Boston, Mass., May 30, 2019 (invited)

Presenter, “Weaponizing the Ballot,” PEP Talks Research Seminar, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., Jan. 23, 2019

Panelist, “Weaponizing the Ballot,” Seven Minute Works in Progress, 21st Annual Federalist Society Faculty Conference, New Orleans, La., Jan. 3, 2019

Panelist, *Money in Politics*, University of Southern California American Constitution Society Student Chapter, Oct. 22, 2018 (invited)

Panelist, 15th Annual Wiley A. Branton/HOWARD LAW JOURNAL Symposium, Howard University School of Law, Oct. 11, 2018 (invited)

Participant, Roundtable & Workshop, *Law's Futures: New Institutions for Legal Education*, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, Calif., Sept. 21, 2018 (invited)

Panelist, *Courts v. Legislators: Who Prevents Redistricting Abuse*, LA Law Library, Los Angeles, Calif., May 3, 2018 (invited)

Speaker, *Gerrymandering and Gill v. Whitford*, University of Houston Federalist Society Student Chapter, Mar. 28, 2018 (invited)

Organizer & Moderator, Symposium, *Federalism: Past, Present, and Future*, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW in conjunction with The Aspen Institute's Justice & Society Program, Mar. 23, 2018

Speaker, *Gerrymandering: Supreme Court & A Redistricting Revolution*, Seattle University Federalist Society Student Chapter, Mar. 21, 2018 (invited)

Panelist, "Voter Districts," Voting in 2018 and Beyond: Ensuring Access and Accountability of the Ballot in America, HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY, Jan. 26, 2018 (invited)

Speaker, *Gerrymandering and Gobbledygook: The Future of Wisconsin Redistricting After Gill v. Whitford*, Milwaukee Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter, Dec. 7, 2017 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, "The Democracy Ratchet," University of St. Thomas School of Law, Nov. 28, 2017 (invited)

Presenter, "Weaponizing the Ballot," Eighth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Nov. 4, 2017 (paper accepted)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, "The Democracy Ratchet," University of Iowa College of Law, Nov. 2, 2017 (invited)

Research Roundtable Participant, "The First Amendment in the Regulatory State," Center for the Study of the Administrative State, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Oct. 27, 2017 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, "The Democracy Ratchet," University of Notre Dame Law School, Oct. 5, 2017 (invited)

Discussant, "Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Fla., Aug. 3, 2017

Panelist, "Supreme Court Term in Review," Houston Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter, July 25, 2017 (invited)

Speaker, "A Calm After the Storm: Reflections on the Electoral College, Presidential Elections, and the Framers' Constitution," Hillsdale College Federalist Society Student Chapter, Apr. 20, 2017 (invited)

Debate Participant, "The Merits of the Electoral College," University of Illinois College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Apr. 19, 2017 (invited)

Moderator, "Religious Critiques of Lawyers and Legal Education," Religious Critiques of the Law, Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine University School of Law, Mar. 10, 2017

Panelist, "Redistricting Reform: Mapping our Future," Common Cause, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy, Mar. 2–3, 2017 (invited)

Moderator, "Judicial and Practitioner Perspectives on ADR," Synergy: Flexibility as Key to a

Successful ADR Practice, PEPPERDINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAW JOURNAL, Feb. 10, 2017

Panelist, “Forty Years Later: The Brennan Article and State Constitutions,” Annual Western Chapters Conference, Federalist Society, Simi Valley, Calif., Jan. 28, 2017 (invited)

Faculty Workshop Presenter, “The Democracy Ratchet,” The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Jan. 25, 2017 (invited)

Panelist, “Lessons from the 2016 Elections (and Implications for the Future),” Section on Election Law, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 5, 2017 (invited)

Moderator, “Election Day Technology,” Election 2016 Conference, Pepperdine University School of Public Policy, Oct. 14, 2016 (invited)

Presenter, “Election Law Forum,” FORDHAM LAW REVIEW, Sept. 30, 2016 (paper accepted)

Speaker, “Three Ways the Electoral College Can Stop Trump and Clinton”
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 27, 2016
University of Dayton School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 28, 2016
University of Cincinnati College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 29, 2016

Speaker, “From Adams v. Jefferson to Trump v. Clinton: Presidential Elections and the Framers’ Constitution,” Constitution Day, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., Sept. 19, 2016 (invited)

Panelist, “Election Law—Today and Beyond,” WASHBURN LAW JOURNAL, Feb. 25, 2016 (invited)

Panelist, “Election Law Issues in Texas,” Texas A&M University School of Law, Nov. 18, 2015 (invited)

Speaker, “The Three Texas Election Law Cases You Should Know About,” Dallas Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter, Nov. 18, 2015 (invited)

Panelist, “Campaign and Election Law,” Federal Election Commission, UCLA School of Law, Oct. 22, 2015 (invited)

Moderator, “Cutting Through the Thicket: Can We Untangle Redistricting for the Courts?,” Redistricting Reform: Mapping Our Future, Common Cause, George Washington University Law School, Oct. 7, 2015 (invited)

Presenter, “Roundtable on the Voting Rights Act at 50,” Law & Political Process Study Group, American Political Science Association, Sept. 3-6, 2015 (invited)

Panelist & Moderator, “The Law of Democracy at a Crossroads: Reflecting on Fifty Years of Voting Rights and the Judicial Regulation of the Political Thicket,” FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, Mar. 28, 2015 (invited)

Commentator, Damon Root, OVERRULED: THE LONG WAR FOR CONTROL OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, Los Angeles Federalist Society Lawyers Chapter, Mar. 11, 2015 (invited)

Moderator, “Perspectives on Federal Power Under the Reconstruction Amendments,” Section on Constitutional Law, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2015

Panelist, “Virgin Islands Election Law: Emerging Issues and Overview” and “Federalism and the Courts of the U.S. Virgin Islands: From *Erie* to the Revised Organic Act to Superior Court Rule 7,” United States Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Seminar, St. Thomas, V.I., Dec. 12, 2014 (invited)

Presenter, “Ballot Speech,” Fifth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Nov. 7, 2014 (paper accepted)

Panelist, “Judicial Appointments vs. Judicial Elections vs. Mixed Systems,” American Constitution

Society Southern California Regional Conference, Southwestern Law School, Oct. 26, 2014 (invited)

Speaker, “Isn’t Money Speech? Campaign Finance Law and the First Amendment,” University of New Mexico School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 24, 2014

Panelist, “Employment and Student Well-Being,” Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Conference, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 19, 2014 (invited)

Speaker, “Can Texas Regulate Elections Again? The Voting Rights Act After *Shelby County*” University of Houston Law Center Federalist Society Student Chapter, Mar. 4, 2014 South Texas College of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Mar. 4, 2014

Moderator, “Liberalism, Post-Liberalism, and Law,” Love and Law, Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine University School of Law, Feb. 7, 2014

Panelist, “Voting Rights Under Fire? The Value of a Vote Post-*Shelby County*,” Anti-Defamation League and the Orange County Bar Association, Newport Beach, Calif., Jan. 28, 2014 (invited)

Panelist, “From *McReynolds* to *Shelby County* and Beyond: Voting Rights and the Court,” Section on Legislation & Law of the Political Process, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, N.Y., Jan. 3, 2014 (invited)

Panelist, “Voting Rights Act,” Gender, Race, Identity & the Law in our Lives, California State University Northridge, Oct. 15, 2013 (invited)

Speaker, “Can States Regulate Elections Again? The Voting Rights Act After *Shelby County*” University of Notre Dame Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 4, 2013 Valparaiso University Law School Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 4, 2013 Indiana University–Bloomington School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 5, 2013

Panelist, “Judicial Decisionmaking and Election Administration: The Role of the Courts in the 2012 Election,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 7, 2013

Moderator, “Adoption Trends: Causes and Solutions,” Intercountry Adoption: Orphan Rescue or Child Trafficking?, Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine University School of Law, Feb. 8, 2013

Speaker, “Aren’t Corporations People? *Citizens United*, Political Speech, and the First Amendment,” The Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Jan. 31, 2013

Presenter, “Federalism and Constitutional Ballot Eligibility,” Third Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Nov. 2, 2012 (paper accepted)

Speaker, “Is the Electoral College on Death’s Door?,” Wayne State University Federalist Society Student Chapter, Oct. 31, 2012

Speaker, “Isn’t Money Speech? Election Law and the First Amendment,” University of Hawai’i School of Law Federalist Society Student Chapter, Sept. 24, 2012

Panelist, Fourth Annual Aspiring Law Professors Conference, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Sept. 15, 2012 (invited)

Presenter, Young Election Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Sept. 13, 2012

Panelist, “Concussion in Sports and Complex Litigation,” The Dark Side of Entertainment and Sports Law, TEXAS REVIEW OF ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS LAW, The University of Texas School of Law, Sept. 7, 2012 (invited)

Moderator, “Who Should Influence Whom?,” The Competing Claims of Law and Religion, Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine University School of

Law, Feb. 24, 2012

Panelist, “WikiLeaks: International Implications,” Graduate Student Forum, College of Communications, The Pennsylvania State University, Jan. 26, 2011 (invited)

Other Experience

Legal Intern, Blackstone Fellow, Summer 2005

Center for Arizona Policy, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Court Clerk, Summers & Winters 2000–2004

44th District Court of the State of Michigan, Royal Oak, Mich.

Professional Service and Bar Admission

Bar of the State of Iowa, 2021–present (active), no. AT0014594

Bar of the State of Illinois, 2021–present (inactive), 2007–2020 (active), no. 6294488

Iowa Rules of Evidence Substantive Review Task Force, Iowa Supreme Court, Aug. 2021–present

Iowa State Judicial Nominating Commission, Mar.–July 2021

Section on Election Law, Association of American Law Schools

Chair-Elect, 2021

Executive Board, 2017–present

Section on Constitutional Law, Association of American Law Schools

Executive Board, 2012–2016

Co-Chair, 2014

Johnson County, Iowa Recount Board Member for the Second Congressional District Election Recount, Nov. 17-24, 2020

Judging Panelist

Common Cause Democracy Prize Competition, Spring 2015 & 2016

Peer Consult/Review

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, Fall 2018

YALE LAW JOURNAL, Spring 2018

JOURNAL OF POLITICS, Summer 2014

Advisor, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, 2012–2013

University of Iowa College of Law

Faculty Advisor, Christian Legal Society, 2021–present

Chair, College of Law University Self-Study Committee, 2021–present

Faculty Teaching Review Committee, 2020–present

Faculty Tenure Review Committee, 2021–present

Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2020–2021

Internal Procedures Committee, 2020–2021

Intellectual Life Committee, 2020–2021

Pepperdine University, Rick J. Caruso School of Law

Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2013–2019

Faculty Advisor, Habeas Ludus (student tabletop game club), 2015–2019

Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, 2018–2019

Director of Institutional Data Analytics, 2018–2019

Assistant Dean of Career Development Search Committee, 2018

Academic Standards Committee, 2011–2012, 2017–2018
Dean Search Committee, 2016–2017
Faculty Resources & Cost Impact Evaluation Committee, 2016–2017
Spiritual Formation Committee, 2013–2017
Academic Dismissal Hearing Committee, 2016
Curriculum Committee, 2012–2013, 2014–2016
Sustainability & Enrollment Task Force, 2015–2016
Bar Exam Data Analytics Task Force, 2015
Faculty Resources Committee, 2013–2014
Veterans Recruitment Task Force, 2012–2013
Benediction offered as a part of platform party at commencement, May 15, 2015

Data & Metrics Reports and Presentations

Relationship Between Incoming Student Predictors, Course Selection, and Bar Exam Performance (customized evaluation and data visualizations of internal metrics, including law student predictors, law student law grade point averages, bar exam performance, course-specific performance, bar exam content performance, and bar exam component performance)
Pepperdine Law Administration, draft report circulated Jan. 2019

Bar Exam Empirical Data (customized evaluation and data visualizations of internal metrics, including enrollment trends, school-wide bar passage data, historic bar pass data, local and national bar passage trends, and course content and coverage)
Pepperdine Law Board of Visitors, Feb. 2016
Pepperdine Law Faculty, Dec. 2015

Sustainability & Enrollment Task Force Report (customized evaluation and data visualizations of internal metrics, including admissions projections, scholarship trends, legal education market demand, and tuition projections)
Pepperdine Law Faculty, Aug. 2015

Challenges and Opportunities Facing Pepperdine University School of Law (customized evaluation and data visualizations of internal metrics, including admissions strategies, bar passage rates, and employment outcomes)
Pepperdine Law Board of Visitors, Mar. 2015
Pepperdine Law Faculty, Jan. 2015
Pepperdine Law Dean's Meeting, Dec. 2014

The Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies

Executive Committee, Free Speech & Election Law Practice Group, 2016–present
Member, 2004–present

Hillsdale College Alumni Executive Board, 2012–2014

Career Development Committee, 2012–2014

Certificate, Data Visualization and Infographics with D3 (non-credit online course completed Apr. 26, 2015, through the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, the University of Texas at Austin)

Personal

Soccer Coaching Experience

Iowa City Kickers, Head coach, Fall 2021, Third/Fourth Grade Girls team
Iowa City Kickers, Assistant coach, Spring 2021, Second Grade Co-ed team
AYSO Malibu, Calif., Head coach, Fall 2016, Under-6 Co-ed team: Jaguars
AYSO Thousand Oaks, Calif., Head coach, Fall 2015, Under-7 Girls team: Mighty Grapes
AYSO Thousand Oaks, Calif., Head coach, Fall 2014, Under-6 Girls team: Sunshine Lollipops
AYSO Thousand Oaks, Calif., Head coach, Fall 2013, Under-7 Boys team: Electric Pirates

Native of Royal Oak, Michigan; valedictorian, Shrine Catholic High School (2000)

Member, Pacific Crossroads Church, Santa Monica, Calif.

Interests: Italian cooking and sausage-making, running, Romantic period poetry, Notre Dame football, tabletop games

Profiles

[Faculty bio](#)

[Google Scholar](#)

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[Twitter](#)