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Professional

2020-present Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Williams College.

Education

2015-2020 Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Texas at Austin.
Dissertation: *Demagoguery and American Constitutionalism*
(nominated for the E.E. Schattschneider and Walter Dean
Burnham dissertation awards).

2011-2015 B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College.

Academic Publications

- 2021 (accepted) "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*.
- 2020 "Conceptual Weaponization and the Study of the Presidency,"
Interpretation 47, 1 (Fall): 211-218.
- 2020 "The Republican Theories of Rousseau and the American Anti-
Federalists," *Australian Journal of Politics & History* 66, 2: 181-199.
- 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," exchanges with Michael Gillespie and Ronald Beiner, *Interpretation* 44, 3 (Spring): 425-449.

Publications in Progress

Book proposal under review at University Press of Kansas *Eisenhower's Leadership of Federal Highway Expansion*

Courses

Williams College

- Spring 2020 Demagoguery and Populism in Contemporary Perspective
- Spring 2020 Leadership in American Political Development
- Fall 2020 Conspiracy Theories in American Politics
- Fall 2020 Demagoguery, Statecraft, and Executive Power

University of Texas at Austin

- Spring 2019 Introduction to American Government

Grants and Fellowships (selected)

- 2020 Departmental Fellowship, \$2,200
- 2019 Graduate School Fellowship, \$19,906
- 2019 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 Recurring Recruitment Fellowship, \$20,000
- 2018 Summer Funding, \$4,207
- 2018 Center for European Studies Teaching Fellowship, \$2,000
- 2017 Jefferson Center Scholarship, \$1,500

2017 Summer Funding, \$4,107
2017-2019 Clements Center Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000
2015 Hertog Political Studies Fellowship, \$3,000

Honors

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.

Invited Lectures

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," 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," St. John's College, Annapolis.

Other Writing

2020 (forthcoming) "The Federalist," *Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy*.
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

- 2019 UT Law School Works-in-Progress Roundtable in Comparative Law, invited discussant, 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.

Advising and Mentoring

- 2019 Advisor, UT Senior Thesis, Pauline Hodencq: "An Interwar Case of Reforming the French Civic Code," Spring.
- 2016-2019 Mentor, University of Texas Pre-Graduate Mentorship Program: Pauline Hodencq, Corey Herndon (University of Texas at Austin), Carey Balden (University of Chicago), Nicholas James (London School of Economics; University of Oxford).
- 2017-2020 Mentor, University of Texas Government Department Graduate Mentorship Program

TA and Discussion-Section Experience

- Spring 2020 John McIver, "Introduction to American Government," GOV 310L.
- Spring 2019 Gary Jacobsohn, "The Structure of Individual Liberties," GOV 357M.
- Fall 2018 Gary Jacobsohn, "Constitutional Structures and Powers," GOV 357.
- Summer 2018 Stephanie Holmsten, "Gender and Politics in a Comparative Perspective," GOV f365N.

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| Spring 2018 | Gary Jacobsohn, "The Structure of Individual Liberties," GOV 357M. |
| Fall 2017 | Dana Stauffer, "Issues & Policies in American Government" GOV 312L, Discussion Group Leader. Dana Stauffer, "Issues & Policies in American Government" GOV 312L. |
| Summer 2017 | Eric McDaniel, "Introduction to American Government" GOV 310L 38495, 38500. |
| Spring 2017 | Daron Shaw & Eric McDaniel, "Introduction to American Government" GOV 310L. |
| Fall 2016 | Thomas Pangle, "The Challenge of the Greeks" UGS 303, Discussion Group Leader. Thomas Pangle, "The Challenge of the Greeks" UGS 303. |
| Spring 2016 | Maurizio Viroli, "Theoretical Foundations of Modern Politics" GOV 351D. |
| Fall 2015 | Devin Stauffer, "Classical Quest for Justice" GOV 351C. |

Foreign Languages and Teaching Skills

Ancient Greek (excellent reading), French & Spanish (some spoken and reading); SPSS.

References

Jeffrey K. Tulis, University of Texas at Austin - tulis@austin.utexas.edu - 512-232-7244

Russell Muirhead, Dartmouth College - russell.muirhead@dartmouth.edu - 603-646-2548

Gary J. Jacobsohn, University of Texas at Austin - gjacobsohn@austin.utexas.edu - 512-232-1444

Devin Stauffer, University of Texas at Austin - dstauffer@austin.utexas.edu - 512-232-1462