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## Professional

- August 2021 (starting) Assistant Professor of Research, Center for the Study of Government and the Individual, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
- 2020-present Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Williams College.

## Education

- 2020 Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Texas at Austin.  
Dissertation: *Demagoguery and American Constitutionalism* (nominated for APSA's E.E. Schattschneider and Walter Dean Burnham awards).
- 2015 B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College.

## Academic Publications

### **Books**

- 2022 (estimated, under contract) *Eisenhower and Interstate Highways: Reconstructing the American Transportation System* (University Press of Kansas).

### **Journal Articles**

- 2021 (forthcoming) "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**

- 2021 (under review) "Demagoguery, Battle Terms, and the Formative Role of Political Ideas: The Case of Daniel Shays."

### **Courses**

#### **Williams College**

- Spring 2020 Demagoguery and Populism  
 Spring 2020 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	"Does the U.S. Constitution create a small-government regime?" 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," 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

- 2021 "The Federalist," *Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy*.
- 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

- 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, Columbia, 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 (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).
- 2017-2020 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 365N.
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.

## **Professional Associations**

American Political Science Association.  
Rotary International, Williamstown, MA chapter.

## **References**

Jeffrey K. Tulis, University of Texas at Austin - [tulis@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:tulis@austin.utexas.edu) - 512-232-7244  
Russell Muirhead, Dartmouth College - [russell.muirhead@dartmouth.edu](mailto:russell.muirhead@dartmouth.edu) - 603-646-2548

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