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Academic Employment

Teaching Assistant Professor, Arizona State University	2022 –
Postdoctoral Fellow, Arizona State University	2019-2022

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri	2019
Dissertation: <i>"Ruling or Being Ruled? The Development of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation"</i>	
Committee: J. Dyer (Chair), S. A. Seagrave, S. B. Kitch, J. Dow, M. Overby	
M.A., Political Science, Northern Illinois University	2015
B.A., Politics, Saint Vincent College	2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"The Imposition of Freedom: Tribal Citizenship and the Case of the Cherokee Freedmen," in *American Citizenship and Constitutionalism in Principle and Practice*, Eds. Steven Pittz and Joseph Postell (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2022), 83-108.

"Cherokee Political Thought and the Development of Tribal Citizenship" *Studies in American Political Development*, 35, no. 1 (2021): 1-15.

"Caso McGirt v Oklahoma: el Cumplimiento de los Tratados Indígenas y los Titulos Colectivos a la Tierra" (with Katherine Becerra Valdivia) *Revista de Derecho Universidad de Concepción*, 89, no. 249 (2021): 397-408.

Popular Commentary

<u>"Homeschooling and Civic Education"</u> <i>Homeschool Arizona</i>	October, 2022
<u>"'The Power of the Dog' Messages the Urgent Need for Civic Education"</u> <i>Popmatters</i>	30, March, 2022
<u>"Removing 'by blood': Context and Politics in the Cherokee Supreme Court Decision to Alter the Constitution"</u> <i>Starting Points Journal</i>	5, April, 2021

- ["Who gets Cherokee citizenship has long been a struggle between the tribe and the US"](#)
The Conversation 25, March, 2021
- ["Holding the Government to its Word: McGirt v. Oklahoma and Tribal Sovereignty"](#)
Starting Points Journal 15, July, 2020
- ["Parasites: Montesquieu on the End of Civic Virtue in a Republic"](#)
PopMatters 29, Apr, 2020
- ["Republicanism – A Going Concern"](#)
Starting Points Journal 3, Sep, 2019
- ["No, Term Limits Won't #DrainTheSwamp. We did the Research."](#) (with Jordan Butcher)
The Monkey Cage 8, May, 2018

Manuscripts in Submission

Book Manuscript

- "The Development of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, 1710-2022"
Full Manuscript Invited to Revise and Resubmit at the University of Oklahoma Press

Articles

- "The Western James Madison: Michael Cunniff and the Founding of Arizona"
 Co-Authored with Sean Beienburg
Out for Peer Review, American Political Thought
- "Citizenship and the Good Life: Cherokee and American Regimes in Conflict"
 Co-authored with Stephen Clouse
Invited to Revise and Resubmit, Political Science Reviewer
- "Consent, Revolution, and the End of the World: America's Apocalyptic Fixation as Politics"
 Co-Authored with Trevor Shelley
Out for Peer Review, Political Science Reviewer

Manuscripts in Preparation

Books

- "Holding Out for a Hero: Heroism and American Political Thought as Seen on TV"
 Co-Edited with Stephen Clouse

Articles

- "Selu Contra Locke: An Indigenous Defense of Holding Land in Common"
- "A Mad Man in a Boring World: Billy Butcher, The Boys, and a World Without Heroes"
- "Impetuous Vortex: The Use and Abuse of Lockean Theory in the Debate over Indian Removal"

Conference Presentations

- "The Western James Madison: Michael Cunniff and the Founding of Arizona" (with Sean Beienburg)
Policy History Conference (Tempe, AZ), June 2022
- "Consent, Revolution, and the End of the World" (with Trevor Shelley)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2022
- "The Good Life: Cherokee and American Regimes in Conflict" (with Stephen Clouse)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2022
- "Aniyvwiya in America: The Paradox of Liberal Citizenship" (with Stephen Clouse)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2021
- "Adaptation: Liberal Institutions, Indigenous Political Practices" (with Katherine Valdivia)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2021
- "Toward the Sitting Sun: Congress and the Development of Cherokee Citizenship"
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2019
- "John Locke's Natural Right to Immigration" (with Luke Perez)
Shawnee Trail Regional conference (Columbia, MO), March 2019
- "Written in Blood: The Cherokee Freedmen and Developing Views of Citizenship"
Southern Political Science Association Conference (Austin, TX), January 2019
- "The Imposition of Freedom: Why the Cherokee Resisted Citizenship for their Former Slaves"
Shawnee Trail Regional Conference (Colorado Springs, CO), April 2018
- "Chutes and Ladders: How Ambition plays out in Term-Limited Legislatures" (with Jordan Butcher)
Southern Political Science Association Conference (New Orleans, LA), January 2018
- "On the Same Soil: How Religion and Party Coexist for the Sake of Public Discourse"
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2017
- "The Fault in Our Founders: Political Parties and Participation in America"
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2016

Invited Talks & Public Lectures

- "Western Expansion and Indian Removal"
Great Hearts Teaching Workshop Series (Tempe, AZ), July 2022
- "US Federal Indian Policy: An Outside Perspective"
Universidad Católica del Norte (Antofagasta, Chile), October 2021
- "Tribal Citizenship: The Development of an Idea"

Mirabella at ASU Lecture Series (Tempe, AZ), July 2021

Teaching Experience as Instructor of Record

Arizona State University

American Constitution I	Fall 2022
Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics	Fall 2023, Spring 2022
Great Debates in American Politics	Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020
Great Debates in American Politics, <i>iCourse</i>	Spring-B 2022, Spring-A 2021, Fall-B 2020

University of Missouri

Freshmen Interest Group: Campaigns & Elections	Fall 2017
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Northern Illinois University

American Government and Politics	Spring 2016
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Elgin Community College

Upward Bound Program

Political Science I: Freshmen Seminar	Summer 2016, 2015
Political Science II: Sophomore Seminar	Summer 2016, 2015
Political Science IV: Senior Seminar	Summer 2015

Teaching Experience as Assistant

University of Missouri

Political Parties and Campaigns	Fall 2016
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Northern Illinois University

Democracy in America	Spring 2015
American Government	Fall 2014, 2013
Public Policy & Debate	Spring 2014

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Dr. Matthew Streb, Northern Illinois University (Spring 2015-Fall 2015)

Researched and edited manuscript of *Rethinking American Electoral Democracy 3rd Ed.* (Routledge, 2016) and researched manuscript of *The Battle for the Court: Interest Groups, Judicial Elections, and Public Policy* (University of Virginia Press, 2017).

Dr. Jay Dow, University of Missouri (Summer 2018)

Researched manuscript of *The First Elections* (Working Title). Book-length study of American elections in the first party era: 1789-1824.

Research Skills

Programs

STATA
Microsoft Office Suite
WordPress
Quill Software (Oxford/Pembroke)

Languages

Latin (Elementary written and spoken)

Professional Certifications

Yellowdig Instructor Certification, Yellowdig ICC	2021
Online Teaching Certification, Arizona State University	2020

Service & Professional Activities

Junior Editor: Civic Education Curriculum, Arizona State University	2020-2021
Chair and Discussant, MPSA Panel: Comparative Political Theory	2021
Assistant Director, The Arizona Constitution Project	2019 –
Editor, <i>Starting Points: A Journal of American Principles and American Practices</i>	2017 –
Organizer, “(Re)Building American Identities” Conference, U. Missouri	2019
Member, Processes Committee, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy	2018
President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, U. Missouri	2017-2018
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, NIU	2015-2016

Fellowships & Awards

JMC Fellow, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute	2019
Graduate Fellow, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy	2017-2019
Research Grant, \$800 (Travel and Archival Work: Kinder Institute)	2019
Dean L. Yearwood Scholar in American Politics	2019
Travel Grant, \$500 (University of Missouri)	2018-2019
Bryan L. Forbis Scholar in American Politics	2018
SPSA Scholarship	2018
Travel Grant, \$500 (University of Missouri)	2017-2018
Travel Grant, \$400 (Northern Illinois University)	2015-2016

Memberships & Associations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Society of Catholic Social Scientists
Jack Miller Center

References

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