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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017-present: Kinder Institute Assistant Professor of Constitutional Democracy, Department of Political Science, Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of Missouri
- 2014-2017: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### EDUCATION

- 2008-2014: Vanderbilt University, M.A., Ph.D.  
Dissertation Committee Members: David E. Lewis (chair); Joshua D. Clinton; Bruce I. Oppenheimer; Kevin M. Stack; Alan E. Wiseman  
Concentrations: American Politics, Political Methodology
- 2004-2007: Wake Forest School of Law, J.D.
- 2000-2004: Lebanon Valley College, B.A.  
Majors: Political Science, American Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books:

*Sourcebook of United States Executive Agencies (Second Edition)*. (with David E. Lewis), Washington, DC: Administrative Conference of the United States (2018). Available at: <https://www.acus.gov/publication/sourcebook-united-states-executive-agencies-second-edition>

*Sourcebook of United States Executive Agencies*. (with David E. Lewis), Washington, DC: Administrative Conference of the United States (2012). Available at: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csdi/Sourcebook12.pdf>

#### Articles:

“‘If Men Were Angels’: The Legal Dynamics of Overseeing the Presidency.” (with Caylie Milazzo). (forthcoming) *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Available at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/psq.12714>.

“The Headless Fourth Branch: Rethinking the Assumptions of Administrative Jurisprudence.” (forthcoming) *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/ppmg/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/ppmgov/gvaa023/5993474?redirectedFrom=fulltext>.

“The Best Laid Plans: How Administrative Burden Complicates Voting Rights Restoration Law and Policy.” *Missouri Law Review* 84(4):999-1036 (2019). Available at: <https://scholarship.law.missouri.edu/mlr/vol84/iss4/6/>.

“Don’t Sweat the Details!: Enhancing Congressional Committee Capacity Through The Use of Detailees.” (with Russell W. Mills), *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 42(4):611-636 (2017). Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/lsq.12171/full>

“Understanding Employee Turnover in the Public Sector: Insights from Research on Teacher Mobility.” (with Jason A. Grissom and Samantha L. Viano), *Public Administration Review* 76(2):241-251 (2016). Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/puar.12435/abstract>

“What Makes an Agency Independent?” *American Journal of Political Science* 59(4):971-987 (2015). Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ajps.12161/abstract>

“Political Control and the Forms of Agency Independence.” (with David E. Lewis), *George Washington Law Review* 83(4/5):1487-1516 (2015). Available at: <http://www.gwlr.org/political-control-and-the-forms-of-agency-independence/>

“Influencing the Bureaucracy: The Irony of Congressional Oversight.” (with Joshua D. Clinton and David E. Lewis), *American Journal of Political Science* 58(2):387-401 (2014). Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ajps.12066/abstract>

“The House as a Stepping Stone to the Senate: Why Do So Few African-American House Members Run?” (with Gbemende Johnson and Bruce I. Oppenheimer), *American Journal of Political Science* 56(2):387-399 (2012). Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1540-5907.2011.00562.x/abstract>

#### Peer Reviewed Book Chapters:

“Political Control of Regulatory Authorities.” In, Fabrizio Di Mascio, Martino Maggetti, and Alessandro Natalini, eds., *Handbook of Regulatory Authorities*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming).

“The Hollowed State: Managing Trump’s State Department.” In, Ralph G. Carter, ed., *Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy*, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield (2021).

## Book Reviews:

“Book Review: *Strategies for Governing: Reinventing Public Administration for a Dangerous Century.*” *Perspectives on Politics* 18(3):1006-1007 (2020). Available at: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/perspectives-on-politics/article/strategies-for-governing-reinventing-public-administration-for-a-dangerous-century-by-aldasair-roberts-ithaca-cornell-university-press-2019-210p-11500-cloth-2595-paper/9B011A31AB5E68D01D0F72E254F74AE1>.

“Book Review: *Presidential Leverage: Presidents, Approval, and the American State.*” *Perspectives on Politics* 16(3):842-843 (2018). Available at: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/perspectives-on-politics/article/presidential-leverage-presidents-approval-and-the-american-state-by-daniel-e-ponder-stanford-stanford-university-press-2017-240p-9000-cloth-2795-paper/8B506382738822A65D06E130CBD90E52>

“Book Review: *Agenda Crossover: The Influence of State Delegations in Congress.*” *Political Science Quarterly* 133(3):590-592 (2018). Available at: <https://www.psqonline.org/article.cfm?IDArticle=19838>.

“Book Review: *Above Politics: Bureaucratic Discretion and Credible Commitment.*” *American Review of Public Administration* 47(4):496-497 (2017). Available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0275074017691636>.

## Other Academic Publications:

“The future of election administration: How will states respond?,” In, Daniel Jackson Danielle Sarver Coombs, Filippo Trevisan, Darren Lilleker, and Einar Thorsen, eds., *U.S. Election Analysis 2020: Media, Voters and the Campaign* (2020). Available at: <https://www.electionanalysis.ws/us/president2020/section-7-democracy-in-crisis/the-future-of-election-administration-how-will-states-respond/>.

“Is the Administrative State Legitimate?” (with Joseph Postell), *Starting Points* (October 30, 2017). Available at: <http://startingpointsjournal.com/administrative-state-legitimate/>

## Media:

“In gun debate, both sides have evidence to back them up.” (with Zach Lang), *The Conversation* (April 1, 2021). Available at <https://theconversation.com/in-gun-debate-both-sides-have-evidence-to-back-them-up-158118>.

“Mail-in voting’s potential problems only begin at the post office – an underfunded, underprepared decentralized system could be trouble.” *The Conversation* (Aug. 26, 2020). Available at <https://theconversation.com/mail-in-votings-potential-problems-only-begin-at-the-post-office-an-underfunded-underprepared-decentralized-system-could-be-trouble-143798>.

“How the Constitution’s federalist framework is being tested by COVID-19.” *FixGov* (June 8, 2020). Available at: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2020/06/08/how-the-constitutions-federalist-framework-is-being-tested-by-covid-19/>.

“Can the president really order the military to occupy US cities and states?” *The Conversation* (June 2, 2020). Available at: <https://theconversation.com/can-the-president-really-order-the-military-to-occupy-us-cities-and-states-139844>.

“Trump versus the states: What federalism means for the coronavirus response.” *The Conversation* (April 17, 2020). Available at: <https://theconversation.com/trump-versus-the-states-what-federalism-means-for-the-coronavirus-response-136361>.

“Impeachment resolution: 3 reasons the House voted even though the Constitution doesn’t require it.” *The Conversation* (October 30, 2019). Available at: <https://theconversation.com/impeachment-resolution-3-reasons-the-house-voted-even-though-the-constitution-doesnt-require-it-126101>.

“Trump, Ukraine, and a whistleblower: Ever since 1796, Congress has struggled to keep presidents in check.” *The Conversation* (September 25, 2019). Available at: <https://theconversation.com/trump-ukraine-and-a-whistleblower-ever-since-1796-congress-has-struggled-to-keep-presidents-in-check-124146>.

“Staff have the skills to assist Congress, but they need more resources.” (with Hanna K. Brant), LegBranch.com (October 9, 2018). Available at: <http://www.legbranch.com/theblog/2018/10/9/staff-have-the-skills-to-assist-congress-but-they-need-more-resources>.

“As DACA Winds Through Courts, A Cautionary Tale in Executive Orders.” Newsy.com (June 7, 2018). Available at: <https://www.newsy.com/stories/what-the-supreme-court-might-consider-if-it-takes-daca-case/>.

“Congressional committee staffs have shrunk. Here’s one way Congress makes up the difference.” (with Russell W. Mills), Monkey Cage, *Washington Post* (June 14, 2017). Available at: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/06/14/congressional-committee-staffs-have-shrunk-heres-one-way-congress-makes-up-the-difference/?utm\\_term=.30dbd4e96410](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/06/14/congressional-committee-staffs-have-shrunk-heres-one-way-congress-makes-up-the-difference/?utm_term=.30dbd4e96410)

## GRANTS

Political Studies Association/American Political Science Association International Engagement Scheme 2019 Grant for “Holding the Executive to Account in the Twenty-First Century” (with Alan Convery, Cody A. Drolc, Stephen Elstub, Marc Geddes, Pavielle Haines, and David Parker).

Center for Effective Lawmaking 2018 Small Grant for “Brain Drain? Understanding Congressional Committee Staffers’ Legislative and Oversight Capabilities” (with Hanna K. Brant).

Dirksen Congressional Center 2018 Congressional Research Grant for “Brain Drain? An Analysis of Congressional Committee Staffers’ Legislative and Oversight Capabilities” (with Hanna K. Brant).

Dirksen Congressional Center 2016 Congressional Research Grant for “Behind ‘Enemy Lines?: Congressional Detailees and Executive Branch Influence over Policy Formulation” (with Russell W. Mills).

### **ACTIVE WORKING PAPERS**

“Anticipated Adjudication: An Analysis of the Judicialization of Agency Staffing.” (with Scott Limbocker and William G. Resh). Manuscript, University of Missouri (revise and resubmit at *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*).

“Under Pressure: Centralizing Regulation in Response to Presidential Directives.” (with Cody Droic, Jordan Butcher, Nicholas Brothers, and Hanna Brant). Manuscript, University of Missouri (revise and resubmit at *Presidential Studies Quarterly*).

“Constraining the Executive Branch: Congressional Use of the Courts in the Administrative State.” (with Pamela J. Clouser McCann). Manuscript, University of Missouri.

“How Free is Information? Transparency in State Government.” (with Jordan M. Butcher). Manuscript, University of Missouri.

“Who Has the Power? The Accumulation of Delegated Authority in Federal Executive Agencies.” Manuscript, University of Missouri.

“Compliance with Administrative Procedures: (Not) Providing Information under the Congressional Review Act.” Manuscript, University of Missouri.

### **DATABASES**

*Agency Independence*: Includes data on 50 structural features of 321 federal agencies in the federal executive establishment and estimates of the degree of structural independence for each agency. Available at: <http://faculty.missouri.edu/selinj/data.shtml>.

*Sourcebook of United States Executive Agencies*. (with David E. Lewis): Includes data on 67 statutory characteristics for 6 agencies in the Executive Office of the President, 15 executive departments and 173 bureaus within those departments, and 80 independent agencies. Available at: <https://www.acus.gov/research-projects/sourcebook-united-states-executive-agencies-second-edition>.

## **RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

“Summary of Challenges and Opportunities for States.” Federalism Index Project Legislator Training Academy, Center for Constitutional Studies, Orem, UT (April 2021).

“Compliance with Administrative Procedures: (Not) Providing Information under the Congressional Review Act.” American Political Science Association Virtual American Executive Politics Seminar (March 2021).

“Federalism in the Time of Corona: A Cautionary Tale.” Federalism on Trial: Lessons from COVID-19 Conference, Center for Constitutional Studies, Orem, UT (October 2020).

“Policing and Criminal Justice Reform: A Conversation.” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Columbia, MO (October 2020).

“Legislative and Oversight Functions of Congress.” Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Orientation, American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program, Washington, DC (September 2020).

“State Budgets and Constitutional Relations.” Roundtable Discussion before the National Budget Roundtable hosted by the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC (May 2020).

“Federalism, Intergovernmental Coordination and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Comparing Experiences.” International Seminar hosted by the MacKell Chair in Federalism, Law Faculty, McGill University and the Research Group on Plurinational Societies, Montreal, Quebec (May 2020).

“The Road to Re-Enfranchisement: Advancing Rights Restoration.” Symposium Meeting at the Brennan Center for Justice’s Voting Rights and Elections Program, New York, NY (September 2019).

“Administrative Burden and Voting Rights Restoration Law and Policy.” Symposium on Felon Disenfranchisement, Columbia, MO (April 2019).

“The Burden of Unburdening: Administrative Law and Deregulation.” Panel Discussion at the Third Annual Missouri Federalist Society Meeting at the Capitol, Jefferson City, MO (January 2019).

“Developing an Academic-Federal Human Capital Research Protocol.” Roundtable Discussion at the Office of Management and Budget, United States Executive Office of the President (November 2018).

“Behind ‘Enemy’ Lines?: Executive Branch Influence over Legislative Policy.” (with Russell W. Mills), Paper presented at the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame (February 2018).

## **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“The Consequences of Politicization and Agency Structure for Federal Employment.” (with Scott Limbocker and Mark Richardson), Paper presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2021).

“The Headless Fourth Branch: Rethinking the Assumptions of Administrative Jurisprudence.” Paper presented at the International Research Society for Public Management Virtual Conference (April 2021).

“Constraining the Executive Branch: Congressional Use of the Courts in the Administrative State.” (with Pamela J. Clouser McCann), Paper presented at the Oppenheimer Reconsidered: Paths Forward in the Study of Congressional Politics and Representation conference at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Vanderbilt University (April 2019); the Theoretical and Empirical Developments in Executive Politics conference at The Ohio State University (June 2019); Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 2021).

“How Free is Information? State Transparency Laws and Agency Responses to Public Records Requests.” (with Jordan M. Butcher), Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (January 2021).

“How Politicization, Agency Structure, and Leadership Shapes Employee Tenure.” (with Scott Limbocker and Mark Richardson), Paper presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (September 2020).

“Insulated from Politics? An Examination of Agency Structure and Employee Tenure, 1974-2014.” (with Scott Limbocker and Mark Richardson), Paper presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (January 2020).

“Through the Looking Glass: Bureaucratic Responsiveness in the States.” (with Jordan M. Butcher), Paper presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, University of Maryland, College Park (May 2019) and the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (August 2019).

“Compliance with Administrative Procedures: (Not) Providing Information under the Congressional Review Act.” Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (August 2019).

“Anticipated Adjudication: An Analysis of Administrative Law Judges and Agency Litigation.” (with Scott Limbocker and William G. Resh), Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 2019).

“How Administrative Burden Complicates Voting Rights Restoration Law and Policy.”  
Paper presented at the 2019 Missouri Symposium on Felon Disenfranchisement,  
Columbia, MO (March 2019).

“Brain Drain? An Analysis of Congressional Staff Legislative and Oversight  
Capabilities.” (with Hanna Brant), Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the  
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August 2018) and the 2019 Annual  
Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX (January 2019).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### PhD Student Committees (current)

Jacob Authement, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri  
Intae Choi (Chair), Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs,  
University of Missouri  
Sojeong Kim (Chair), Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs,  
University of Missouri  
Taek Kyu Kim, Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs,  
University of Missouri  
Zachary Lang, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri  
Hang Qi, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri  
Kaylee Swenson (Chair), Department of Political Science, University of Missouri

### PhD Student Committees (past)

Hanna Brant (co-Chair), SUNY Geneseo, “Determinants of Legislative Staff  
Turnover.”  
Cody Drolc (co-Chair), University of South Carolina, “Unelected Oversight: The  
Politics of Government Investigations and Problem Monitoring.”

### University of Missouri

Administrative Politics (Graduate)  
American Political Institutions (Graduate)  
Executive Politics (Graduate)  
Public Service and Democracy (Graduate)  
American Constitutional Democracy (Undergraduate)  
American Government (Undergraduate)  
Introduction to Political Research (Undergraduate)  
Law, Public Policy, and Regulation (Undergraduate)  
Marijuana, Sports Gambling, and COVID-19: The Real Story of Federalism  
(Undergraduate)  
The American Presidency (Undergraduate)

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Executive Politics (Graduate)  
Contemporary Issues in Politics, Policy, and Regulation (Undergraduate)



Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics (Undergraduate)  
Policymaking in the Executive Branch (Undergraduate)  
The U.S. Presidency (Undergraduate)

Mandela Washington Fellowship Civic Leadership Institute (administered by the U.S. Department of State and the Young African Leaders Initiative)  
Principles of Public Policy Seminar Leader

Vanderbilt University

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics (Undergraduate)  
Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature  
Appellate Moot Court Challenge Executive Committee Member, 2011-2014  
Vanderbilt's Appellate Moot Court Challenge Coach, 2010-2014  
Vanderbilt Undergraduate Moot Court Program Co-Coach, 2008-2009

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

Referee Service

*Administration and Society; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Review of Public Administration; British Journal of Political Science; Congress and the Presidency; Governance; Journal for Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Journal of Public Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Mathematical Social Sciences; Perspectives on Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Politics and Gender; Public Administration; Public Administration Review; Public Policy and Administration; Publius; Regulation and Governance; Review of International Organizations*

American Political Science Association

George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award Committee Member, 2021

Midwest Public Administration Caucus

Herbert Simon Award Nomination Committee Member, 2018-2019  
Presidential Nomination Committee Member, 2016-2017

Midwest Political Science Association

Program Committee Section Chair, Public Administration, 2019-2020

University of Missouri

McNair Scholars Program Mentor, 2020  
Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy  
Post-doctoral Search Committee Member, 2019  
Felon Disenfranchisement Symposium Planning Committee Co-Chair, 2018-2019  
Graduate Studies Committee Member, 2019-2020  
Graduate Fellowships Committee Member, 2018-2019

Kinder Scholars

Instructor, 2018-present

Selection Committee Member, 2018-2019

Society of Fellows

Summer Residential Conference Instructor, 2018-present

Selection Committee Member, 2018

Working Committee on Process Member, 2018-2019

Kinder Expansion Committee Member, 2018

Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs

Truman School Advisory Committee Member, 2020-present

Truman Merger Planning Committee Member, 2020

Graduate Committee Member, 2019-2020

Lectures Committee Chair, 2018-2019

Undergraduate Studies Committee Member, 2017-2018

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Honors Council Member, 2016-2017

Cline Center for Democracy

Research Affiliate, 2016-2017

Department of Political Science

Graduate Affairs Committee Member, 2016-2017

Advisory Committee Member, 2016

Instructional Programs Committee Member, 2016

Awards Committee Member, 2014-2015

Vanderbilt University

Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

Graduate Affiliate, 2009-2014

*The Journal of Politics*

Editorial Associate, 2008

Political Science Graduate Student Council

George K. Graham Symposium Series Coordinator, 2011-2012

Co-Chair, 2009-2010

Secretary, 2008-2009

Undergraduate Mock Trial Program

Judge, 2010-2014

GKRSE, Washington D.C.

Energy and Administrative Law Associate, 2007-2008

Western Electricity Market Regulation

Alternative Energy Development, Licensing, and Regulation

Commodity Futures Trading Regulation

Organizations

Prettyman-Leventhal American Inn of Court, 2007-2008

Energy Bar Association, Renewable Energy Committee, 2007-2008

Appellate Advocacy Clinic

With John J. Korzen and Pamela M. Buskirk, *Dexter Theatra Thomas v. United States*, 552 U.S. 1136 (2008)

Issues: Appellate Court Treatment of Lower Court Rulings Relying on U.S. Sentencing Guidelines; Guidelines' Disparity between Crack and Powder Cocaine

Virginia Supreme Court

Admitted, October 2007

Organizations

Virginia State Bar, 2007-Present

Wake Forest School of Law

*Wake Forest Intellectual Property Journal*

Articles Editor, 2006-2007

Staff Member, 2005-2006

Wake Forest Moot Court Board

*Wake Forest Moot Court Problem Book*

Editor-in-Chief, 2006-2007

Problem Book Team Member, 2005-2006

Marshall, 2006-2007

Member, 2005-2006

Admissions Tour Guide and Recruiter, 2005-2007

Women in Law Mentor, 2005-2007

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of Missouri

2018-2019 Major E. Garrett Faculty Fellowship

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2016 Department of Political Science Nardulli Award for Research Excellence

Wake Forest School of Law

2007 Debbie Parker Moot Court Service Award

2007 Moot Court Board Award

2007 CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Tax Policy

2004-2007 Merit Scholarship

Lebanon Valley College

2004 Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year Award

2003 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Regional All-American

2001-2003 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Academic All-American

2000-2004 Presidential Scholarship