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Education

University of Missouri- Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs

Ph.D. in Political Science (*defense expected May 2024*)

Concentrations: American Politics (*primary*) and Public Policy (*secondary*)

Dissertation: *The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government*

Committee- Peverill Squire (Chair), Jay Dow, Jake Haselswerdt, Jen Selin, Tommy Bennett

St. Lawrence University, Canton NY

B.A., Government, magna cum laude, May 2019

Minor in History

Working Papers

“Executive Representation, Party Politics, and Selection Mechanisms in the Early Republic, 1788-1832.” *With Aric Gooch*

“Federal Aid and State Agency Discretion.” *With Jen Selin*

“Lessons from Dragons: House of the Dragon constitutive effects: Observations from two sections of introductory courses in American Politics and International Relations.” *With Ronnie Olesker*

Selected Non-Academic Publications

“In Gun Debate, Both Sides Have Evidence to Back Them up” with Jen Selin. *The Conversation* (April 2021). <https://theconversation.com/in-gun-debate-both-sides-have-evidence-to-back-them-up-158118>

“Social Security goes bust in 2034: Here’s how free markets can save it.” *Foundation for Economic Education* (September 2018). <https://fee.org/articles/social-security-goes-bust-in-2034-here-s-how-free-markets-can-save-it/>

“Rent Control is killing the coasts.” *Washington Examiner* (May 2018).
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/rent-control-is-killing-the-coasts>

“Trump’s New Tariff is Putting America Last.” *Foundation for Economic Education* (March 2018). <https://fee.org/articles/trumps-new-tariff-is-putting-america-last/>

Conference Presentations

“Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” Northeastern Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec. November 2018

“Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” British International Studies Association Conference, London, England. June 2019

“The Elitist Few or the Populist Many? Public Demand, Representation, and Health-Interest Groups in the American States.” Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. April 2021

“The Aftermath of the 2020 Election.” Panel chair, Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2021

Co-Sponsor: Drug and Psychedelic Policy Conference, Columbia, Missouri, November 2021

“Executive Representation, Party Politics, and Selection Mechanisms in the Early Republic, 1788-1832.” University of Missouri Graduate Student Conference, Columbia, Missouri. March 2022

Research and Teaching Interests

American Government; Federalism; The Constitutional Debates; Ancient & Medieval Political Thought; Enlightenment Political Thought; American Political Development; American Political Behavior

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor- University of Missouri

POL_SC 1100: American Government Fall 2022
Instructor of record

Guest Lecturer

POL_SC 2800: Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good- University of Missouri Fall 2019

POL_SC 1100: American Government- University of Missouri	Spring 2020
The International Relations of Game of Thrones- St. Lawrence University	Spring 2021
The International Relations of Game of Thrones- St. Lawrence University	Fall 2021
POL_SC 2455: The Constitutional Debates- University of Missouri	Fall 2021
The International Relations of Game of Thrones- St. Lawrence University	Spring 2022
POL_SC 2455: The Constitutional Debates- University of Missouri	Spring 2022
POL_SC 4190: Elections and Democracy in the US- University of Missouri	Spring 2022
POL_SC 1100: American Government- University of Missouri	Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

American History- Canton High School, NY	Spring 2017
POL_SC 2800: Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Rudy Hernandez</i>	Fall 2019
POL_SC 1100: American Government- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Rudy Hernandez</i>	Spring 2020
POL_SC 2425: Race and the American Story- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Jennie Ikuta</i>	Fall 2020
POL_SC 2450: The Intellectual World of the Founders- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Jennie Ikuta</i>	Fall 2020
POL_SC 4210: Constitutional Rights- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Justin Dyer</i>	Spring 2021
POL_SC 2455: The Constitutional Debates- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Jay Dow</i>	Fall 2021
POL_SC 2455: The Constitutional Debates- University of Missouri <i>Dr. Jay Dow</i>	Spring 2022
POL_SC 4190: Elections and Democracy in The United States <i>Dr. Jay Dow</i>	Spring 2022

Other

Student Teacher: European History- Hereford High School, MD	Spring 2017
Creator, Director, Head Coach: Hereford Zone Running Camp	Summer 2016-2021
KOPN radio show guest: "Politics and Personality"	November 2021

Research Assistantships

Dr. Ronnie Olesker, <i>St. Lawrence University</i> Designed methodology, coded data, and helped write analysis for: Olesker, R. (2020). Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe. <i>The British Journal of Politics and International Relations</i> , 22(1), 47–64.	Summer 2017
Dr. Tori Mondelli, <i>University of Missouri, 2022</i> Lead research assistant in developing an American Government video game	Spring 2022-

Awards

Eagle Scout, Silver Palm, Order of the Arrow <i>Boy Scouts of America</i>	2013
Summer Research Fellowship <i>St. Lawrence University</i>	2018
Graduate Assistantship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Missouri</i>	Fall 2019-
Graduate Fellow <i>Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri</i>	Fall 2019-
Kinder Fellow in Political Thought and Constitutionalism <i>Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri</i>	Spring 2021

Service

Graduate Student Mentorship Program (Mentor) <i>Department of Political Science, University of Missouri</i>	Spring 2021-
President, Young Americans for Liberty	Fall 2021

