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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 and Public Policy

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, Jennifer L. Selin, Thomas B. Bennett

St. Lawrence University, Canton NY

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

Minor in History

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor- University of Missouri

PS 1100: *American Government*- Fall 2022

PS 2004: *Topics in Political Science: The Politics of Star Wars*- Fall 2023

Lead Graduate Assistant: American Government Game-Based Learning Grant- University of Missouri

Working under Dr. Tori Mondelli to create an American government video game and in-person games. In charge of TA implementation and student playtesting. Head designer of political typology test, political participation, ratification debates, and law-making games. Co-designer of bureaucratic politics game, and Supreme Court nomination game. Fall 2022-present

Guest Lecturer and Invited Speaker

St. Lawrence University

GOVT 371: *The International Relations of Game of Thrones*- Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

University of Missouri

PS 1100: *American Government*- Spring 2020, Fall 2022

PS 2455: *The Constitutional Debates*- Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

PS 2800: *Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good*- Fall 2019

PS 4190: *Elections and Democracy in the US*- Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant- University of Missouri

Dr. Rudy Hernandez

PS 2800: *Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good*- Fall 2019

PS 1100: *American Government*- Spring 2020

Dr. Jennie Ikuta

PS 2425: *Race and the American Story*- Fall 2020

PS 2450: *The Intellectual World of the Founders*- Fall 2020

Dr. Justin Dyer

PS 4210: *Constitutional Rights*- Spring 2021

Dr. Jay Dow

PS 2455: *The Constitutional Debates*- Fall 2021, Spring 2022

PS 4190: *Elections and Democracy in the US*- Spring 2022

Other

Substitute Teacher: European History- Spring 2017 (Hereford High School, MD)

Creator, Director, Head Coach: Hereford Zone Running Camp- Summer 2016-2021

KOPN Radio show guest: "Politics and Philosophy" – Fall 2021

Teaching and Professional Development Program. University of Missouri, Spring 2023

Teaching & Research Interests

American Government and Politics, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, The Constitution, Political Science Fiction and Fantasy, Classical, Medieval, and Enlightenment Political Theory, Political Behavior

Publications

“State Politics in the Early Republic and the Development of the American Executive: Representation, Party Politics, and Executive Selection Mechanisms 1788-1832.” With Aric Gooch. (*Under review at Congress and the Presidency*)

“Federalism from the Bottom up: State Variation and Partisanship in Multistate Litigation against the Federal Government.” (*Under review at State Politics and Policy Quarterly*)

“Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science with HBO’s House of the Dragon.” With Ronnie Olesker. (*Under review at the Journal of Political Science Education*)

“The States Strike Back: the Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation against the Federal Government.” (*In progress*)

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>

Conference Presentations

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 2023. “Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science Through House of the Dragon.” International Studies Association. Montreal, Quebec.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Selected for Graduate Student Workshop, Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Columbia, MO.

Research Assistantships

Dr. Ronnie Olesker, St. Lawrence University, Summer 2017

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. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 22(1), 47–64.

Awards

2013- *Eagle Scout, Silver Palm, Order of the Arrow*. Boy Scouts of America

2018- *Summer Research Fellowship*. St. Lawrence University

Fall 2019-present *Graduate Fellowship*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri.

2022, 2023- *Conference Travel Grant*. University of Missouri.

Service

Spring 2021-Spring 2023- *Graduate Student Mentor*. University of Missouri

Fall 2022- *First Year Interest Group and Residential College Fellow*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

Organized and led off campus trip to Jefferson City and private tour of the Missouri capital building.

Fall 2022-Spring 2022- *Secretary*, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS). University of Missouri

Fall 2022- *DC Summer Scholars Program Acceptance Committee Member*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

References

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Dr. Jay Dow- University of Missouri
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Dr. Ronnie Olesker- St. Lawrence University
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