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EDUCATION

Princeton University

M.A., Ph.D., Politics, 2004

Dissertation: "To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: The History and Promise of Constitutional Torts Litigation"

Committee: Keith Whittington, Rogers M. Smith, Christopher Eisgruber, Kenneth I. Kersch

Fields of Concentration: Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics, American Politics, and Political Theory

Research Assistant: Walter F. Murphy and Jennifer Hochschild

Fellowships: Princeton University Fellowship, 1992-1996; Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1994; Council on Regional Studies Fellowship, 1993

Yale University

School of Law, J.D. 2000

Research Assistant: Professor Bruce Ackerman

Visiting Exchange Scholar: Department of Political Science, 1994-1996

Baylor University

B.A. Political Science and Foreign Service, 1991, Phi Beta Kappa

Honors: National Merit Scholar full-tuition scholarship, Honors Program, University Distinguished Student in Foreign Service, Senior Thesis: "Education for Racial Justice."

SCHOLARSHIP

* Abstracts and manuscripts are available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/dodd/scholarship.cfm>

To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: The History and Politics of Constitutional Torts Litigation (dissertation manuscript under revision for publication)

Deshaney v. Winnebago County & the Lost Promise of Progressive Constitutionalism (book manuscript proposal prepared for University Press of Kansas Landmark Law and Society series)

"Implementing the Rule of Law: The Role of Citizen-Plaintiffs" (forthcoming in *The Good Society: A PEGS Journal*, Fall 2004)

"Reassessing the Theory of Partisan Entrenchment: Reconstruction and the Politics of Supreme Court Appointments"

"Constitutional Torts in 'the Forgotten Years': Retracing the Winding Road to *Monroe v. Pape*"

"Governmental Liability for Constitutional Torts: The Problem of Institutional Failure"

"The Free Exercise of Families?: Liberal Challenges to the New Parentalism"

"The Promise and Perils of Litigation for the Women's Movement: From Abortion Rights to Reproductive Freedom and Beyond"

TEACHING

- 2005- Assistant Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law
- 2004-2005 Founding Director, Law and Social Change Initiative, Miami University of Ohio
- 2003-2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Miami University of Ohio
Responsibilities include teaching law and politics courses, including “Administrative Law,” “Criminal Procedure,” “Constitutional Law,” and “Law and Social Change.”
- 2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delaware
Responsibilities included teaching five undergraduate courses: “Introduction to Law,” “Constitutional Law I,” “Civil Liberties,” “American Political Systems,” and “Judicial Process.”
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Wellesley College
Recipient, Class of 2002 Mentoring Award
Responsibilities included developing and teaching four undergraduate courses: “Civil Liberties in the Modern State,” “Courts, Law, and Politics,” “Defendants’ Rights in Crisis Times,” and “Introduction to American Government.”
- 1995-1997 Teaching Fellow, Yale University, Political Science Department
Responsibilities included conducting two undergraduate sections per semester: “Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.”
- 1993-1994 Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University, Politics Department
Taught three preceptorials per semester: “Political Theory” and “American Political Thought.”
- 1990-1991 Teaching Assistant, Baylor University, Civic Education and Community Service Program.
Assisted with discussion sections: “Diversity and Democratic Community.”

LEGAL PRACTICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 1999-2001 Litigation Associate, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, Washington, D.C.
Researched and drafted legal memoranda for Plaintiffs’ Briefs in four Supreme Court cases in the 1999 and 2000 Terms, *Morrison*, *Bond*, *Dickerson*, and *Kyllo*, and prepared a key *amicus curiae* brief for a second 2000 Term case, *Garrett*.
- Spring 2001 Project FEC Task Force, Democracy 21, Washington, D.C.
Volunteer for Fred Wertheimer’s Task Force, created to develop and propose model legislation to reform procedures for the governmental enforcement of campaign finance laws. Responsibilities included researching and drafting section regarding the FEC’s appointment process for inclusion in the Task Force’s final White Paper.
- Summer 1998 Summer Associate, Sidley & Austin, Washington, D.C.
Researched and drafted legal memoranda on contracts, constitutional law, and civil procedure matters. Assisted in the preparation of Supreme Court *amicus curiae* brief in the case, *Haddle v. Garrison*, for the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.
- Summer 1997 Summer Associate, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, N.Y.
Researched and drafted legal memoranda on issues of constitutional law and civil procedure; assisted in all aspects of trial preparation; conducted legal and social science research on campaign finance reform.
- 1991-1992 Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Atlanta Regional Commission, Atlanta, Ga. recruited and trained an advocacy coalition and community volunteers in order to inform low-income

persons, particularly the elderly, about SSI, Medicaid, and Food Stamp programs and to assist those potentially eligible with their applications.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panel Chair, “Progressive Liberalism and the ‘Culture Gap’: A Roundtable on the Future of the Democratic Party,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2005.

“Regime Politics and the Supreme Court: New Institutional Perspectives,” panel organizer, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2005.

“Constitutional Torts in ‘the Forgotten Years’: Retracing the Winding Road to *Monroe v. Pape*,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2005.

“Implementing the Rule of Law: The Role of Citizen-Plaintiffs,” paper presented at the Conference on Democracy and the Rule of Law, June 2004, sponsored by the Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland in order to allow “the most promising young scholars in the field of public law” to receive critical feedback from senior scholars in law and political science.

“Constitutional Torts in the Forgotten Years,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 2004.

“The Constitution of the Welfare State,” panel organizer, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2002.

Discussant for panel, “Courts and Policy,” annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2001.

“The State Action Doctrine: An Indispensable Element of Liberal Constitutionalism?” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001.

“The Politics of Constitutional Interpretation,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2001.

“Securing the Blessings of Liberty: Affirmative Duties and the Rise of the Positive State,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, March 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Bar Admission, Maryland 2001 (inactive)

American Political Science Association, 2004 Wadsworth Committee, Law and Courts Section

(to choose the best article or book published in the field of public law 10 or more years ago).

Law & Society Association

American Society for Legal History

American Constitution Society, Access to Justice Issue Group