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## EDUCATION

1995: PhD in Political Science, University of California, San Diego

1990: MA in Political Science, University of California, San Diego

1987: AB in Politics, Princeton University

1985 – 86: Visiting Student in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE),  
Hertford College, Oxford University

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Endowed Chairs and Professorships:

2009 – Present: Paul E. and the Hon. Joanne F. Alper '72 Judiciary Studies Professor  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

2002 – 08: Michael O. Sawyer Chair of Constitutional Law and Politics  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs  
Syracuse University

### Administrative Appointments:

2017 – 2025: Vice Dean  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

Summer 2024: Acting Dean  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

Academic Ranks:

2011 – Present: Professor of Political Science  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs  
Syracuse University

2010 – Present: Professor of Law  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

2007 – 10: Associate Professor of Law  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

2003 – 07: Associate Professor of Law (by courtesy appointment)  
College of Law  
Syracuse University

2002 – 11: Associate Professor of Political Science  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs  
Syracuse University

1999 – 2002: Associate Professor  
(This is an untenured rank at Harvard.)  
Government Department  
Harvard University

1995 – 99: Assistant Professor  
Government Department  
Harvard University

1994 – 95: Instructor  
Government Department  
Harvard University

Faculty Appointments:

2025 – Present: Faculty, [Pre-Law Program in Europe](#)  
Maxwell School + SU Strasbourg Center  
Syracuse University

2024 – Present: Faculty, [Program in Political Philosophy](#)  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Syracuse University

Directorships:

2006 – Present: Founding Director  
[Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media](#) (IJPM)  
College of Law,  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and  
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications  
Syracuse University

2003 – 08: Founding Director  
Sawyer Law and Politics Program (SLAPP)  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs  
Syracuse University

Research Positions:

2002 – Present: Senior Research Associate  
Campbell Public Affairs Institute  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs  
Syracuse University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Public law, legal theory, political philosophy, judicial process, LGBTQ politics, the politics of race and ethnicity, American politics, codes of public conduct, and the media. My current research examines civility, free speech, and fake news.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

*How Civility Works*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016.

Reviews and Author Interviews: [NPR Morning Edition](#), [CBS News Sunday Morning](#), [New York Times](#), [NPR On The Media](#), [PBS The Open Mind](#), [BBC Business Matters](#), [WRVO](#), [WNYC](#), [WCNY](#), [WNPR](#), [Thrive Global](#), [Teen Vogue](#), [Christian Science Monitor](#), [Comment](#), [Public Books](#), [Svenska Dagbladet \(in Swedish\)](#), [Hufvudstadsbladet \(in Swedish\)](#)

*All Judges Are Political – Except When They Are Not: Acceptable Hypocrisies and the Rule of Law*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010.

*Bench Press: The Collision of Courts, Politics, and the Media*. Edited volume. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2007.

*Mistaken Identity: The Supreme Court and the Politics of Minority Representation*,  
Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998. Second printing, 2002.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Critical Essays:

“Does the Constitution Protect the Right to Lie?” in *The U.S. Constitution in 5 Minutes*,  
David Klein and Joe Smith, eds. (Sheffield: Equinox, 2023): 110-12.

“[Law and/or/as Civility](#),” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 17 (2021): 1-14.

“Free Speech, Free Press and Fake News: What if the Marketplace of Ideas Isn’t About Identifying the Truth?” co-authored with Laura Jenkins. In Helen J. Knowles and Brandon T. Metroka, eds., *Free Speech Theory: Understanding the Controversies* (New York: Peter Lang, 2020): 97-120.

“The Rise of Trump and the Death of Civility,” *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*.  
Published online first, June 28, 2018. Published as lead article in issue 16 (2020): 6-23. Available at [The Rise of Trump and the Death of Civility](#).

“Potter Stewart Meets the Press” in *Judging Free Speech: First Amendment Jurisprudence of U.S. Supreme Court Justices*, Helen J. Knowles and Steven B. Lichtman, eds. (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015): 147-68.

“Courts and Judges: The Legitimacy Imperative and the Importance of Appearances,” (co-authored with Angela Narasimhan) in *The Wiley Handbook of Law and Society*, Austin Sarat and Patricia Ewick, eds. (Malden, MA: Wiley & Sons, 2015): 118-33.

“Muckraking: The Case of the United States Supreme Court,” *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* [online], 4 (2014), 597-612. Available from: [Social Science Research Network](#).

“The Supreme Court: An Autobiography,” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 61 (2013): 179-201. Co-authored with Angela Narasimhan.

“Open Secret: Why the Supreme Court has Nothing to Fear from the Internet,” 88 *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 309 (2013).

“The Limits of Debate or What We Talk About When We Talk About Gender Imbalance on the Bench,” 2012 *Michigan State Law Review* 1481 (2012).

“Paying Attention to What Judges Say: New Directions in the Study of Judicial Decisionmaking,” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 8 (2012): 69-84.

“Judging in Place: Architecture, Design, and the Operation of Courts,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 37 (2012):1014-28.

“The Rule of Law is Dead! Long Live the Rule of Law!,” in *What’s Law Got To Do With It? What Judges Do, Why They Do It, and What’s at Stake*, Charles Gardner Geyh, ed. (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011): 306-27.

“Will the Real Elena Kagan Please Stand up? Conflicting Public Images in the Supreme Court Confirmation Process,” 1 *Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy* 137 (2011).

“Efficient, Fair, and Incomprehensible: How the State ‘Sells’ its Judiciary,” *Law & Policy* 33 (2011): 1-26. Co-authored with Heather Pincock.

“Legalizing Public Reason: The American Dream, Same-Sex Marriage, and the Management of Radical Disputes,” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 49 (2009): 125-56. Co-authored with Cyril Ghosh.

“The Polite Thing To Do,” in *The Future of Gay Rights in America*, H.N. Hirsch, ed. (New York: Routledge, 2005): 297-302.

“Legal Realism, Common Courtesy, and Hypocrisy,” *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 1 (2005): 75-102.

“The Liberal Arts, Legal Scholarship, and the Democratic Critique of Judicial Power,” in *Legal Scholarship in the Liberal Arts*, Austin Sarat, ed. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2004): 41-68.

“The Jurisprudence of Uncertainty,” *Law & Society Review* 35 (2001): 501-14.

“The Political Significance of Legal Ambiguity: The Case of Affirmative Action,” *Law & Society Review* 34 (2000): 263-90.

“Democratic Theory and Race-Conscious Redistricting: The Supreme Court Constructs the American Voter,” in *The Supreme Court in American Politics: New Institutionalism Approaches*, Howard Gillman and Cornell W. Clayton, eds. (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 1999): 219-34.

“Splitting the Difference: The Representation of Ideas and Identities in Modern Democracy,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 22 (1997): 389-403.

“Essentially Contested Membership: Racial Minorities and the Politics of Inclusion,” *Legal Studies Forum* 21 (1997): 469-83.

Edited Symposia:

“Law in the Age of Media Logic,” *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* [online], 4 (2014), 593-835.  
Symposium abstract and individual article links available from: [Social Science Research Network](#).

“The Importance of Judicial Appearances: A Symposium on Law, Politics, and the Media,” *Syracuse Law Review* (2009): 361-469.

“Creators vs. Consumers: The Rhetoric, Reality and Reformation of Intellectual Property Law and Policy,” *Syracuse Law Review* (2008): 427-546.

Symposium on “Queer (Theory) Eye for the Straight (Legal) Guy,” by Susan Burgess, *Political Research Quarterly* (September 2006): 401-18.

“Citizenship At Home and Abroad: A Symposium,” *International Studies Review* 7 (2005): 503-524.

Reviews, Commentaries, and Other Publications:

*The U.S. Supreme Court and Racial Minorities: Two Centuries of Judicial Review on Trial*, Leslie F. Goldstein, *American Political Thought* 9 (Winter 2020): 173-5.

“So You Read That Scandalous Report About Donald Trump and Russia — Now What?,” *Teen Vogue*, January 11, 2017. Available at [Teen Vogue](#)

“How Should We Understand Trump’s ‘Uncivil’ Behaviour?,” *Open Democracy*, September 27, 2016. Available at [Open Democracy](#).

“Why Manners Matter,” August 23, 2016. Available at [Stanford Press](#).

*Judging Judges: Values and the Rule of Law*, Jason E. Whitehead, *Law and Politics Book Review* 22 (August 2016): 78-81.

“What Will the Justices Decide? And How Will They Look Doing It?,” September 28, 2015. Available at [SU News](#).

*Electing Judges: The Surprising Effects of Campaigning on Judicial Legitimacy*, James L. Gibson, *Law and Politics Book Review* 26 (October 2012): 477-81.

“U.S. Public Perception of the Judiciary: Mixed Law and Politics,” *Jurist*, April 10, 2011. Available at [Jurist](#).

*The Hart-Fuller Debate in the Twenty-First Century*, by Peter Cane (ed.), *Law and Politics Book Review* 21 (April 2011): 214-18.

“Politics or Impartiality in the Courtroom?,” *Washington Post*, January 3, 2011.  
Available at Political Bookworm, [Washington Post](#).

“Judicial Ethics: Appearances Still Matter,” *Jurist*, October 18, 2010. Available at [Jurist](#).

“Kagan Delay Hypocrisy,” *Washington Post*, July 14, 2010. Available at Political Bookworm, [Washington Post](#).

“Kagan’s Confirmation: Conflicting Imagery,” *Jurist*, June 28, 2010. Available at [Jurist](#).

*The Lost Promise of Civil Rights*, Risa L. Goluboff, *Law and Politics Book Review* 17 (August 2007): 659-62.

“The Media’s Role In Selecting Impartial Justices,” Public Eye CBSNews.com, October 27, 2006. Available at [CBS News](#).

*The Gift of Science: Leibniz and the Modern Legal Tradition*, Roger Berkowitz, *Law and Politics Book Review* 16 (August 2006): 608-11.

“All Judges Are Political Actors – Except When They Aren’t,” *Knight Ridder/Tribune*, December 14, 2005. Co-authored with Jeffrey Stonecash. Available at [Maxwell Poll](#).

“How Would You Know a Virtuous Citizen If You Saw One?,” in *Constructing Civic Virtue: A Symposium on the State of American Citizenship*, Syracuse, NY: Campbell Public Affairs Institute, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2003. Re-printed in *International Journal of Public Administration* 30 (2007): 683-86.

*The Political Use of Racial Narratives: School Desegregation in Mobile, Alabama, 1954-97*, Richard A. Pride, *Law and Politics Book Review* 14 (June 2004): 393-95.

*Race and Redistricting: The Shaw-Cromartie Cases*, Tinsley E. Yarbrough, *Law and Politics Book Review* 13 (January 2003).

*Freedom and Time: A Theory of Constitutional Self-Government*, Jed Rubenfeld, *Journal of Politics* 64 (February 2002): 270-2.

*American Legal Thought from Premodernism to Postmodernism*, Stephen M. Feldman, *Law and Politics Book Review* 10 (April 2000): 287-90.

*Race and Redistricting in the 1990s*, Bernard Grofman (ed.), *Law and Politics Book Review* 6 (June 1999): 236-38.

*To Secure These Rights: The Declaration of Independence and Constitutional Interpretation*, Scott Douglas Gerber, *Political Science Quarterly* 111 (Summer 1996): 375-6.

*The Rooster's Egg: On the Persistence of Prejudice*, Patricia J. Williams, *Law and Politics Book Review* 4 (April 1996): 68-70.

Works-in-progress:

*George Washington, Renaissance Man. The Forgotten Past and Promising Future of American Civility* [book project]. Under contract with Stanford University Press.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editor. 2009 – Present. *Law, Politics, and the Media*, a subject matter journal published by the Social Science Research Network.

Series Editor. 2007 – 2022. *Stanford Studies in Law and Politics*, an interdisciplinary book series published by Stanford University Press.

Associate Editor. 2011 – 2020. *Journal of Law and Courts*, peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the American Political Science Association's Law and Courts Section. Published by University of Chicago Press.

Editorial Board Member. 2013 – 2016. *Law and Social Inquiry*, quarterly peer-reviewed journal of law and social science published by the American Bar Foundation and Wiley-Blackwell.

Associate Editor. 2004 – 07. *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal published by Sage.

Assistant Editor. 1989 – 90. *Political Theory*, an international, peer-reviewed journal published by Sage.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Selected to deliver Keynote Address, Onondaga County Bar Association Law Day, Syracuse, 2018 and 2024.

Selected as Syracuse University's ACC Distinguished Lecturer for 2016 – 18.

Finalist, *How Civility Works* (Nonfiction Category), YMCA Downtown Writer's Center CNY Book Awards, 2017.

“Is Civility Dead? Author Meets Readers Discussion of *How Civility Works*,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2016.

Selected to deliver Walter R. Smith Visiting Scholar Lecture, Corning Community College, 2014.

Symposium on *All Judges Are Political – Except When They Are Not: Acceptable Hypocrisies and the Rule of Law*, published in *Law & Social Inquiry* 38(2013):190-221.

Selected to deliver Hands Lecture, sponsored by the Second Circuit Judicial Council Committee on History, Commemorative Events, and Civic Education, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013.

Selected to deliver Aldrich Lecture in Law, Justice, and Society, Albion College, 2012.

“Law, Courtesy, and Hypocrisy: Author Meets Readers Discussion of *All Judges Are Political – Except When They Are Not*,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2010; New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hartford, 2011; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011.

Outstanding Teaching Award presented by Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and the American Political Science Association, 2007.

Syracuse University Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, 2007.

Visiting Scholar, Political Science Department, University of California, San Diego, Spring 2000.

“Author Meets Critics: Keith J. Bybee’s *Mistaken Identity: The Supreme Court and the Politics of Minority Representation*,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Providence, 1999.

Best Dissertation Award, given by the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Race, Ethnicity, and Politics for all dissertations completed during 1993 – 95.

University of California, San Diego Excellence in Teaching Award, 1993.

National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship, 1989 – 92.

#### GRANTS AND GIFTS

Institute for Humane Studies Discussion Colloquium Grant: \$12,000.

Funds to support an invitation-only discussion colloquium on Free Speech, Free Press, and Misinformation. Term of support: 2020.

Collaboration for Unprecedented Success and Excellence (CUSE) Grant Program: \$5,000  
Funds to support study of “fake news” and the political dimensions news consumption. Term of support: 2018 – 20 (with no cost extension through 2021).

Campbell Public Affairs Institute Faculty Mini-Grant: \$2,500  
Funds to support study of “fake news” and the political dimensions news consumption. Term of support: 2019 – 20.

Campbell Public Affairs Institute: \$1,000  
Funds to support study of “fake news” and the political dimensions news consumption. Term of support: 2018 – 20.

Social Science Research Council: \$50,000  
Co-PI for “The Shari'a, Laws of War, and Post-Conflict Justice Project” led by William Banks, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University. Term of support: 2011 – 13.

John Ben Snow Foundation: \$25,000  
Funds to support the creation and development of a “Law, Politics, and the Media Graduate Certificate Program” at Syracuse University College of Law. Term of support: 2007 – 10.

Carnegie Corporation: \$27,500  
Secured through Carnegie Legal Reporting Program, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. Funds to support the creation and development of a “Law, Politics, and the Media Graduate Certificate Program” at Syracuse University College of Law. Term of support: 2007 – 10.

Endowed Gift: \$1,000,000  
Co-author of proposal for endowed [Tanner Lecture Series](#) in Ethics, Citizenship, and Public Responsibility at the Maxwell School for Citizenship and Public Affairs.

### PAPERS PRESENTED

“Minimalist by Necessity? A Study of the Ostensibly Maximalist Indian Supreme Court,” (with Nilesh Sinha) Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, 2022.

“The Rise of Trump and the Death of Civility,” Law and Politics Under Stress Works-in-Progress Conference, April 12-13, 2018, University of Oregon Law School.

“The Public Face of the Supreme Court,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, 2013.

“Muckraking the Courts,” Law and the Age of Media Logic, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, 2013.

“Open Secret: Why the Supreme Court has Nothing to Fear from the Internet,” The Supreme Court and the Public, Chicago-Kent Law School, Chicago, 2012.

“Structural Study of Judicial Decisionmaking,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, 2012.

“The Limits of Debate or What We Talk About When We Talk About Gender Imbalance on the Bench,” Gender and the Pipeline to Legal Power, Michigan State Law School, Detroit, 2012.

“The Supreme Court: An Autobiography,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Providence, 2010; New England Political Science Association Meeting, Newport, 2010; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2010.

“Efficient, Fair, and Incomprehensible: How the State ‘Sells’ its Judiciary to Disputing Parties,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Boston, 2009.

“Managing Radical Disputes: Public Reason, The American Dream, and the Case of Same-Sex Marriage,” New England Political Science Association Meeting, Providence, 2008; Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2008; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2008.

“Gay Rights, Good Manners, and the Courts,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 2006.

“All Judges are Political Actors — Except When They Are Not,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, 2006.

“Gay Rights, Common Courtesy, and the Courts,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, 2005.

“How Would You Know a Virtuous Citizen if You Saw One?” Constructing Civic Virtue Conference, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, November 1, 2002.

“The Liberal Arts, Legal Scholarship, and the Democratic Critique of Judicial Power,” Legal Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Conference, Amherst, 2002.

“Abortion and the Political Significance of Judicial Compromise,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2001.

“The Politics of Law as the Politics of Interests: An Examination of Affirmative Action,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, 2000.

“The Supreme Court, Affirmative Action, and the Political Significance of Legal Ambiguity,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 1999.

“One People, One Race? The Constitution, Color Blindness, and the Problem of Political Judgment,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1996.

“Making Democracy Deliberative: Minority Representation, The Supreme Court, and Post-Pluralist Theory,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1995.

“Essentially Contested Memberships: Racial Minorities and the Politics of Inclusion,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 1995.

“Judicial Recognition of Political Identity: The Case of Minority Representation,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, 1994.

#### INVITED LECTURES

##### Academic:

RIT, Constitution Day Lecture, 2025.

Faculty and Students Research Series, Syracuse University, College of Law, 2025.

SJD Colloquium, Syracuse University, College of Law, 2021 and 2022.

Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hofstra University, 2021

Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC), 2020.

University of Tennessee, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, 2018.

Boston College, 2017.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2017.

Middlebury College, Department of Political Science, 2016.

Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, 2016.

Campbell Public Affairs Institute Research Colloquium, 2012 and 2016.

Judicial Decisionmaking Seminar, Syracuse University, College of Law, 2012.

University of South Carolina, University Constitution Day Lecture, 2011.

Leaders for Democracy Fellows (LDF) at the Maxwell School, 2011.

MIT, Department of Anthropology, 2010.

Civic Education and Leadership Fellows Program (CELF) at the Maxwell School, 2010.

Middlebury College, Department of Political Science, 2010.

Boston Area Public Law Colloquium, organized by the Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy at Boston College, 2010.

Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, 2009.

Campbell Public Affairs Institute Research Colloquium, 2009.

Syracuse University, College of Law, 2003 and 2007.

Middlebury College, Department of Political Science, 2001.

Dartmouth College, Department of Geography, 2001.

UCSB, Law & Society Program, 2001.

Syracuse University, Department of Political Science, 2001.

UCSD, Department of Political Science, 2000.

Harvard Program on Constitutional Government, 1999.

Plenary Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Law and Semiotics Round Table, 1999.

UMASS Amherst, Department of Political Science, 1997.

Yale Political Theory Workshop, 1997.

Community, Alumni, and Educational:

Bessemer Trust, 2026.

Central New York Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Annual Speaker, 2012—Present.

Thursday Morning Roundtable at the Cantor Warehouse, 2019 and 2022.

Capstone Lectures, The Lawrenceville School, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021.

Inaugural JDInteractive Class lecture, Syracuse University College of Law, 2019 and 2020.

Strathmore Speaker Series at the Fire Barn, 2019.

Informed and Shared Conversations, Manlius Free Library, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019.

NDNY Federal Court Bar Association, 2018.

Cazenovia Public Library, 2018.

College of Law Alumni Lecture, Lubin House, New York City, 2017.

Fayetteville Free Library, 2016.

Conversation from the Bench, Dineen Hall Dedication, Syracuse University College of Law, 2014.

Political Science Dissertation Writing Workshop, 2012, 2013, 2014.

Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University, 2012 and 2014.

Law Dialogs, Washington, D.C., 2013

Social Justice and Law, National Pro Bono Week, Syracuse University College of Law, 2011.

American Constitution Society, Syracuse University College of Law, 2011.

Oberlin College, Political Science Honors Program, 2011.

Law! Live @ Lubin House Lecture Series, New York City, 2008 and 2010.

Le Moyne College, Intelligent Conversations Series, 2008.

Elderhostel, 2006.

The Teaching Company, 2006.

Bet Havarim, 2004.

Keynote Speaker, Harvard Model Congress Europe (Paris, France), 1999.

#### CONFERENCES, LECTURES, AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

Series Organizer, “Law, Politics and the Media Lectures,” Syracuse University, 2008 – Present.

Program Co-Organizer, Peter and Sharon Murphy Kissel Fund for the Study of Civil Liberties, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2012 – Present

Series Organizer, IJPM Faculty Fellows Lectures, Syracuse University, 2010 – Present.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring David Lat, Author of Original Jurisdiction; Founder of Above the Law), Syracuse University College of Law, 2025.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Robert Parker, Chief of the Criminal Division’s Appellate Section at the U.S. Department of Justice), Syracuse University College of Law, 2024.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Hon. Brenda Sannes, Kareem Crayton [NYU Brennan Center], Bhavan Sodhi [Innocence Project], and Rajit Dosanjh [US Attorney’s Office]), Syracuse University College of Law, 2023.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Joan Biskupic, CNN), Syracuse University College of Law, 2022.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring David Savage, Los Angeles Times), Syracuse University College of Law, 2021.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Adam Liptak, New York Times), Syracuse University College of Law, 2020.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Jess Bravin, Wall Street Journal), Syracuse University College of Law, 2019.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Dahlia Lithwick, Slate.com), Syracuse University College of Law, 2018.

Event Co-Sponsor, State of Democracy Lecture: Corey Brettschneider's *The Oath and the Office*, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Syracuse University, 2018.

Event Co-Sponsor, American Politics Mini-Conference, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2018.

Event Co-Organizer, Supreme Court Term Preview (featuring Amy Howe, SCOTUSblog), Syracuse University College of Law, 2017.

Lecture Co-Organizer, Countering Terrorism (and Russia) in the Age of Trump, with Eric Schmitt of *The New York Times*, Maxwell School, 2017.

Series Co-Organizer, Tanner Lectures on Citizenship, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2011 – 2016.

Series Organizer, 1L Convocation Lecture Series, Syracuse University College of Law, 2011 – 2014.

Lecture Organizer, “Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice,” Joan Biskupic, Legal Affairs Editor, Reuters, Syracuse University, 2014.

Workshop Co-Organizer, “Law in the Age of Media Logic,” Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, June 27-28, 2013.

Conference Co-organizer, Northeast Law and Society Meeting, Amherst, 2008 – 2013.

Lecture Organizer, “New York’s Constitution: Sometimes It’s Just a Suggestion,” Susan Arbetter, State Capitol Correspondent and News & Public Affairs Director, WCNY, Syracuse University, 2013.

Colloquium Organizer, “Inside Game: The Effects of Editorial Bias in Legal Scholarship,” Albert Yoon, University of Toronto, Syracuse University, 2012.

Lecture Organizer, “Henry Ford’s War on Jews and the Legal Battle Against Hate Speech,” Victoria Saker Woeste, American Bar Foundation, Syracuse University, 2012.

Symposium Organizer, “Is the Best Defense a Good Offense? The Ethics and Politics of Allowing Judges to Advocate Controversial Views,” Syracuse University, 2011.

Lecture Co-organizer, “The Dynamism and Activism of the Roberts Court” and “9/11 Plus Ten: Entering the Age of Permanent War,” Lyle Denniston, SCOTUSblog, Syracuse University College of Law, 2011.

Lecture Co-organizer, “Independent Media: Speaking Up for Democracy,” Amy Goodman, Co-Host of Democracy Now!, Syracuse University, 2011.

Symposium Co-organizer, “The Toughest Call: The Lake Pleasant Murder Case,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2010.

Lecture Organizer, “Supreme Decisions: The Roberts Court in 2010 and Beyond,” Amy Howe, Editor of SCOTUSblog, Syracuse University College of Law, 2010.

Lecture Organizer, “The Undulating Role of Federal Judges in Sentencing,” Honorable Sidney H. Stein, United States District Court Judge, Southern District of New York, Syracuse University College of Law, 2010.

Conference Co-organizer, Federal Judicial Center Seminar for Federal Judges, “Law and Media,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Symposium Organizer, “Jurist in Residence: Chief Justice Ruth McGregor, Arizona Supreme Court,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Lecture Organizer, “The Aspirational Constitution,” Michael Dorf, Robert S. Stevens Professor of Law, Cornell University, Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Lecture Organizer, “Critical Mass is Critical: Building Authority in a Changing World,” Gregg Gordon, President and CEO, Social Science Research Network (SSRN), Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Lecture Organizer, “Reinforcing Federal Law: The Designer Courthouses In Massachusetts and their Meaning for the First Circuit,” John Brigham, Professor of Political Science, UMass Amherst, Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Event Co-organizer, Film screening of “Blanchard Road: A Murder in the Finger Lakes,” Syracuse University College of Law, 2009.

Lecture Organizer, “Bloggers, Pundits, and Journalists: Assessing the Coverage of the 2008 Presidential Election,” College of Law, Syracuse University, 2008.

Symposium Co-organizer, “Bush's Law: A Conversation with Pulitzer-Winning Author, Eric Lichtblau,” S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University, 2008.

Conference Co-Organizer, “Creators vs. Consumers: The Rhetoric, Reality and Reformation of Intellectual Property Law and Policy,” The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2007.

Symposium Organizer, “Supreme Makeover: Inventing a New Model of Judicial Openness on the High Court?,” College of Law, Syracuse University, 2007.

Symposium Organizer, “Are Federal Judges Political? Views from the Academy, the Bench, and the Media,” College of Law, Syracuse University, 2007.

Symposium Organizer, “Jail for Journalists: Freedom of the Press, Confidential Sources, and the Demands of Criminal Justice,” The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2007.

Series Organizer, Secret Life of the Law Lectures, Syracuse University, 2004 – 07.

Series Organizer, Sawyer Law and Politics Faculty Fellows Colloquia, Syracuse University, 2005 – 07.

Symposium Organizer, “The Last Umpires? The News Media, the ABA and Other Independent Voices in the Federal Judicial Confirmation Process,” S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University, 2006.

Symposium Organizer, “Lacrosse Justice: Gender, Race, and Fairness in the Duke Lacrosse Legal Saga,” The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2006.

Conference Co-organizer, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, Syracuse, 2006.

Series Organizer, George H. Babikian Guest Lectures, Syracuse University, 2005 – 06.

Conference Co-organizer, “Bench Press: The Collision of Media, Politics, Public Pressure, and an Independent Judiciary,” JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Conference Organizer, “Legalizing Homosexuality: To What Extent are the Courts Likely to Recognize Gay Rights?,” The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2004.

#### CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIA PARTICIPATION

Moderator, Supreme Court Term Preview, Syracuse University, 2017 – Present.

Panelist, “What the Constitution Means to Me,” Syracuse Stage, 2023.

Panelist, “Freedom of Expression Roundtable Discussion: Media Coverage of Cases,” ABA Rule of Law Initiative, Syracuse University College of Law, 2023.

Participant, Book Manuscript Workshop, “The Least Responsive Branch: The Supreme Court’s Indifference to Public Opinion” by Ben Johnson and Logan Strother. Institute for Humane Studies (IHS), George Mason University, August 5-6, 2022.

Discussant, “Authors Meet Readers: *Raised Right: Fatherhood in Modern American Conservatism* by Jeffrey R. Dudas,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, “Democratizing Legal Information: The Promise and Pitfalls of Freely Circulating Law on the Internet,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.

Panelist, “Race and Our Communities: Race, Justice, Violence and Police in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America,” Syracuse University, 2016.

Panelist, “Authors’ Perspectives,” 62nd Annual National Conference of Law Reviews, Syracuse, 2016.

Presenter, “The U.S. Supreme Court and the Press: Tensions and Trends,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, 2014.

Presenter, “Law as Interpretation,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, 2014.

Chair and Discussant, “Framing Judicial Nominations,” Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, 2013.

Chair and Discussant, “The Courts and Civil Rights,” New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Syracuse, 2013.

Moderator, “Sensoria Animalis? Tracing the Sensory Capacities of Non-Human Animals in the Law” and “Revisiting Law and Society Classics,” Northeast Law and Society Meeting, Amherst, 2013.

Moderator, “Interpretation and Uncertainty,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2013.

Discussant, “Authors Meet Readers: *Representing Justice* by Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis, and *Legal Architecture: Justice, Due Process, and the Place of Law* by Linda Mulcahy,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011.

Moderator, “Legal Consciousness,” Northeast Law and Society Meeting, Amherst, 2010.

Chair and Presenter, "Conference Theme Panel: Revisiting Sarat and Silbey's 'The Pull of the Policy Audience,'" Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2010.

Chair, "Jobs and Publishing: A Discussion about Professional Development in Law, Culture and the Humanities," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Providence, 2010.

Presenter, "Law and Interpretation: Interdisciplinary Legal Scholarship," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2010.

Moderator, "Empirical Legal Studies," Northeast Law and Society Meeting, Amherst, 2008.

Chair and Discussant, "Author Meets Readers: *The Founding Fathers, Pop Culture, and Constitutional Law* by Susan Burgess," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2008.

Discussant, "The Justification of Minority Language Rights," Campbell Public Affairs Institute Citizenship and Human Values Lecture Series, Syracuse 2008.

Chair and Discussant, "Masculinity and the Constitution," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Berkeley, 2008.

Discussant, "Constructing Constitutional Doctrine," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2007.

Presenter, "What Place (if any) Does Law and Society Scholarship Have in Public Life?," Northeast Law and Society Conference, Amherst, 2007.

Chair and Discussant, "Legal Realism Re-Examined," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Syracuse, 2006.

Chair, "Regulation," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Syracuse, 2006.

Chair and Discussant, "Law and Popular Culture," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Chair and Discussant, "The Rule of Law and the State of Terrorism," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Austin, 2005.

Participant, "Roundtable on Current Research," Regional LGBT Studies Conference: Local, National, and Global Perspectives, Syracuse University, 2004.

Chair, "Litigation, Mobilization and Social Change," New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Providence, 2003.

Discussant, "Courts and the Federal Balance of Power," Conference on Evolving Federalisms: The Intergovernmental Balance of Power in America and Europe, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2003.

Chair and Discussant, "Slavery and Territories," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, 2003.

Chair and Discussant, "Rights and Race: Readings in History, Law, and Literature," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, New York City, 2003.

Chair and Discussant, "Judging and Writing," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, New York City, 2003.

Panel Participant, "How to Teach Writing," College of Arts & Sciences Honors Program, Syracuse University, 2003.

Chair and Discussant, "What is Binding in the Constitution and Constitutional Interpretation?," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 2002.

Chair and Discussant, "Privacy, Individuality, and Obligations to Others," Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference, Austin, 2001.

Chair and Discussant, "Paradigms of Race," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1999.

Chair and Discussant, "Neutral Discourses," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, 1997.

Discussant, "Judicial Interpretations of Civil and Political Rights," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1996.

Participant, "Roundtable on Social Facts, Constitutional Theory, and the Rights of Subordinated Groups," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1995.

Discussant, "Occupied Territory II: Sovereignty and Sexuality," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 1995.

Discussant, "Occupied Territory I: Law, Sovereignty, and Justice," New England Political Science Association, Portland, Maine, 1995.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, Section on Mass Communication Law, American Association of Law Schools, 2016 – 17; Chair-Elect, 2015 – 16; Secretary, 2014 – 15; Member of Executive Board, 2014 – Present.

Syracuse University College of Law Appointments and Leaves Committee, Chair, 2016 – 17; Member, 2008 – 14, 2018 – Present.

Field Coordinator, Law and Courts, Political Science Department, 2017 – 18; 2019 – 22; 2023 – 24.

Chair, Syracuse University College of Law Strategic Planning Committee, 2022 – 23.

Member, SU Diversity and Admissions Working Group, 2022 – 23.

Member, SU Student Success Faculty Advisory Board, 2017 – 22.

Member, Board of the Central New York Council for the Social Studies (CNYCSS), 2014 – Present.

Member, Board of Advisors, Tully Center for Free Speech, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University, 2010 – Present.

Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004 – Present.

Free Speech Working Group, Syracuse University, 2019 – Present.

Chair, Service Award Committee, American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section, 2021.

Member, Fayetteville Free Library Board, 2016 – 2019.

Chair, Nominations Committee, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2018 – 19.

Member, Law and Society Association Herbert Jacob Book Prize Committee, 2014 – 15; 2018 – 19.

Co-Organizer, Law and Society Association Collaborative Research Network: Law and Media, 2013 – 2018.

Faculty Advisor, Syracuse Law and Civic Engagement (SLACE), Syracuse University College of Law, 2013 – 18.

Department Representative, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Poster Session, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017.

Member, Syracuse University College of Law Ad Hoc International and Special Programs Committee, 2016 – 17.

Chair, Section on Law and Interpretation, American Association of Law Schools, 2012 – 13. Chair-Elect, 2011 – 12; Secretary, 2010 – 11; Member of Executive Board, 2013 – 16.

Member, Syracuse University Provost and Vice Chancellor Search Committee, 2015 – 16.

Member, Syracuse University College of Law Executive Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2011 – 16.

Member, Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee, Political Science Department, 2012 – 16.

Lower Division Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences, 2010 – 11; 2014 – 16.

Chair, Syracuse University College of Law Curriculum Committee, 2013 – 14; Member, 2014 – 16.

Chair, American Politics Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2014 – 15.

Member, Syracuse University Senate Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2013 – 14.

Series Sponsor, “Interchanges” Government, Media, and Law Luncheons, Syracuse University, 2006 – 2014.

Member, Syracuse University Senate, 2008 – 09; 2012 – 14.

Advisor, Mackenzie Hughes Moot Court Problem Writing Team, Syracuse University College of Law, 2013 – 14.

Member, Syracuse University College of Law Advisory Committee on Educational Opportunities, 2013 – 14.

Member, Board of Advisors, Center for Indigenous Law, Governance and Citizenship, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004 – 14.

Member, Campbell Public Affairs Institute (CPAI) Advisory Committee, 2005 – 08; 2012 – 13.

Placement Director, Political Science Department, 2005 – 12.

Member, Syracuse University College of Law Colloquium Committee, 2010 – 12.

Member, Law and Society Association Harry J. Kalven Jr. Prize Committee, 2011 – 12.

Member, College of Law Faculty Task Force on Strategic Academic Programs, 2011 – 12.

Member, Political Science Department Research Committee, 2011 – 12.

President, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2007 – 10.

Member, American Political Science Association Ralph J. Bunche Award Committee, 2009 – 10 for the best political science work on ethnic and cultural pluralism published in 2009.

Member, College of Law Self-Study Committee, 2009 – 10.

Member, Law Professor Evaluation Team organized by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary for the evaluation of U.S. Supreme Court Nominees Harriet Miers (October 2005) and Sonia Sotomayor (June 2009).

Member, Syracuse University Committee for Diversity, 2008 – 09.

Member, Syracuse University College of Law Curriculum Committee, 2007 – 08.

Chair of Panel Organization, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence Section, 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Panel Organizer and Participant, “Judging the Judges,” Syracuse University Capital Campaign Kick-Off, 2007.

“Books to Watch For” Columnist, *Law and Courts: The Newsletter of the Law and Courts Organized Section of the APSA*, 2004 – 07.

Member, Syracuse University Faculty Council, 2006 – 07.

Member, Special Ad Hoc Promotions & Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, Fall 2006.

Chair, Promotions & Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2003 – 04. Committee member, 2002 – 03.

Minority Recruiter for Political Science PhD Program, Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University, June 2005, and McNair Scholars Program, Syracuse University, July 2005.

Founding member, Boston-Amherst Legal Studies Group (BALS), 1995 – 2002.

Member, Law and Cultural Studies Reading Group, 1998 – 2002.

Member, Law & Society Association Graduate Workshop Committee, 2001 – 03.

Section Head, Public Law, New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Providence, 2003.

Member, APSA McGraw Hill Award Committee, 2002 – 03 and 2004 – 05, for best journal article on law and courts written by a political scientist and published during the calendar years 2002 and 2004.

Member, APSA Harcourt College Publishers Award Committee, 2000 – 01, for book or journal article, ten years or older, that has made a lasting contribution to the field of law and courts.

Member:

American Political Science Association  
Law and Society Association  
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

Peer reviewer for:

*Journals:*

*American Political Science Review*  
*American Journal of Political Science*  
*American Politics Research*  
*Journal of Law & Courts*  
*Law, Culture, and the Humanities*  
*Law & Social Inquiry*  
*Law & Society Review*  
*Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*  
*Perspectives on Politics*  
*Political Theory*

*Presses:*

Amherst College Press  
Ashgate Publishing  
Baylor University Press  
Cambridge University Press  
Oxford University Press  
Princeton University Press  
Routledge

Stanford University Press  
University of Chicago Press  
University of Pennsylvania Press

*Foundations and Organizations:*

Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET), Georgetown University  
Mellon Project on Student-Faculty Research  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Swiss National Science Foundation  
National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program (Ad Hoc  
reviewer and Member of Senior Advisory Panel).

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Constitutional Law (two-semester sequence at the College of Law, both residential and online)

Elements of Law

Legal Foundations and Skills (Pre-Law Program in Europe)

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Judicial Politics

Political Science Research Workshop

Political Argument and Reasoning

PhD Research and Writing Seminar

The Political Significance of Legal Ambiguity

Constitutional Democracy in America

The Supreme Court and the Politics of Minority Representation

The Law and Politics of Affirmative Action

American Political Thought from *Pluribus* to *Unum*

Political Theory and Legal Reasoning