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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointment

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany
Max Planck Fellow Group “Comparative Constitutionalism”
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2018 –

Education

Ph.D. Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2018
M.A. Political Science, University of Waterloo, 2011
B.A. History, Pensacola Christian College, 2008

Publications

Book

Forthcoming. *The Veil of Participation: Citizens and Political Parties in Constitution-Making Processes*.
New York: Cambridge University Press.

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)*

*Forthcoming. “Political Parties and Public Participation in Constitution Making: Legitimation, Distraction, or Real Impact?” *Comparative Politics*.

*2018. “When Does Public Participation Make a Difference? Evidence From Iceland’s Crowdsourced Constitution.” *Policy & Internet* 10 (2): 185-217. doi:10.1002/poi3.167.

2017. “Can You Bury Ideology? An Empirical Analysis of the Ideal Points of the Ministers of Brazil’s Supremo Tribunal Federal.” *A&C - Revista de Direito Administrativo & Constitucional* 17 (68): 43-59. doi:10.21056/aec.v17i68.802. (with Ivar Alberto Hartmann)

2014. “Next Steps for the Idle No More Movement: A Public Law Perspective.” *Aboriginal Policy Studies* 3 (1-2): 149-163. doi:10.5663/aps.v3i1-2.20810.

Book Chapters

2019. “The Constitutional Referendum in Historical Perspective.” In *Handbook on Comparative Constitution-Making*, edited by David Landau and Hanna Lerner, 142-164. Northampton, MA : Edward Elgar. (with Zachary Elkins)

2018. Unsigned chapter. In *The Icelandic Federalist Papers*, edited by David Carillo. Berkeley, CA: Berkeley Public Policy Press.

Articles Currently Under Review

“Constitutional Memes: The Transference and Adaptation of Text Across National Constitutions”

“Majorities for Minorities: Participatory Constitution Making Processes and Rights Protection”
(with Anna Fruhstorfer)

Selected Works in Progress

“Reverse Mortgages and Aircraft Parts: The Uses and Abuses of Referenda in Constitutional Change”
(with Joseph Cozza and Zachary Elkins)

“Constitutional Legitimacy in the Real World: How Constitutions Gain and Lose Popular Support.”

“The Hourglass Revisited: Dimensions of Public Participation in Constitution-Making Processes.”

Review Essay

Hanna Lerner, *Making Constitutions in Deeply Divided Societies* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), and Andrew Reynolds, *Designing Democracy in a Dangerous World* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). In *Law and Politics Book Review* 23 (11) (November 2013), pp. 597-605.

Selected Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

2019: Best Paper Award from the Participatory and Deliberative Democracy section at the Political Studies Association Annual International Conference.

2019: Walter Beach Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$1,000)

2017: Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin (\$17,000)

2016: MacDonald Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin (\$15,000)

2015-2016: National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-1535665, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Impact of Public Participation in Constitution Making” (\$22,496)

2015-2016: Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (\$20,000)

2015: Doctoral Fellowship, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola de Direito do Rio de Janeiro (R\$ 40,000)

2010: Graduate Entrance Scholarship, University of Waterloo (\$ 3,000)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Göttingen

Law and Politics in the Global South, Summer 2020

Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin

Political Internships, Summer 2018

Politics of North America, Spring 2018

Politics of North America, Fall 2017

Doctoral Fellow, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola de Direito do Rio de Janeiro

e-Democracy, Fall 2015 (with Ivar Alberto Hartmann)

Supplemental Instruction Leader, University of Texas at Austin

The U.S. in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2015 (assisting Kurt Weyland)

America and the World, Fall 2014 (assisting Terrence Chapman)

The U.S. in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2014 (assisting Kurt Weyland)

Graduate Mentor, University of Texas at Austin

Iraq Young Leaders Exchange Program, July 2014 and July 2015

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to American Government, Summer 2015 (assisting Marco Paoli)

Poverty and Politics, Fall 2013 (assisting Henry Dietz)

Introduction to American Government, Summer 2013 (assisting Allison White)

Introduction to American Government, Spring 2013 (assisting Stephen Jesse)

Introduction to American and Texas Government, Fall 2012 (assisting Eric McDaniel)

Teaching Assistant, University of Waterloo

Government and Business in Canada, Spring 2011 (assisting Carin Holroyd)

Introduction to Foreign Policy, Winter 2011 (assisting Veronica Kitchen)

Introduction to Politics, Fall 2010 (assisting Richard Nutbrown)

Other Research Experience

Research Methods Training

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Houston, June 2015

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, June 2014

Field Research

2015: Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, São Paulo)

2016: South Africa (Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town)

2017, 2018: Iceland (Reykjavik)

Research Team Member

Global Leadership Project: March 2018 - October 2018, Country Expert (South Africa)

Comparative Constitutions Project: March 2013 - August 2018, Research Assistant to Zachary Elkins, and coder for constituteproject.org

Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola de Direito do Rio de Janeiro: August 2015 - December 2015, Research Fellow, Centro de Justiça e Sociedade, and Centro de Tecnologia e Sociedade

Writing for scholarly blogs

Jan. 2020. "High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Surprising Rarity of the US Impeachment Standard." **I•CONnect**: Blog of the International Journal of Constitutional Law.

Dec. 2018. "Book Review: Alexander Hudson on *The UK Constitution After Miller: Brexit and Beyond*." **I•CONnect**: Blog of the International Journal of Constitutional Law.

Oct. 2018. "Will Iceland Get a New Constitution? A New Revision Process Is Taking Shape" **I•CONnect**: Blog of the International Journal of Constitutional Law.

Service

Peer Review

Reviewer for: Oxford University Press, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, and *Policy & Internet*.

Conference Organization

Co-organizer, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft, Arbeitskreis Politik und Recht, Conference on “Autocratic Constitutionalism,” Berlin, May 2020. (Cancelled due to the pandemic.)

Service to University

Co-organizer, Prospective Students Visiting Days, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2017.

Vice-president, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Waterloo, 2010-2011.

Assistant Editor, *Inquiry & Insight*, University of Waterloo Graduate Journal of Political Science, 2010-2011.

Selected Conference Participation

“Reverse Mortgages and Aircraft Parts: Referenda and the Limits of Citizen Competence,” paper presented at conference “Democratic Renewal in Times of Polarisation: The Case of Belgium,” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, September 2019.

“Public Participation in Constitution Making: Legitimation, Distraction, and Mass-Elite Interaction,” paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, USA, September 2019.

“Constitutional Memes: The Transference and Adaptation of Text Across National Constitutions,” paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, June 2019.

“Potemkin Village Meetings: Political Parties in Constitution-Making Processes,” paper presented at the Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nottingham, UK, April 2019.

“Why Public Participation Doesn’t Matter: Political Parties Do,” paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research, Joint Sessions of Workshops, Mons, Belgium, April 2019.

“Reverse Mortgages and Aircraft Parts: Referenda and the Limits of Citizen Competence,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, April 2019.

“Public Participation in Constitution Making: Legitimation, Distraction, and Mass-Elite Interaction,” paper presented at workshop on “Political Parties, Partisanship, and the Constitution,” Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, UK, March 2019.

“Why Public Participation Rarely Matters: Political Parties Do,” paper presented at Melbourne Institute of Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Melbourne, Australia, November 2018.

Invited discussant at NSF conference “Facilitating Empirical Studies of Judicial Behavior on Constitutional Courts From a Comparative Perspective,” Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, USA, May 2018.

“Integrating Datasets as Ontologies: Experiments with Constitute, TIESR and V-Dem,” presentation at workshop on “The Digital Turn in Comparative Constitutionalism,” Hannover, Germany, December 2017.

“When Do Constitutional Referenda Fail?” paper presented at “The Limits and Legitimacy of Referendums,” Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada, September 2017.

“Reading Drafts in Comparative Context: A New Feature from Constitute” presentation at “A Congress on Iceland’s Democracy,” University of California Berkeley School of Law, USA, June 2017.

“Does Public Participation Really Matter? The Case of Iceland’s Crowdsourced Constitution,” paper presented at “Democracy Beyond Elections,” University of Bristol Law School, UK, March 2017.

“Can You Bury Ideology? Estimating the Policy Ideal Points of The Ministers of Brazil’s STF,” paper presented at Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, June 2016.

“Theories of Representation, and Online Political Participation,” presentation at “Democracia Digital em Debate,” Fundação Getulio Vargas, Escola de Direito do Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, October 2015.

“Does Public Participation Really Matter? The Case of Iceland’s Crowdsourced Constitution,” paper presented at University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law, Austin, USA, October 2014.

“The Hourglass Revisited: The Dimensions of Public Participation in Constitutional Drafting,” paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, USA, April 2014.

“The Role of Process Legitimacy in Post-Conflict Constitution Making,” paper presented at Conference of Defence Associations, Graduate Student Conference, Kingston, Canada, October 2011.

“National or Regional Representation in the G20?” paper presented at Academic Council on the United Nations System, Annual Meeting, Waterloo, Canada, June 2011.

“The Relative Success of Partitions in Resolving Longer Intrastate Wars,” paper presented at Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Waterloo, Canada, May 2011.

Other Professional Experience

Consultant, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Open Government Unit, Paris, France, October - November 2019.

Intern, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Africa Initiative, Waterloo, ON, Canada, June 2011 - July 2012.

Intern, NATO Allied Command Transformation, Civil Military Co-operation Integrated Capability Team, Norfolk, VA, USA, May - August 2006.

Software and Programming Languages

R, Stata, Python, SQL, L^AT_EX

Languages

English: Native speaker

Portuguese: Working proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing

Spanish: Intermediate proficiency in reading.

Citizenship

Canadian

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