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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2009. Dissertation: *The Seams of the State: Infrastructure and Intergovernmental Relations in American State Building*. Readers: J. Eric Oliver (chair), J. Mark Hansen, Elisabeth Clemens, and William Novak.

Coursework: American Politics, Political Theory, Methodology

M.A. Political Science, June 2005. Master's thesis: *Fat and Freedom: Morality, Obesity, and the Risks of Liberty*. Readers: J. Eric Oliver and John McCormick.

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

M.S. Political Science, May 2003. Master's thesis: *Ideology and Utopia in the Age of Globalization*. Readers: Manfred B. Steger (chair), Julie A. Webber, and Carlos Parodi.

B.A. with honors in Political Science, May 2001 Honor's Thesis: *Democracy and Confucianism: An Examination in Theoretical Possibilities*. Reader: T.Y. Wang.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

Assistant Professor

2010-present

Introduction to U.S. National Government
Urban Politics and Policy
Crime and Welfare Policy
The Politics of Post-Humanity
American Political Development
Political Biography
U.S. Health Care Policy
U.S. Presidency
Disaster Policy
Research Methods
Rural Politics
Political Institutions
Political Geography
Introduction to Community and Justice Studies

Carroll College, Helena, MT

Assistant Professor

2009-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Railroads and American Political Development: Infrastructure, Federalism, and State Building, University of Kansas Press (2016).

Local Elections and the Politics of Small-Scale Democracy, contributor with J. Eric Oliver (author) and Shang Ha (contributor), Princeton University Press (2012).

Articles

“Repurposing the Administrative State,” in *The Forum* 15,1 (August 2017).

“Congress and the Railroads: Federalism, American Political Development, and the Migration of Policy Responsibility” in *American Politics Research* (March 2012).

“Local Rail Innovations: Antebellum States and Policy Diffusion,” in *Studies in American Political Development* 25, 1 (October, 2011).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Star Wars and Legislatures” in *Poli Sci Fi: An Introduction to Political Science through Science Fiction*, edited by Michael A. Allen and Justin S. Vaughn, Routledge, New York: 2016

Book Reviews

The Contested Removal Power, 1789-2010 by J. David Alvis, Jeremy D. Bailey, and F. Flagg Taylor IV, Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 2013 for *The Law and Politics Book Review* 24, 1 (2014).

Democracy and the Origins of the American Regulatory State by Samuel DeCanio, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015 for *Perspectives in Politics* “Critical Dialogues,” forthcoming.

Blog Posts and Other Media

“Where Infrastructure Takes Us,” Process: A Blog for American History, June 6, 2017

“The Tensions of American Federalism,” The New West: Official Blog of the Western Political Science Association, March 4, 2015.

“Potomac Canal Company” and “Union Pacific Railroad” entries in *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection (3 volumes)*, edited by Brian M. Harward and Scott H. Ainsworth, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, 2018.

WORKING PROJECTS

Books

Slowing the Sinking Ship: Rural Cities and Governing with Resource Constraints

Untitled edited volume on Trump presidency, Co-editor with Phil Rocco (Marquette University, under review at University of Pennsylvania Press

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Railroads and American Political Development,” 92nd Street Y, New York City, NY, November 11, 2016.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

“The Bottom of the Barrel: Tax Revenue in Rural Communities,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“The Digital State Versus the Networked Citizen: Power, State Building, and Increasing State Autonomy,” with Benjamin Dauber and John Denison, presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference in Seattle, WA, April 2014.

“The State and the Firm: American State Building, Corporations, and Antebellum Canals,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2014.

“Evaluating Antebellum Railroads: American, French, and British Rail Effectiveness,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2014.

“Private Power and the American State: Alternative Approaches to State Power in 19th Century American Canals,” presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference in Los Angeles, CA, March 2013.

“Shaping the State: The Impact of Federal Intervention on Antebellum Railroads,” at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orland, FL, January 2013.

“More Than One Game in Town: State Building Without the State in 19th Century United States Internal Improvements,” at the Policy History Conference, Richmond, VA, June 2012.

“Railroads in Comparative Context: Analyzing the Effectiveness of 19th Century American, French, and British Railroad Policy,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2012

“Rail Policy Success: Comparing 19th Century American, British, and French Rail Development,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Portland, OR, March 2012

“Building A New State: Politics and Geography in the Antebellum United States,” at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2012.

“Local Rail Coordination: State Politics and Antebellum Rail Planning,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“Congress and the Railroads: Coalition Politics and Federal Land Grants,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2010.

“Redirecting National Programs: State Interests and National Antebellum Railroad Plans,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“Local Rail Innovations: Antebellum States and Policy Diffusion,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC, March 2009.

“After Diffusion: Interaction and Economic Development Policies,” at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“From the Outside In: Local Governments and State Building,” at the Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, June 2008.

“A Piece at a Time: Northern State Coordination and the Antebellum Railroads,” at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Providence, RI, April 2008.

“Stuck in the Middle: Land Grants, Railroads, and Local Political Competition,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

“Improvising the Network: State Politics and Antebellum Railroads in the American South,” at the ILGISA Conference, Oak Brook, IL, November 2007.

“Congress and the Frontier: American Political Development, Space, and the Railroads,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

“Changing Lanes: The Difficulty in Defining the Interstate as Space” at the Second Annual International Association for the Study of Environment, Space and Place Conference, Towson, MD, April 2006.

“Carved in Stone: Interstate as Permanent Power,” at the Second Annual Brown University Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, Providence, RI, April 2006.

“Trains, Planes, and Automobiles: The Differential Impact of Infrastructure on Cities,” at the Association of American Geographers meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

“Nonviolence and Democracy: Social Movements and Social Justice?” at the Association of Political Theory Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, October 2004.

“Imagining the City: Urban Politics and Imagined Communities,” at the Illinois Conference for Students of Political Science, Normal, IL, April 2004.

“Democracy and Associations: Local Politics, Utopia, and Democratic Education,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Portland, OR, March 2004.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

“Participation, Information, and Capacity Building in Cities,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Democracy on the Edge,” at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“New Approaches in Political Development,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“Infrastructure and State Building,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“The Politics of Space and Identity” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2014.

“The Internet, Technological Change, and Politics,” at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, FL, January 2013.

“Technology Advances and Politics, both Historical and Contemporary,” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Portland, OR, March 2012.

“Local Government Structures and Policy,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“Participation: Its Cause and Consequences,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

“Democratization Processes: Institutional and Temporal Dimensions,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

“Public Spaces and Civic Identity,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

CONFERENCE CHAIRMANSHIPS

“Participation, Information, and Capacity Building in Cities,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Democracy on the Edge,” at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“New Approaches in Political Development,” at the Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“The Politics of Space and Identity” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2014.

“Building the Racial Order in American Politics,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

“The Internet, Technological Change, and Politics,” at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, FL, January 2013.

“The New Deal and the Modern American State,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2012

“Local Government Structures and Policy,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

CONFERENCE POSTERS PRESENTED

“Playing Against the Middle: Centralization and Railroads in the Antebellum Period,” at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“Establishing the State in Space: Federal Railroad Land Grants in the 19th Century,” at the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August, 2007.

“Laying Down Tracks: American State Support for Railroads,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

“Interstates and Cities: Assessing the Impact of the Interstate on Modern Urban Environments,” at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Network for Local Research and Knowledge Faculty Fellow, Allegheny College, 2016-2017
- Faculty Council (elected position), Allegheny College, 2016-present
- Center for Political Participation, Allegheny College, Interim Director, 2015
- Network for Local Knowledge and Research, Allegheny College, steering committee, 2014-present
- Midwest Political Science Association Program Committee, Politics and History Section Head, 2015
- Academic Support Committee, Allegheny College 2013-2015
- Civic Engagement Prize Committee, Allegheny College, 2011-2016
- Dotson Fund Committee, Allegheny College, 2012-2015
- Faculty Representative, Honor Committee, Allegheny College, 2012-present
- Center for Political Participation, Research Fellow, Allegheny College, 2011-2017
- Bonner High Impact Initiative Committee, Allegheny College, 2012-2015
- Community and Justice Studies Steering Committee, Allegheny College, 2011- present
- Bonner High Impact Initiative Steering Committee, Allegheny College, 2012 - present
- Reviewer, *Studies in American Political Development*, 2011
- Faculty Sponsor, Roosevelt Campus Network, Allegheny College, 2011-2013
- Faculty Sponsor, I Heart Meadville, Allegheny College, 2012-2013
- Faculty Sponsor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Allegheny College, 2013-present
- Member of Enrollment Management: Marketing and Recruitment Committee, Carroll College, 2010-2013
- Internship Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Carroll College, 2010-2011
- Reviewer, *American Politics Research*, 2008-2010

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- Demmler Award for Teaching Innovation, Allegheny College, 2016
- Gail Howe Fahrner Fund Grant, Allegheny College, 2013
- Academic Support Committee Research Grant, Allegheny College, 2011, 2015
- Carroll College, Distinguished Scholar Award, 2011
- William Anderson Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Federalism, - Intergovernmental Relations, State, or Local Politics, American Political Science Association, 2010
- Faculty Development Grant, Carroll College, 2010
- Mellon Foundation/University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2008
- Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Program, Honorable Mention, 2008
- Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program Grant/Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Grant, 2003-2007
- University of Chicago Trustees Fellowship, 2003-2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

- Western Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association