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Education

Rutgers University. New Brunswick, New Jersey.
Ph.D., Political Science, October 1999.
M.A., Political Science, October 1996.

Oberlin College. Oberlin, Ohio.
B.A., June 1992. Major: Politics. Minor: Law and Society.

Academic Positions

Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.
Michael O. Sawyer Chair of Constitutional Law and Politics, 2009-present.
Professor of Political Science, 2016-present.
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2008-2016.
Chair, Department of Political Science, 2011-2014.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2002-2008.

University of Oklahoma. Norman, Oklahoma.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 1999-2002.
Acting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1998-1999.

Publications

Books

Free Speech and Democratic Backsliding (Cambridge University Press, under contract).

Judicial Politics in Polarized Times (University of Chicago Press, 2014).

Books (continued)

The Most Activist Supreme Court in History: The Road to Modern Judicial Conservatism (University of Chicago Press, 2004).

Excerpted in *Constitutional Theory: Arguments and Perspectives*, Third Edition, edited by Michael J. Gerhardt, Stephen M. Griffin, Thomas D. Rowe, Jr. (LexisNexis, 2007), pp. 79-87; and *Perspectives on American Government: Readings in Political Development and Institutional Change*, edited by Cal Jillson and David Brian Robertson (Routledge, 2010), pp. 415-420.

Journal articles

“The Distinctive Pathologies of Free Speech Jurisprudence at the U.S. Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights.” *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 24:1 (forthcoming, 2026).

“Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and Democratic Backsliding in the Trump-Era United States.” *International Political Science Review* (forthcoming 2026).

“The U.S. Supreme Court and Democratic Backsliding.” *Law & Policy* 46 (April 2024): 197-218. doi: 10.1111/lapo.12237.

“Minority Rights, Governing Regimes, or Secular Elites: Who Benefits from the Protection of Religious and Anti-Religious Speech by the U.S. Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights?” (co-authored with Nathan T. Carrington and Claire Sigsworth). *Journal of Law & Courts* 11:2 (Fall 2023): 221-255. doi: 10.1017/jlc.2022.11.

“Free Speech in an Age of Democratic Backsliding.” *International Journal of Constitutional Law* vol. 21:3 (July 2023): 913-920. doi: 10.1093/icon/moad058.

“Erosion, Backsliding, or Abuse: Three Metaphors for Democratic Decline.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 48:1 (Feb. 2023): 314-339. doi:10.1017/lsi.2022.43.

“Diplomats in Robes: Judicial Career Paths and Free Speech Decision-Making at the European Court of Human Rights” (co-authored with Erik Bleich, Claire Sigsworth, and Neha Sharma). *Law & Social Inquiry* 46:4 (Nov. 2021): 1141-1172. doi: 10.1017/lsi.2021.9.

“Free Expression and Judicial Power in Colombia, India, and South Africa” (co-authored with Sandra Botero, Rachel Ellett, and Stephan Stohler). *Law & Social Inquiry* 46 (May 2021): 331-363. doi: 10.1017/lsi.2020.24.

Journal articles (continued)

“Is President Trump More Like Viktor Orbán or Franklin Pierce?” *Constitutional Studies* 4 (2019): 131-154.

“Half a Century of Supreme Court Clean Air Act Interpretation: Purposivism, Textualism, Dynamism, and Activism” (co-authored with David Driesen and Brandon T. Metroka). *Washington & Lee Law Review* 75:4 (2018): 1781-1857.

“The Judicial Protection of Anti-Judicial Speech” (co-authored with Brandon T. Metroka and Richard S. Price). *American University International Law Review*, vol. 33:4 (2018): 693-769.

“Assessing Judicial Empowerment.” *Laws* 7:2 (2018): 1-17.

“Hate Speech and Double Standards.” *Constitutional Studies* 1:1 (2016): 95-121.

“Why *Roe* Still Stands: Abortion Law, the Supreme Court, and the Republican Regime” (co-authored with Kevin J. McMahon). *Studies in Law, Politics & Society* 70 (2016): 33-83.

“Movement Litigation and Unilateral Disarmament: Abortion and the Right to Die” (co-authored with Richard S. Price). *Law and Social Inquiry* 40:4 (Fall 2015): 880-907.

“Beyond Backlash: Assessing the Impact of Judicial Decisions on LGBT Rights.” *Law and Society Review* 43:1 (March 2009): 151-185.

Reprinted in *Judicial Policymaking: Readings on Law, Politics and Public Policy*, edited by Jeb Barnes (Cognella, 2011): 151-186; excerpted in *The Law and Society Reader II*, edited by Erik Larson and Patrick Schmidt (NYU Press, 2014): 62-70.

“Party, Policy, or Duty: Why Does the Supreme Court Invalidate Federal Statutes?” *American Political Science Review* 101:2 (May 2007): 321-338.

Received 2008 Houghton Mifflin Award from Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association.

“Party Politics or Judicial Independence: The Regime Politics Literature Hits the Law Schools.” *Law and Social Inquiry* 32:2 (Spring 2007): 511-544.

“Activism and Restraint on the Rehnquist Court: Timing, Sequence, and Conjecture in Constitutional Development.” *Polity* 35:1 (Fall 2002): 121-152.

Book chapters

“Free Speech, Constitutional Democracy, and Democratic Backsliding.” In *Constitutional Democracy in Crisis*, second edition, edited by Antonia Baraggia, Mark A. Graber, Sanford Levinson, and Mark Tushnet (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“A Qualitative and Multi-Method Approach to Collecting and Sharing Data on Constitutional Courts.” In *Concepts, Data, and Methods in Comparative Law and Politics*, ed. by Diana Kapiszewski and Matthew C. Ingram (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

“Medium-N Methods.” In *Comparative Constitutional Methods: A Reader*, edited by Rosalind Dixon, Malcolm Langford, and David Law (Edward Elgar, forthcoming).

“Medium- and Large-N Qualitative Methods in Constitutional Law.” In *Handbook on Research Methods in Constitutional Law*, edited by Malcolm Langford and David Law (Edward Elgar, forthcoming).

“Court Reform” (co-authored with Nathan Carrington). In *SCOTUS 2023*, ed. by Morgan Marietta and Howard Schweber (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024): 207-217.

“Court-Packing and Democratic Erosion.” In *Democratic Resilience: Can the United States Withstand Rising Polarization?*, edited by Robert C. Lieberman, Suzanne Mettler, and Kenneth M. Roberts (Cambridge University Press, 2022): 141-168.

“The Relationship between Courts and Legislatures.” In *Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*, edited by Lee Epstein and Stefanie A. Lindquist (Oxford University Press, 2017): 381-398.

“Judicial Impact” (co-authored with Logan Strother). In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (Oxford University Press, published online, October 31, 2016).

“The Reagan Revolution to the Present.” In *Oxford Handbook of the United States Constitution*, edited by Mark Tushnet, Sanford Levinson, and Mark Graber (Oxford University Press, 2015): 113-133.

“Bush’s Greatest Legacy? The Federal Courts and the Republican Regime.” In *Testing the Limits: George W. Bush and the Imperial Presidency*, edited by Mark J. Rozell and Gleaves Whitney (Rowman & Littlefield, 2009): 219-242.

“The Neoconservative Assault on the Courts: How Worried Should We Be?” In *Confronting the New Conservatism: The Rise of the Right in America*, edited by Michael Thompson (New York University Press, 2007): 164-193.

Book chapters (continued)

“From *Bakke* to *Grutter*: The Rise of Rights-Based Conservatism.” In *The Supreme Court and American Political Development*, edited by Ronald Kahn and Ken I. Kersch (University Press of Kansas, 2006): 414-442.

“David H. Souter: Liberal Constitutionalism and the Brennan Seat.” In *Rehnquist Justice: Understanding the Court Dynamic*, edited by Earl Maltz (University Press of Kansas, 2003): 185-215.

Reviews and other short pieces

“Biden is Considering Overhauling the Supreme Court. That’s Happened During Every Crisis in U.S. Democracy.” *Washington Post* (April 13, 2021).

“What’s the Point of Impeachment? ‘To Lay Down a Marker for History.’” *Syracuse Post-Standard* (posted online February 15, 2021).

“Scholars to Katko: Trump’s Abuse of Office Clears Bar for Impeachment” (co-authored with David Driesen). *Syracuse Post-Standard* (December 11, 2019).

“These are the Roadblocks to the Democrats’ Big Voting Rights Bill.” *Washington Post* (March 7, 2019).

“The Supreme Court Justices Control Whether Court-Packing Ever Happens.” *Washington Post* (November 19, 2018).

“GOP Tax Law Will Devastate New Yorkers.” *Syracuse Post-Standard* (April 1, 2018).

“Katko’s Vote Against Repeal Isn’t Enough.” *Syracuse Post-Standard* (February 5, 2017).

“Republicans Own the Supreme Court for Another Generation.” *Huffington Post* (November 23, 2016).

“Republicans Don’t Own the Supreme Court.” *Huffington Post* (November 5, 2016).

“The Roberts Court, Seven Years In.” *Extensions: A Journal of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center* (Winter 2013): 5-10.

“A Great Day for the Public’s Faith in our Independent Courts.” *The Guardian* (June 28, 2012).

“Review of Justin Wert’s *Habeas Corpus in America: The Politics of Individual Rights*.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 22:5 (May 2012): 242-244.

Reviews and other short pieces (continued)

“Law, Politics, and Political Science.” *Law & Courts* 19:1 (Winter 2009): 11-15.
Reprinted in *Law and Politics Book Review* 18:12 (December 2008): 1103-1110.

“Comment, Symposium on *America’s Constitution: A Biography*.” *Syracuse Law Review* 59 (2008): 59-63.

“Rudy of Two Minds on Abortion” (co-authored with Kevin McMahon). *Hartford Courant* (October 11, 2007).

“Review: Dred Scott and the Problem of Constitutional Evil, by Mark A. Graber.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 16:12 (December 2006): 939-943.

“Queering the Rehnquist Court.” *Political Research Quarterly* 59:3 (September 2006): 417-418.

“David Hackett Souter.” In *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties*, ed. by Paul Finkelman (Routledge, 2006): 1495-1498.

“Introduction to Symposium on Explaining the Rehnquist Court.” *Law & Courts* 15:2 (Spring 2005): 5-6.

“What’s at stake on the Supreme Court?” *The Advocate* (July 12, 2005).

“Does the Court Follow the Election Returns?” *Reviews in American History* 32 (December 2004): 602-609.

“Is the Rehnquist Court an Activist Court?” *Insights on Law & Society* 5:1 (Fall 2004): 11-13.

“Supreme splits: Conservative justices often disagree.” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* (August 8, 2004).

“Review: *In Defense of a Political Court*, by Terri Jennings Peretti.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 11:9 (September 2001): 453-456.

“Judicial self-restraint.” In Thomas T. Lewis and Richard L. Wilson, eds., *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Supreme Court* (Salem Press, Inc., 2000): 528-531.

“Review: *Television News and the Supreme Court: All the News That’s Fit to Air?*, by Elliot E. Slotnick & Jennifer A. Segal, and *Reporting on the Courts: How the Mass Media Cover Judicial Actions*, by William Haltom.” *Journal of Politics* 61:4 (November 1999): 1172-1175.

Reviews and other short pieces (continued)

“Review: *A Living Constitution or Fundamental Law? American Constitutionalism in Historical Perspective*, by Herman Belz.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 8:11 (November 1998): 414-417.

“Comment: What Are Graduate Students Thinking about ‘Legal Theory’?” *Focus on Law Studies* 14:1 (Fall 1998): 8.

“Review: *The Rehnquist Court and Criminal Punishment*, by Christopher E. Smith.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 8:3 (March 1998): 138-140.

Grants and Fellowships

External

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, April 2024: “Extremist Speech and Democratic Backsliding.”

Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education, December 2019: “Rethinking Democracy & Law.” Co-principals: Siri Gloppen, University of Bergen; Rachel Cichowski, University of Washington (300,000 Norwegian Krone; ~\$33,000 USD).

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, April 2019: “Free Expression and Judicial Power” (\$200,000).

Swedish Research Council, November 2017: “The Scandinavian rights revolution: Individual rights, civil society mobilization and democratic change.” Member, international advisory board (5,591,200 Swedish krona; ~\$660,000 USD).

Fritt Ord, May 2016: “Who Benefits from Free Speech? Investigating Judicial Bias Claims.” Co-principals: Malcolm Langford & Anine Kierulf, University of Oslo. Award No. 16-1145 (100,000 NOK; ~\$12,000 USD).

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, April 2016: “Impact: Supreme Court Power and Influence in American Politics: Doctoral Dissertation Research.” Co-principal Logan Strother, Syracuse University (\$5,000).

National Science Foundation, August 2015: “Comparative Free Speech Jurisprudence.” Co-principals: Erik Bleich, Middlebury College; Richard Price, Weber State University; Stephan Stohler, University at Albany, SUNY. Awarded by Law & Social Sciences and Political Science Programs (Award No. 1535250), 2015-19 (\$419,907).

Sabbatical Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 2008-09 (\$34,000).

Internal

Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Engagement (SOURCE) Research Assistant Grant, October 2025: “Free Speech and Democratic Backsliding” (\$9,301).

Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Engagement (SOURCE) Research Assistant Grant, August 2024: “Free Speech and Democratic Backsliding” (\$9,288).

Maxwell School Tenth Decade Initiative, February 2016: “Global Repository of Free Speech Jurisprudence” (\$21,050).

Summer Project Assistantship Grants, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2015 (\$1800); 2005 (\$1,250); 2004 (\$1,250).

Research Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media, Syracuse University, 2008 (\$750).

Research Award, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2007 (\$3,000).

Appleby-Mosher Fund Grants, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2006 (\$1,200); 2004 (\$1,000).

Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, Research Council, University of Oklahoma, 2000 (\$6,000).

Instructional Computing Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma, 2000 (\$2,000).

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 1997-98 (\$10,000).

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1993-97 (\$10,000/year).

Honors and Awards

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, Syracuse University, 2016.

Houghton Mifflin Award, 2008. Awarded by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association for the best journal article on law and courts published by a political scientist in 2007.

Honors and Awards (continued)

Foundation Award for Outstanding Faculty Member, 2007-08. Awarded by LGBT Community at Syracuse University in recognition of leadership in creating a campus community that is inclusive and nurturing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff.

Scholarly Papers and Addresses

“Free Expression and Extremist Speech Under Conditions of Autocratization.” Accepted for presentation at Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association, San Francisco, California, May 28-31, 2026.

“Free Speech, Constitutional Democracy, and Democratic Backsliding.” Presented by invitation at Maryland/Milan/Reichman Comparative Constitutional Democracy Colloquium, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (virtual presentation), January 14, 2026.

“Freedom of Speech & Democratic Backsliding.” Invited keynote, Bergen Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation, University of Bergen, August 20, 2025.

“Free Speech, Judicial Power, and Democratic Crises in American Political Development.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2025.

“Free Speech and Constitutional Democracy in an Age of Democratic Backsliding.” Presented at Global Summit on Constitutionalism, University of Texas at Austin, March 20-22, 2025.

“Free Speech and Democratic Backsliding in the Contemporary United States.” Presented by invitation at Maryland Law Review 2023 Symposium: Understanding Modern Constitutional Law: Perspectives from the Left, Right, and Center, Baltimore, MD, February 24, 2023; by submission at Annual Meetings of Law & Society Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 1-4, 2023, and Denver, CO, June 6-9, 2024; and by invitation at Oberlin College, September 17, 2024.

“Academic Freedom and Democratic Backsliding in the Contemporary United States.” Presented by invitation at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024.

“The U.S. Supreme Court and Democratic Backsliding.” Presented by invitation at workshop on Courts and Democratic Backsliding, Occidental College, December 16, 2022.

Scholarly Papers and Addresses (continued)

“Extremist Speech, Militant Democracy, and American Exceptionalism” (co-authored with Nathan Carrington, Claire Sigsworth, and Stephan Stohler). Presented at Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association (virtual meeting), May 27-30, 2021, and Annual Meeting of International Society of Public Law (virtual meeting), July 6-9, 2021.

“Minority Rights, Governing Regimes, or Secular Elites: Who Benefits from the Protection of Religious Speech by the U.S. Supreme Court and European Court of Human Rights?” (co-authored with Nathan Carrington and Claire Sigsworth). Presented at Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association (virtual meeting), May 28-31, 2020.

“Court-Packing and Democratic Erosion.” Presented by invitation at conference on Democratic Resilience? Evaluating Whether the United States Can Withstand Rising Polarization, Cornell University, November 7-9, 2019; presented by invitation at Department of Political Science, University of Utah, February 14, 2020.

“Free Speech in the Global South” (co-authored with Stephan Stohler, Sandra Botero, and Rachel Ellett). Presented at Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Washington, DC, May 30-June 2, 2019, and Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019.

“Free Expression and Judicial Decision-Making in the European Court of Human Rights” (co-authored with Erik Bleich, Claire Sigsworth, and Neha Sharma). Presented at Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada, June 7-10, 2018.

“Coup, Criticism, and Contempt: Free Speech from Patterson to Bridges” (co-authored with Richard Price & Brandon Metroka). Presented (by co-author) at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 13-15, 2017.

“Will Donald Trump Break Political Time? Or, Viktor Orbán v. James Madison. Or, Who Will be Salmon Chase to Trump’s Franklin Pierce?” Presented by invitation at “The Constitution in American Political Development: A Symposium,” Oberlin College, April 14, 2017.

“A Qualitative and Multi-Method Approach to Collecting and Sharing Data on Constitutional Courts.” Presented by invitation at Collaborative Workshop on Data and Methods in the Comparative Study of Legal Institutions, Georgetown University, February 2-3, 2017.

“The Judicial Protection of Anti-Judicial Speech” (co-authored with Richard Price & Brandon Metroka). Presented at Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2-5, 2016; Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1-4, 2016; and by invitation, at Drexel University Law School Faculty Workshop, September 1, 2016.

Scholarly Papers and Addresses (continued)

“Hate Speech and Double Standards.” Presented at 23rd International Conference of Europeanists, Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2016.

“Contempt of Court as a Window onto Judicialization and Democracy” (co-authored with Richard Price & Brandon Metroka). Presented by invitation at 2016 Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland School of Law, March 4-5, 2016.

“Data Collection Practices to Facilitate Qualitative and Multi-Method Research on Constitutional Courts.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015, and by invitation at Collaborative Workshop on Data and Methods in the Comparative Study of Legal Institutions, Georgetown University, February 4-5, 2016.

“Movement Litigation and Unilateral Disarmament” (co-authored with Richard Price). Presented (by co-author) at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, California, March 28-30, 2013.

“Using Courts to Buttress Electoral/Legislative Campaigns: Cases from the Culture Wars.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

“Beyond Backlash: Political Reactions to Rights-Protecting Judicial Decisions.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, May 27-30, 2010.

“Rights on the Right.” Presented by invitation at Annual Princeton ConLaw Schmooze, Princeton University, December 11-12, 2009.

“Bush’s Greatest Legacy? The Roberts Court and the Republican Regime.” Presented by invitation at Conference on The Bush Legacy, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand Valley State University, November 13-14, 2008, and Washington, DC, December 11-12, 2008.

“Rights, Courts, and Constitutional Change in the Contemporary Culture Wars.” Presented by invitation at Conference on American Constitutional Development, Harvard Law School, October 17-18, 2008.

“Beyond Backlash: Assessing the Impact of Judicial Decisions on LGBT Rights.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-31, 2008, and (under different title) Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-10, 2007, and by invitation at Faculty Workshop, DePaul College of Law, October 8, 2007.

Scholarly Papers and Addresses (continued)

“Comment on *America’s Constitution: A Biography*, by Akhil Reed Amar.” Presented by invitation at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse, New York, March 28, 2008.

“From *Akron* to *Carhart*: Abortion Law, the Supreme Court, and the Republican Regime” (co-authored with Kevin McMahon). Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Does the Court Still Follow the Election Returns?” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005, and (under different title) by invitation at Sawyer Law and Politics Program Faculty Colloquium, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, September 30, 2005.

“Bridging the Great Divide: Political Explanations of the Supreme Court.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Oakland, California, March 17-19, 2005.

“Litigation, Civil Rights Rhetoric, and the West Coast Anti-Affirmative Action Initiatives.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 6-8, 2005.

“Modern Conservatism and Judicial Power.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2-5, 2004.

“Explaining the Rehnquist Court: The Law Doesn’t End Where Politics Begins.” Presented by invitation at Public Law Colloquium, Department of Politics, Princeton University, February 5, 2004.

“From *Bakke* to *Grutter*: The Rise of Rights-Based Conservatism.” Presented by invitation at Sawyer Law and Politics Program Research Workshop, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, November 7, 2003, and by submission at Annual Meetings of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 28-31, 2003, and Western Political Science Association, Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2003.

“Race and Rights in the 21st Century: The Conservative Campaign against Affirmative Action and the Politics of Constitutional Rights.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 8-11, 2001, and Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000.

Scholarly Papers and Addresses (continued)

“The Center for Individual Rights, the University of Michigan, and the Politics of Rights.” Poster presentation at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30-September 2, 2001.

“The Rehnquist Court’s Revival of Federalism and the Contradictions of Contemporary Conservatism.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 15-17, 2001.

“The Warren Court and the Roots of the Conservative Critique of Modern Judicial Power.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, San Jose, California, March 24-26, 2000.

“The Burger Court and the (Partial) Decline of the Conservative Critique of Judicial Power.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1999.

“The Supreme Court and the Conservative Critique of Judicial Power, Or the Rehnquist Court’s Love-Hate Relationship with Judicial Power.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, March 25-27, 1999.

“Modern Constitutional Conservatism and Equal Protection Doctrine: The End of *Carlene Products*?” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 1997.

“Modern Constitutional Conservatism and the Scope of Fundamental Rights Under the Due Process Clause.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Western Political Science Association, Tucson, Arizona, March 13-15, 1997.

“Visions of *Lochner*: The Politics of Constitutional History on the Burger and Rehnquist Courts.” Presented at Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-16, 1996.

“Meeting ‘The Traditional Indicia of Suspectness’: Gay and Lesbian Rights Litigation and the Constitutional Theory of *Carlene Products*.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 29-September 1, 1996.

“Colorado’s Amendment Two and Contemporary Equal Protection Jurisprudence: Can Gay Rights Litigators Save *Carlene Products*?” Presented at Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association, Newark, New Jersey, November 9-11, 1995.

Professional Service

Editorial boards

Editorial Board, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2017-2019.
Associate Editor, *Politics & Gender*, 2013-2016.
Editorial Board, *Law & Courts*, 2005-07.

Manuscript/proposal reviewer

The Age of Human Rights Journal (2023)
American Journal of Political Science (2003, 2009, 2010)
American Philosophical Society (2009, 2010, 2011)
American Political Science Review (2008, 2011, 2022, 2023)
American Review of Politics (2015)
Cambridge University Press (2007, 2009)
Canadian Journal of Political Science (2003)
Comparative Political Studies (2024)
Government & Opposition (2021)
International Journal of Human Rights (2026)
International Political Science Review (2025)
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (2017)
Journal of Law & Courts (2014, 2018, 2019)
Journal of Law & Political Economy (2024)
Journal of Policy History (2005)
Journal of Politics (2000, 2004)
Law & Policy (2025)
Law and Social Inquiry (2013, 2016)
Law and Society Review (2005, 2009, 2014, 2016, 2020, 2023)
National Science Foundation (panelist: 3 times; ad hoc reviewer: 4 times)
Oxford University Press (2009)
Pearson Custom Publishing (1999)
Perspectives on Politics (2025)
Political Research Quarterly (2006, 2010, 2012)
Politics & Gender (2014, 2015)
Politics, Groups, and Identities (2024)
Polity Books (2023)
PS: Political Science & Politics (2005)
Publius (2025)
Roxbury Press (2000)
Sexuality Research & Social Policy (2023)
Stanford University Press (2005, 2006, 2014)
State Politics & Policy Quarterly (2011)
Studies in American Political Development (2025)
Studies in Law, Politics, and Society (2007, 2016, 2017, 2018)
SUNY Press (2002)

Manuscript/proposal reviewer (continued)

Temple University Press (2014, 2020)
Third World Quarterly (2025)
University of Pennsylvania Press (2016)
University of Virginia Press (2007, 2011)
University Press of Kansas (2004, 2006, 2008, 2014, 2017, 2019)

Professional association memberships

American Association of University Professors, 1995-2020

- Interim President, University of Oklahoma Chapter of American Association of University Professors, 1999-2002.
- Committee R on Government Relations, Oklahoma State Conference, 1999-2000.
- Teaching Assistant Steering Committee, Rutgers Council, 1995-96.

American Political Science Association, 1994-present

- Co-chair, Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence Division, Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2010-11, 2021-22.
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, 2021-22.
- Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, 2018-19.
- Departmental Services Committee, 2015-18.
- Chair, Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section, 2011-12; Member, 2003-04, 2014-15.
- Chair, J. David Greenstone Committee, Politics and History Section, 2011-12.
- Best Conference Paper Award Committee, Sexuality and Politics Section, 2009-10.
- Chair, Best Conference Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, 2009-10.
- C. Herman Pritchett Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, 2007-08.
- Edward S. Corwin Dissertation Award Committee, 2003-04.

International Political Science Association, 2017-present

International Society of Public Law, 2014-present

Law and Society Association, 1994-present

- Collaborative Research Network on Law and Social Movements, 2006-present.
- Chair, Student Award Committee, 2014-2015.

Scholars Strategy Network, 2018-present

Conference participation and other presentations

American Political Science Association

- Panel chair, “Free Speech in an Age of Democratic Backsliding” (virtual panel). Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.

American Political Science Association (continued)

- Panel discussant, “Rights and Regimes: Opportunities for Abuse and Transformation.” Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019.
- Invited panelist, “Concept Mapping in Comparative Law.” Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018.
- Invited panelist, “The Trump Administration and the Courts: The Impact on LGBT Rights.” Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018.
- Invited panelist, “Don’t Let it Bring You Down: The Consequences of Judicialization.” Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015.
- Invited panelist, “Backlash and Marriage Equality Litigation.” Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, September 3-6, 2015.
- Panel organizer and chair, “Comparative Free Speech.” Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Judicial Independence in the Comparative Context.” Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.
- Panel chair and discussant, “LGBT Politics in Historical Perspective.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 29-September 1, 2013.
- Panel chair, “Rights on the Right.” Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011.
- Invited panelist, “Authors Meet Critics: Maveety and Knowles on Justices O’Connor and Kennedy.” Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, September 3-6, 2009.
- Panel discussant, “Lawyering, Advocacy, and Interests.” Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, September 3-6, 2009.
- Panel discussant, “Law and Institutions in Time.” Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-31, 2008.
- Invited panelist, “Discussion of Barbara A. Perry’s Book, *The Michigan Affirmative Action Cases*.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2, 2007.
- Panelist and co-organizer, “Why *Roe* Still Stands.” Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2006.
- Panel discussant, “Judicial Independence, Legitimacy, and Power.” Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2006.
- Panelist, “The Second Generation of Historical Institutionalism: Still the Future of Public Law? Roundtable on Thomas M. Keck’s *The Most Activist Supreme Court in History* and Kevin McMahon’s *Reconsidering Roosevelt on Race*.” Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005.
- Panel chair and organizer, “Explaining the Rehnquist Court.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 2-5, 2004.

Association of American Law Schools

- Invited panelist, “Direct Democracy and State Constitutionalism: How Voter Initiatives Impact on Judicial and Legislative Decision-Making.” Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 6-10, 2010 (late addition to panel; not listed in program).
- Invited panelist, “Constitutionalism in the Age of Obama.” Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 6-10, 2010.

Association of American Law Schools (continued)

- Invited panelist, “Regime Politics and the Roberts Court.” Mid-year Conference on Constitutional Law, Cleveland, Ohio, June 3-6, 2008.

Bergen Exchanges on Law and Social Transformation

- Invited panelist, “High Courts in Our Midst: A Political Theory of Institutional Strength,” University of Bergen, August 18-22, 2025.
- Invited moderator, “Speaking the Law—How Language Shapes Legal Power and Meaning,” University of Bergen, August 18-22, 2025.
- Invited panelist, “Academic Freedom and Obligation in Dark Times,” University of Bergen, August 18-22, 2025.
- Invited panelist (featured introduction), “Artificial Intelligence versus Democracy - How to Protect Free Speech?” University of Bergen, August 19-23, 2024.
- Invited panel moderator, “Courts and Autocratization,” University of Bergen, August 19-23, 2024.
- Invited seminar leader, “Researching Courts and Autocratization Dynamics in the USA” (virtual session), August 14, 2024.
- Invited panelist, “Backlash Against Academic Freedom” (virtual conference), August 16-20, 2021.
- Invited panelist, “Contemporary Human Rights Challenges in the USA.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 21-25, 2017.
- Invited panelist, “What Decides How Judges Rule? Judging Speech Rights Cases.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 21-25, 2017.
- Invited panelist, “Who Benefits from Speech Rights?” University of Bergen, Norway, August 22-26, 2016.
- Invited panelist, “Criminalizing Immorality—How to Study Political Drivers and Backlash Effects?” University of Bergen, Norway, August 22-26, 2016.
- Invited panelist, “Building Databases for Empirical Legal Studies.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 22-26, 2016.
- Invited panelist, “Studying Effects of Sexual and Reproductive Rights Lawfare.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015.
- Invited panelist, “Backlash: How to Conceptualize and Measure It.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015.
- Invited discussant, “Global LGBTIQ Equality Battles.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015.
- Invited panelist, “Constructing Databases for Mixed Methods Research.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015 (late addition to panel; not listed in program).
- Invited panelist, “Studying Counter-Progressive Actors.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015.
- Invited commenter on Gerald Rosenberg’s lecture, “Hollow Hope Revisited: On the Impact of Marriage Equality Litigation in the US.” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17-21, 2015.

Law and Society Association

- Invited panelist, “Author Meets Readers: Kevin J. McMahon's *A Supreme Court Unlike Any Other: The Deepening Divide Between the Justices and the People*,” Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2025.
- Invited panelist, “Author Meets Readers: R Shep Melnick's *The Crucible of Desegregation: The Uncertain Search for Educational Equity*, R. Shep Melnick, University of Chicago Press, 2023,” Denver, CO, June 6-9, 2024.
- Invited panelist, “Judicial Illiberalism in the United States,” San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 1-4, 2023 (late addition to panel; name not listed on program).
- Panel chair and discussant, “Challenges and Tensions in Contemporary Public Discourse.” Virtual meeting, May 27-30, 2021.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Resistance, Protest, and Law.” Virtual meeting, May 28-31, 2020.
- Panel organizer and chair, “Toward a Global Free Speech Repository.” Washington, DC, May 30-June 2, 2019.
- Invited discussant, “Sexual Rights Lawfare in Africa: Politicisation Dynamics and Health Effects.” Washington, DC, May 30-June 2, 2019.
- Invited chair and discussant, “Gender and Sexuality: Theory and Legal Strategies.” Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, June 7-10, 2018.
- Invited panelist, “Reproducibility, Replicability, and Reliability in Sociolegal Scholarship.” Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2-5, 2016.
- Invited panelist, “How to Fund Sociolegal Research.” Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2-5, 2016.
- Panel organizer, chair, and discussant, “Comparative Free Speech.” Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, May 28-31, 2015.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Sexual and Reproductive Rights Lawfare in International Courts and Tribunals.” Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, May 28-31, 2015 (late addition to panel; not listed in program).
- Panel organizer, chair, and discussant, “Hate Speech in Comparative Perspective.” Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 29-June 1, 2014.
- Invited panel chair and discussant, “Social Movements, Policy, and Public Opinion.” Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 29-June 1, 2014.
- Invited panelist, “Measures and Mismeasures of LGBTQ Equality” (plenary session). Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 29-June 1, 2014.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Religion and Culture and Politics and Rights.” Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, May 30-June 2, 2013.
- Panel chair and discussant, “The Relationship between Courts and Other Institutions of Government: Separation of Powers, Federalism, and the Courts.” Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, May 30-June 2, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association

- Panel discussant, “Legal Development in the U.S. and Abroad.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 11-14, 2013.
- Panel chair, “Race, Gender, and Law.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 11-14, 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association (continued)

- Invited panelist, “Rethinking the Teaching of American Constitutionalism.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2012.
- Invited panelist, “Author Meets Critics Roundtable for Justin Wert's *Habeas Corpus in America: The Politics of Individual Rights*.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2012.
- Panel chair and organizer, “Authors Meet Readers: George Lovell's *Legislative Deferrals* and J. Mitchell Pickerill's *Constitutional Deliberation in Congress*.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2005.
- Invited panelist, “Explaining the Rehnquist Court.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-18, 2004.
- Panel discussant, “Creating Constitutional Institutions.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-18, 2004.
- Panel discussant, “The Rehnquist Court, Constitutional Federalism, and the Politics of Rights.” Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2003.

Western Political Science Association

- Panel discussant, “Courts and Regulation.” Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8-10, 2007.
- Panelist, “Author Meets Readers: Thomas M. Keck's *The Most Activist Supreme Court in History: The Road to Modern Judicial Conservatism*.” Annual Meeting, Oakland, California, March 17-19, 2005.
- Invited panelist, “*Romer v. Evans*, In Theory and Practice, Ten Years Later.” Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2003.

Additional Conferences and Select Other Public Presentations

- Invited seminar leader, “Free Speech & Autocratization,” Ph.D. Course: Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen, August 13, 2025 (virtual session).
- Invited speaker, “Reflections on Eight Years of Protest in the Trump Era,” The Wednesday Movement, Baltimore, MD, June 4, 2025.
- Invited seminar leader, “Researching Courts & Autocratization Dynamics in the USA,” Ph.D. Course: Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen, August 14, 2024 (virtual session).
- Invited commentator, “What is ‘Legitimacy,’ Is it in Peril, and Does it Matter?” Judicial Decision-Making: A Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, September 28-30, 2023.
- “The Electoral College: How it Came About, Its Function and How it's Working for Democracy” (virtual presentation). Presented by invitation at League of Women Voters Syracuse, September 6, 2023.
- Invited seminar leader, “Democracy, Autocratization, and Freedom of Speech,” Ph.D. Course: Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen, August 10, 2023 (virtual session).
- Invited panelist, “*Merrill v. Milligan* Symposium,” Syracuse University College of Law, March 22, 2023.

Additional Conferences and Select Other Public Presentations (continued)

- Invited panelist, “What’s at Stake Post Roe? Implications of the Supreme Court’s Dobbs vs. Jackson Abortion Ruling,” Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, July 7, 2022 (virtual panel) and September 21, 2022 (in-person panel).
- Invited panelist, “What a post-Roe Syracuse Might Look Like” (virtual panel), Reproductive Wellbeing Coalition, June 8, 2022.
- “What’s the Deal with Supreme Court Expansion?” (virtual presentation). Presented by invitation at League of Women Voters Syracuse, February 2, 2022.
- “U.S. Democracy in Crisis: What Have We Learned Since January 6?” (virtual presentation). Presented by invitation at CNY Chapter of New York State Alliance of Retired Americans, Syracuse, NY, January 14, 2022.
- “Author Meets Readers: Beyond Backlash” (virtual presentation and Q&A). Presented by invitation at Ph.D. Course on Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen, August 11, 2021.
- “The Constitution: America’s User’s Manual” (3-part discussion workshop), presented by invitation at Onondaga Free Library, Syracuse, NY, July 13, 20, and 27, 2021.
- “U.S. Constitutional Democracy in the Post-Trump Era” (virtual presentation). Presented by invitation at Conversations in Conflict Studies, Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration, Maxwell School, April 1, 2021.
- Invited panelist, “Book Launch: Strategic Litigation and the Struggle for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equality in Africa, by Adrian Jjuuko” (virtual panel). Centre on Law & Social Transformation, University of Bergen, February 18, 2021.
- Invited panel chair, “Academic Freedom and Democratic Backsliding in Comparative Perspective” (virtual presentation), Centre on Law & Social Transformation, University of Bergen, January 28, 2021.
- Invited panelist, “Is Court-Packing Legitimate? A Webinar with the Constitutionalists” (virtual presentation), Jack Miller Center, December 7, 2020.
- “The November Elections and American Democracy: Where Do We Go from Here?” (virtual presentation). Presented by invitation at Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, November 11, 2020.
- “Author Meets Readers: Beyond Backlash” (virtual presentation and Q&A). Presented by invitation at Ph.D. Course on Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change, University of Bergen, August 12, 2020.
- “Making Sense of Impeachment” (solo lecture and Q&A). Presented by invitation at Indivisible Cayuga, Auburn, NY, December 16, 2019, and Indivisible Salt City, Manlius, NY, January 9, 2020.
- “Making Sense of Impeachment” (panel discussion). Presented by invitation at State of Democracy Lecture, Maxwell School, Syracuse, NY, November 15, 2019, and as guest lecture in MAX 123: Critical Issues for the United States, November 18, 2019.
- “Impeachment Teach-in and Town Hall” (panel discussion). Presented by invitation, Indivisible NY24, Syracuse, NY, October 14, 2019.

Additional Conferences and Select Other Public Presentations (continued)

- “Making Sense of the Mueller Report.” Presented by invitation at Indivisible Cayuga, Auburn, NY, May 13, 2019; Indivisible Onondaga North, North Syracuse, NY, June 6, 2019; Indivisible Salt City, Manlius, NY, July 17, 2019; Voices of Women CNY, Syracuse, NY August 4, 2019; and Tully Free Library, Tully, NY September 23, 2019.
- “The Indivisible Movement and the 2018 Election Results.” Presented by invitation at CNY Chapter of New York State Alliance of Retired Americans, Syracuse, NY, November 9, 2018.
- “The Courts and American Democratic Backsliding.” Presented by invitation at Cornell University, October 22, 2018.
- “The Trump Administration and the Constitution.” Presented by invitation at Voices of Women CNY, Fayetteville, NY, April 15 and July 26, 2018; and at Indivisible Cayuga, Auburn, New York, August 13, 2018.
- “Judge Kavanaugh and the Future of the Supreme Court: A Teach-In.” Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, August 8, 2018.
- Invited panelist, “Digital Approaches to Knowledge Representation and Concept Mapping.” International Political Science Association Conference on Political Science in the Digital Age, Hannover, Germany, December 4-6, 2017.
- “Free Expression and the Global Expansion of Judicial Power.” Presented by invitation at Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, November 9, 2017.
- “Rewriting the Foundation: The Trump Administration and the Constitution.” Presented by invitation at Strathmore Lecture Series, Syracuse, NY, October 23, 2017.
- “The Courts in America.” Presented by invitation to visiting delegation of Israeli undergraduates, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, October 4, 2017.
- “The Trump Administration and the Constitution.” Presented by invitation to Citizens’ Response Network of Wayne County, Palmyra Community Library, Palmyra, NY, September 18, 2017.
- “Justice Gorsuch and the Future of the Supreme Court.” Presented by invitation at CNY Chapter, New York State Alliance of Retired Americans, Syracuse, NY, April 21, 2017.
- “The U.S. Constitution for Beginners.” Presented by invitation at CNY Solidarity Coalition, Syracuse, NY, March 19, 2017.
- “Trump and the Constitution.” Presented by invitation at Onondaga County Democratic Committee, Syracuse, NY, March 14, 2017.
- Invited commenter on State of Democracy Lecture, “No Slippery Slopes: Same-Sex Couples, Monogamy and the Future of Marriage,” by Stephen Macedo, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, March 3, 2017.
- “The Indivisible Movement, Nationally and Locally.” Presented by invitation at Moving Forward: A Teach-In, organized by Radical Bureaucrats, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, February 10, 2017; and by invitation at NYPIRG meeting, Syracuse University, February 28, 2017.

Additional Conferences and Select Other Public Presentations (continued)

- “Judicial Politics in Polarized Times.” Presented by invitation at University Neighbors Lecture Series, Westcott Community Center, October 7, 2012; American Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, October 23, 2015; Providence College, March 14, 2016; and Keuka College, October 25, 2016, all by invitation.
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Backlash.” Presented by invitation to PhD course, “Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change,” University of Bergen, Norway, August 21, 2016.
- “Morality Lawfare.” Presented by invitation to PhD course, “Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change,” University of Bergen, Norway, August 17, 2015.
- Invited panelist, Screening and Discussion of “Pay 2 Play: Democracy’s High Stakes.” Syracuse University, November 19, 2014.
- “Litigation on SOGI Rights: Experiences from the United States.” Presented by invitation at The Global School on Socioeconomic Rights: 2014 Harvard Course on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Litigation, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 5, 2014.
- “Judicial Decision Making.” Presented by invitation at Workshop on Strengthening Sociolegal Research—Approaches that Involve Undergraduates, National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia, July 21-22, 2014.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Courts, Rights, and European Minorities.” 21st International Conference of Europeanists, Washington, DC, March 14-16, 2014.
- “The Supreme Court in Polarized Times.” Presented by invitation at Oasis, Syracuse, New York, November 18, 2013.
- “The Supreme Court’s 2012 Term.” Presented by invitation to American Constitution Society, Syracuse University College of Law, April 16, 2013.
- “How Democratic is the U.S. Constitution?” Presented by invitation to Leaders for Democracy Fellows Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, March 23, 2009, April 6, 2010, April 9, 2012, and April 8, 2013.
- “Understanding the Supreme Court: The Future of DOMA and Same-Sex Marriage in the U.S.” Presented by invitation to Maxwell Pride & OutLaw, Syracuse, NY, April 1, 2013.
- “SCOTUS and the 2012 Election.” Presented by invitation at Thursday Morning Roundtable, University College, March 8, 2012.
- “The Courts and the Culture Wars: Judicial Politics in Polarized Times.” Presented by invitation at Emerging Trends Workshop, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, April 9, 2010; American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Syracuse University College of Law, October 26, 2010; Rockefeller College Seminar Series, University at Albany, State University of New York, December 8, 2010; and Syracuse University Alumni event, Carnegie Institution for Science, Washington, D.C., March 16, 2011.
- “Abortion, Affirmative Action, Gay Rights, and Gun Rights: Constitutional Politics in Polarized Times.” National Constitution Day Lecture, presented by invitation at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, September 17, 2010.

Additional Conferences and Select Other Public Presentations (continued)

- “The Courts and the Culture Wars.” Presented by invitation to Advisory Board, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, October 2, 2009.
- “Partisan Judging and the Press.” Presented by invitation at Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media, Syracuse University, February 26, 2009.
- “Judicial Activism.” Presented by invitation at SUNY-Oswego, October 3, 2007 and September 17, 2008.
- “Beyond Backlash: Sexuality and the Law.” Presented by invitation at Queer Scholarship Panel, Rainbow Reunion, Syracuse University, April 21, 2007.
- “Law, Politics, and the Supreme Court.” Presented by invitation at Syracuse University Institute for Retired Professionals, April 6, 2006.
- “Judge Alito and the Future of the Supreme Court.” Presented by invitation at Syracuse Rotary Club, March 24, 2006.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Gender, Orientation, and Identity.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Syracuse, New York, March 17-18, 2006.
- “Looking Back on the O’Connor Court.” Presented by invitation at Carleton College, March 1, 2006.
- Invited panelist, “Author Meets Readers: *From Jim Crow to Civil Rights*.” Annual Meeting of American Society for Legal History, Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 10-12, 2005.
- “Law, Politics, and the Supreme Court.” Presented by invitation at Thursday Morning Roundtable, University College, Syracuse University, November 3, 2005.
- “Justice O’Connor’s Constitution.” National Constitution Day Lecture, presented by invitation at Moravian College, September 21, 2005.
- Panel chair & discussant, “LGBT Issues in Law and the Courts.” Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 6-8, 2005.
- Panel discussant, “Legalizing Homosexuality.” Sawyer Law and Politics Program, Syracuse, New York, October 15, 2004.
- Invited panelist, “The Supreme Court and Appellate Courts in Contemporary Society.” Conference on Law and Social Change in the 21st Century, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, November 14-16, 2003.
- Invited panelist, “Affirmative Action.” Conference on Law and Social Change in the 21st Century, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, November 14-16, 2003.

University Service

Syracuse University

- Member, Chancellor’s Working Group on Free Expression and Academic Freedom, 2024.
- Elected Member, University Senate, 2007-17; 2020-2024.
- University Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Professional Ethics (AFTPE), 2014-18, 2020-24; chair, 2016-18, 2020-23; co-chair, 2023-24.

Syracuse University (continued)

- Faculty adviser to student organizations: Pre-Law Society, 2022-2024; Phi Alpha Delta, 2015-2022; Students for Liberty, 2018-19; Democracy Matters, 2014-2015; Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club, 2007-08; *The Simpsons* and *Family Guy* Appreciation Club, 2003-04; Campus Greens, 2002-03.
- ICT Advisory Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2015-17.
- Dean Search Committee, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2015-16.
- Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, 2015-16.
- Child Care Advisory Committee, 2012-14.
- University Senate Committee on Administrative Operations, 2012-14.
- Elected Member, Faculty Council, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, 2011-14. President, 2011-12.
- SU Early Education and Child Care Center Advisory Board, 2010-11.
- Elected Member, Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 2009-11.
- Chair, Maxwell Governance Task Force, 2010.
- University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns, 2005-10.
- Vice Chancellor's Working Group on Sustainable Benefits and Total Compensation, 2009-10.

University of Oklahoma

- Academic Appeals and Misconduct Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001-02.
- Faculty Adviser to student organizations: Student Action Network, 2000-02; Pre-Law Club, 1999-2002.
- Campus Coordinator, AFL-CIO Program for Student-Labor Outreach, 1999-2002.
- Faculty Search Committee, Law and Society Position, Honors College, 2001-02.

Departmental Service

Department of Political Science, Syracuse University

- Promotion & Tenure and/or Contract Renewal Committee, 2004-05, 2010-11, 2016-17, 2020-21 (chair), 2022-23 (chair), 2025-26.
- Qualifying Exam Committee, 2003-04, 2006-08, 2013-14, 2016-19, 2021-23, 2025-26.
- Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2014-16, 2018-19, 2020-22, 2023-24.
- Faculty Search Committee, 2006-07, 2012-13 (chair), 2013-14 (chair), 2016-17 (chair), 2018-19 (chair), 2023-24 (chair).
- Graduate Admissions and/or Funding Committee, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2010-11, 2014-15, 2017-18.
- Departmental Steering Committee, Academic Strategic Plan, 2015-16.
- Department Chair, 2011-14.
- Doctoral Program Review Committee, 2004-05.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2002-03.

Campbell Institute, Syracuse University

- Advisory Board, 2015-18.
- Internal Search Committee for Institute Director, 2009.
- Research Award Committee, 2007-08.

Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma

- Undergraduate Awards Committee, 1998-2002. Chair, 2000-02.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1998-2002.
- Committee on the Introductory American Government Course, 2000-01.
- Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, 1999-2000.

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