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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Ph.D., Political Science	Expected 2023 Nashville, TN
University of Minnesota Law School J.D., <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	May 2016 Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities B.A., Political Science and History, <i>with Distinction</i>	Dec. 2012 Minneapolis, MN
University College Cork Certificate in Irish Politics	May 2012 Cork, Ireland

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Bureaucracy; Presidency; Federal and State Courts; Administrative Law; Immigration Law; Statutory Interpretation; Formal Models; and Quantitative Methods.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“What to Do About *Chevron*—Nothing.” *Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc* 72: 151–176 (2019).

- Invited response to Barnett, Kent, Christina L. Boyd, and Christopher J. Walker. 2018. “Administrative Law’s Political Dynamics.” *Vanderbilt Law Review* 71: 1463–526.

“Justifying Delay: Why Agencies Delay Compliance Dates and How They Do It.” *Journal of Regulatory Compliance* 4: 1–33 (2019).

- Invited contribution to the 2018 *Journal of Regulatory Compliance* Symposium.

“The Winter of Discontent: A Circumscribed *Chevron*.” *Mitchell Hamline Law Review* 45: 393–423 (2019).

- Invited contribution to special issue on the separation of powers.

“*Chevron*’s Inevitability.” *George Washington Law Review* 85: 1392–1461 (2017) (with Kristin E. Hickman).

- Reviewed in Vermeule, Adrian. 2017. “*Chevron* as a Legal Framework.” *Jotwell*.

“The Clear-Statement *Chevron* Canon.” *DePaul Law Review* 66: 819–872 (2017).

“Deferring to the Rule of Law: A Comparative Look at United States Deference Doctrines.” *University of Memphis Law Review* 47: 1047–1083 (2017) (with Barbara Marchevsky).

- Invited contribution to the 2017 *University of Memphis Law Review* Symposium.

“Asylum’s Interpretative Impasse: Interpreting ‘Persecution’ and ‘Particular Social Group’ Using International Human Rights Law.” *Minnesota Journal of International Law* 26: 145–187 (2017) (with Margaret Penland).

“Social Group Semantics: The Evidentiary Requirements of ‘Particularity’ and ‘Social Distinction’ in Pro Se Asylum Adjudications.” *Minnesota Law Review* 100: 355-403 (2015).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Chevron Critics and Clarity.” *The Public Lawyer* 27(1): 2-10 (2019).

- Invited article.

“Coping with *Chevron*: Justice Gorsuch’s Majority and Justice Breyer’s Dissent in *SAS Institute*.” *Yale Journal on Regulation: Notice & Comment* (2018).

“DACA on the Docket.” *Minnesota Law Review De Novo* (2017).

“Defying *Auer* Deference: *Skidmore* as a Solution to Conservative Concerns in *Perez v. Mortgage Bankers Association*.” *Minnesota Law Review De Novo* (2015).

HONORS & AWARDS

Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service – \$1,000 University of Minnesota Law School (Faculty Selected)	May 2016
Student Service Award Minnesota Justice Foundation	May 2016
Order of the Coif University of Minnesota Law School	May 2016
Book Award: Great Cases University of Minnesota Law School (Professor Robert Stein)	Dec. 2016
Volume 35/36 Note and Comment Award – \$1,000 Minnesota Law Review	Mar. 2015
Book Award: Constitutional Law University of Minnesota Law School (Professor Fred Morrison)	Dec. 2013

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Graduate School Travel Grant – \$500 Vanderbilt University	Dec. 2019
Human Rights Center Fellowship – \$5,000 University of Minnesota Human Rights Center	May 2014

PRESENTATIONS

“Does Insulation Matter?: Agency Rulemaking During Presidential Transitions.” 2020 Southern Political Science Association Meeting (Jan. 2020).

“Justifying Delay.” Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Feb. 2018).

RESEARCH & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Professor Brad Smith, Vanderbilt University Research Assistant – Formal Theory	November 2019 – Present Nashville, TN
Professor Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University Research Assistant – Judicial Review of Executive Action	May 2019 – Present Nashville, TN
Professor David Lewis, Vanderbilt University Research Assistant – Bureaucracy	Aug. 2018 – Present Nashville, TN
Professor Stephen Meili, University of Minnesota Law School Research Assistant – Immigration Law; Human Rights	Aug. 2015 – May 2016 Minneapolis, MN
Professor Robert Stein, University of Minnesota Law School Research Assistant – Rule of Law; Supreme Court History	Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2016 Minneapolis, MN
Professor Kristin Hickman, University of Minnesota Law School Research Assistant – Administrative Law; Bureaucracy	Aug. 2014 – May 2016 Minneapolis, MN
Minnesota Law Review Lead Articles Editor (Vol. 100); Staff Member (Vol. 99)	Aug. 2014 – May 2016 Minneapolis, MN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Game Theory Grader (Alan Wiseman)	Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019 Nashville, TN
Administrative Law Teaching Assistant (Kristin Hickman)	May 2016 – July 2016 Online

LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Judge John R. Tunheim, U.S. District Court Judicial Law Clerk	Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018 Minneapolis, MN
Judge Tracy M. Smith, Minnesota Court of Appeals Judicial Law Clerk	Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2017 St. Paul, MN
Myers Thompson P.A. Summer Associate	May 2015 – Aug. 2015 Minneapolis, MN
Immigration & Human Rights Clinic Certified Student Attorney	Sept. 2014 – May 2015 Minneapolis, MN
Advocates for Human Rights Refugee and Immigrant Program Law Clerk	June 2014 – Aug. 2014 Minneapolis, MN
Nicholas Bednar Social Media & Marketing Owner	June 2012 – Aug. 2016 Minneapolis, MN

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association Member	Since 2015
Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Member	
Young Lawyers Division Member	
American Political Science Association Member	Since 2017
Midwest Political Science Association Member	Since 2018
Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society Member	Since 2016
Publications Committee Member	
Minnesota Bar Association Member	Since 2016
Southern Political Science Association Member	Since 2018

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota	Since 2018
State of Minnesota	Since 2016