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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.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Chevron’s Inevitability.” *George Washington Law Review* 85: 1392-1461 (2017) (with Kristin E. Hickman)
- “The Clear-Statement Chevron Canon.” *DePaul Law Review* 66: 819-872 (2017).
- “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).

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

- “Chevron Critics and Clarity.” *The Public Lawyer* 27(1): 2-10 (2019).
- “What to Do About Chevron—Nothing.” *Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc* 72: 151-176 (2019).
- “Justifying Delay: Why Agencies Delay Compliance Dates and How They Do It.” *Journal of Regulatory Compliance* 4: 1-33 (2019).
- “The Winter of Discontent: A Circumscribed Chevron.” *Mitchell Hamline Law Review* 45: 393-423 (2019).
- “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).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “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).

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS

- The Politics of Bureaucratic Capacity* (Dissertation Project).
- “Bureaucratic Capacity in the Administrative Presidency.”
- “Presidential Investments in the Administrative State” (with David E. Lewis).
- “Presidential Regulatory Priorities” (with Sharece Thrower and Chris Piper).
- “Policy Implementation and the Judiciary” (with Sharece Thrower and Paul Gardner).

GRANTS

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| J. Leiper Freeman Memorial Award
Vanderbilt University | June 2020 |
| Graduate School Travel Grant
Vanderbilt University | Dec. 2019 |
| Human Rights Center Fellowship
University of Minnesota Human Rights Center | May 2014 |

PRESENTATIONS

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| “Bureaucratic Resilience and Capacity”
Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.
Vanderbilt University. | Apr. 2021 |
| “ <i>Chevron</i> and the Department of Justice.”
2021 Annual <i>Duke Law Review</i> Symposium.
Duke Law School. | Feb. 2021 |
| “Does Insulation Matter?: Agency Rulemaking During Presidential Transitions.”
2020 Southern Political Science Association Meeting.
San Juan, Puerto Rico | Jan. 2020 |
| “Justifying Delay.”
2018 <i>Journal of Regulatory Compliance</i> Symposium.
Loyola University Chicago School of Law. | Feb. 2018 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Statistics II Lab Instructor/Teaching Assistant (Brenton Kenkel)	Jan. 2021 – May 2021
Statistics I Lab Instructor/Teaching Assistant (Jennifer Larson)	Aug. 2020 – Dec. 2019 Nashville, TN
Vanderbilt Math Camp Instructor	Aug. 2020 Nashville, TN
Game Theory Grader (Alan Wiseman)	Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019 Nashville, TN
Administrative Law Teaching Assistant (Kristin Hickman)	May 2016 – July 2016 Online

HONORS & AWARDS

Lockhart Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service 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

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Editor:

Minnesota Law Review: Lead Articles Editor (Vol. 100); Staff Member (Vol. 99).

Reviewer:

Presidential Studies Quarterly.

Research Assistant:

Neal Devins and Allison Larsen (Empirical Legal Studies); Kristin Hickman (Administrative Law, Bureaucracy); David Lewis (Bureaucracy); Stephen Meili (Immigration Law, Human Rights); Robert Stein (Rule of Law, Supreme Court History); Brad Smith (Formal Theory); Sharece Thrower (Judicial Review of Executive Action).

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Georgetown University – Department of Government Affiliate Researcher 2020 Survey on the Future of Government Service	Since 2021
Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions Affiliate Researcher	Since 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

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

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

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