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Professional Employment

Associate Professor, University of Vermont (August 2011 – June 2014; July 2015 – present)
Interim Associate Dean, Honors College, University of Vermont (June 2014-June 2015)
Assistant Professor, University of Vermont (August 2006 – 2011)
Visiting Assistant Professor, Union College (August 2004 – August 2006)
Instructor, University of Massachusetts Amherst (January 2002 – August 2004)
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst (August 2000 – June 2001)
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (August 1999 – June 2000)

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, February 2005. Fields of study: American Politics and Public Law; Comparative Politics.

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, August 2000. Concentrations in Political Theory and American Politics.

B.A., International Relations and Political Science, Tufts University, May 1992.

Publications

Book – Peer Reviewed

The Way We Vote: The Local Dimension of American Suffrage. Vanderbilt University Press, 2009. Pp. vii – 231.

Edited book – Peer Reviewed

Criminal Disenfranchisement in an International Perspective (co-edited, with Brandon Rottinghaus). Cambridge University Press, 2009. Pp. iv – 302.

“Introduction” (co-author, with Brandon Rottinghaus), in *Criminal Disenfranchisement in an International Perspective*.

Articles – Peer Reviewed

“Credentialing Decisions and Criminal Records: A Narrative Approach.” Co-author, with Megan Denver. 56(4) *Criminology* (Nov. 2018), 715-749.

“Rights Restoration and the Entanglement of Criminal and Civil Law: New York’s ‘Certificates of Relief.’” 41(1) *Law & Social Inquiry* (2016), p. 5-36.

“Collateral Consequences in the American States.” 93(1) *Social Science Quarterly* 211-247 (March, 2012).

“Criminal Disenfranchisement and the Challenge of American Federalism.” 39(3) *Publius*, 527-556 (2009).

“Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions in American Courts: the View from The State Bench” (co-author, with Marnie Smith). 29(2) *Justice System Journal* 145 (2008), pp. 145-165.

Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

“Collateral Sanctions.” In the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Oxford University Press (2017). Pp. 1-44.
doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.224.

“Collateral Consequences and the Perils of Categorical Ambiguity.” In *Law as Punishment / Law as Regulation*, Austin Sarat, Lawrence Douglas, and Martha Merrill Umphrey, eds. Stanford University Press, 2011. Pp. 77-123.

Articles – Not Peer Reviewed

“Barbers, Caregivers, and the ‘Disciplinary Subject’: Occupational Licensure for People with Criminal Justice Backgrounds in the United States.” 46 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 719 (2019), 719-844.

“Escape from the ‘Devonian Amber’: A Reply to Voting and Vice.” 122 *Yale Law Journal Online* 319 (2013), 319-339. <http://yalelawjournal.org/2013/03/25/ewald.html>.

“Voting Politics in the American States.” *New England Journal of Political Science*, Vol. VI (2), Nov. 2012. Pp. 188-197.

“Legal Note: “Deportation, Effective Counsel, and Collateral Sanctions: *Padilla v. Kentucky* (2010).” *Justice System Journal* 30 (2), Fall 2011. Pp. 235-242.

“An ‘Agenda for Demolition’: The Fallacy and the Danger of the ‘Subversive Voting’ Argument for Felony Disenfranchisement.” *36 Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 109, p. 109-143 (2004).

“‘Civil Death’: The Ideological Paradox of Criminal Disenfranchisement Law in the United States,” *2002 Wisconsin Law Review* 1045, p. 1045-1137 (2002).

“Getting Ready for Garza? Judge Emilio M. Garza, Civil Liberties, and the Politics of Judicial Selection.” *Law and Courts*, Spring 2002, p. 11-21.

Book Chapters – not peer reviewed

“The Collateral Effects of Imprisonment on Prisoners, Their Families, and Communities.” Co-author, with Christopher Uggen. In *The Oxford Handbook of Sentencing and Corrections*, Joan Petersilia and Kevin Reitz, eds. Oxford University Press, 2012, p. 83-103.

“Mundos Aparte: las leyes sobre privación del sufragio en las Cortas Supremas,” in *Temas Electorales: Un diálogo judicial entre América y Europa*, Luis Efrén Ríos Vega, ed. (2011), p. 649-668. [“Worlds Apart: Disenfranchisement law in High Courts,” in *Electoral Topics: A judicial dialogue between America and Europe.*]

“The Disenfranchisement of Felons,” in *Voting in America*, vol. I, Morgan E. Felchner, ed. (2008), pp. 63-72.

Reports – not peer reviewed

“A Crazy-Quilt of Tiny Pieces: State and Local Administration of American Criminal Disenfranchisement Law.” Pp. 1-40. Washington, D.C.: The Sentencing Project, 2005.

“Punishing at the Polls: The Case Against Disenfranchising Citizens with Felony Convictions.” Pp. 1-62. New York: Demos, 2003.

Book Reviews

Review, *Rethinking the Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction*, by Pamela Brandwein. *Law & Politics Book Review*, Vol. 22(9), Sept. 2012, p. 1-5.

Review, *The Constitution and 9/11: Recurring Threats to America’s Freedoms* by Louis Fisher. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(1) (2011), pp. 200-203.

Review, *The Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons* by Elizabeth A. Hull. *32(4) Public Administration Quarterly* 597 (2008), pp. 597-601.

Review, *Conned: How Millions Went to Prison, Lost the Vote, and Helped Send George W. Bush to the White House* by Sasha Abramsky; and *The Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons* by Elizabeth A. Hull. 122 *Political Science Quarterly* 319 (2007), p. 319-321.

Review, *A Government by the People: Direct Democracy in America, 1890-1940*, by Thomas Goebel (2002), 9 *Left History* 107, p. 107-112 (Winter 2003).

Expert Testimony

Testimony, House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, Vermont General Assembly. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016. Relating to H.261, "An act relating to criminal record inquiries by an employer" ["Ban the Box" bill].

Presenter, Annual Meetings of the National Association of Sentencing Commissions Annual Meetings, August 3-5, 2014. Panel: "Addressing the Collateral Consequences of Convictions." Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut.

Testimony, Judiciary Committee, Vermont House of Representatives, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014. Considering H.413, "Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act."

Expert Report, *Farrakhan, et al. v. Washington*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington, Oct. 26, 2005.

Expert Witness, Maryland Senate Committee on Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs, February 4, 2004. Consideration of SB 105.

Encyclopedia entries and commentary – Not peer reviewed

"Criminal Disenfranchisement," "*Hunter v. Underwood*," and "*Richardson v. Ramirez*," M.E. Sharpe's *Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America*, David Schultz and John R. Vile, eds. (2004).

"The Case for Allowing Felons to Vote." Op-ed essay, *The Hampshire Gazette*, (Northampton, MA), Nov. 3, 2000, and "The Criminal Vote," *The Recorder* (Greenfield, MA), Nov. 3, 2000.

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

Faculty Research Support Award, University of Vermont, 2019-21. Travel support for interview-based research project examining ideas about collateral consequences among people with criminal convictions.

Department of Political Science, University of Vermont. Research support award, 2016.

Faculty Research Support Award, University of Vermont, 2012-2013. Travel support for research project examining rights-restoring certificates, available to people with conviction records in some U.S. jurisdictions.

Faculty Resource Network Summer Scholar, June 2012. Scholar in residence at New York University, studying collateral consequences of criminal convictions in New York City.

Dean's Research Discretionary Funds Award, June 2012. For expenses incurred conducting research in New York City, June 2012.

Instructional Incentive Grant, design of new course titled "Race and American Political Development," University of Vermont, spring and summer 2009.

Kroepsch-Maurice Distinguished Teaching Award, Assistant Professor rank, University of Vermont, 2008.

Stipend for New Research on Felony Disenfranchisement, 2004. Won grant from The Sentencing Project for research on role of state and local officials in implementing disenfranchisement law.

University Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, 2001-2002. Won funding for half-year release from teaching duties in university-wide competition; completed research and writing of "'Civil Death': The Ideological Paradox of Criminal Disenfranchisement Law in the United States," 2002 *Wisconsin Law Review* 1045.

CQ Press Award, Best Paper by a Graduate Student, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2000. Awarded for "Getting Ready for Garza?"

Selected Presentations

"Licensing Barbers: Street-Level Bureaucrats and Discretionary Citizenship in the Expanded American Carceral State." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Law & Society Association, New Orleans, June 2016.

"Rights Restoration and Local Legal Culture: New York's 'Certificates of Relief.'" Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Jan. 10, 2014.

"Collateral Consequences as Complex Systems." Pp. 1-46. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Law & Society Association, Boston, May 30-June 2, 2013.

“Certificates of Relief and Collateral Sanctions in New York.” Pp. 1-34. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, Maine, May 3-4, 2013.

“Worlds Apart: Disenfranchisement Law in High Courts,” presented at the Second International Seminar of the Electoral Court of Mexico. Mexico City, November 17-19, 2009. Pp. 1-20.

“Explaining Variation in American State Collateral Consequences Laws.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2-6, 2009 (poster session). Pp. 1-52.

Invited Talks, Consulting, and Relevant Professional Experience

Invited panelist, plenary-session panel, “Felon Disenfranchisement: Past and Present.” Annual Meetings of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky, Nov. 7, 2019.

Invited panelist, “New Research” panel, NCSL Occupational Licensure Learning Multi-State Consortium meetings, Park City, Utah, September 12, 2019, discussing occupational licensure for people with criminal records.

Invited Guest, “Vermont Edition,” Vermont Public Radio’s mid-day news magazine, May 7, 2019, on “Felon Voting Rights in the National Spotlight.”

Invited panelist, “2019 Missouri Symposium on Felon Disenfranchisement,” co-hosted by the *Missouri Law Review* and the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy. University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, Missouri, April 12, 2019.

Invited talk, “The Way We Vote,” Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers’ Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 24, 2012.

Invited panelist, “Voting and Vice: Criminal Disenfranchisement and the Reconstruction Amendments,” Yale Law School, Nov. 4, 2011.

Invited talk, “The Way We Vote,” New England Association of City and Town Clerks Annual Conference, General Session. Nov. 17, 2010, Salem, Massachusetts.

Co-facilitator (with Professor Martha Minow), workshop, “What does a safe and welcoming classroom really mean?” *Blackboard Jungle* Symposium, University of Vermont, March 27, 2009.

Invited Guest, “Vermont Edition,” Vermont Public Radio’s mid-day news magazine, Nov. 4, 2008 (to discuss election administration and voting practices).

Invited Panelist, “Jena 6 – What is it Telling Us?,” Social Justice and Equity Day, University of Vermont, Jan. 23rd, 2008.

Invited Panelist, “Breaking Barriers to the Ballot: Human Rights and Felon Enfranchisement,” the American Civil Liberties Union, Miami, April 17-18, 2007.

Consultant, American Civil Liberties Union research report, “Out of Step With the World: An Analysis of Felony Disfranchisement in the U.S. and Other Democracies,” published May 2006.

Invited Talk, “Inside and Outside: The Debate Over the Voting Rights of Prisoners.” Given in the Bard College lecture series “The Constitutional Ideal,” February 7, 2006.

Reader, *Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy*. Retained by author Jeff Manza, Northwestern University, to comment on draft of his book, co-authored with Chris Uggen, University of Minnesota. Spring 2005.

Invited talk, “Constitutions, Courts, and Comparative Disenfranchisement Law,” given at panel evaluating international law and *Richardson v. Ramirez*, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, Nov. 19, 2004.

Featured Guest, “Roc’ing D Vote” Radio Show, WOLB AM, Baltimore. August 20, 2004.

Selected Professional Service

Ad hoc article reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, Summer 2020.

Ad hoc article reviewer, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, May 2020.

Ad hoc article reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly*, January 2020.

At-large member, Executive Council, New England Political Science Association, 2019-2021.

Ad hoc book manuscript reader, University of California Press, Fall 2019.

Ad hoc book manuscript reader, Temple University Press, Fall 2018.

Ad hoc article reviewer, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, Fall 2018.

Manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press, spring 2017.

Manuscript reviewer, W.W. Norton, spring 2017.

Ad hoc proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation Law & Social Sciences Program, fall 2016.

Manuscript reviewer, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, fall 2015.

Manuscript reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, spring 2014.

Teaching & Mentoring Award committee, Law & Courts section, American Political Science Association, Spring 2013.

Manuscript reviewer, *Law & Social Inquiry*, March 2013.

Manuscript reviewer, Lynne Rienner Press, Summer 2012.

Manuscript reviewer, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.

Manuscript reviewer, *Election Law Journal*.

Manuscript reviewer, *Law & Social Inquiry*.

Manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2012.

Article reviewer, *Yale Law Journal*, September 2011.

Article reviewer, *Law & Social Inquiry*, August 2011.

Manuscript reviewer, Yale University Press, February 2011.

Article reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, Fall 2010.

Article reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly*, Summer 2010.

Article reviewer, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, Spring 2010.

Article reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, Summer 2009.