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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Aug. 2019

M.A. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Dec. 2015

B.A. Departments of Philosophy (honors) and Legal Studies, Scripps College
Phi Beta Kappa (Junior year inductee), Summa Cum Laude
Outstanding Recent Alumna Award, May 2026

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021-2027 Filip Family Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame

2025-2026 Faculty Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame

2022-2028 Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2020- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

2019-2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Clemson University

BOOK

Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: A Comparative Inquiry (Cambridge, Feb. 2025)

Paperback - Jan. 2026 | Open Access - 2026

- Chosen for the series Cambridge Studies in Constitutional Law
- Selective prize nominations: International Society of Public Law's 2026 Book Prize; International Forum on the Future of Constitutionalism's 2025 Book of the Year Prize.
- Author-Meets-Critics panels: APSA – Philadelphia, Sept. 2024
IPSA (RC09) – Austin, Oct. 2024
ICON-S – Dublin, June 2026
- Reviews forthcoming: *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Constitutional Studies*, *Comparative Constitutional Studies*, *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*
- Book Notes: *Law and Social Inquiry* 50(3); *Political Science Today* 5(3), May 2025.
- Featured in:
Notre Dame News: <https://news.nd.edu/news/political-scientist-explores-extending-constitutional-duties-to-private-actors/>

- Jack Miller Center: <https://www.jackmillercenter.org/interview/an-interview-with-christina-bambrick>

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Taking Ends Seriously: Toward Better Deliberation on Rights (with Alejandro Castrillon). *Perspectives on Politics*. Feb. 2026. (Journal's 5-year impact factor: 5.1)

- Winner of the 2025 Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association

Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens' Rights and Duties (with Maureen Stobb). *Journal of Law and Courts*. Vol. 13, No. 1. 2025. 72–96. (Flagship journal for Law and Courts field)

- Winner of the 2024 Best Conference Paper Award for APSA's Law and Courts Section

The Promise of Virtue, Old and New: On Building Bridges in Contemporary Politics. *Political Science Reviewer*. Vol. 47, No. 2. 2023. 257-290.

Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism. *Polity*. Vol. 52, No. 3. 2020. 401-429.

Varieties of Flattery: Intersections in the Moralistic and Strategic Accounts. Symposium on *Flattery and the History of Political Thought* by Daniel Kapust. *Political Science Reviewer*. Vol. 44, No. 1. 2020. 223-228.

'Neither Precisely National Nor Precisely Federal': Governmental and Administrative Authority in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 48, Issue 4. Fall 2018. 586–606.

Refereed Book Chapters

Pluralism and Civic Education: Lessons from Tocqueville, in *American Federalism and Civic Education: Schools of Democracy*. Ed. Andrew Bibby and Robert Burton (Routledge, forthcoming 2026).

The Past, Present, and Future of Constitutional Identity, in *Deciphering the Genome of Constitutionalism: The Foundations and Future of Constitutional Identity* (with Connor Ewing). Ed. Ran Hirschl and Yaniv Roznai (Cambridge UP, March 2024).

In Preparation

Book Manuscript: *Clashing Authorities: Navigating State, International, and Customary Law in Constitutions* (with Emilia Justyna Powell)

Clashing Authorities: Navigating State, International, and Customary Law in Constitutions (with Emilia Justyna Powell)

The Past is Prologue: Reassessing the Role of the Past for Constitutional Change (with Felix Petersen)

Non-refereed Articles

Do courts best serve democracy by adhering to originalism or by applying contemporary values? *Oxford Explains: U.S. Judicial Politics*. Ed. Christina Boyd and Lee Epstein (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Whose Rights? Whose Duties? Private Actors in the Constitutional Order. *Fifteen Eighty Four*. March 5, 2025. <https://cambridgeblog.org/2025/03/whose-rights-whose-duties-private-actors-in-the-constitutional-order/>.

Is the First Amendment Under Attack? *The Constitutionalist*. January 25, 2021. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/25/is-the-first-amendment-under-attack-by-christina-bambrick/>.

Beyond the Ballot: Lessons from Tocqueville on Civic Education. *Political Science Now*. APSA's RAISE the Vote Campaign. December 19, 2019. <https://politicalsciencenow.com/beyond-the-ballot-lessons-from-tocqueville-on-civic-education>.

Interview with APSA for 2018 Campus Teaching Award. *Political Science Now*. January 10, 2019. <https://politicalsciencenow.com/2017-2018-campus-teaching-award-winner-christina-bambrick>.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2026 Conference Travel Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (to attend ICON-Society, Dublin)
- 2025 Expanding Research Access Grant, Franco Family Institute for Liberal Arts and the Public Good, University of Notre Dame (\$10,000 to publish book in open access format)
- 2025 Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame
- 2025 Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar, Midwest Political Science Association, for "Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward (Better) Deliberation on New Media" (with Alejandro Castrillon)
- 2024 Best Conference Paper Award, APSA's Law and Courts Section, for "Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens' Rights and Duties" (with Maureen Stobb)
- 2024 Conference Travel Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (to attend ICON-Society, Madrid)
- 2024 Small Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 Second Nomination for Edward S. Corwin Dissertation Award, APSA's Law and Courts Section, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2020 Research Grant for book manuscript, Potenziani Program of Constitutional Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 Book Manuscript Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies (July 30-31, 2021)

- 2020 Sabbatical Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$50,000)
- 2019 Nomination for Edward S. Corwin Dissertation Award, APSA's Law and Courts Section, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2019 Faculty Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2018 Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award, Liberal Arts Council, University of Texas

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2026 "Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: Rethinking Constitutional Rights and Duties," The South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (a Centre of the University of Johannesburg) in collaboration with The Global Law at Reading Research Group of the University of Reading, May 28.
- 2026 "Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: Rethinking Constitutional Rights and Duties," Durham University, May 26.
- 2025 "Virtue and Duty in Constitutional Politics," Constitution Day Lecture, Cleveland State University, Sept. 18.
- 2024 "Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens' Rights and Duties," Early Career Legal Scholars, Zoom Seminar, Dec. 10.
- 2024 "Virtues and Duties for Liberals(?)" Department of Political Science – Liberal Democratic Endowed Seminar Series, University of Toronto, Nov. 15.
- 2024 "Who's Responsible for Constitutional Rights?" Department of Economics – Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Seminar, San Jose State University, Nov. 8.
- 2024 "Liberalism for Today?: Virtue and Duties in Liberal Thought and Politics," Civitas Institute, University of Texas at Austin, Oct. 23.
- 2024 "Who's Responsible for Constitutional Rights?" Constitution Day Lecture, Political Science Department, Xavier University, Sept. 16-17.
- 2023 "Who's Responsible for Constitutional Rights?" Department of Politics, Occidental College, Nov. 20.
- 2023 "Pluralism and Civic Education: Lessons from Tocqueville," Schools of Democracy: American Federalism and Civic Education Workshop, Utah Valley University, Nov. 3.
- 2023 "Big Tech and Constitutionalism," Constitution Day Panel, Rochester Institute for Technology, Sept. 21.
- 2021 "Politics From Rights: When the People Interpret the Constitution," Constitution Day Lecture, Purdue University Northwest, Sept. 16.
- 2021 "The Politics of Public and Private: Equality in the United States and India," Penn State Law Working Paper Series, July 15.
- 2021 Research Productivity Seminar for graduate students (virtual), Institute for Humane Studies, Feb. 24.

- 2020 “Who’s Responsible for Constitutional Rights? Tradeoffs and Politics in Constitution-Making,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Nov. 13.
- 2019 “Uniformity in Constitutionalism: Horizontal Effect in Germany and South Africa,” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, University of Göttingen, Dec. 5.

SELECTED CONFERENCES

- 2026 Author, Book Roundtable, “Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: Reassessing the Public-Private Divide,” International Society of Public Law, Dublin, Jun. 28-July 1.
- 2026 Invited panelist, Book Roundtable on *Democracy and the Rule of Law in Indonesia*, by Stefanus Hendrianto, SJ, International Society of Public Law, Dublin, Jun. 28-July 1.
- 2026 Invited panelist, Book Roundtable on *The Constitution of Conflict*, by Thomas Bell, American Political Science Association, Boston, Sept. 3-6.
- 2026 “Clashing Authorities: Navigating State, International, and Customary Law in Constitutions,” American Political Science Association, Boston, Sept. 3-6.
- 2026 Invited panelist, Roundtable on “The State of American Political Thought in 2026,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 23-26.
- 2026 “Clashing Authorities: Navigating State, International, and Customary Law in Constitutions,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 23-26.
- 2025 “Competing Powers in Constitutions: State, International, and Customary Law,” Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 25-27.
- 2024 Author, Author-Meets-Critics Book Roundtable, “Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: Reassessing the Public-Private Divide,” International Political Science Association: Comparative Judicial Studies, Austin, Oct. 24-26.
- 2024 Author, Author-Meets-Critics Book Roundtable, “Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: Reassessing the Public-Private Divide,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Sept. 5-8.
- 2024 “The Past is Prologue: Sticky Constitutionalism and the Case of Germany,” with Felix Petersen, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Sept. 5-8.
- 2024 Invited Panelist, Book Roundtable on *Deciphering the Genome of Constitutional Identity*, International Society of Public Law, Madrid, Jul.8-10.
- 2024 “The Past is Prologue: Sticky Constitutionalism and the Case of Germany,” with Felix Petersen, International Society of Public Law, Madrid, Jul.8-10.
- 2024 “Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward Integrated Deliberation on New Media,” with Alejandro Castrillon, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 4-7.
- 2023 “Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward Integrated Deliberation on New Media,” with Alejandro Castrillon, American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.
- 2023 “Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens’ Rights and Duties,” with Maureen Stobb, American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

- 2023 “Responsible Government and Private Actors in Digital Contexts,” with Alejandro Castrillon, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 13-16.
- 2023 “Virtue for Liberals?: Liberalism in Question and the Recourse to Character,” Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL, Jan. 11-14
- 2023 Invited Panelist, Book Roundtable: *The Classical, Christian, and Contested Origins of the American Founding*, by Kody Cooper and Justin Dyer, Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL, Jan. 11-14
- 2021 “Considering the Possibility (and Desirability) of Liberal Virtues,” American Political Science Association, Seattle (and virtual), Sept. 30-Oct. 3.
- 2021 “Rights in the Private Sphere: Explaining Horizontality in Constitutional Design,” co-authored with Maureen Stobb, Southern Political Science Association (virtual), Jan. 6-9.
- 2019 “Republican Limits in Transnational Context: Horizontal Effect in the European Union,” SAFI (Societas Aperta Feminarum in Iuris Theoria), Freie Universität Berlin, Dec. 6.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, Law and Courts Lifetime Achievement Panel in Honor of Gary Jacobsohn, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 “Uniformity in Constitutionalism: Horizontal Effect in Germany and South Africa,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *Flattery and the History of Political Thought* by Dan Kapust, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, Roundtable on Expectations vs. Experiences on the Job Market, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 “The Politics of Public and Private: Equality in the United States and India,” American Political Thought Conference, Claremont, CA, June 1.
- 2019 “Considering the Possibility (and Desirability) of Liberal Virtues,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Shawnee Trail Conference, Columbia, MO, March 7-8.
- 2018 “Republican Limits in Transnational Context: Horizontal Effect in the European Union,” American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop on Migration and Citizenship, Boston, August 29-September 2.
- 2018 “Bringing Equality to Civil Society: The Politics of Public and Private in the United States and India,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5-8.
- 2017 “Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism,” New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 20-23.
- 2017 “Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Shawnee Trail Conference, Austin, TX, April 13.
- 2016 “Tocqueville the Nationalist: Reassessing Federalism in *Democracy in America*,” Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 24-27.

CAMPUS TALKS AND PANELS

- 2026 “The Book that Changed My Life” Lecture, DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, Feb. 12.
- 2025 Book Launch for *Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere*, with panelists Leslie Goldstein, Ran Hirschl, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. Sponsored by the Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, Aug. 27.
News release: <https://constudies.nd.edu/news/panel-of-comparative-political-scientists-discusses-faculty-members-new-book-constitutionalizing-the-private-sphere/>
- 2024 Faculty Panelist, Online Networking for Graduate Students, Political Science Graduate Organization, Notre Dame Department of Political Science, Oct. 17
- 2023 “Responsible Government and Private Actors: Weighing Rights and Duties in Digital Contexts,” with Alejandro Castrillon, Works in Progress Seminar, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Apr. 20.
- 2020 Faculty Panelist, “The Battle for Barrett: The Supreme Court Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett and the Confirmation Battle Before Us,” Constitutional Studies Program, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 6.
- 2019 Faculty Panelist, “Impeachment 101,” Humanities Hub, Clemson University, Nov. 14.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2022 The 5-Minute Fix, What happened to copycat concerns over Texas’s strict abortion law?, *Washington Post*, June 3.
- 2021 The Debate Podcast, Is the US Constitution fit for the 21st Century?, *Newsweek*, Dec. 21, <https://www.newsweek.com/we-should-open-learning-other-constitutions-opinion-1661901>.
- 2021 Television Interview, What would happen after impeachment for President Trump, WSBT 22, Jan. 14, <https://wsbt.com/news/nation-world/what-would-happen-after-impeachment-for-president-trump>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame Department of Political Science

Comparative Constitutional Theory, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2024, Spring 2027)
 American Political and Constitutional Thought (Fall 2023, Spring 2026)
 Constitutional Law: Institutions (Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2026)
 Comparative Constitutionalism (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2026)
 Rights: Theory, Practice, Debates (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Fall 2026)

Clemson University Department of Political Science

Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (Spring 2020)
 Rights: Theory, Practice, Debates (Fall 2019)

Constitutional Law: Structures of Power (Fall 2019)

University of Texas Department of Government

Constitutional Principles: Core Texts (Fall 2017)

Politics and Government in Contemporary Texas (Summer 2017)

Introduction to Rights (Spring 2017)

Doctoral Dissertations

John Petrakis, “Comparing Euthanasia Regimes: Empirical and Normative Analysis,” Committee Member (Ph.D. 2024, tenure-track at Hillsdale College)

Makella Brems, “Liberty and Life: A Republican Approach to Global Warming,” Committee Member (Ph.D. expected 2026)

Felipe Lyon Errazuriz, “Defamation Liability as a Fundamental Duty: A look into the nature and limits of freedom of speech in Germany and the United States” (J.S.D. expected 2027)

Gabrielle Grow, Progress and the Agrarian Ideal in American Political Thought (Ph.D. expected 2028)

Undergraduate Theses

Clare Hillen, “Russia’s Foreign Agent Law: Differences and Continuities in Restrictions on Expression in the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation” (2022)

Madeline Kosobucki, “Reading Between the Lines: Justice Roberts’ Silent Overruling of *Grutter v. Bollinger* in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*” (2024)

Steven Wu, “Two Tales of Rights: Evolution of Religious Freedom in Canadian Jurisprudence” (2025)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-2023 Interviews for book manuscript. Members and advisors of the Constitutional Assembly, former Constitutional Court justices and clerks, legal scholars of South Africa. Conducted virtually over Zoom and in person.

2019 Interviews for book manuscript. Former Constitutional Court justices and clerks, legal scholars of Germany. Berlin and Göttingen, Germany, December.

2015-2016 Research Assistant for Gary Jacobsohn, University of Texas at Austin

2010 Extern, California Court of Appeal (4th District, Division 2)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Law and Courts, Global Constitutionalism, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Review of Politics

To Department

Department Self-Study Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame
2026-2027

Mission and Diversity Committee / Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship,
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2026

Committee on Undergraduate Policy, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2024-2025

Catholic Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2024

Graduate Student Advisor, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2020-2025

Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, Department of Political Science,
University of Notre Dame, 2023-2024

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame,
2022-2023

Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, Department of Political Science,
University of Notre Dame, 2021-2022

Committee for “New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop,” Department of
Political Science, College of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2022

Organizer, Speaker Series on the American Presidency, Department of Political Science, Clemson
University, Spring 2020

To University

Election Committee, Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon of Indiana, University of Notre Dame, 2023, 2024

Mentor, Building Bridges Program, Multicultural Students Programs and Services, University of
Notre Dame, 2022-2026.

Selection Team, International Scholars Program, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2023

Selection Team, Visiting Fellows Program, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2022, 2024

Mentor, Enhanced Advising Initiative, College of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2022

Democratizing America Working Group (Provost’s Moment to See, Courage to Act), University
of Notre Dame, 2021

Course Designer and Instructor, Constitutional Education (civics course to fulfill South
Carolina legislative requirements), Clemson University, 2019-2020

To Profession

Division Chair for American Political Thought Section, 2026 American Political Science Association
Annual Meeting, 2025-2026.

Chair of Selection Committee, 2026 Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2025-2026.

Section Head for Judicial Politics, 2026 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025-2026

Selection Committee, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA's Law and Courts Section, 2025.

Academic Council, Center for Civics, Culture, and Society, Cleveland State University, 2024-2026

Panel Chair, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Sept. 5-8, 2024.

Discussant and Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 4-7, 2024

Faculty Mentor, IHS Junior Fellows Research Program, Raleigh, NC, May 16-19 and Aug. 15-18, 2024.

Board Member, American Political Thought Section, American Political Science Association, 2021-2023

Discussant, American Political Science Association, Sept. 15-18, 2022

External Review Committee, Salvatori Center of Claremont McKenna College, May 2022

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 7-10, 2022

Discussant, Junior Law and Politics Research Community (virtual), March 2022

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association (virtual), Apr. 14-18, 2021

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program, American Political Science Association, 2021-2022

Editorial Assistant, The International Spectator, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome, Italy), 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 Sorin Seminar for Faculty, Notre Dame Office of Mission Engagement

2021 Senior Fellows Program, Institute for Humane Studies

2021 Law and Courts Women's Writing Group

2019 6th Annual Global Service Learning Summit, Clemson University (selected by the Dean as the faculty representative for the College of Behavioral, Social, and Health Sciences)

2018 Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Philadelphia

2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

American Constitutional Law (Powers and Rights)

Comparative Constitutionalism

Constitutional Theory

Rights: Theory, Practice, and Debates

Judicial Politics

History of Political Thought

LANGUAGES

Italian (conversational reading, writing, speaking)

AFFILIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa

American Political Science Association

Women's Caucus for Political Science

APSA Latino Caucus

Midwest Political Science Association