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Academic Appointments

Vanderbilt University

Cornelius Vanderbilt Dean's Faculty Fellow (2018 – present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2016 – present)

The University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2013 – 2016)

Education

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Ph.D., Politics, July 2013

- Dissertation: *Presidential Power and Judicial Constraint*
- Committee: Brandice Canes-Wrone, Nolan McCarty, Charles Cameron

M.A., Politics, January 2011

- American politics, formal & quantitative methods, and comparative politics

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

B.A., Political Science and Economics, June 2008 (*Summa Cum Laude*)

Research and Teaching Interests

American politics; institutions; executive branch policymaking; the presidency; public policy; separation of powers; federal courts; bureaucracy; formal models and empirical testing; state politics

Publications

“Continuity Trumps Change: The First Year of Trump’s Administrative Presidency” (with Rachel Potter, Andrew Rudalevige, and Adam Warber). Forthcoming. *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

“Legislative Constraints on Executive Unilateralism in Separation of Powers Systems” (with Michael Barber and Alexander Bolton). Forthcoming. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.

“The Constraining Power of the Purse: Executive Discretion and Legislative Appropriations” (with Alexander Bolton). Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*.

“The Study of Executive Policy Making in the US States.” 2018. *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 364 – 370 (Subnational Policy Making Symposium).

“Policy Disruption through Regulatory Review in the Trump Administration.” 2018. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48(3): 517 – 536.

“To Revoke or Not Revoke? The Political Determinants of Executive Order Longevity.” 2017. *The American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 642 – 656.

“Ideologically Sophisticated Donors: Which Candidates Do Individual Contributors Finance?” (with Michael Barber and Brandice Canes-Wrone). 2017. *The American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 271 – 288.

“The President, the Court, and Policy Implementation.” 2017. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(1): 122 – 145.

“Organizational Capacity, Regulatory Review, and the Limits of Political Control” (with Alexander Bolton and Rachel Augustine Potter). 2016. *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 32(2): 242 – 271.

“Legislative Capacity and Executive Unilateralism” (with Alexander Bolton). 2016. *The American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 649 – 663.

Book Chapters

“The President and the Executive Branch,” in *The Obama Legacy*, eds Bert Rockman and Andrew Rudalevige. University of Kansas Press. Forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Review of Daniel P. Gitterman. *Calling the Shots: The President, Executive Orders, and Public Policy* (Brookings Institution Press). 2019. *Political Studies Quarterly* 141 (4): 781 – 782.

Review of Fang-Yi Chiou and Lawrence S. Rothenberg. *The Enigma of Presidential Power: Parties, Policies and Strategic Uses of Unilateral Action* (Cambridge University Press). 2018. *Congress & The Presidency* 48(2) 210 – 211.

Review of Doug L. Kriner and Eric Schickler, *Investigating the President: Congressional Checks on Presidential Power* (Princeton University Press). 2017. *Public Administration* 95(3): 857 – 859.

Working Papers

“Campaign Contributions and Donors’ Policy Agreement with Presidential Candidates” (with Michael Barber and Brandice Canes-Wrone). *Revise and resubmit. Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

“Presidential Action and the Supreme Court: The Case of Signing Statements.” *Revise and resubmit. Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

“Legislative Constraints, Ideological Conflict, and the Timing of Executive Unilateralism” (with Alexander Bolton). *Under review*.

Research in Progress

Legislative Capacity, Executive Power, and the Dynamics of Separation of Powers Politics (Book project with Alexander Bolton)

“Presidential Decision-making and the Political Costs of Unilateral Policy Revision”

“Presidential Influence on Judicial Review” (with Paul Gardner)

Invited Talks

2019: Columbia University

2018: Notre Dame University; NYU; Yale University; *Workshop on the Presidency and the Administrative State*, Princeton University; USC Sol Price School, *Studying Subnational Policymaking Symposium*; USC Center for Law and Social Science; Harvard University; UC Berkley.

2017: Washington University in St. Louis; *American Politics Annual Conference*, MIT; Brigham Young University; University of Rochester; The Ohio State University; Stanford University; Georgetown University; University of Michigan.

2016: *Separation of Powers Conference*, University of Georgia.

2015: *Unilateral Powers Conference*, University of Houston.

2014: Robert Morris University; Penn State University; *Conference on Executive Politics*, Washington University in St. Louis; *Presidential Power in the United States: Emerging Research*, University of Michigan.

Conference Presentations

Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2016.

Visions in Methodology Conference: 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2012.

Teaching Experience

Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

The American Presidency, graduate (Spring 2019)

The American Presidency, undergraduate (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

State Government, undergraduate (Spring 2017)

Department of Political Science, the University of Pittsburgh

Capstone Seminar in American Politics: Inter-branch Policymaking (Spring 2016)

The American Presidency, undergraduate (Fall 2013, 2014; Spring 2015, 2016)

State Government, undergraduate (Spring 2014, 2015; Fall 2015)

American Government and Politics, graduate (Fall 2014, 2015)

Professional Service

MPSA Presidency and Executive Politics Section Chair (2019)

SPSA Nominating Committee (2018)

APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Steering Committee (2015 - present)

SPSA Presidential/Executive Politics Section Chair (2018)

Herbert Simon Award Committee (2018)

Jewell-Lowenberg Prize Committee (2017-2018)

Richard E. Neustadt Award Committee (2017)

National Black Law Student Association Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt (August 2017 – present)

Vanderbilt College Democrats Faculty Advisor (August 2018 – present)

Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, University of Pittsburgh Chapter (August 2014 – April 2016)

Kumar Founder's Award Committee (2014)

Member of the editorial board for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (2014 – present); *American Journal of Political Science* (2017 – present); *Political Research Quarterly* (2018 – present)

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Law & Society*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Public Administration*, *Congress & the Presidency*

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association