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## Education

University of Missouri- Harry S. Truman School of Government and Public Affairs

Ph.D. in Political Science (*defense expected May 2024*)

Concentrations: American Politics and Public Policy

Dissertation: *The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government*

Committee- Peverill Squire (Chair), Jay Dow, Jake Haselswerdt, Jen Selin, Tommy Bennett

St. Lawrence University, Canton NY

B.A., Government, magna cum laude, May 2019

Minor in History

## Additional Training

Teaching and Professional Development Program. University of Missouri, Spring 2023

## Teaching & Research Interests

American Government and Politics, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, Political Science Fiction and Fantasy, The Constitutional Debates, Classical, Medieval, and Modern/Enlightenment Political Theory, Political Behavior, Constitutional Law, The Science of Politics

## Teaching Experience

**Graduate Instructor- University of Missouri**

PS 1100: *American Government*- Fall 2022

PS 2004: *Topics in Political Science: The Politics of Star Wars*- Fall 2023, Spring 2024

### **Guest Lecturer and Invited Speaker**

PS 2800: *Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good*- Fall 2019 (University of Missouri)

PS 1100: *American Government*- Spring 2020, Fall 2022 (University of Missouri)

*The International Relations of Game of Thrones*- Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022 (St. Lawrence University)

PS 2455: *The Constitutional Debates*- Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023 (University of Missouri)

PS 4190: *Elections and Democracy in the US*- Spring 2022, Spring 2023 (University of Missouri)

### **Teaching Assistant- University of Missouri**

Dr. Rudy Hernandez

PS 2800: *Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good*- Fall 2019

PS 1100: *American Government*- Spring 2020

Dr. Jennie Ikuta

PS 2425: *Race and the American Story*- Fall 2020

PS 2450: *The Intellectual World of the Founders*- Fall 2020

Dr. Justin Dyer

PS 4210: *Constitutional Rights*- Spring 2021

Dr. Jay Dow

PS 2455: *The Constitutional Debates*- Fall 2021, Spring 2022

PS 4190: *Elections and Democracy in the US*- Spring 2022

### **Other**

Student Teacher: *European History*- Spring 2017 (Hereford High School, MD)

Creator, Director, Head Coach: *Hereford Zone Running Camp*- Summer 2016-2021

KOPN Radio show guest: “*Politics and Philosophy*” – Fall 2021

### **Working Papers**

“Federalism from the Bottom up: State Variation and Partisanship in Multistate Litigation against the Federal Government.”

“The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation against the Federal Government.”

“Executive Representation, Party Politics, and Selection Mechanisms in the Early Republic, 1788-1832.” *With Aric Gooch*

“Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science Through House of the Dragon.” *With Ronnie Olesker*

## Selected Non-Academic Publications

“In Gun Debate, Both Sides Have Evidence to Back Them up” with Jen Selin. *The Conversation* (April 2021). <https://theconversation.com/in-gun-debate-both-sides-have-evidence-to-back-them-up-158118>

“Social Security goes bust in 2034: Here’s how free markets can save it.” *Foundation for Economic Education* (September 2018). <https://fee.org/articles/social-security-goes-bust-in-2034-here-s-how-free-markets-can-save-it/>

“Rent Control is killing the coasts.” *Washington Examiner* (May 2018). <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/rent-control-is-killing-the-coasts>

“Trump’s New Tariff is Putting America Last.” *Foundation for Economic Education* (March 2018). <https://fee.org/articles/trumps-new-tariff-is-putting-america-last/>

## Selected Conference Presentations

November 2018. “Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” Northeastern Political Science Association. Montreal, Quebec.

June 2019. “Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe.” British International Studies Association. London, England.

April 2021. “The Elitist Few or the Populist Many? Public Demand, Representation, and Health-Interest Groups in the American States.” Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

April 2021. “The Aftermath of the 2020 Election.” Panel chair, Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

November 2021. Co-Sponsor: Drug and Psychedelic Policy Conference. Columbia, Missouri.

March 2022. “Executive Representation, Party Politics, and Selection Mechanisms in the Early Republic, 1788-1832.” University of Missouri Graduate Student Conference. Columbia, Missouri.

March 2023. “Lessons from Dragons: Teaching Political Science Through House of the Dragon.” International Studies Association. Montreal, Quebec.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois.

April 2023. “The States Strike Back: The Role of Attorneys General in Multistate Litigation Against the Federal Government.” Selected for Graduate Student Workshop, Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism. Columbia, MO.

## Research Assistantships

Dr. Ronnie Olesker, St. Lawrence University, Summer 2017

Designed methodology, coded data, and helped write analysis for:

Olesker, R. (2020). Chaos is a ladder: A study of identity, norms, and power transition in the Game of Thrones universe. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 22(1), 47–64.

Dr. Tori Mondelli, University of Missouri Spring 2022- present

Lead graduate assistant in developing an American Government video game and in person game-based learning activities. Head designer of political typology test, political participation, ratification debates, and law-making games. Collaborator in bureaucratic politics game, and Supreme Court nomination game.

## Awards

2013- *Eagle Scout, Silver Palm, Order of the Arrow*. Boy Scouts of America

2018- *Summer Research Fellowship*. St. Lawrence University

Fall 2019-present *Graduate Fellowship*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri.

2022, 2023, 2024- *Conference Travel Grant*. University of Missouri.

## Service

Spring 2021-Spring 2023- *Graduate Student Mentor*. University of Missouri

Fall 2021- *President*, Young Americans for Liberty. University of Missouri

Fall 2022- *First Year Interest Group and Residential College Fellow*. Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy

Organized and led off campus trip to Jefferson City and private tour of the Missouri capital building.

Fall 2022-Spring 2022- *Secretary*, Graduate Association of Political Scientists (GAPS).  
University of Missouri

Fall 2022- *DC Summer Scholars Program Acceptance Committee Member*. Kinder Institute on  
Constitutional Democracy

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

International Studies Association

## **References**

Available upon request