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Academic Appointments

Christopher Newport University
Assistant Professor

August 2022–present

Education

University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D. Political Science

August 2015–August 2021

Primary field: American Politics

Secondary field: Political Theory

Dissertation title: “Tangled Fates: Casting Racial and Economic Equality in Twentieth Century America”

Dissertation committee: Adolph Reed Jr. (chair), Rogers Smith, Marie Gottschalk, Julia Lynch

University of Puget Sound

August 2006–May 2010

B.A. Politics and Government

American Politics, highest honors

Thesis: “A Breakthrough in *Brown*? The Court, Judicial Review, and the Elected Branches”

Fellowships, Grants, and Recognition

American Political Science Association

Congressional Fellow

2021–2022

University of Pennsylvania

Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, graduate fellowship

2020-2021

Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration, research grant

2019-2020

Political Science Department summer research grant

2018, 2020

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Teece Fellowship

2019-2020

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Travel Grant

2017

Dean’s Travel Grant

2016-2018

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship

2015-2020

Awarded as Leo S. Rowe Fellow, 2017–2018

George Mason University

Adam Smith Fellowship

2018-2019

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Christopher Newport University

POLS 101: Power and Politics in America

Spring 2023

POLS 240: The Supreme Court in American Politics

Fall 2022

POLS 316: Constitutional Law

F22, S23

Instructor, University of Pennsylvania

PSCI 130: Introduction to American Politics (*online summer course*)

2020

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania

PSCI 237: The American Presidency Professor Marie Gottschalk	Spring 2018
PSCI 271: Classic American Constitutional Law Professor Rogers Smith	Fall 2017
PSCI 202: Public Policy Process Professor Marc Meredith	Spring 2017
PSCI 130: Introduction to American Politics Professor Matt Levendusky	Fall 2016

Teaching Recognition, University of Pennsylvania

Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate	Spring 2018
Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students (finalist)	Spring 2018

Research Interests

American Politics	American Political Development
Race and Ethnicity	Historical Institutionalism
Race, Class, and Inequality	Public Policy Formation
Industrial and Employment Policy	Public Law and Constitutional Development

Research Experience

Research Affiliations, University of Pennsylvania

Research assistant, Mary Summers, Senior Fellow, Fox Leadership Program	2018–2021
Research assistant, Professor Dawn Teele	Summer 2016

University and Departmental Service

University of Pennsylvania

Co-coordinator, Eleventh Thesis Mini-Conference	May 2019
Volunteer judge, Penn Mock Trial Program	2016–2019
Coordinator, American Politics Faculty and Student Workshop Series	2017–2018
Representative, Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences	2017–2018
Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Conference	2016–2017

Published Works

“Delineating Agriculture and Industry: Reexamining the Exclusion of Agricultural Workers from the New Deal,” *Studies in American Political Development*, 2023: 1-18.

Working Papers

“The March on Washington Movement, the Fair Employment Practices Committee, and the Long Quest for Racial Justice,” with Sidney M. Milkis (Revise & Resubmit, *Studies in American Political Development*)

“The Origins of the Anti-Discrimination Ideology: An Institutional Consideration of the NAACP”

“Frederick Douglass: Historical Interpretation and Claiming a Legacy”

Conference Presentations

- “The March on Washington Movement, the Fair Employment Practices Committee and the Long Quest for Racial Justice” with Sidney M. Milkis
American Political Science Association, September 2021
Panel: The Long Civil Rights Movement: Lessons and Legacies
- “Race, Capital, and Labor: Reexamining the Exclusion of Agricultural Workers from the New Deal”
American Political Economy Summer Academy, Virtual Conference, June-July 2021
- “The March on Washington Movement, the Fair Employment Practices Committee and the Long Quest for Racial Justice” with Sidney M. Milkis
Western Political Science Association, Virtual Conference, May 2021
Panel: “Creation and Maintenance of the Color Line”
- “Frederick Douglass: Historical Interpretation and Claiming a Legacy”
7th Annual Shawnee Trail Conference, April 2021
- “Tangled Fates: Race, Labor, and the Legacy of the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC)”
Western Political Science Association, Virtual Conference, May 2020
Panel: “The Politics of Intolerance”
- “Class, Race, and Institutionalizing Inequalities: Agricultural Worker Exclusions and the NLRA”
American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019
Panel: “Theorizing Structures of Domination, Challenging Modalities of Racial Exclusion”
- “Reframing the Ideology of Civil Rights: Debates over Employment Policy, 1920–1940”
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 2019
Panel: “Dynamics of Policy Change: Institutions, Ideologies, & Outcomes”
- “Reframing the Ideology of Civil Rights: Early Twentieth Century Debates over Employment Policy”
Andrea Mitchell Center Graduate Workshop Series, Philadelphia, PA, November 2018
Panel: “Anti-Racist Political Mobilization and the Formation of Collective Identity”
- “The Origins of the Anti-Discrimination Ideology: An Institutional Consideration of the NAACP”
Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2018
Panel: “Ideological Construction in American Political Development”
- “Inevitable or Indelible? An Institutional Consideration of the Anti-Discrimination Agenda of Civil Rights”
Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2017
Panel: “Law and Social Movements”

Conference Participation

- Maryland Constitutionalism Schmooze**, Baltimore, MD, April 2020
“Groups and the Constitution”
University of Maryland Carey School of Law
Colloquium participant

American Political Science Association, Virtual Conference, September 2020
“Current Issues in Labor & Work: Precarity, Automation, and Inclusion”
Panel chair

Liberty Fund Colloquium, Indianapolis, IN, March 2017
“Liberty and Responsibility in the Political Thought of Frederick Douglass”
Colloquium participant

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016
Colloquium participant

Professional Experience

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) March 2013–June 2015
Program associate, Office of the Executive Director
Program coordinator, Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options

Independent Sector April 2011–February 2013
Associate, Nonprofit Strategy
Associate, Advocacy and Research

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Independent Sector. “Beyond the Cause: The Art and Science of Advocacy.” 2012.
<https://independentsector.org/resource/beyond-the-cause-the-art-and-science-of-advocacy/>

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Methodology Committee. “The PCORI Methodology Report.” 2013. <https://www.pcori.org/research-results/about-our-research/research-methodology/pcori-methodology-report>

References

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