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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brigham Young University Law School, Provo, UT

Francis R. Kirkham Professorship, Aug 2026 – Jul 2027

Associate Professor of Law, Jul 2021 – Present

- Courses: Property; The Fourteenth Amendment; Race and the Constitution; Natural Rights and Natural Law

Wheatley Institute

Wheatley Faculty Fellow, Constitutional Government Initiative, 2023 – Present

- Research support awarded for scholarship that promotes constitutional government

Georgetown Center for the Constitution

Non-Resident Research Fellow, 2024 – Present

Utah Valley University Center for Constitutional Studies

Non-Resident Fellow for the Civic Thought and Leadership Initiative, 2024 – Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ballard Spahr LLP, Salt Lake City, UT

Associate, Sep 2017 – Aug 2018

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Louisville, KY

Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable John K. Bush, Aug 2022 – Jul 2023

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

PhD, Political Science, May 2022

- *Dissertation:* Natural Rights (Re)Construction: Frederick Douglass and Constitutional Abolitionism
- *Committee:* Vincent Phillip Muñoz (chair), Michael Zuckert, Anthony J. Bellia, Kurt Lash
- Subfields: Constitutional Studies; Political Theory

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Juris Doctor, Apr 2017

- *magna cum laude*
- Secretary, Black Law Student Association 2016 – 2017
- President, Federalist Society, 2016 – 2017
- Executive Committee, International Law and Religion Symposium, 2015 – 2017

- Law Review, *Symposium Articles Editor*, 2016 – 2017

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Apr 2014

- *cum laude*
- Minor, Spanish

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Until The Last Yoke is Broken: The Constitutional Vision of Frederick Douglass (Harvard University Press, Sep. 2026)

Anti-Slavery and Anti-Commandeering, 115 KY. L. J. __ (2026)

History, Tradition, and Natural Rights, 47 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 713 (2024)

Douglass's Constitutional Citizenship, 22 GEORGETOWN J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 111 (2024)

A Tale of Two Declarations, 25 U. PA. J. CONST. 915 (2024)

Frederick Douglass and the Original Originalists, 48 BYU L. REV. 909 (2023)

The Work is Not Done: Frederick Douglass and Black Suffrage, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1511 (2022)

The Spirit of Founding, Review of *The Antebellum Origins of the Modern Constitution: Slavery and the Spirit of the American Founding* by Simon J. Gilhooley, in REVIEW OF POLITICS (2021)

Not Too Much, Not Too Little: Frederick Douglass in Kurt Lash's Reconstruction Volumes, in [Balkanization](#), Jun 2021

Law as Empirical Fact (with Brady Earley, Tom Lee, and Dane Thorley) (work in progress)

Enforcing the Reconstruction Amendments (with Tyler Lindley) (work in progress)

"Political Faith" and American Political Development: The Case of Salmon P. Chase (with Tyler Thomas) (work in progress)

Beyond Positivism (work in progress)

ESSAYS & OTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

["Reconstruction Era: Terror in the South,"](#) American History Hit Podcast, (Aug 17, 2026)

["Reconstruction Era: A False Dawn of Freedom?"](#) American History Hit Podcast (Aug 10, 2026)

["Voices: The Fourth of July belongs to all of us. If we claim it."](#) Salt Lake Tribune (Jul 4, 2026)

["The Declaration of Independence – choosing natural rights and human equality,"](#) Deseret News (Jun 2, 2026)

["Equal Justice and the Blessings of Liberty,"](#) Public Square Magazine (May 29, 2026)

The Fugitive Slave Clause, in THE HERITAGE GUIDE TO THE CONSTITUTION 3D ED. (2025)

["Frederick Douglass's Constitutional Abolitionism,"](#) The American Idea Podcast (Aug 20, 2025)

["Frederick Douglass: Old-school originalist,"](#) Deseret News (Jul 6, 2025)

["Frederick Douglass: The Original Originalist,"](#) Advisory Opinions Podcast (Aug 17, 2023)

["Redeeming the Constitution,"](#) Law & Liberty (Jul 23, 2021)

HONORS & AWARDS

Institute for Humane Studies

Humane Studies Fellowship, 2020 – 2021

- Fellowship grants for 2020-201 academic year (\$3,000) and summer 2021 (\$4,000)

James Wilson Institute

James Wilson Fellow, Class of 2017

- One of 15 fellows selected for a week-long intensive study of moral underpinnings of the law and natural rights jurisprudence

J. Reuben Clark Award

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University 2017

- For exemplifying academic excellence, integrity, high ethical standards, and service

International Center for Law and Religion Studies Meritorious Service Award

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University 2017

- For dedicated service to both the International Center for Law and Religion Studies and the cause of international religious freedom

Intercollegiate Studies Institute

ISI Honors Scholar, Jun 2013 – Apr 2014

- Attended several philosophy conferences across the U.S. with ISI and Liberty Fund

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

“Political Faith’ and American Political Development: The Case of Salmon P. Chase
Arizona State University School of Economic Thought and Leadership Workshop, May 2026

“Enforcing the Reconstruction Amendments”
Georgetown Center for the Constitution Research Fellows Junior Scholars Conference, Oct 2025
AALS Federalist Society Junior Scholar Works-in-Progress Panel, Jan 2026
Florida State Junior Scholar Conference, Mar 2026

Organized (with Tyler Thomas) American Political Science Association Conference 2025
Panel “Forgotten Figures and Moments of the Anti-Slavery Movement”

“Natural Rights Originalism: A Proposal”
James Wilson Institute Seminar on Natural Law Jurisprudence at BYU Law, Mar 2025

“Political Religion: The Case of Salmon P. Chase”
Shawnee Trail Conference at University of Texas, Austin, Nov 2024
JRCLS Distinguished Lecture, Mar 2025
American Political Science Association Conference Sep 2025

“Anti-Slavery and Anti-Commandeering”
Wheatley Institute Colloquium, Oct 2024
Georgetown Center for the Constitution Research Fellow’s Conference, Nov 2024
AALS Federalist Society Junior Scholar Works-in-Progress Panel, Jan 2025
Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Faculty Workshop at University of Florida Levin College of Law, Oct 2025

“The Constitutional Politics of Abolitionism”
Annual Political Science Association Conference, Sep 2024

“Frederick Douglass and the Anti-Slavery Constitution”
Salt Lake County Library, Jun 2024

“History, Tradition, and Natural Rights”
Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy Symposium, Feb 2024

“Frederick Douglass and the Original Originalists”
The Federalist Society, Salt Lake City Lawyers Chapter, Oct 2023

“Civil Rights Law”
Utah Valley University Constitutional Literacy Institute, Jul 2022, Jul 2023, Jul 2024, Jul 2025

“Should We Cancel the Founders?”

Panel discussion with the Honorable John K. Bush, UNLV Law Federalist Society, Mar 2023

“Slavery and the Spirit of American Founding”

Debate with Prof. Kermit Roosevelt, III, BYU Law Federalist Society, Mar 2023

“Frederick Douglass and African American Claims to Constitutional Citizenship”

Supreme Court Historical Society, Feb 2023

J. Reuben Clark Law Society Annual Conference, Mar 2023

“Douglass’s Constitutional Citizenship”

Ninth Annual Salmon P. Chase Faculty Colloquium, Georgetown School of Law, Dec 2022

“Frederick Douglass’s Fourteenth Amendment”

The History and Legacy of the Reconstruction Amendments, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford, Jul 2021

James Wilson Institute & First Liberty’s Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy, Jun 2024

“The Anti-Slavery Origins of Modern Federalism”

The Wheatley Institute Constitutional Series Lecture, BYU, Jan 2022

The Federalist Society, Louisville Lawyers Chapter, Oct 2023

“Did 1787 Enshrine 1619 or 1776? The Constitution’s Legacy and Why it Matters Today”

World of Law Lecture, BYU Law, Jan 2022

“Civil Religion, Nationalism, and Patriotism”

Religious Freedom Annual Review 2021, BYU Law International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Panelist discussing Andrew L. Whitehead’s book, *Taking Back America for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States*, Jun 2021

“Frederick Douglass’ Constitutional Theory: The Role of Natural Right, Justice and Legal Rules of Interpretation,”

Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference, Summer 2020

James Wilson Institute Senior Seminar, Oct 2020

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholar Forum, Nov 2021

“Imagining a New Federalism: Congress, the Courts, and the Privileges or Immunities Clause,” University of Texas at Austin Graduate Conference in Public Law, Fall 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Fall 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Teaching Assistant, Constitutionalism, Law & Politics II, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record, Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2020

BYU Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Instructor of Record, Property, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Winter 2027

Instructor of Record, The Fourteenth Amendment, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026

Instructor of Record, Race and the Constitution, Winter 2025

Instructor of Record, Natural Rights and Natural Law, Winter 2026

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Utah State Bar, Oct 2017

- Young Lawyer's Division; Utah Minority Bar Association

SERVICE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jamaica

Volunteer Representative, Mar 2009–Mar 2011

LANGUAGE

- Moderate in writing, reading, and speaking Spanish
- Beginner in writing, reading and speaking Japanese