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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri	2019
Dissertation: <i>"Ruling or Being Ruled? The Development of Citizenship in the Cherokee Nation"</i>	
Committee: J. Dyer (Chair), S. A. Seagrave, S. B. V. Kitch, J. Dow, M. Overby	
M.A., Political Science, Northern Illinois University	2015
B.A., Politics, Saint Vincent College	2013

Academic Positions

Arizona State University, Postdoctoral Fellow	2019—
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Fellowships & Awards

JMC Fellow, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute	2019
Graduate Fellow, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy	2017-2019
Research Grant (Travel and Archival Work: Kinder Institute)	2019
Dean L. Yearwood Scholar in American Politics	2019
Travel Grant (University of Missouri)	2018-2019
Bryan L. Forbis Scholar in American Politics	2018
SPSA Scholarship	2018
Travel Grant (University of Missouri)	2017-2018
Travel Grant (Northern Illinois University)	2015-2016

Teaching Experience

Freshmen Interest Group: Elections, University of Missouri	Fall 2017
Political Science I, Elgin Community College	Summer 2016, 2015
Political Science II, Elgin Community College	Summer 2016, 2015
American Government and Politics, Northern Illinois University	Spring 2016
Political Science IV, Elgin Community College	Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant Experience

Political Parties and Campaigns, Professor J. Dow, University of Missouri	Fall 2016
Democracy in America, Professor S. A. Seagrave, Northern Illinois University	Spring 2015

American Government, Professor R. Hannagan, Northern Illinois University
Public Policy Debate, Professor H. Koenig, Northern Illinois University

Fall 2014, 2013
Spring 2014

Research and Working Manuscripts

BOOK PROJECT

Ruling or Being Ruled? The Development of Cherokee Political Thought and Constitutionalism

PUBLICATIONS

“The Imposition of Freedom: Tribal Citizenship and the Case of the Cherokee Freedmen,” *Book Chapter Forthcoming*

PUBLISHED COMMENTARY

[“No, Term Limits Won’t #DrainTheSwamp. We did the Research.”](#) (with Jordan Butcher)

The Monkey Cage

8, May, 2018

WORKING PAPERS

“Cherokee Political Thought.” *Target Journal: Studies in American Political Development*

“John Locke’s Natural Right to Immigration” Co-authored with Luke Perez. *Target Journal: American Political Science Review*

“Written in Blood: Tribal Citizenship and the Cherokee Freedmen.” *Target Journal: American Journal of Political Science*

“Non-liberal Democracy: Aristotle and the Creation of Cherokee Citizenship.” *Target Journal: Political Theory*

“Toward the Sitting Sun: Congress and Cherokee Political Thought.” *Target Journal: Polity*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Toward the Sitting Sun: Congress and the Development of Cherokee Citizenship”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2019

“John Locke’s Natural Right to Immigration”

Shawnee Trail Regional conference (Columbia, MO), March 2019

“Written in Blood: The Cherokee Freedmen and Developing Views of Citizenship”

Southern Political Science Association Conference (Austin, TX), January 2019

“The Imposition of Freedom: Why the Cherokee Resisted Citizenship for their Former Slaves”

Shawnee Trail Regional Conference (Colorado Springs, CO), April 2018

“Chutes and Ladders: How Ambition plays out in Term-Limited Legislatures” (With Jordan Butcher)

Southern Political Science Association Conference (New Orleans, LA), January 2018

“Reigning Together on the Same Soil: How Religion and Party May Coexist for the Sake of Public Discourse”

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2017

“The Fault in Our Founders: Political Parties and Participation in America”
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2016

Service & Professional Activities

Associate Editor and Communications Coordinator,	
<i>Starting Points: A Journal of American Principles and American Practices</i>	2017—
Organizer, “(Re)Building American Identities” Conference, U. Missouri	2019
Member, Processes Committee, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy	2018
President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, U. Missouri	2017-2018
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Northern Illinois U.	2015-2016

References

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