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Academic Appointments

University at Albany, SUNY August 2025–present
Assistant Professor

Christopher Newport University August 2022–May 2025
Assistant Professor

Education

University of Pennsylvania August 2015–August 2021
Ph.D. Political Science

University of Puget Sound August 2006–May 2010
B.A. Politics and Government

Research & Publications

[Google Scholar Profile](#)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Military Service, A. Philip Randolph, and the Fight for Civil and Economic Freedom” with Sidney Milkis and Haley Stiles. *Political Science Quarterly*. Published online: March 2025.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/psquar/qqaf007>.

“The March on Washington Movement, the Fair Employment Practices Committee, and the Long Quest for Racial Justice” with Sidney Milkis. *Studies in American Political Development* 38, no. 1 (April 2024) 16-35. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0898588X23000044>.

“Delineating Agriculture and Industry: Reexamining the Exclusion of Agricultural Workers from the New Deal.” *Studies in American Political Development* 37, no. 2 (October 2023): 146-163.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0898588X23000020>.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

“Race and the New Deal.” *Catalyst: A Journal of Theory & Strategy* 8, no. 1 (Summer 2024): 80-118.

Essays & Reviews

“A Tale of Two Orders: From the New Deal to Neoliberalism.” Review of Gary Gerstle, *The Rise and Fall of the Neoliberal Order: America and the World in the Free Market Era* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022), *New Labor Forum* 32, no. 2 (Spring 2023).

Works in Progress

Tangled Fates: Casting Racial and Economic Equality in Twentieth Century America. [Book Manuscript in Progress]

“Beyond Backlash: The Twin Careers of *Brown & Roe*.” [Article in Progress]

“‘Equalizing’ Labor Law? Postwar Retrenchment and the Taft-Hartley Act.” [Article in Progress, with Danny Daneri and Zachary Schaller]

“The Origins of the Anti-Discrimination Ideology: An Institutional Consideration of the NAACP.” [Article in Progress]

“Frederick Douglass: Historical Interpretation and Claiming a Legacy.” [Article in Progress]

Selected Public Scholarship

"What Running on a Jobs Guarantee Could Mean for Democrats" with Carissa Guadron. *The Nation*, June 15, 2023. [[link](#)]

Center for Working Class Politics. “Trump’s Kryptonite: How Progressives Can Win Back the Working Class,” June 2023. [[link](#)]

“How to Stop Progressives From Losing the Working Class.” *The Nation*, November 11, 2021. [[link](#)]

Center for Working Class Politics, “Commonsense Solidarity: How a working-class coalition can be built, and maintained.” November 2021. [[link](#)]

What Do Penn's Austerity Measures Mean?" *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, April 27, 2020. [[link](#)]

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY

RPOS 326: Introduction to Public Law

RPOS 426z/526: American Constitutional Law I

RPOS 427z/527: American Constitutional Law II

Instructor, Christopher Newport University

POLS 101: Power and Politics in America

POLS 240: The Supreme Court in American Politics

POLS 316: Constitutional Law

POLS 317: Civil Rights & Liberties

POLS 395: The Law and Social Movements

Instructor, University of Pennsylvania

PSCI 130: Introduction to American Politics

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania

PSCI 237: The American Presidency

PSCI 271: Classic American Constitutional Law

PSCI 236: The Public Policy Process

PSCI 130: Introduction to American Politics

Teaching Recognition

Christopher Newport University

Student Government Association, Staff Appreciation Certificate Spring 2023

University of Pennsylvania

Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate Spring 2018

Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students (finalist) Spring 2018

Fellowships, Grants, and Recognition

American Political Science Association

2021–2022

Congressional Fellow

Placement: Senator Ron Wyden & the Senate Finance Committee

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

University and Departmental Service

University at Albany, SUNY

Political Science Undergraduate Committee 2025-present

Legal Studies Steering Committee 2025-present

Christopher Newport University

University Policy Committee 2024-2025

Undergraduate Degrees Committee 2024-2025

Pre-Law Council 2023-2025

Criminology Departmental Search Committee 2023

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

Conference Presentations

“World War II, the March on Washington Movement, and the Fair Employment Practices Committee (1940-1945)”

Economic and Industrial Democracy Working Group, European Labor History Network.
Barcelona, Spain. June 2026.

“World War II, the March on Washington Movement, and the Fair Employment Practices Committee (1940-1945)”

University of Virginia American Politics Workshop, Invited Talk. Charlottesville, VA. May 2026.

“‘Equalizing’ Labor Law? Postwar Retrenchment and the Taft-Hartley Act” with Danny Daneri and Zachary Schaller.

New England Political Science Association Conference. Burlington, VT. April 2026.

“The ‘Slave Labor’ Bill: Organizing Against the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947.”

Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference. Seattle, WA. June 2025.

“The ‘Slave Labor’ Bill: Organizing Against the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947.”

Policy History Conference. Charlotte, NC. June 2025.

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

American Political Science Association. Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. September 2024.

“A. Philip Randolph: Labor and Civil Rights Pioneer.”

Virginia AFL-CIO Annual Meeting. Williamsburg, VA. August 2024.

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

NYU Economic and Political Sociology Workshop. New York City, NY. May 2024.

“The Postwar Fight for Full Employment.”

Policy History Studies: The State and Future of the Field. Tempe, AZ. February 2024.

“Race and the Legacy of the New Deal.”

The New Deal & Its Legacies Conference. Williamsburg, VA. October 2023.

“Public Sector Jobs and the Long Struggle for Racial Justice” with Sidney M. Milkis and Haley Stiles.

Consortium on the American Political Economy Annual Research Conference. Virtual Conference.
July-August 2023.

“The Coalitional Politics of Employment Policy.”

Western Political Science Association. Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. April 2023.

“A City by and for the Working Class: Adolph Reed on American Urban Politics.”

American Political Science Association. Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. September 2022.

“The ‘Slave-Labor Law:’ A Thirteenth Amendment Response to Taft-Hartley.”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. September 2022.

“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. Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. September 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.

"Race, Capital, and Labor: Reexamining the Exclusion of Agricultural Workers from the New Deal."
American Political Economy Summer Academy. Virtual Conference. June-July 2021.

“Frederick Douglass: Historical Interpretation and Claiming a Legacy.”
Seventh Annual Shawnee Trail Conference. Virtual Conference. April 2021.

“Tangled Fates: Race, Labor, and the Legacy of the Fair Employment Practices Committee.”
Western Political Science Association. Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference. May 2020.

“Class, Race, and Institutionalizing Inequalities: Agricultural Worker Exclusions and the NLRA.”
American Political Science Association. Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 2019.

Conference Participation

Western Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. April 2023.
Discussant, Institutional Politicking.

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

Maryland Constitutionalism Schmooze. Baltimore, MD. April 2020.
University of Maryland Carey School of Law.
Colloquium participant.

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

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