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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University

Senior Research Scholar (with tenure), SPIA	July 2025-present
Research Scholar (with tenure), SPIA	2020-2025
Associate Research Scholar, SPIA	2016-2020

The City College of New York—CUNY

Assistant Professor, Political Science	2011-2016
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Harvard University

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research	2013-2015
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Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics, James Madison Program	2008-2010
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The Brookings Institution

Research Fellow in Governance Studies	2007-2008
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EDUCATION

Brandeis University PhD, Politics	2010
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Stonehill College Bachelor of Arts in Political Science <i>Magna cum Laude</i>	2003
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GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Best Journal Article Award, Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association (for “Privatizing Employment Law: The Expansion of Mandatory Arbitration in the Workplace”)	2021
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Best paper award, Race and Ethnic Politics section of the American Political Science Association (for “Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in Campaign	2019
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Finance” with Jacob M. Grumbach and Alexander Sahn)

J. David Greenstone Award 2017

Co-winner, best book in the field of Politics and History in the previous two years;
Awarded by the Politics and History section of the American Political Science
Association (for *No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial
Retrenchment*)

Scholar in Health Policy Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2013-2015

PSC-CUNY Research Foundation Grant 2012-2013

Best paper award, Law & Courts section of the American Political Science Association (for “Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure) 2010

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics, Princeton University 2008-2010

Research Fellow in Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution 2007-2008

Gordon Public Policy Fellow, Brandeis University 2006-2007

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Brandeis University 2003-2009

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Resilience of At-Will Employment Policy (with Paul Frymer; under review).

Privatizing Justice: Arbitration and the Decline of Public Governance (Oxford University Press, April 2024).

Review Symposium, Consortium on the American Political Economy, December 2, 2024,
Available at americanpoliticaleconomy.org

No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment
(Studies in Postwar American Political Development, Oxford University Press, 2015).

Co-winner, J. David Greenstone Award, APSA (2017)

Author Meets Critics, New England Political Science Association, April 2015

Review Essay, Samuel Bagenstos, “Who is Responsible for the Stealth Assault on Civil Rights: Review of *No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment*, by S. Staszak,” *Michigan Law Review* 114 (Spring 2016).

Articles

“The Resilience of At-Will Employment Policy (with Paul Frymer). *Journal of Law and Political Economy* [forthcoming].

“The Vanishing Trial in the U.S.” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Vol. 18 (2022).

“Privatizing Employment Law: The Expansion of Mandatory Arbitration in the Workplace,” *Studies in American Political Development*, Vol. 34, Issue 2: 239-68 (2020)

“Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in Campaign Finance,” *Political Behavior* (June 2020), with Jacob M. Grumbach and Alexander Sahn.

“In the Shadow of Litigation: Arbitration and Medical Malpractice Reform” (*Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Volume 44, Issue 2, April 2019).

“The Administrative Role of the Chief Justice: Law, Politics, and Procedure in the Roberts Court Era” (*Laws* 2018, 7(2), 15).

“The Politics of Procedural Change in the First Ten Years of the Roberts Court,” *Cardozo Law Review*, Vol. 38, No. 2 (December 2016).

“Realizing the Rights Revolution: Litigation and the Administrative State,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 38 (Winter 2013).

“Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” *Studies in American Political Development* (October 2010).

Book Chapters

“Restoring Access to Justice: The Limits and Promise of Arbitration Reform,” Jesse Crosson and Logan Strother, eds., *Program on American Institutional Renewal* (edited volume on institutional reform).

“Arbitration and the Vanishing Trial” in *Research Handbook on the Civil Justice System*, Anne Bloom, David M. Engle, and Richard Jolly, eds. (Elgar Research Handbooks in Law and Society Series, forthcoming 2024).

“The Ascendence of Arbitration” in *The Federal Arbitration Act: Successes, Failures, and a Roadmap for Reform*, Richard A. Bales and Jill I. Gross, eds. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024).

“Retrenching Access by Constraining Legal Aid,” in *The Rights Revolution Revisited*, Lynda Dodd, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

“Law and Courts” in Falleti, Fiorettes, and Sheingate, eds., *Handbook on Historical Institutionalism* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Book Reviews

Sarah Staszak, “Debt Relief and the Multifaceted American State,” *Balkinization* (balkin.blogspot.org), August 21, 2024.

Sarah Staszak, “Private Power and Public Policy: Rights Enforcement in the Modern Litigation State,” 47 *Tulsa Law Review* 77, Summer 2011

Working Papers and Ongoing Projects

“Changing the Venue? Vindicating Public Rights After *SEC v. Jarkesy*”

“Section 1983 from a Civil Justice Perspective”

“Beware the Fine Print: Consumer Arbitration as Legal and Regulatory Retrenchment”

“Enforcing *Olmstead*: Litigating the Rights of the Disabled.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton University

2016-present

American Government (POL 220/SPI 310); Law and Society (POL 318); Junior Workshops on Law and Public Policy/Law and Social Change (POL and SPI); The American State (SPI 327/AMS 327/POL 428.)

The City College of New York—CUNY

2011-2016

Introduction to United States Government and Politics; The Judiciary; The American State; Civil Rights and Wrongs (freshman seminar)

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Politics
Courts and Public Policy in the U.S.; Law and Society

2009-2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Restoring Access to Justice: The Limits and Promise of Arbitration Reform,” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, Jan. 11, 2025.

“Beware the Fine Print: Consumer Arbitration as Legal and Regulatory Retrenchment,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2024.

“Privatizing Employment Law: The Expansion of Mandatory Arbitration in the Workplace,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020.

“Privatizing Worker Protections,” presented at the Toronto Political Development Workshop, University of Toronto, Oct. 3-5, 2019.

“Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in Campaign Finance” (with Jacob M. Grumbach and Alexander Sahn), presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2019.

“Privatizing (In)Justice: Arbitration and Litigation Reform in the U.S.), presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

“The Effect of Retrenchment Threat on Lawsuit Claiming” (with Paul J. Gardner), presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4, 2016

“The Shadow of Law: Arbitration and Medical Malpractice Reform” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, January 2016.

“The Shadow of Law: Arbitration and Medical Malpractice Reform” presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research core seminar, April 30, 2015.

“Litigation, Arbitration, and the American State,” presented at the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 6-7, 2014

“Enforcing *Olmstead*: Litigating the Rights of the Disabled,” presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, June 4-6, 2014

“The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 31-June 2, 2013

“Defunding the Left: Constraining Access by Constraining Legal Aid,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011.

“The Ironies of Progressive Litigation Reform: The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 2-5, 2011.

“Constitution as Clockwork: The Temporal Foundations of American Politics” with Daniel Kryder, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

“Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3-5, 2009.

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment in the United States” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Challenges to Judicialization in Public Policy,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007 and the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, April 27-28, 2007 (nominated for Best Student Paper Award).

“Constitution as Clockwork: The Temporal Foundations of American Politics,” (with Daniel Kryder) presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006 and the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 8-10, 2007.

“Social Rights and Constitutional Structure: Integrating the ‘Constitution in Exile’ with Social Justice?” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“The Supreme Court and Elite Opinion: Legal Intellectuals and Civil Rights, 1930-1970,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, April 29-30, 2005.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“National Political Institutions,” Consortium on the American Political Economy/American Political Economy Exchange,” ISPS, Yale University, April 25-26, 2025.

“Privatizing Justice” [book talk], Kulkin Program for Dispute Resolution, Cardozo Law, April 1, 2025.

“Tort Reform and the Politics of Legal Retrenchment,” Symposium on Plaintiff-Side Litigation, American Bar Foundation and the UC Berkeley School of Law civil Justice Research Initiative, March 7, 2025.

“Privatizing Justice” [book talk], Program in Law and Policy, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, November 13, 2024.

“Privatizing Justice” [book talk], Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations, November 7, 2024.

“The Resilience of At-Will Employment Policy: Mandatory Arbitration and the Defeat of the Model Employment Termination Act,” Worker and Employer Power in the APE Workshop, MIT, September 13, 2024.

“Privatizing Employment Law,” Consortium on the American Political Economy, July 31- August 2.

“Section 1983 and the Police Use of Force,” Berkeley Law symposium, April 14-15, 2023

Manuscript Workshop for *Privatizing Justice: Arbitration and Litigation Reform in the U.S.*, Georgia State Law School, May 17, 2022.

“Privatizing Employment Law,” presented at the Program in Law and Public Affairs workshop on “Law and Work,” April 2019.

“No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented at the Northwestern University Department of Political Science, December 2017.

“The Administrative Role of the Chief Justice,” presented at Cardozo Law School symposium on the First Ten Years of the Roberts Court, October 15, 2015.

Author Meets Critics, *No Day in Court: The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment*, New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 24-25, 2015.

“No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented at Princeton University, Bouton Law Lecture, Faculty Colloquium in Public Law, February 12, 2015.

“The Ironies of Progressive Litigation Reform: The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution, presented at the City College Workshop: The Rights Revolution Revisited: Political Science Perspectives on the Role of Private Enforcement of Civil Rights in the U.S., April 27, 2012.

“Invisible Constitutions and the Administrative Procedure Act,” presented at the Constitutional Law Advanced Workshop, Princeton University, December 3-4, 2010.

Invited Discussant, Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University (for R. Shep Melnick, “The Supreme Court and the Civil Rights State”)

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented to the Constitutional Law Advanced Workshop, Princeton University, December 11-12, 2009.

SERVICE

Faculty Fellow, Whitman College	Present
Program Chair, Politics and History, APSA	2023
Undergraduate Thesis Award Committee, SPIA	2022 and 2023
Editorial Board, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>	2022-Present
Faculty Administrator, Liman Fellowship, Princeton	2022-2023
Undergraduate Advisor, SPIA	2021-2022
Executive Council, Politics and History Section, American Political Science Association	2018-Present
Senior Thesis/Junior Paper Advisor, POL/SPIA	2016-Present
Executive Board New England Political Science Association	2014-2017
Conference Program Committee American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting	2014
Section Chair, Public Law New England Political Science Association	2013
Nominations Committee, Law and Courts American Political Science Association	2013

Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha, CCNY Chapter	Fall 2012- Present
Comparative Politics Search Committee	Fall 2012
Senior Thesis Advisor (CCNY)	2011-2013
General Studies Assessment Committee, CCNY	January 2012
CCNY Faculty Senate	2011-2013
Assessment Committee, Political Science, CCNY	Fall 2011
Campus Executive Committee, Skadden Honors Program in Legal Studies, CCNY	2010-11

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

American Society for Legal History

Law and Society Association