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CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Teaching. Every year I teach three law-related courses, Judicial Process, Constitutional Law I: The Federal System, and Constitutional Law II: Rights & Liberties. As the University's Pre-Law Advisor, as well as a licensed attorney who has taught in a law school, I use these three classes to help students prepare for the rigors of law school. Every year I also teach multiple sections of Introduction to American Government, and every Fall semester of even-numbered years I offer Political Parties & Elections. In the past, at West Georgia, I have also taught Southern Politics, State and Local Politics, and two different courses on American Political Development.

Research. My research agenda focuses on American legal and political history. One area of great interest, and what I wrote my dissertation on, is historical patterns of Congressional districting, especially in the American South. An article I published in the journal *Early American Studies* on Virginia's first districting in 1788 and the resulting election between James Madison and James Monroe has received much notice. This includes being cited by Chief Justice John Roberts in his opinion for the Court in *Rucho v. Common Cause* (2019). My article on early South Carolina Congressional districting, including a noted gerrymander in 1802, was awarded the South Carolina Historical Society's Clark-Weir Award.

Another area of interest is the institutionalization of legal education. My book chapter on the nation's first law professor, George Wythe, has been viewed over 155,000 times on the College of William & Mary's law library's *Wythepedia* webpage, as well as cited in the *Harvard Law Review* as well as a large number of additional books and articles. In addition, I have published articles on the history of legal education in North Carolina and antebellum Georgia.

The federal judiciary, especially the U.S. Supreme Court, is another area of interest. A long-term project I have begun is a biographical dictionary of major Supreme Court litigants, and I am also researching all of the attorneys who appeared before the Court prior to the Civil War. I also find Southern politics, both past and present, of great interest, and, with Karen Owen, am writing both a book on women in Alabama politics and a book chapter on the 2024 Presidential election in Georgia. Finally, for a number of years I have also researched and written on a major Nineteenth Century attorney-politician, George Edmund Badger of North Carolina, the only sitting United States Senator ever to be rejected by the Senate for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court.

TEACHING

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2005-present

Tenured member of the Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty. Courses taught: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System; Constitutional Law II: Rights and Liberties; Judicial Process; American Political Development I: 1607-1877; American Political Development; Southern Politics; Political Parties & Elections; State and Local Government; American Government; American Government (Honors); Supreme Court & Politics (independent study); Supreme Court Research (independent study).

Auburn University, Auburn, AL
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2002-2005

Member of the Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty. Courses taught: Development of the United States Legal System: American Legal History, 1607-1861; Southern Politics; State and Local Government; American Government & Politics. Supervised up to three Graduate Teaching Assistants per semester, as well as independent studies and honors theses.

Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2001-2002

Courses taught: Constitutional Law; State and Local Government; American Government.

Hendrix College, Conway, AR
[Visiting] Assistant Professor of Politics, 2000-2001
Adjunct Professor of History, 2001-2002

Courses taught: Constitutional Law I: The Federal System; Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights; Advanced Issues in Southern Politics (seminar); Political Parties and Elections; Introduction to American National Government; Arkansas History.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Dean's Teaching Fellow, 1999
Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, 1996

Awarded a Dean's Teaching Fellowship – only the second graduate student in American Politics chosen in at least seven years – to design and teach a course of my choosing. Developed and taught a course on Southern Politics in the fall of 1999, to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of then-Hopkins Professor V.O. Key Jr.'s *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. Also served as a Graduate Assistant for two sections of Professor Benjamin Ginsberg's Introduction to American Politics course, fall 1996.

University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR
Instructor, 1992-1995

Full-time member of the faculty. Courses taught: Legal Method; Legal Research, Writing & Analysis; Appellate Advocacy; and an upper-class writing seminar focusing on the federal appellate process.

Bryanston School, Dorset County, England
Bryanston Fellow, 1986-1987

Awarded a Fellowship, then given annually to one Harvard and one University of Virginia graduate, to teach for a year at Bryanston School, an English "Public School" near Blandford Forum, Dorset. Courses taught: American Politics; British Politics; American Studies; Geography; Science in Society. Supervised a house of sixty pupils. Coached squash, tennis, and basketball (head coach; 11-2 record, including regional championship).

Additional Work Experience

The Honorable Donald Stuart Russell
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Law Clerk, 1990-1991

Drafted twenty opinions for Judge Russell and the Court, in addition to writing over sixty bench memoranda. Areas of greatest concentration: Employment Discrimination; Admiralty; Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence; Federal Criminal Law and Sentencing Guidelines; First and Fourth Amendment; Diversity Tort and Contract Disputes.

BAR ADMISSIONS:
North Carolina, 1990
United States District Court, WDNC, 1990
United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1991

Haynsworth, Marion, McKay & Guerard, Greenville, SC
Summer Associate, 1989.

Completed major projects in the areas of construction litigation, asbestos litigation, and workers' compensation.

Professor A.E. Dick Howard, University of Virginia School of Law
Research Assistant, 1988.

Performed extensive legal and historical research. Cite-checked and edited for publication papers presented at the Smithsonian Institution's 1987 symposium on the United States Constitution.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science), 2001

American Government and Politics major; minors in Public Law and American History.

Dissertation: **"'Traditional Redistricting': The Formation of Southern Congressional Districts, 1788-1861,"** 910 pages. Dissertation Advisors: Milton C. Cummings, Jr., and Benjamin Ginsberg.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Juris Doctor, 1990

William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition. Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Libel Show, Writer and Actor. NGSL, Captain. Resided on The Range.

Master of Arts (History), 1990

Concentrations in Nineteenth Century American Legal and Political History.

Thesis: **"George Edmund Badger (1795-1866): A North Carolinian's Life in Politics and the Law,"** 459 pages. Thesis Advisors: Charles McCurdy and Michael Holt.

Bachelor of Arts, 1986

History major; Religious Studies minor. GPA = 3.582; GPA last two years = 3.786. Intercollegiate Debate Team. Thesis: "A Modified Politics of Slavery: Virginia's 1859 Gubernatorial Campaign," 50 pages.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Departmental Teaching Award, 2020. Best of the West Award for Values, 2019. Also nominated for the College Research Award, 2020, and the College Mentor Award, 2019 and 2015.

South Carolina Historical Society's Clark-Weir Award, for the best article published in the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* in 2012.

Selected for Marquis' Who's Who in America, 2008-2009

Nominated, National Society of Collegiate Scholars' Inspire Integrity Award, 2008

Kappa Sigma's Auburn University Professor of the Year, 2005

Hopkins Graduate Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 1995-2000

Friends of Hopkins Library's Sweren Student Book Collecting Contest, First Place, Graduate Division, 2000

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 1999

Professor of the Year, University of Arkansas Law School, 1995

H.L.A Hart Society's Distinguished Service Award, 1995

Bryanston Fellowship, 1986-1987

Dean's List, University of Virginia, Spring 1986, Fall 1985, Spring 1985, Fall 1984, Spring 1984, and Fall 1983 semesters.

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), 1985

John B. Minor Pre-Law (Honor) Society (Secretary), 1984-1986

Over 30 college and high school debate awards

Alison Hamilton Phillips D.A.R. Scholarship, 1982

Widows' Sons' Lodge Masonic Scholarship, 1982

National Honor Society (Treasurer), 1981

Eagle Scout, 1981

Woodman of the World History Award, 1975

SERVICE

Pre-Law Advisor, University of West Georgia, 2005 – present.

The duties of this position include advising numerous students about such topics as deciding whether to attend law school, choosing their undergraduate curriculum, taking the LSAT, applying to law schools, writing their personal statement, choosing which school to attend, etc. From 2006 to the present, the number of students applying to law school, the percentage admitted into at least one school, and the percentage of total applications accepted have all greatly increased. Over this time, UWG students have been accepted into 152 different American law schools, including such schools as Yale, Harvard, University of Chicago, Duke, University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown, UCLA, Cornell, Washington University, Vanderbilt, Emory, Notre Dame, Wake Forest, Georgia, Iowa, William and Mary, George Mason, Florida, Tulane, Alabama, Washington & Lee.

Founder and Faculty Advisor of the West Georgia Pre-Law Society, 2007 – present.

This organization, in which over 470 students have participated, was formed so that those wishing to attend law school can learn about the application process, what will be required for admission, the various law schools in the region, and the overall practice of law. Several times a semester, guest speakers are invited to campus, including Deans of Admission from various law schools, current law students, practicing lawyers and judges, representatives from LSAT-prep courses, etc.

Founder and Faculty Advisor, Epsilon Omicron Iota Pre-Law Honor Society, University of West Georgia, 2008 – present.

This Society honors those students interested in law school who have achieved academic distinction. It also awards the William Tracy Gould Award in Constitutional Law.

Departmental Advisor

From 2006 to 2017, advised numerous political science majors (at one time having 62 advisees), meeting with these students twice a year to discuss which courses they will take in the following semester, as well as the requirements for graduation. Also previously advised hundreds of students at the University of Arkansas Law School, Hendrix College, and Auburn University about such topics as what classes to take, judicial clerkships, summer clerkships, law firm employment, applying for and attending law school, applying for and attending graduate school, job opportunities, etc.

Committee Memberships

System and University:

- University Committee on Honorary Degrees
- Faculty Senate's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, 2015-2017
- Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia's Academic Advisory Committee on Political Science, 2006 – 2008.
- Co-Coordinator for Big Night/Research Night, 2006.

College:

- Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2014-2016, 2018, 2020-2021, 2023-2024 (**Chair**, 2014, 2023).
- Faculty Council**,** 2012-2015 (Interim Chair-Elect, Spring 2014).
- Executive Committee, 2022-present.

Department:

- Personnel Committee, 2016-2021, 2022-present (**Chair**, 2018-2021, 2022-present).
- Curriculum Committee, 2021-2022.
- Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2020, 2021 (**Chair**, 2011, 2014, 2020).
- Third Year Review Committee, 2017, 2019, 2020 (**Chair**, 2019).
- Post-Tenure Review Committee, 2013.
- Faculty Search Committee, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2017, 2019 (**Chair**, 2008-2009).
- Selection Committee for the Janet Clark Endowment Award for Political Research and Writing**,** 2008-2009, 2011-2012.

Keynote address for the University of West Georgia's celebration of Constitution Week, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2016, 2020.

Various Speeches to Civic Organizations, including the **League of Women Voters**, the **Newnan Rotary Club**, the **Carrollton Lions Club**, and the **Daughters of the American Revolution**. Also, Guest Panelist for an **NAACP forum** on Affirmative Action.

Interviewed and quoted by various international, national, regional, and local media outlets, including ***Kongressen*** (Danish), the **History Channel/History.com**; **PolitiFact**; ***Atlanta Journal-Constitution***; **WABE-Atlanta**; **Fox5 Atlanta (WAGA); WOSU (Columbus, OH); *Birmingham News***; ***Chattanooga Times-Free-Press***, Carrollton *Times-Georgian*, *Douglas County Sentinel*, *The West Georgian,* et al.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, Auburn University, 2004-2005.

Political Analyst for "The Auburn Report with Kevin Cate," WEGL, 91.1 FM, Auburn, AL, 2003-2005

Non-Fiction Award Judge for the Aonian Literary Magazine, Hendrix College, 2001, 2002.

Judge, University of Virginia School of Law's First Year Oral Argument competition, 1997.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Delta Phi, University of Arkansas School of Law, 1992-1995.

Faculty Advisor, H.L.A. Hart Society, University of Arkansas School of Law, 1993-1995**.** This Society sponsored dinners where law students, law professors, and local attorneys could meet and socialize, and guest speakers included the Chief Justice of Arkansas, several Federal Judges, law school Deans, etc.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

The Last Federalist: George Edmund Badger of North Carolina (2 volumes).

Badger (1795-1866) was one of the nation's leading attorney-politicians, serving in the Cabinet as well as nine years in the U.S. Senate. He also argued over 790 cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court, and 50 before the U.S. Supreme Court; in 1853, he became the only sitting U.S. Senator ever rejected by the Senate for a seat on the Supreme Court. Volume 1: "North Carolina Attorney, 1795-1846" is complete and currently under review. Research is complete for Volume 2: "Southern Unionist, 1846-1866."

Filling the Merry-Go-Round: Alabama Women in Electoral Office, 1923-1959

With Karen Owen. The first of a planned two-volume study of female officeholding in Alabama, especially its unusual tradition in the middle of the Twentieth Century of electing only females to three lower, statewide-elected, Constitutional offices: Secretary of State, Auditor, and Treasurer. The research for this first volume is almost complete and over half of the book has been written, with a projected completion date of 2027. Much of the research for the second volume is also complete.

A History of Legal Education in Virginia, 1779-1879.

Building upon the work of William Hamilton Bryson, this book will minutely detail institutionalized legal education in Virginia over its first century, including the discovery of twelve law schools never before discussed. Research and much of the writing is complete, with a projected completion and publication date of 2029 to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation's first law school at William & Mary.

Congressional Districting and Elections in North Carolina, 1789-1865.

Complete but for the introductory and concluding chapters; anticipated completion date, 2026 or 2027. Additional volumes, tracing the subject to the present, are contemplated.

A History of Legal Education in North Carolina.

Research and much of writing complete.

Famous Names, Obscure Lives: A Biographical Dictionary of 500 Notable Supreme Court Litigants

Research and writing has begun.

Practitioners Before the Ante-Bellum United States Supreme Court, 1790-1861: A Statistical, Narrative, and Biographical Study.

Awarded a Grant from the University of West Georgia's Student Research Assistant Program, for 2009-2010, to aid in the research. Much of the research is complete.

Other possible book projects being researched include: a history of legal education in the Deep South; a detailed look at the Supreme Court confirmation process between 1825 and 1897; a history of Congressional districting in the American South from 1788 through 1962, as well as additional volumes on the history of the process in both Georgia and Alabama; and a biographical history of rejected U.S. Supreme Court nominees.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Teaching of George Wythe," in The History of Legal Education in the United States, ed. Steve Sheppard (Salem Press, two volumes, 1999; reprint, Lawbook Exchange, 2007), I, 138-68. Also reproduced as part of the College of William and Mary law library's online *Wythepedia: The George Wythe Encyclopedia*.

"The Institutionalization of Legal Education in North Carolina, 1790-1920," in The History of Legal Education in the United States, ed. Steve Sheppard (Salem Press, two volumes, 1999; reprint, Lawbook Exchange, 2007), I, 406-85.

"Only Sometimes a Battle: Partisan Politics in Jefferson Country, 1788-2001." 62 *The Magazine of Albemarle County History* (2004), 1-64.

"The First Gerrymander? Patrick Henry, James Madison, James Monroe, and Virginia's 1788 Congressional Districting." 9 *Early American Studies* (2011), 781-820. Cited by Chief Justice John Roberts in his opinion for the Court in *Rucho v. Common Cause* (2019).

"Litchfield on the Savannah: William Tracy Gould and the Deep South's First Law School." 19 *Journal of Southern Legal History* (2011), 177-263.

"Hastening the Demise of Federalism in the Low Country: South Carolina's Congressional Gerrymander of 1802." 113 *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (2012), 221-56. Awarded the South Carolina Historical Society's Clark-Weir Award, for the best article published in the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* in 2012.

"Trump and the Judiciary: Courting Conservatives and Controversy," in The Unorthodox Presidency of Donald J. Trump, ed. Rutledge and Rackaway (University Press of Kansas, 2021), 205-34.

"Familiarity Breeds Success? Justices with Prior Supreme Court Litigation Experience." Manuscript complete; to be sent out for consideration.

"Mark It With a 'B': The Branding of Bigamists in Ante-Bellum North Carolina." Research compete, and article is outlined and partially written.

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"**The Lee Family and the Supreme Court**." Research complete.

REVIEW ARTICLES

Review of review of The Papers of the Revolutionary Era Pinckney Statesmen Digital Edition, volume 3: Experience Statesmen in War, Peace, and Diplomacy (1799-1811), 122 *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 111-13 (2021).

Review of Coquillette and Kimball, On the Battlefield of Merit: Harvard Law School, The First Century, 56 *American Journal of Legal History*, 359-60 (2016).

Review of Steed and Moreland, eds., Writing Southern Politics: Contemporary Interpretations and Future Directions, 27 *American Review of Politics*, 378-81 (Fall & Winter 2006-2007).

OTHER WRITINGS

Newspaper opinion pieces, including in the Raleigh News & Observer and Wilmington Morning Star.

"Thomas Adams Rogers," in Pickens County Heritage (Don Mills, Inc., 1995), 146-47.

PRE-PUBLICATION REVIEWS

Reviewed the 10th edition of, and suggested updates for, Cummings and Wise's American government textbook, Democracy Under Pressure, for Thomson-Wadsworth Publishing, 2006.

Reviewed the proposal for, and two sample chapters from, Gillman, Graber, and Whittington's two-volume Constitutional Law textbook, American Constitutionalism, for Oxford University Press, 2007; reviewed the entire first volume prior to publication, 2009.

Article reviewer for the *Journal of Political Science*, the *Ralph Bunch Journal of Public Affairs*, and other publications.

GRANTS AND GRANT PROPOSALS

Co-Author and Academic Director for a Grant Proposal to the U.S. State Department for their Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders program, the grant being for $720,000 over a three-year period. Submitted January 2014 and deemed competitive.

University of West Georgia's Murphy Center's Summer Research Grant, $4000, Summer 2022.

University of West Georgia College of Social Science's Summer Research Grant, $5000, Summer 2019.

University of West Georgia's Student Research Assistant Program grant, $2100, 2009-2010.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"'Shoe Leather Wins Victory': Agnes Baggett Begins her Record-breaking Career in Alabama Politics." With Karen Owen. Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2024.

"The Black Widow of Alabama Politics: Sibyl Pool Becomes Secretary of State." With Karen Owen. Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2020.

"'The Women's Offices': Alabama's Unique History of Female Officeholding in Three Constitutional Offices." With Karen Owen. Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2018.

"Is It Over Yet? Electoral Indices of the Southern Realignment." Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2016.

"Localism Alive and Well: Georgia's 2010 Gubernatorial Primaries." Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2012.

"Sex with the Wrong Woman: Similarities Between Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer* and Peter Taylor's 'In the Miro District.'" Presented to "*The Moviegoer* at 50," a conference sponsored by the Walker Percy Center for Writing and Publishing, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, La., October 2011.

"**The Origins of Southern Mountain Republicanism: A Reassessment.**" Paper completed for the Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting, January 2011.

"The Role of Elevation in Southern Politics: Past Myth and Reality, and Current Significance." Presented to The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2010.