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### APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Adviser, Fort Lewis College, (2014-Present)

Faculty in Residence, Animas Hall, Fort Lewis College (2016-Present)

### EDUCATION

**Cornell University** Ph.D., Government (August 2014)

Dissertation: *The United States Supreme Court and National State Expansion, 1789-1997* (nominated for APSA's Edwin S. Corwin award for best dissertation in public law, 2015)

Committee: Richard F. Bense (chair), Michael Jones-Correa, Ken I. Kersch (Boston College), Aziz Rana, and Elizabeth Sanders

**Boston College** B.A., Political Science and History, *cum laude*, (2008)

### TEACHING AREAS

**Law and Courts:** Constitutional Law: National Powers, Civil Rights and Liberties, American Supreme Court, Judicial Politics & Process, Criminal Justice, Law and Society, Courts and Public Policy, Constitutional Theory

**American Politics and Thought:** Introduction to American Government, Presidency, American Political Development, American Political Thought, Survey of Western Political Philosophy

**Methods:** Qualitative Methods, Research Design, Senior Capstone

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Monograph

Dichio, Michael A. 2018. *The US Supreme Court and the Centralization of Federal Authority*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press (*American Constitutionalism* series edited by Robert Spitzer)

## Book Chapters

Dichio, Michael A. 2019 (forthcoming). "The Problems of Litigating Hardrock Mining." In *Gold Metal Waters* edited by Brad Clark and Pete McCormick. Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Press.

## Book Review

Dichio, Michael A. 2018. Review of Douglas E. Edlin *Common Law Judging: Subjectivity, Impartiality, and the Making of Law* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2016), *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 28, No. 2: pp. 16-18.

Dichio, Michael A. 2013. Review of Thomas J. Main, ed. *Is the American Constitution Obsolete?* (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2013), *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 23, No. 9: pp. 446-451.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "The General Mining Act of 1872: Resettlement and State Formation in the Mountain West" (draft complete)
- "The Supreme Court and the Rise of the Modern American State" (research in progress)
- "The Warren Court's Uneven Distribution of Citizenship Rights" (research in progress)
- "A Devil's Pact: Slavery and American Constitutional Obsolescence" (research in progress)

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Foundation Grant, Fort Lewis College 2015-2017
- Faculty Development Grant, Fort Lewis College 2014, 2015, 2017
- Skyhawk Teaching Appreciation Award, Fort Lewis College 2015
- Byron Dare Fellowship, Fort Lewis College 2014 and 2015
- John L. Senior Chair of Institutions Grant, Cornell University 2012-2013
- American Political Science Association Centennial Center Scholar 2013
- Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant 2012
- Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellow, Cornell University 2012
- Government Department Travel Grant, Cornell University 2010
- Russell Sage Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University 2008-2009
- National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduates 2007
- Order of the Cross and Crown, Boston College 2007
- Advanced Study Grant, Boston College 2006

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Fort Lewis College

Introduction to American Government  
Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems  
Constitutional Law: Bill of Rights  
Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers  
American Supreme Court  
American Presidency  
Survey of Western Political Thought  
Senior Research Seminar  
Internship Adviser

### Cornell University

Instructor of Record, Department of Government, (Freshman Writing Seminar)

- American Law and Society
- The Constitution, Sex, Marriage, and Privacy

Resident Tutor and Adviser, Cornell in Washington, Washington, D.C.

- Research Seminar in American Studies
- Politics and Policy: Theory, Research, and Practice

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government

- U.S. Congress
- Introduction to American Government
- Supreme Court and Crime
- Constitutional Politics
- American Political Thought: Madison to Malcolm X

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Discussant for “Conflict and Collaboration Federal Systems” panel, *American Political Science Association*, Boston, MA, August 31-September 2, 2018
- “Citizen Suits and the General Mining Act of 1872: Using Citizens to Build the American State” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 5-8, 2018
- Discussant for “Early American State” panel, *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 5-8, 2018
- Participant in “Socratic Method Today” module, Teaching & Learning Conference, *American Political Science Association*, Long Beach, CA, February 10-12, 2017
- “Problems of Litigating Hardrock Mining” *Western Political Science Association*, San Diego, CA, March 24-26, 2016

- “The U.S. Supreme Court and National State Development, 1789-1920” *Western Political Science Association*, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015
- “The Constitutional Foundations of the American Central State, 1789-2010.” *Northeast Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2013
- “The Supreme Court and American State Expansion, 1870-1930.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013
- “The Supreme Court and Patterns of American State Development, 1789-2011.” *Policy History Conference*, Richmond, VA, June 6-9, 2012
- “The Supreme Court and Patterns of American State Development, 1789-2011.” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012
- “The Supreme Court and Patterns of American State Development, 1789-2011.” *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, OR, March 22-24, 2012
- “The Supreme Court and American State Development, 1789-2011.” *New England Political Science Conference*, Hartford, CT, April 28-30, 2011
- “Categories and Consequences: The Legal Construction of Reality in American Political Development.” *New England Political Science Conference*, Newport, RI, April 22-24, 2010
- Invited participant, Constitutional Law “Schmooze” Baltimore, MD hosted by Mark Graber, February 2010

## INVITED TALKS

- “The Constitution and Campaign Finance,” League of Women Voters, Oct. 2017
- “Congressional and Legislative Tracking,” Indivisible Durango, February 2017
- “Electoral College: Past, Present, and Future,” League of Women Voters, May 2017

## MEDIA

Featured in “Fort Lewis College Students Seek to Boost Voter Turnout Among Peers,” *Durango Herald*, 14 September 2018

Featured in “Fort Lewis College Students Present Videos About State Ballot Measures,” *Durango Herald*, 16 October 2018

Featured in “Student Videos Explain Ballot Measures in Nonpartisan Way,” *Durango Herald*, 22 October 2018

## SERVICE

### College-Wide Service

- Strategic Planning Sub-Group, “Faculty Mentoring and Student Housing/Life Connections,” member, (September 2018-Present)
- Student Success and Retention Team, member, (September 2018-Present)
- Common Ground Diversity Review Committee, member, (September 2018-Present)
- Honors Council Committee, member, (August 2018-Present)
- Teaching Innovation, Pedagogy and Assessment Committee, member, (August 2018-Present)
- “Common Ground” Diversity Trained Facilitator, (May 2017-Present)
- Political Science Department Assessment, Member, (September 2015-Present)
- Awards Committee, Member, (January 2017-April 2018)
- Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee, Elected Member, (March 2017-July 2017)
- Faculty Senator, Elected Member, (Fall 2016-Present)
- Faculty in Residence, Animas Hall, (Fall 2016-Present)
- Faculty Mentor, (Fall 2016-Present)
- LGBTQ+ Safe Zone Ally, Member/Representative, (May 2016-Present)
- Constitution Day Coordinator, (Fall 2014-Present)

### Department Service

- Political Science Program Review, Member, (September 2016-May 2017)
- Technical Services Librarian Search Committee, (Spring 2016)
- Visiting Instructor of Philosophy Search Committee, (Spring 2016)
- Political Science Tenure-Track Search Committee, (2015-2016)
- Political Science Club Co-Adviser (Fall 2015-Present)
- Pre-Law Program Coordinator and Adviser, (Fall 2014-Present)
- Pre-Law Assessment Coordinator, (Fall 2014-Present)
- Co-Director, Teaching Assistant Trainer, Department of Government, Cornell University, (2011-2012)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Common Ground Diversity Facilitator, Fort Lewis College May 2017
- Safe Zone LGBTQ+ Ally Training, Fort Lewis College May 2016
- ICPSR Methods, University of Michigan July 2013
- Presenting Data and Information with Edward Tufte June 2013
- Institute for Constitutional History *Lochner Era* Seminar, GW Law Jan.-Feb. 2013
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University June 2011
- Empirical Legal Workshop, Northwestern University Law May 2010
- Institute for Constitutional Studies Research Workshop June 2009
- Pedagogy Course, Cornell University, (Writing 7100: Teaching Writing) Fall 2010

## REFERENCES

Richard F. Bensel  
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## SPECIAL SKILLS

Computer Programs: SPSS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (past and present)

American Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
American Association of University Professors

## HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Mock trial (member throughout high school and Boston College)  
Backpacking/hiking (leader of multiple student trips at Fort Lewis College)