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APPOINTMENTS

The University of Utah, 2019-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Fort Lewis College, 2014-2019

*Assistant Professor and Pre-Law Adviser, Department of Political Science & Philosophy
Faculty in Residence, Animas Hall, (2016-2019)*

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Ph.D., Department of 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

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and History, cum laude, May 2008

RESEARCH AREAS

Law and Courts: Constitutional law and development; civil rights and liberties; U.S. Supreme Court, judicial politics; law and society

American Politics: American political development; federalism; American political thought; institutions

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)

Reviewed in: [Publius: The Journal of Federalism](#) (August 2019), [Law & Politics Book Review](#) (July 2020), featured on [the Volokh Conspiracy](#) (August 20, 2019)

Book Chapters

Dichio, Michael A. 2021. "The Problems of Litigating Hardrock Mining." In *Gold Metal Waters* edited by Brad Clark and Pete McCormick. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado.

Articles (non-peer reviewed)

Dichio, Michael A. and Igor Logvinenko. 2021. "[Authoritarian Populism, Courts and Democratic Erosion: What Americans Can Learn from the Rest of the World.](#)" *Just Security*, Reiss Center on Law and Security at New York University School of Law.

Book Review

Dichio, Michael A. 2019. Review of Nicholas Aroney and John Kincaid, eds. *Courts in Federal Countries: Federalist or Unitarists?* (Toronto, CA: University of Toronto Press, 2017), *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*

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: State Formation in the Mountain West" (draft complete)
- "US Supreme Court Centralization in the 21st Century" (research in progress, with Ilya Somin)
- "The Curious Case of *Texas v. California*" (research in progress, with Phillip Singer)
- "To Render Prompt Justice: The Origins and Construction of the U.S. Court of Claims" (research in progress, with Logan Strother and Ryan Williams)
- "Autocracy, Populism, and Courts" (with Igor Logvinenko)
- "Can You Say That? Divergence of Hate and Obscene Speech Jurisprudence" (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

University of Utah

Courses Taught

Constitutional Law
 Civil Rights & Liberties
 Introduction to Law & Politics

Dissertation Committees

Christopher Whipple (chair)
 Morgan Wilson (member)

Honors Theses Advised

Dallas Blackburn (AY 20-21)
 Audrey Pozernick (AY 20-21)
 Jenna Wiseman (AY 20-21)
 Konnor Woodburn (AY 20-21)

UROP Advised

Aliza Murad (AY 20-21)

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

- “‘To Render Prompt Justice:’ Origins and Construction of the U.S. Court of Claims,” *Policy History Conference*, Tempe, AZ, June 2-5, 2021
- “The Curious Case of *Texas v. California*” (Phillip Singer and Michael Dichio, presented only by Phillip Singer), *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, CA, September 10-13, 2020
- “The General Mining Act of 1872: Resettlement and State Formation in the Mountain West” *Western Political Science Association*, San Diego, CA, April 18-20 2019
- 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

- Hinckley Institute of Politics, Public Forum, “Power to the People: U.S. Voting Rights,” October 30, 2019
- “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

Interview Podcast, BYU Newslines, 31 October 2020

Featured in “The Constitution, political norms, and the future of the Supreme Court,” @TheU, 25 September 2020

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

University of Utah

Department Service

- Political Research Colloquium, Organizer and Coordinator, (July 2019-Present)
- American Politics Comprehensive Committee, member, (Spring 2020, Spring 2021)

Fort Lewis College

College-Wide Service

- Strategic Planning Sub-Group, “Faculty Mentoring and Student Housing/Life Connections,” member, (September 2018-May 2019)
- Student Success and Retention Team, member, (September 2018-May 2019)
- Common Ground Diversity Review Committee, member, (September 2018-May 2019)
- Honors Council Committee, member, (August 2018-May 2019)
- Teaching Innovation, Pedagogy and Assessment Committee, member, (August 2018-May 2019)
- “Common Ground” Diversity Trained Facilitator, (May 2017-May 2019)
- Political Science Department Assessment, Member, (September 2015-May 2019)
- Awards Committee, Member, (January 2017-April 2018)
- Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee, Elected Member, (March 2017-July 2017)
- Faculty Senator, Elected Member, (Fall 2016-May 2019)
- Faculty in Residence, Animas Hall, (Fall 2016-May 2019)

- Faculty Mentor, (Fall 2016-May 2019)
- LGBTQ+ Safe Zone Ally, Member/Representative, (May 2016-May 2019)
- Constitution Day Coordinator, (Fall 2014-May 2019)

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-May 2019)
- Pre-Law Program Coordinator and Adviser, (Fall 2014-May 2019)
- Pre-Law Assessment Coordinator, (Fall 2014-May 2019)
- Co-Director, Teaching Assistant Trainer, Department of Government, Cornell University, (2011-2012)

Article Reviewer

Publius: The Journal of Federalism
Journal of Law and Courts

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| • 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 <i>Lochner Era</i> 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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Chair of the Department of Political Science & Philosophy
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (past and present)

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