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## APPOINTMENTS

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### **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

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### **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), 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

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**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

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### **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), [Journal of Supreme Court History](#) (October 2021), featured on [the Volokh Conspiracy](#) (August 20, 2019)

### Articles (peer-reviewed)

Dichio, Michael A. and Phillip Singer. 2023. “State Attorneys General and Their Challenges to Federal Policies: Insights from *Texas v. California* Regarding the Affordable Care Act,” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*

Dichio, Michael A., Logan Strother, and Ryan Williams. 2022. “‘To Render Prompt Justice:’ The Origins and Construction of the U.S. Court of Claims,” *Studies in American Political Development* 36: 120-37.

Dichio, Michael A. and Ilya Somin. 2022. “Rethinking the Supreme Court’s Influence on American Federalism and Centralization,” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*

### 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

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- Special Issue on “Courts and Authoritarian Populism: the United States in Comparative Perspective,” (serving as co-guest editor with Igor Logvinenko)
- “Norms and Procedures: Courts and Democratic Backsliding in the United States” (with Igor Logvinenko, in progress)
- “Statutory Review on the Roberts Court: the Least Activist in U.S. History?” (with Ryan J. Williams, in progress)

- “The General Mining Act of 1872: Litigation State in the Mountain West” (in progress)

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

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- CSBS Junior Faculty Research Leave, University of Utah Spring 2023
- Faculty Fellow Award, University of Utah Fall 2022
- CSBS Superior Teaching Award, finalist, University of Utah Spring 2022
- 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, Oklahoma State University 2007
- Order of the Cross and Crown, Boston College 2007
- Advanced Study Grant, Boston College 2006

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Utah**

#### *Courses Taught*

Constitutional Law  
 Civil Rights and Liberties  
 Introduction to Law and Politics

#### *Dissertation Committees*

Christopher Whipple (chair)  
 Jerry Stott (member)  
 Morgan Wilson (member)

#### *Honors Theses Advised*

Aya Hibben (AY 22-23)  
 Kyra Hudson (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

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Co-organizer and presenter at “[Courts and Authoritarian Populism: the United States in Comparative Perspective](#)” at Occidental College, December 16, 2022
- “Norms and Procedures: Courts and Democratic Backsliding in the United States” (with Igor Logvinenko), Workshop on “Courts and Authoritarian Populism: the United States in Comparative Perspective,” Occidental College, December 16, 2022
- “Is the Roberts Court Actually the Least Activist in U.S. History?” (with Ryan J. Williams), *Policy History Conference*, Tempe, AZ, June 1-4, 2022
- “Assaulting a Constitutional Republic: Trump and Federal Courts in a Comparative Perspective” (with Sam Baty and Igor Logvinenko), *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, OR, March 9-11, 2022
- “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

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- 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

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Interview Podcast, BYU Newsline, 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

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*University of Utah*

Department Service

- Faculty Advisor, Hinckley Institute Student Journal (Spring 2022)
- Graduate Student Orientation presenter, (August 2021, August 2022)
- Political Research Colloquium, Organizer and Coordinator, (July 2019-July 2022)
- American Politics Comprehensive Exam 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)

#### ***Professional Service***

- C. Herman Pritchett, Best Book Award Committee, Law & Courts Section, 2021-2022

#### ***Article Reviewer***

Publius: The Journal of Federalism

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- Common Ground Diversity Facilitator, Fort Lewis College May 2017
- 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**

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- Richard F. Bensel, Gary S. Davis Professor of Government, Cornell University ([rfb2@cornell.edu](mailto:rfb2@cornell.edu))
- Ken I. Kersch, Professor of Political Science, Boston College ([kersch@bc.edu](mailto:kersch@bc.edu))
- Aziz F. Rana, Professor of Law, Cornell University Law School, ([ar643@cornell.edu](mailto:ar643@cornell.edu))
- Justin P. McBrayer, Professor of Philosophy Chair of the Department of Political Science & Philosophy, Fort Lewis College, ([jpmcbrayer@fortlewis.edu](mailto:jpmcbrayer@fortlewis.edu))

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (past and present)**

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