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EDUCATION

J.D., Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, 2012

M.A.R., Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT., 2012

M.Phil. (Politics: Political Theory), University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 2006

B.A. (English and Political Science), Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, 2004

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- *Forming Good Lawyers*, 58 WAKE FOREST L. REV. (forthcoming 2023)
- *Preconditions of Leadership in Law*, 56 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 101 (2021)
- *Why Liberalism Persists: The Neglected Life of Law in the Story of Liberalism's Decline*, 94 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 457 (2021)
- *A Common Enterprise: Law and The Connection Between Civil and Heavenly Realms in The Writings of John Calvin*, 4 CONCORDIA L. REV. 36 (2019)
- *Education and the Constitution: Three Threats to Public Schools and the Theories that Inspire Them*, 85 MISS. L.J. 327 (2016)

PUBLICATIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS AND THE PUBLIC (SELECTED)

- *Forming Good Lawyers*, THE JURIST (forthcoming 2022)
- *Ethics and Professional Responsibility: What Lawyers Should Know and Trauma-Informed Lawyering as a Legal Competency*, TRAUMA-INFORMED LAW: A PRIMER FOR LAWYERS IN PRACTICE (ABA Publishing, forthcoming 2022)
- *Religious Liberty and Social Equality in the Aftermath of Fulton v. Philadelphia*, CANOPY FORUM ON THE INTERACTIONS OF LAW AND RELIGION AT EMORY LAW SCHOOL (2021)
- *Leadership and Character in the Law*, THE JURIST (2020)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wake Forest University • Winston-Salem, NC • July 2019–present

Director of Leadership and Character in the Professional Schools

- Established the Program's presence in Wake Forest's professional schools by working with key university leaders to identify needs, clarify priorities, and to secure necessary financial support.

- Cultivate and manage relationships external stakeholders to ensure support for the Program, including raising \$9m in grants and gifts to support staff, programs, and student scholarships in Wake Forest's professional schools.
- Hired and manage (or co-manage) the 15-person team in the professional schools that focuses on curricular development, student programming, research and assessment, and external engagement to promote leadership and character in the professions.
- Oversee an annual budget of approximately \$2.2m.

Scholar-in-Residence in the School of Law

- Design and teach 1-2 courses per semester in the School of Law. Courses have included *Professional Responsibility, Leadership and Character in the Law, Leadership and Adversity*, and *Character and the Professions*.
- Produce legal scholarship in the fields of legal ethics and professional responsibility, constitutional law, and legal and political theory.
- Serve on various faculty committees, advise various student organization efforts, and participate in the life of the Law School as a member of the residential faculty.

Millsaps College • Jackson, MS • August 2012–June 2019

Founding Executive Director of the Institute for Civic & Professional Engagement (April 2016–June 2019)

- Oversaw the Office of Continuing Education, the Center for Career Education, the Center for Ministry, church relations, service learning, vocational discernment, national fellowships, and various other engagement initiatives and programs.
- Managed and developed relationships with external partners.
- Supervised a team of 13 people and managed an annual budget of \$1.1m.

Special Assistant to the President (August 2012–June 2019)

- Served on the College's Cabinet and Executive Staff.
- Played a leading role in implementing the College-wide strategic plan.
- Acted as legal counsel and coordinated responsibilities among various divisions of the College.
- Assisted the President with special projects and led various Cabinet-level searches.
- Represented the President's Office and the College in the community.

Assistant Professor of Political Science (non-tenure-track) (August 2012–June 2019)

- Designed and taught one course per semester, focusing on constitutional law, civil rights and liberties, legal and political theory, and the U.S. judiciary.

Interim Director of Marketing & Communications (January–July 2013)

- Managed the Marketing & Communications staff.
- Oversaw all official College communication, including the monthly e-news Bulletin and the *Millsaps Magazine*.
- Managed Commencement exercises.

Director of National Fellowships (January 2013–June 2019)

- Directed the national fellowships program and enhanced support systems for fellowship applicants.
- In addition to success with the Truman, Goldwater, and Fulbright Scholarships, Millsaps was the only private liberal arts college in the nation to produce a 2018 Rhodes Scholar and was one of only 12 colleges in the U.S. to produce two or more Rhodes Scholars from 2016-18.

Yale University • New Haven, CT • August 2008–May 2012

Yale College Teaching Fellow (Spring 2012)

- Designed and taught undergraduate seminar, *Religion and the U.S. Constitution in Theoretical Context*.

Residential Graduate Affiliate, Saybrook College

- Advised national fellowship applicants, including several Truman, Rhodes, and Marshall winners.
- Organized weekly presentations in which Yale undergraduates presented senior theses.

Seminarian, Episcopal Church at Yale (2009–2010)

- Organized community outreach activities, assisted with Sunday services, and led weekly Bible study.

University of Mississippi • August 2006–July 2008

Barksdale Political Science Teaching Fellow in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College

- Taught two honors classes per semester, including *Introduction to American Politics; Liberty, Justice, and Equality; Religion, Politics, and the Law; Modern Political Thought from Machiavelli to Marx*, and *Ethics and Literature*.
- Mentored honors students and worked with the Fellowships Office, during which time I closely advised three successful Truman Scholars, a Rhodes Scholar, and Mitchell Scholar.

Instructor of Public Policy Leadership in the Lott Leadership Institute

- Was one of two faculty members involved in designing and launching the academic major in Public Policy Leadership.
- Led and taught three undergraduate and graduate exchange courses between the University of Mississippi and the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa. Courses focused on the history of racial reconciliation in the American South and South Africa.
- Taught one course per semester in public policy leadership, including *Introduction to Public Policy Leadership* and *Ethics and Public Policy*.

- Assisted with various leadership programs and initiatives sponsored by the Lott Leadership Institute.

Nelson Mandela University • Port Elizabeth, South Africa • June–August 2009

Visiting Lecturer

- Prepared and delivered a series of lectures on legal and political theory.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP • Jackson, MS • May–June 2009

Summer Associate in the commercial defense litigation practice group

Arnold & Porter LLP • Washington, DC • May–July 2011

Summer Associate with focus on environmental litigation

Becket Fund for Religious Liberty • Washington, DC • July–August 2011

Legal Intern focusing on religious liberty litigation before U.S. Courts of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court

University of Oxford • Oxford, UK • September 2004–June 2006

Head Coach, Oxford University Women's Basketball (September 2004–June 2006)

- Served as head coach of the university's women's basketball team for two seasons, including an undefeated regular season in 2005-2006.

Junior Dean, Trinity College (September 2005–June 2006)

- Enforced College policies to ensure a safe, quiet, and healthy environment for undergraduates of Trinity College.

Tutor, Wycliffe Hall (January 2006–March 2006)

- Taught an undergraduate course in comparative government.

Oxford Tradition of the Oxbridge Academic Programs • Oxford, UK • Summer 2005

Literature Instructor

- Designed and taught two English literature classes to 27 high school students from around the world.

U.S. Department of Education • Washington, DC • Summer 2004

Truman Scholar Summer Fellow

- Reviewed grant applications for the “Improving Literacy through School Libraries” grants program.

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- Faculty organizer and sponsor for “Leading Change in the Legal Profession,” Wake Forest Law Review Symposium (February 2023)
- “Leadership and Character in the Law,” Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court Keynote address, Winston-Salem, NC (March 2022)
- “Responsible Leadership in Law and Public Life,” hosted by the Global Leadership Initiative and the Oxford Character Project at the University of Oxford (May 2021)
- Lead organizer for “Character and the Professions” conference, hosted by the Wake Forest Program for Leadership and Character and the Oxford Character Project; conference included over 2300 registrants from 47 countries (March 2021)
- Co-faculty organizer for “Secondary Trauma and the Legal Profession,” Wake Forest Law Review Symposium; symposium included over 900 participants from around the nation. (February 2021)
- “Leadership and Character in the Law” Continuing Legal Education seminar (4-hours) delivered at Smith Anderson law firm in Raleigh, NC (December 2019)
- “Troubled Bridges: Ideological Explanations for Mississippi’s Infrastructure Crisis” presentation through the Mississippi Humanities Council’s “Ideas on Tap” program (May 2018)
- “Renewal Strategies for Vocational Exploration Programs” at the 2017 Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education conference
- “Interpreting the 2016 Election” presentation through the Mississippi Humanities Council’s “Ideas on Tap” program (November 2016)
- “Immigration and Integration in the United States and Germany” at the 2015 American Council on Germany’s Young Leaders Conference (July 2015)
- “Rights in Conflict: Constitution Day Reflections on Religious Liberty, Gay Rights, and Access to Health Care” for the 2014 Millsaps College Constitution Day Event
- “Norms and Narratives: Law’s Latent Supports and the Challenge of International Human Rights” for the Mississippi College School of Law conference Law and Human Rights in a Post-Secular World (March 2014)
- “Norms and Narratives: Law’s Latent Supports and the Challenge of International Governance” at the Mississippi College School of Law’s Comparative Center’s Speaker Series (November 2013)
- “Liberty, Justice, and Equality: Rights in Conflict” for the 2013 Millsaps College Constitution Day Event
- “Race, Transformation, and the University of Mississippi” at the Diversification in Higher Education Conference at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (August 2009)
- “Health Care: Universal Right or Personal Responsibility?” at the 2007 University of Mississippi Lott Institute Leadership Conference
- “Negative Liberty and the PATRIOT Act” for 2007 University of Mississippi Law School Constitution Day Panel: “The Constitution and National Security”

PUBLIC SERVICE AND NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP (SELECTED)

- Mississippi Humanities Council Grants Committee member (2018–2019)

- Forward Mississippi: member of the board of directors (2017–2019)
- William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation: volunteer consultant (2017–2019)
- Volunteer advisor for the Planning and Development Department of the City of Jackson (2017–2019)
- Member of Transition Team for Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba of Jackson, Mississippi (2017–2018)
- Frequent political and legal analyst for Jackson’s ABC, NBC, FOX television networks, *Clarion Ledger* newspaper, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, and, occasionally, for National Public Radio (2013–2019)
- Planned and managed the 2015 annual conference of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities “Civic Education: Partnerships and Influence in Higher Education.” Conference included 300 participants from around the state. (2015)
- Founder and curator of Jackson, MS Hub of the World Economic Forum’s Global Shapers (2013–2016)
- Leadership Greater Jackson: graduate and member of the board of directors (2012–2019)
- Participant in Yale Law School’s Non-profit Organizations Clinic (2010–2011)
- Co-founded and organized the Debating Law & Religion Series at Yale (2009–2012)
- Editor for Yale Law & Policy Review (2009–2011)
- Created and Convened the Law & Religion reading group at Yale (2009)
- “Faith and Arms in a Democratic Society: A Working Conference on Religion and the Military,” student organizer (2009)
- Millsaps College Student Government: president, vice-president, senator (2000–2004)

HONORS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

- Named one of Jackson’s top 10 emerging lawyers by *Portico* magazine (January 2018)
- One of 22 Americans selected to participate in American Council on Germany’s Young Leaders Conference in Munich and Berlin (July 2015)
- Participant in the Institute for Interfaith Dialogue’s “Mississippi and Turkey” program in Turkey (May 2015)
- Delegate at World Economic Forum’s Global Shapers Annual Conference in Geneva, Switzerland (August 2014)
- Faith & Globalization fellow: one of 24 selected from across Yale to participate in seminar with Miroslav Volf and Tony Blair (fall 2009)
- Yale Divinity School Marquand Scholar: full tuition scholarship, plus stipend (2008-2012)
- International Academy of Achievement Summit participant (June 2006)
- *Blues* recipient for Oxford University Blues basketball (2005, 2006)
- Rhodes Scholar (2004)
- *USA Today* All Academic Second Team (2004)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2004)
- Young Democrat of the Year for the state of Mississippi (2004)
- Millsaps College Hall of Fame (2004)
- *Summa Cum Laude* (2004)

- Founders' Medal winner for highest GPA among graduating seniors at Millsaps College (2004)
- Harry S. Truman Scholar for Public Service (2003)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Mississippi (2012)

REFERENCES

Available upon request