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## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Public Policy, 2017; LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin**
  - Dissertation: “In Defense of Voting: Reinterpreting the Terms of the Voting Calculus with a View Toward Election Law and Policy.” Committee: Victoria Rodriguez (Chair), Peter Ward, Paul Stekler, Sanford Levinson, Scott Moser, Joseph Fishkin.
- **Master of Public Affairs, 2009; LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin**
- **J.D., 1998, with Honors; University of Florida College of Law**
  - Admitted to the bar in California and Florida (currently inactive)
- **B.A., 1993; Yeshiva University**

## RESEARCH AREAS

- **Election Law and Policy, Democratic Theory, Constitutional Design**

## PUBLICATIONS

- “An Exploratory Study of Constitutional Design in Three Island States: Seychelles, Comoros, and Mauritius.” *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 35 (3): 324-348 (2017).
- “Reinterpreting *p*: A New Theory of How Individual Votes Contribute to Electoral Outcomes.” *Election Law Journal* 14 (2): 111-135 (2015).
- “Africa’s Domestic Institutions of Integration and Accommodation: A New Database.” In *Constitutions and Conflict Management in Africa: Preventing Civil War through Institutional Design*, ed. Alan J. Kuperman, 183-224 (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “For Better, For Worse, or For Neither/Both: The Ethics of Rational Choice and the Benefits of Voting.” Presented at American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, September 2016.
- “The Costs of Voting—Bridging Theory and Policy.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, April 2015; also presented at Democracy in America: Participation and Social Justice conference, Stetson University, March 2014.
- “Constitutional Design for Conflict Management in Africa: A Cross-Country Index.” Presented at International Studies Association annual conference, San Francisco, April 2013; also presented at Climate Change and African Political Stability conference, Austin, November 2011.

*(CONFERENCE PAPERS CONT.)*

- “Evaluating Arend Lijphart’s Theory of Constitutional Design in a Study of Three African Island States: Seychelles, Comoros, and Mauritius.” Presented at International Studies Association annual conference, San Francisco, April 2013.

*TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE*

- Teaching Assistant in Public Financial Management: Professor Michael Granof, 2014-2016 (Spring semesters); Professor Sherri Greenberg, Fall 2014; Professor Shama Gamkhar, Fall 2010
- Graduate Research Assistant to Professor Alan J. Kuperman, Constitutional Design and Conflict Management project, Climate Change and African Political Stability program, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, 2010-2012
- Teaching Assistant in Modern American Political Campaigns: Professor Sherri Greenberg, Spring 2012; Professor Paul Stekler, Fall 2009

*ACADEMIC SERVICE AND AWARDS*

- LBJ School Diversity and Inclusion Committee, PhD student representative, 2015-2016
  - Designed school-wide survey of attitudes toward diversity and inclusion, administered Spring 2016
- Executive Committee of the LBJ School PhD program, student representative, 2014-2015
- LBJ School Graduate Public Affairs Council, PhD program representative, 2014-2015
- UT Graduate School Continuing Fellowship (merit-based award), 2013-14 & 2015-16
- Book Awards (for highest grade) in Contracts and Torts, University of Florida College of Law, 1996

*PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE*

- Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Greater Miami, 2003-2005
  - *Pro bono* counsel and representation for low-income clients; primary practice in public benefits
- Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, 2001-2003
  - Low-income housing counsel and advocacy; Legal Director of Fair Housing Center
- Law Clerk, Santa Barbara County Public Defender, 2000-2001
- Field Organizer, Martin Heinrich for Congress Campaign, Albuquerque, Fall 2008
  - Trained member of “Patriot Corps” sponsored by Senator Russ Feingold’s Progressive Patriots Fund