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EDUCATION

University of Georgia

School of Public and International Affairs

Doctor of Philosophy (expected May 2015)

Major Exams: Law and Courts, Public Administration and Management
Dissertation: *The Schoolmaster Effect: A Republican Theory of Judicial Power*
Committee: Richard Vining (Chair), Robert Christensen, Stefanie Lindquist,
John Anthony Maltese and Vicky Wilkins

2011 **Washington and Lee University**

School of Law

Juris Doctor

2011 **University of Virginia**

Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics

Visiting Student in Public Law

2008 **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Bachelor of Arts, *With Distinction*, Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014 **University of Georgia**

Instructor (Courses: Law and Social Change Seminar, Legal Theory)

2013

Emory University School of Law

Visiting Scholar-in-Residence

Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative

Georgia State University

Visiting Lecturer (Courses: Public Policy Analysis)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Administrative Law

Criminal Law

Local Government Law

Civil Rights Law and History

Election Law

Religion and the Law

Constitutional Law and Theory

Legislation

Torts

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Embracing Compromise: Marriage Equality and Religious Liberty in the Political Process, 15 GEO. J. GENDER & L. (forthcoming 2014) (with Robin Fretwell Wilson) (invited symposium submission).

Marriage Equality in State and Nation, 22 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 747 (2014).

Unhinging Same-Sex Marriage from the Constitutional Canon: The Search for a Principled Doctrinal Framework, 63 EMORY L.J. ONLINE 1 (2014).

Law and Policy, 41 J. POL'Y STUD S38 (2013) (peer reviewed) (with Robert K. Christensen).

The Overlooked Benefit of Minimalism: Perry v. Brown and the Future of Marriage Equality, 37 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 35 (2013) (with Robin Fretwell Wilson) (invited symposium submission).

Gay Gentrification: Whitewashed Fictions of LGBT Privilege and the New Interest-Convergence Dilemma, 31 LAW & INEQ. 117 (2013).

Lawrence Meets Libel: Squaring Constitutional Norms with Sexual-Orientation Defamation, 122 YALE L.J. ONLINE 125 (2012).

Educational Media Company at Virginia Tech v. Swecker, 62 S.C. L. REV. 533 (2011) (solicited case comment).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Comparative Judicial Efficiency: Examining Case Disposition in Five Countries' Courts of Last Resort, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LAW AND COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS (Theodore Eisenberg & Giovanni B. Ramello eds.) (with Robert K. Christensen and John Szmer) (forthcoming).

Courts and Policy in the United States in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC POLICY 3rd Edition (Jack Rabin ed.) (with Robert K. Christensen) (forthcoming).

SELECTED SHORTER WORKS

Expand Freedoms for All, ATLANTA J-CONST., April 4, 2014 (with Robin Fretwell Wilson).

Contemplating Human Liberty, PEACH PUNDIT (Atlanta, Ga.) Mar. 4, 2014.

N.J. Supreme Court May Have Chance to Correct Flawed Decision on Gay Marriage, THE TIMES (Trenton, N.J.), Oct. 6, 2013.

Rhode Island's Dangerous Dance on the Anti-Gay Cliff, HUFFINGTON POST, Mar. 15, 2013.

Protect Religious Liberty in Gay Marriage Legislation, STATE JOURNAL REGISTER (Springfield, Ill.), Jan. 29, 2013 (with Robin Fretwell Wilson).

Same-Sex Marriage Symposium, *The Overlooked Benefit of Leaving Perry in Place*, SCOTUSBLOG, Sept. 18, 2012 (with Robin Fretwell Wilson).

Is Marriage Equality Inevitable?, HUFFINGTON POST, Sept. 13, 2012.

Same-Sex Marriage Amendment Would End Discrimination and Protect Religious Institutions, HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT (Flemington, N.J), Jan. 20, 2012.

Did McDonnell Contradict Himself?, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, March 20, 2010.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

2012- present **Human Rights Campaign, Atlanta Steering Committee,**
Political Committee, Co-Chair

Lobbied on: Federal Employment Nondiscrimination Act H.R. 1755 (2013) / S. 815 (2013); Student Nondiscrimination Act H.R. 1652, S. 1088 (2013); Safe Schools Improvement Act H.R. 1199 / S. 403 (2013); 2013 Federal judicial nominees to the Northern District of Georgia and 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; Fair Employment Practices Act, H.B. 427 (Ga. 2013).

2014 Testimony to the Georgia House Judiciary Committee on HB 1023, "Preservation of Religious Freedom Act."

2012-2013 Special advising on marriage equality legislation in Illinois, Delaware, Rhode Island, Minnesota, and Hawaii.

- 2011-2013 Research and analysis related to religious liberty protections contained in proposed marriage equality bills under Robin Fretwell Wilson.
- 2012 Testimony to Hawaii State Legislature on informed consent legislation related to unauthorized pelvic examinations on anesthetized female patients by medical school students (with Robin Fretwell Wilson).

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

- 2014 **Inniss v. Aderhold** (N.D.Ga) (challenging Georgia's same-sex marriage ban). Consultation provided to Plaintiffs' attorneys.
- 2011 **University of Virginia**
Office of General Counsel

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2013 **University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs**
Scott Ainsworth, Susan Haire, Thomas Lauth, John Maltese, Teena Wilhelm
- 2009-2011 **Washington and Lee University, School of Law**
J. Gordon Hylton, Rodney A. Smolla, Robin Fretwell Wilson
- 2009-2010 **University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History**
H. Julian Bond

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2012 **University of Virginia**, University of Virginia Constitution Day Lecture, (sponsored by the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy)
Creating "Constitutional" Space: Marriage Equality, Religious Liberty, and the Legislative Process.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2014
- (Scheduled) **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, 5th Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, *Religious Liberty and the American Civil Rights Tradition.*
- Emory University School of Law**, *Unhinging Same-Sex Marriage from the Constitutional Canon.*
- University of Mississippi School of Law**, 4th Annual LGBT Symposium, *Religion and LGBT Issues*, Panel Participant.
- University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science**, *The Education of Jim Crow.*
- 2013
- University of Georgia School of Law**, *Unhinging Same-Sex Marriage from the Constitutional Canon.*
- University of Georgia School of Law**, *The Same-Sex Marriage Cases: What the Court Decided this Summer and What Might Happen Next*, Panel Participant.
- Georgetown University Law Center**, Georgetown Gay Rights Coalition 25th Anniversary Symposium, Panel: *The Legal Legacy of Gay Rights Coalition.*
- Washington & Lee University School of Law**, *Through the Legislative Looking Glass: Marriage Equality in State and Nation.*
- University of Georgia School of Law**, Working in the Public Interest Conference, Panel Participant, *Out of the District and Into the Towns: Local Efforts to Protect LGBTQ Rights.*

Wake Forest University School of Law, *Through the Legislative Looking Glass: Debunking the Myths of Marriage Equality*.

2012

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, *Through the Legislative Looking Glass: Debunking the Myths of Marriage Equality*.

University of Georgia School of Law, *The Four Myths of Marriage Equality*.

Emory University School of Law, *The Four Myths of Marriage Equality*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014

University of Georgia Graduate School Doctoral Research Fellowship
University of Georgia Dept. of Political Science Award for Teaching Excellence
Human Rights Campaign, Exceptional Achievement on a State Initiative

2013

Georgia Equality, Allen Thornell Political Advancement Award

2011

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs Assistantship
Washington & Lee University School of Law, Law-Related Service Commendation

2009

Washington & Lee University School of Law Kirgis Fellow
Washington & Lee University Robert J. Grey Negotiations Competition Semifinalist
Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Scholarship

2008

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Dean's List (6/7 eligible semesters)

2007

University of North Carolina, Department of Political Science, Pi Sigma Alpha
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2014 University of Georgia Undergraduate Moot Court, Graduate Advisor

2013 University of Georgia Archives, Richard B. Russell Library, Co-Coordinator of Georgia LGBT political history acquisitions project

MEDIA

Interview with David Boies and Theodore Olson, HUFFINGTON POST LIVE, June 19, 2014.

Still No Campus Carry in Georgia, State Attorney General Says, ATLANTA J-CONST., May 29, 2014

Fact Check: No, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals Isn't Issuing Its Same-Sex Marriage Decision Today, SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE, May 23, 2014.

Experts Reveal Next Steps, Evaluate Judge in Georgia's Marriage Equality Lawsuit, GA VOICE, May 14, 2014.

Lambda Legal Promises Announcement 'Very Soon' on a Ga. Marriage Lawsuit, GA VOICE, April 10, 2014.

Ga. Gay Political Expert: Anti-Gay Senate Bill Major Concern, Like a 'Sword' to Injure People, GA VOICE, Feb 6, 2014.

50 Twitter Accounts Lawyers Should Follow Religiously, FINDLAW, Jan. 22, 2014

Georgia Falls in with Same-Sex Guard Benefits, ATLANTA J-CONST., Dec 9, 2013.

Many States, Not Georgia, Might Start to Allow Same-Sex Marriage, Says UGA Panelist, ATHENS BANNER-HERALD, Sept. 4 2013.

Gay Marriage Legal Picture in Georgia, ATLANTA J-CONST., July 4, 2013

Interview on Gay Marriage Cases, CBS ATLANTA, June 27, 2013.

Sam Olens: Georgia's Ban on Gay Marriage Will Remain in Place, ATLANTA J-CONST., June 26, 2013.

Georgia's Gay Marriage Ban Still In Effect, But Legal Ground Grows Shaky, WABE ATLANTA NAT'L PUBLIC RADIO, June 26, 2013.

REFERENCES

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