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Curriculum Vitae

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DePaul University
Political Science
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PROFESSIONAL

2019 – Present: Associate Professor of Political Science, DePaul University
2013 – 2019: Assistant Professor of Political Science, DePaul University
2012 – 2013: Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Politics, and Society; Drake University

EDUCATION

2012: Ph.D., Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
2009: M.A., Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
2005: B.A., Politics, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law and Society, Legal Mobilization, Legal Consciousness, Legal Culture, Rights Talk, Social Movements, Interpretive Methods, American Political Thought, American Studies, Historical Institutionalism, Cannabis Reform, Gay Rights, Conservative Political Thought.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Mello, Joseph. 2016. *The Courts, The Ballot Box, and Gay Rights: How Our Governing Institutions Shape the Same-Sex Marriage Debate*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

Mello, Joseph. 2021. “Free Speech from Left to Right: Exploring how Liberals and Conservatives Conceptualize Speech Rights through the works of Lenny Bruce and Milo Yiannopoulos.” *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* (forthcoming).

Mello, Joseph. 2019. "The Right Stuff? Assessing the Use of Rights Discourse in Same-Sex Marriage Ballot Measure Campaigns." *Polity* 51 (4): 724-748.

Mello, Joseph. 2016. "Reluctant Radicals: How Average Citizens Shape Movements for Social Change" (Review Essay). *Law & Social Inquiry*. 41(3): 720-741.

Mello, Joseph. 2015. "Rights Discourse and the Mobilization of Bias: Exploring the Institutional Dynamics of the Same-Sex Marriage Debates in America" *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*. 66: 1-34.

Mello, Joseph; David Yalof; and Patrick Schmidt. 2011. "Collegiality Among U.S. Supreme Court Justices? An Early Assessment of the Roberts Court." *Judicature* 95 (1): 1-19.

Works in Progress:

Pot for Profit: Cannabis Legalization, Racial Capitalism, and the Expansion of the Carceral State. (forthcoming book, Stanford University Press).

"From Outlaws to Consumers: The Evolution of Drug Culture and Rights Claiming in *High Times Magazine*." (article manuscript under construction).

Other Publications:

Mello, Joseph 2017. "The Contract Clause: A Constitutional History." *Journal of Southern History*.

Mello, Joseph 2017. "America's War on Same-Sex couples and Their Families: And How the Courts Rescued Them." *American Review of Politics*.

Mello, Joseph. 2013. "Neoconservative Politics and the Supreme Court." *Law and Politics Book Review*. 23 (5): 223-226.

HONORS AND AWARDS

URC Summer Research Grant, DePaul University (\$3,500) (2021)

Faculty Summer Research Grant, DePaul University (\$4,700) (2020)

Wicklander Fellow, Institute for Business & Professional Ethics, Driehaus College of Business, DePaul University (\$12,000, 1 course release) (2019-2020)

URC Paid Faculty Leave, DePaul University (3 course release) (Fall 2017)

URC Competitive Research Grant, DePaul University (\$900) (2016)

Faculty Summer Research Grant, DePaul University (\$4,200) (2015)

Law and Society Association Early Career Workshop (\$250) (2014)

George F. Cole Dissertation Fellowship (\$2,000) – for outstanding dissertation in the field of Public Law (2011).

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Connecticut (\$600) (2011).

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut (\$1,700) (2010).

Michael Dunphy Award (\$500) – for outstanding achievement in fields of American Government, Society, History, and Culture (2009).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“From Tie Dye to Suit and Tie: Changing the Legal Culture of Cannabis.” Law and Society Association. Remote. (May 2021).

“Pot for Profit: Exploring Ethical Dilemmas in the U.S. Cannabis Industry.” Wicklander Institute Virtual Symposium. Remote (October 29, 2020).

“Dispatches from the Cannabis Closet: Exploring the Legal Consciousness of Cannabis Reform Activists.” Law and Society Association. Remote. (June 2020).

“Fear and Loathing in the American Counter Culture: Exploring the Development of the New Left through the Works of Hunter S. Thompson.” Law and Society Association. Washington, D.C. (June 2019).

“The Cultural Roots of Marijuana Reform.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (April 2019)

“From Outlaws to Consumers: The Evolution of Drug Culture and Rights Claiming in *High Times* Magazine.” Law and Society Association. Toronto, Canada (June 2018).

“Alaska and the Road not taken on Marijuana Reform: Assessing the Impact of *Ravin v. State*.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (April 2018).

“Sicknicks with Filthy Words: What Lenny Bruce and George Carlin can tell us about Political Correctness.” Western Political Science Association. Vancouver, B.C. (April 2017).

“The Right Stuff? Assessing the Value of Rights Discourse in Ballot Measure Campaigns.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL (April 2017).

“The Politics of Rights.” Guest lecture at the University of Denver (September 28, 2016).

“Reluctant Radicals: How Moderates Shape Movements for Social Change.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA (June 2016).

“The Strange Case of the Disappearing Rights Discourse: Framing Support for Marriage Equality in Ballot Measure Campaigns.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington (June 2015).

“When Two Rights Make a Wrong: Exploring the Same-Sex Marriage Debates in Maine” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 2014).

“The Right Side of History? Examining the use of Conservative Rights Discourse as a Tool for Fomenting Popular Opposition to Civil Rights.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington (April 2014).

“Rights Discourse and the Mobilization of Bias: Exploring the Institutional Dynamics of the Same-Sex Marriage Debates in America.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, California (March 2013).

“No Right to Object? Constructing Conservative Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage.” Democracy and Governance Conference. University of Connecticut. Storrs, CT (March, 2012)

“Rights talk and the Right: Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage in California.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. San Francisco, CA (June, 2011).

“Courtrooms, Referenda, and the Right: Opposition to Same Sex Marriage in Institutional Perspective” with Jason Charrette. Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association. Hartford, Connecticut (April, 2011).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, DePaul University 2013-present

PSC 120: Introduction to American Politics
PSC 260: Law in the Political System
PSC 261: First Amendment Rights
PSC 263: Equal Protection of the Laws
PSC 264: Constitutional Limits on Political Power
PSC 265: Law and Popular Culture
PSC 267: Introduction to Law, Politics, and Society
PSC 368: Rights-Based Social Movements
PSC 393: Honors Seminar: Politics of Rights
PSC 369: Special Topics Course: Conservatives and the Law
PSC 369: Special Topics Course: Politics of Drug Reform
LSP 200: Seminar on Multiculturalism

Law, Politics, and Society Program, Drake University, 2012-2013

Critical Concepts in Law, Politics, and Society
Perspectives on Constitutional Law: 1st Amendment
Citizens and Deviants: Rights and National Identity
Law and Popular Culture
Introduction to Law, Politics, and Society

Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2007-2012

Politics of Crime and Justice
Law and Popular Culture
Intro to American Politics (Writing Centered)
Law and Society
American Presidency and Congress
Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers and Constraints

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service:

Associate Chair of Political Science Department (2021-present)
Ad Hoc Committee on Awards (2021-present)
Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance (2021)

Personnel Committee Member (2019- 2022), Chair (2020-2021)
Chair of Creating Knowledge Editorial Board (2015-2020)
Latinx Politics/ Urban Politics Search Committee Member (2018; 2019)
Assessment Committee Member (2015-2017)
Local Review Board Committee Member (2015-2016)
Faculty Handbook Committee Member (2014-2015)

Pre Law Advisor (2014- present)
Faculty Advisor, DePaul College Democrats (2014-2016)

University Service:

University Board for Student Conduct Committee Member (2017-present)
Speech and Expression Advisory Committee Member (2020-2022)
Grade Challenge Committee Member (2019- present), Committee Chair (2021-2022)
Faculty Council Handbook Committee Member (2016-2017)
Summer Advisor (2018; 2019)

Disciplinary Service:

Peer Reviewer/ Book Reviewer: Columbia University Press, Notre Dame University Press, Cognella Publishing, Sage, CQ, *Political Studies*, *Social Politics*, *Law and Policy*, *Polity*, *Atlantis Journal*, *Law and Courts Book Review*, *American Review of Politics*, *Journal of Southern History*

Discussant/ Chair: LSA, MPSA, WPSA
“Teaching and Mentoring Award” Committee, Law and Courts Section of APSA (2021)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of American Association of University Professors (2020-present)
Member of Law and Society Association (2009-present)
Member of Law and Social Movements Collaborative Research Network (2015-present)
Member of Law and Courts Section of APSA (2012-present)
Member of American Political Science Association (2009-present)
Member of Western Political Science Association (2013-present)
Member of Midwestern Political Science Association (2015-present)

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

“DePaul Online Teaching Series” (DOTS), DePaul University (2021)

“Improving our Classes” Jennifer McCrickerd, Faculty Development Workshop, Drake University (2012).

“Active Learning: Bringing Theory to Practice” Mandi McReynolds, Faculty Development Workshop, Drake University (2012).

“Effective Teaching for Writing Centered Courses,” Thomas Deans, Director of Center for Undergraduate Education, University of Connecticut (2011).

“Engaging Students in the Classroom Workshop,” Catherine Ross, Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Connecticut (2010).

“Incorporating Technology in the Classroom,” Catherine Ross, Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Connecticut (2010).