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Political Science Department
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research	2013-2015
The City College of New York—CUNY Assistant Professor	2010-Present
Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics	2009-2010
The Brookings Institution Research Fellow in Governance Studies	2007-2008

EDUCATION

Brandeis University PhD, Politics	2010
Comprehensive exam fields: American Politics, Political Theory, International Relations.	
Dissertation: “The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment.” Committee: Daniel Kryder and Steven Teles (co-chairs); Thomas Burke, R. Shep Melnick.	
Stonehill College Bachelor of Arts in Political Science <i>Magna cum Laude</i>	1999-2003

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Scholar in Health Policy Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	2013-2015
PSC-CUNY Research Foundation Grant	2012-2013
American Judicature Award Best conference paper, awarded by the Law & Courts section of the American Political Science Association (for “Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure)	2010
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics, Princeton University	2009-2010
Research Fellow in Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution	2007-2008
Gordon Public Policy Fellow, Brandeis University	2006-2007
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Brandeis University	2003-2009
Best Student Paper nomination, New England Political Science Association	Spring 2007
Politics Department Summer Research Grant	Summer 2005
Politics Department Summer Research Grant	Summer 2004
Reordan Award for Excellence in Political Science, Stonehill College	Spring 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Sarah Staszak, *No Day in Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment* (Studies in Postwar American Political Development, Oxford University Press, 2015).

Articles

Sarah Staszak, “Realizing the Rights Revolution: Litigation and the Administrative State,” *Law & Social Inquiry* 38 (Winter 2013).

Sarah Staszak, “Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” *Studies in American Political Development* (October 2010).

Book Chapters

Sarah Staszak, “Retrenching Access by Constraining Legal Aid,” in *The Rights Revolution Revisited*, Lynda Dodd, ed. (under review)

Sarah Staszak, “Law and Courts” in Falleti, Fiorettes, and Sheingate, eds., *Handbook on Historical Institutionalism* (Oxford University Press: forthcoming, 2015)

Book Reviews

Sarah Staszak, "Private Power and Public Policy: Rights Enforcement in the Modern Litigation State," 47 *Tulsa Law Review* 77, Summer 2011 (Book Review)

Working Papers

Sarah Staszak, "Enforcing *Olmstead*: Litigating the Rights of the Disabled" (unpublished).

Sarah Staszak, "Private Weapons of the Strong State: Arbitration and Litigation (unpublished).

Daniel Kryder and Sarah Staszak, "Constitution as Clockwork: The Temporal Foundations of American Politics" (unpublished).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The City College of New York—CUNY

2010-present

Assistant Professor, Political Science

Introduction to United States Government and Politics; The Judiciary; Civil Rights and Wrongs (freshman writing intensive seminar); The American State (upper level seminar)

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Politics

2009-2010

Courts and Public Policy in the U.S.; Law and Society

Brandeis University

Teaching Fellow, Politics

2004-2007

Introduction to American Government; Introduction to Political Theory; Civil Liberties in America; Advanced Topics in Law and Political Theory (Democracy and the Jury)

Teaching Fellow, Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics

Teaching Fellow, English

University Seminar, first year writing course

Writing Center Consultant

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution," presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 31-June 2, 2013

"Defunding the Left: Constraining Access by Constraining Legal Aid," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011.

“The Ironies of Progressive Litigation Reform: The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution,” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 2-5, 2011.

“Constitution as Clockwork: The Temporal Foundations of American Politics” with Daniel Kryder, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

“Institutions, Rulemaking, and the Politics of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3-5, 2009.

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment in the United States” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Challenges to Judicialization in Public Policy,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007 and the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, April 27-28, 2007 (nominated for Best Student Paper Award).

“Constitution as Clockwork: The Temporal Foundations of American Politics,” (with Daniel Kryder) presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006 and the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 8-10, 2007.

“Social Rights and Constitutional Structure: Integrating the ‘Constitution in Exile’ with Social Justice?” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“The Supreme Court and Elite Opinion: Legal Intellectuals and Civil Rights, 1930-1970,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, April 29-30, 2005.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“The Ironies of Progressive Litigation Reform: The Conservative Legal Movement and Alternative Dispute Resolution, presented at the City College Workshop: The Rights Revolution Revisited: Political Science Perspectives on the Role of Private Enforcement of Civil Rights in the U.S., April 27, 2012.

“Invisible Constitutions and the Administrative Procedure Act,” presented at the Constitutional Law Advanced Workshop, Princeton University, December 3-4, 2010.

Invited Discussant, Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University (for R. Shep Melnick, “The Supreme Court and the Civil Rights State”)

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented to the Constitutional Law Advanced Workshop, Princeton University, December 11-12, 2009.

“The Politics of Judicial Retrenchment,” presented at Williams College, December 2008.

SERVICE

Conference Program Committee American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting	2014
Executive Board New England Political Science Association	2014-2017
Section Chair, Public Law New England Political Science Association	2013
Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha, CCNY Chapter	Fall 2012- Present
Comparative Politics Search Committee	Fall 2012
Senior Thesis Advisor (Sarah Paige, Jonathan Florez, Felix Navarro)	2011-2013
General Studies Assessment Committee, CCNY	January 2012
CCNY Faculty Senate	2011-2013
CCNY Travel Fund Committee	2011-2012
Assessment Committee, Political Science, CCNY	Fall 2011
Campus Executive Committee, Skadden Honors Program in Legal Studies, CCNY	2010-Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
American Society for Legal History
Law and Society Association

SKILLS

Methodology Courses: Qualitative Methods (Brandeis University, Politics); Basic Quantitative Techniques/Statistical Methods (Boston University, Mathematics and Statistics)

REFERENCES

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