

Christina Bambrick is the Filip Family Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. She studies constitutional theory, American and comparative constitutionalism, and the history of political thought.

Her publications include the articles, "The Promise of Virtue, Old and New: On Building Bridges in Contemporary Politics," in *Political Science Reviewer* in 2023, "Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism," in *Polity* in 2020, and "'Neither Precisely National Nor Precisely Federal': Governmental and Administrative Authority in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," in *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* in 2018. Her book, *Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere*, on the horizontal application of rights to non-state actors, is forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

Bambrick's book studies shifting understandings of public and private in comparative constitutionalism, specifically in the United States, India, Germany, South Africa, and the European Union. Jurists have traditionally understood the constitution as a separate kind of law that obligates only the state. However, courts increasingly understand constitutions as creating obligations for private entities such as private individuals, businesses, schools, and hospitals. Bambrick draws on constitutional debates, court cases, political histories, and interviews to analyze this development as republican intervention (as in classical republican political theory) in constitutionalism, so altering the politics surrounding rights accordingly. While the traditional narrative emphasizes the rights of individuals, horizontal effect builds a catalogue of individual duties as well, corresponding to the commitments and aspirations of a given constitutional order.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Bambrick taught at Clemson University. She received her doctorate in Government from the University of Texas at Austin where she was recognized for Excellence in Teaching by the College of Liberal Arts.

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Aug. 2019

M.A. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. Dec. 2015

B.A. Departments of Philosophy (honors) and Legal Studies, Scripps College  
Phi Beta Kappa (Junior year inductee), Summa Cum Laude

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022-2025 Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2021-2024 DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame

2020- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

2019-2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Clemson University

## PUBLICATIONS

*Constitutionalizing the Private Sphere: A Comparative Inquiry* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming spring 2024)

The Past, Present, and Future of Constitutional Identity, in *Deciphering the Genome of Constitutionalism: Essays on Constitutional Identity in Honor of Gary Jacobsohn* (with Connor Ewing). Ed. Ran Hirschl and Yaniv Roznai (Cambridge UP, March 2024).

The Promise of Virtue, Old and New: On Building Bridges in Contemporary Politics. *Political Science Reviewer*. Vol. 47, No. 2. 2023.

Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism. *Polity*. Vol. 52, No. 3. July 2020. 401-429.

Varieties of Flattery: Intersections in the Moralistic and Strategic Accounts. Symposium on *Flattery and the History of Political Thought* by Daniel Kapust. *Political Science Reviewer*. Vol. 44, No. 1. 2020. 223-228.

‘Neither Precisely National Nor Precisely Federal’: Governmental and Administrative Authority in Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 48, Issue 4, Fall 2018. 586–606.

### **In Preparation**

Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens’ Rights and Duties (with Maureen Stobb)

Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward (Better) Deliberation on New Media (with Alejandro Castrillon)

The Past is Prologue: Sticky Constitutionalism and the Case of Germany (with Felix Petersen)

### **Non-refereed Articles**

Is the First Amendment Under Attack? *The Constitutionalist*. January 25, 2021. <https://theconstitutionalist.org/2021/01/25/is-the-first-amendment-under-attack-by-christina-bambrick/>.

Beyond the Ballot: Lessons from Tocqueville on Civic Education. *Political Science Now*. APSA’s RAISE the Vote Campaign. December 19, 2019. <https://politicalsciencenow.com/beyond-the-ballot-lessons-from-tocqueville-on-civic-education>.

Interview with APSA for 2018 Campus Teaching Award. *Political Science Now*. January 10, 2019. <http://politicalsciencenow.com/2017-2018-campus-teaching-award-winner-christina-bambrick>.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2020 Second Nomination for Edward S. Corwin Dissertation Award, APSA’s Law and Courts Section, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2020 Research Grant for book manuscript, Potenziani Program of Constitutional Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 Book Manuscript Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, scheduled for July 2021
- 2020 Sabbatical Research Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$50,000)
- 2019 Nomination for Edward S. Corwin Dissertation Award, APSA’s Law and Courts Section, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2019 Faculty Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2018 Liberal Arts Excellence in Teaching Award. Liberal Arts Council, University of Texas
- 2018 David Bruton, Jr. Fellowship, University of Texas
- 2018 Humane Studies Graduate Student Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2018 Graduate School Fellowship, University of Texas

- 2018 University of Texas Nominee for Eisenhower Roberts Fellowship, Eisenhower Institute
- 2018 Continuing Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2017 Humane Studies Graduate Student Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
- 2015 Kuhn Family Intellectual Entrepreneurship Award, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas
- 2015 Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas
- 2013 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas

### **INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2024 Constitution Day, Political Science Department, Xavier University, Sept. 16.
- 2023 “Who’s Responsible for Constitutional Rights?” Department of Politics, Occidental College, Nov. 20.
- 2023 Workshop, “Schools of Democracy: American Federalism and Civic Education,” Utah Valley University, Nov. 3.
- 2023 “Big Tech and Constitutionalism,” Constitution Day Panel, Rochester Institute for Technology, Sept. 21.
- 2021 “Politics From Rights: When the People Interpret the Constitution,” Constitution Day Lecture, Purdue University Northwest, Sept. 16.
- 2021 “The Politics of Public and Private: Equality in the United States and India,” Penn State Law Working Paper Series, July 15.
- 2021 Research Productivity Seminar for graduate students (virtual), Institute for Humane Studies, Feb. 24.
- 2020 “Who’s Responsible for Constitutional Rights? Tradeoffs and Politics in Constitution-Making,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Nov. 13.
- 2019 “Uniformity in Constitutionalism: Horizontal Effect in Germany and South Africa,” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, University of Göttingen, Dec. 5.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCES**

- 2024 “Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward Integrated Deliberation on New Media,” with Alejandro Castrillon, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 4-7.
- 2023 “Defining Digital Rights and Duties: Toward Integrated Deliberation on New Media,” with Alejandro Castrillon, American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.
- 2023 “Meeting of the Minds: Reshaping Citizens’ Rights and Duties.” with Maureen Stobb, American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

- 2023 “Responsible Government and Private Actors: Weighing Rights and Duties in Digital Contexts,” with Alejandro Castrillon. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 13-16.
- 2023 “Virtue for Liberals?: Liberalism in Question and the Recourse to Character,” Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL, Jan. 11-14
- 2023 Panelist, Book Roundtable: *The Classical, Christian, and Contested Origins of the American Founding*, by Kody Cooper and Justin Dyer, Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete Beach, FL, Jan. 11-14
- 2021 “Considering the Possibility (and Desirability) of Liberal Virtues,” American Political Science Association, Seattle (and virtual), Sept. 30-Oct. 3.
- 2021 “Rights in the Private Sphere: Explaining Horizontality in Constitutional Design,” co-authored with Maureen Stobb, Southern Political Science Association (virtual), Jan. 6-9.
- 2019 “Republican Limits in Transnational Context: Horizontal Effect in the European Union,” SOFI (Societas Aperta Feminarum in Iuris Theoria), Freie Universität Berlin, Dec. 6.
- 2019 Panelist, Law and Courts Lifetime Achievement Panel in Honor of Gary Jacobsohn, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 “Uniformity in Constitutionalism: Horizontal Effect in Germany and South Africa,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *Flattery and the History of Political Thought* by Dan Kapust, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 Panelist, Roundtable on Expectations vs. Experiences on the Job Market, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Aug. 29-Sept. 1.
- 2019 “The Politics of Public and Private: Equality in the United States and India,” American Political Thought Conference, Claremont, CA, June 1.
- 2019 “Considering the Possibility (and Desirability) of Liberal Virtues,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Shawnee Trail Conference, Columbia, MO, March 7-8.
- 2018 “Republican Limits in Transnational Context: Horizontal Effect in the European Union,” American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop on Migration and Citizenship, Boston, August 29-September 2.
- 2018 “Bringing Equality to Civil Society: The Politics of Public and Private in the United States and India,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5-8.
- 2017 “Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism,” New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI, April 20-23.
- 2017 “Horizontal Rights: A Republican Vein in Liberal Constitutionalism,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Shawnee Trail Conference, Austin, TX, April 13.
- 2016 “Tocqueville the Nationalist: Reassessing Federalism in *Democracy in America*,” Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 24-27.

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2023 “Responsible Government and Private Actors: Weighing Rights and Duties in Digital Contexts.” with Alejandro Castrillon, Works in Progress Seminar, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Apr. 20.
- 2020 Faculty Panelist, “The Battle for Barrett: The Supreme Court Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett and the Confirmation Battle Before Us,” Constitutional Studies Program, University of Notre Dame. Oct. 6.
- 2019 Faculty Panelist, “Impeachment 101,” Humanities Hub, Clemson University, Nov. 14.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2022 The 5-Minute Fix, What happened to copycat concerns over Texas’s strict abortion law?, *Washington Post*, June 3.
- 2021 The Debate Podcast. Is the US Constitution fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?, *Newsweek*, Dec. 21, <https://www.newsweek.com/we-should-open-learning-other-constitutions-opinion-1661901>.
- 2021 Television Interview, What would happen after impeachment for President Trump, WSBT 22, Jan. 14, <https://wsbt.com/news/nation-world/what-would-happen-after-impeachment-for-president-trump>.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Notre Dame Department of Political Science**

- Comparative Constitutional Theory, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2024)
- Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II (Fall 2023)
- Constitutional Law: Powers and Institutions (Spring 2023)
- Comparative Constitutionalism (Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
- Rights: Theory, Practice. Debates (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2023)

### **Clemson University Department of Political Science**

- Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (Spring 2020)
- Rights: Theory, Practice. Debates (Fall 2019)
- Constitutional Law: Structures of Power (Fall 2019)

### **University of Texas Department of Government**

- Constitutional Principles: Core Texts (Fall 2017)
- Politics and Government in Contemporary Texas (Summer 2017)
- Introduction to Rights (Spring 2017)

### **Doctoral Dissertations**

John Petrakis (Committee Member)

Makella Brems (Committee Member)

### **Undergraduate Theses**

Clare Hillen, "Russia's Foreign Agent Law: Differences and Continuities in Restrictions on Expression in the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation" (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)

Madeline Kosobucki, Affirmative Action and the U.S. Supreme Court (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2020-2023 Interviews for book manuscript. Members and advisors of the Constitutional Assembly, former Constitutional Court justices and clerks, legal scholars of South Africa. Conducted virtually over Zoom and in person.

2019 Interviews for book manuscript. Former Constitutional Court justices and clerks, legal scholars of Germany. Berlin and Göttingen, Germany, December.

2015-2016 Research Assistant for Gary Jacobsohn, University of Texas at Austin

2010 Extern, California Court of Appeal (4th District, Division 2)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **Peer Review**

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Review of Politics, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Global Constitutionalism*

#### **To Department**

Catholic Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2024

Graduate Student Advisor. Department of Political Science, Notre Dame, 2020-2023

Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2023-2024

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame. 2022-2023

Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2021-2022

Committee for "New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop," Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts. University of Notre Dame, 2022

Organizer. Speaker Series on the American Presidency, Department of Political Science, Clemson University. Spring 2020

Mentor, Women in Political Science, Department of Government, University of Texas, 2017-2019

Organizer. Annual Graduate Conference in Public Law, Department of Government, University of Texas, 2015-2019

Mentor, Graduate Student Organization of the Department of Government, University of Texas, 2015-2019

Organizer, Accepted Students Visiting Weekend, Department of Government, University of Texas, 2016

### **To University**

Member, Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon of Indiana, University of Notre Dame, 2023

Mentor, Building Bridges Program, Multicultural Students Programs and Services, University of Notre Dame, 2022-2024.

Selection Team, International Scholars Program, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2023

Selection Team, Visiting Fellows Program, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2022

Mentor, Enhanced Advising Initiative, College of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2022

Democratizing America Working Group (Provost's Moment to See, Courage to Act), University of Notre Dame, 2021

Course Designer and Instructor, Constitutional Education (civics course to fulfill South Carolina legislative requirements), Clemson University, 2019-2020

Assistant to Jeffrey Tulis, President of Phi Beta Kappa, University of Texas, 2017-2019

Intellectual Entrepreneurship Undergraduate Mentor, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas, 2015-2016

### **To Profession**

Discussant and Chair, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 4-7, 2024

Board Member, American Political Thought Section, American Political Science Association, 2021-2023

Discussant, American Political Science Association, Sept. 15-18, 2022

External Review Committee, Salvatori Center of Claremont McKenna College, May 2022

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Apr. 7-10, 2022

Discussant, Junior Law and Politics Research Community (virtual), March 2022

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association (virtual), Apr. 14-18, 2021

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program, American Political Science Association, 2021-present

Editorial Assistant, The International Spectator, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome, Italy), 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023 Sorin Seminar for Faculty, Notre Dame Office of Mission Engagement

2022 James Buchanan Fellow, Mercatus Center

2021 Senior Fellows Program, Institute for Humane Studies

2021 Law and Courts Women's Writing Group

2019 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Service Learning Summit, Clemson University (selected by the Dean as the faculty representative for the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences)

2018 Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Philadelphia

2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

## **COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH**

American Constitutional Law (Powers and Rights)

Comparative Constitutionalism

Constitutional Theory

Rights: Theory, Practice, and Debates

Judicial Politics

American Political Thought

History of Political Thought (Ancient to Modern Political Theory)

American Government

## **LANGUAGES**

Italian (conversational reading, writing, speaking)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Phi Beta Kappa

American Political Science Association

Women's Caucus for Political Science

APSA Latino Caucus

Midwest Political Science Association

National Hispanic Scholar. College Board

## REFERENCES

Gary J. Jacobsohn, Malcolm Macdonald Professor in Constitutional and Comparative Law  
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