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### **APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor, Utah State University (2020-present)  
Assistant Professor, Utah State University (2014-2020)

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. University of Houston, Political Science (2014)  
M.A., University of Chicago, Political Science (2008)  
B.A., Brigham Young University, Political Science and Sociology, (2006)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

American Political Development; Constitutional Theory and Development; Political Parties;  
American Political Thought

### **BOOKS**

Ross, Robert. 2019. *The Framers' Intentions: The Myth of the Nonpartisan Constitution*. South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press.  
Reviewed in *The Journal of American History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, and *Claremont Review of Books*

### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Ross, Robert and Bruce Hunt, "The Limits of Modern Liberalism During the American Founding: The 'Anti-Democratic' Thought of Jefferson and Adams," *History of Political Thought*, XL, no. 2 (Summer 2019): 302-326.

Ross, Robert and Barrett Anderson, "Single-Member Districts Are Not Constitutionally Required," *Constitutional Commentary* 33, no. 2 (2018): 261-290

Ross, Robert, Damon Cann, and Jade Burt, "Without Rhyme or Reason? Understanding Presidential Nomination Delegate Allocation Rules," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48, no. 4 (2018): 804-816.

Ross, Robert, "Recreating the House: The 1842 Apportionment Act and the Whig Party's Reconstruction of Representation." *Polity* 49, no. 3 (2017): 408-433.

Ross, Robert, "Federalism and the Electoral College: The Development of the General Ticket Method for Selecting Presidential Electors," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 46, no. 2 (2016): 147-169.  
Reprinted in "Federalism and American Elections," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism Virtual Issue*, June 2016.

Ross, Robert, and Matthew Lang, "Skowronek Revisited: A Research Note on the Role of

Articulators in the Presidential Arena.” *White House Studies* 13, no. 1 (2014): 71-82.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Ross, Robert, “Losing the Incumbent Advantage: Inter- and Intra-Party Politics in the Presidency of John Adams” in *Hatred of America’s Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump*, edited by Lori Cox Han, (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2018)
- Ross, Robert, and Jeremy Bailey, “Judicial Review and Constitutional Development: Who has the ‘Last Word’ in Interpreting the Constitution?” Chapter 5 in *U.S. and Texas Politics*, Custom Textbook (McGraw Hill 2012)

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Book Review of Verlan Lewis, *Ideas of Power: The Politics of American Party Ideology Development* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *Journal of American Political Thought* 10, no. 3 (Summer 2021).
- Book Review of Elvin T. Lim, *The Lover’s Quarrel: The Two Foundings & American Political Development* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), *Political Science Quarterly* 130, no. 4 (Winter 2015-16).
- Book review of Andrew E. Busch, *Truman’s Triumphs: The 1948 Election and the Making of Postwar America* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012), *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 111, no. 3 (Summer 2013): 470-772.

### **WORK UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS**

- “Constraining the House of Representatives: Reassessing the Effect of Institutional Design on Representation” *book manuscript in preparation*
- “Party Building in the Extended Republic: James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and the Politics of Public Opinion” *working paper*.
- With Bruce Hunt, “The Contested Legacy of Liberalism in Thomas Jefferson and John Adams” *book manuscript in preparation*
- With Josh Ryan, “Multi-Member Districts and Representative Ideology in the House of Representatives,” *working paper*

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND INVITED TALKS**

#### **2020**

- Georgetown Law School, invited speaker in Robert E. Barnett’s course “Recent Books on the Constitution” (virtual)
- Invited participant, Roundtable on Political Parties and the Constitution at the American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco, California (virtual)

#### **2019**

- Paper, with Bruce Hunt, “Jefferson, Adams, and the Debate over Censorship” at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, Austin, Texas

#### **2018**

Paper, with Barrett Anderson, “Constructing a (Partisan) Constituency: The Origin and Constitutionality of Single-Member Districts” at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

**2017**

Paper, with Bruce Hunt, “What Does Plato Have to Offer?: A Disagreement Between Jefferson, Adams, and Locke” at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Paper, with Josh Ryan, “Multi-Member Districts and Representative Ideology” at the Western Political Science Association meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Paper, with Andrea Eckelman, “Female Constituents and Judicial Nominees: An Examination of Gender Representation in Judicial Confirmation Voting” at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

Paper, with Barrett Anderson, “Strategic Judicial Supremacy” at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

**2016**

Paper, “Constructing the First Amendment: Freedom of Speech, the Alien and Seditions Acts, and the Partisan Press” at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Invited Talk, “From a Farm House to the White House: The Life and Times of James Madison” in a lecture series on *James Madison, Father of the Constitution*, Brigham City Library, Brigham City, Utah.

Paper, “Reducing the Size of the House: The 1842 Apportionment Act and the Whig’s Reconstruction of Representation” at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

**2015**

Paper, “Presidential Representation and the Electoral College: Reconciling Expectations with Institutional Design” at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

**2012**

Paper, “Political Parties and Executive Prerogative: America’s Solution to an Extra-Constitutional Conundrum” at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Conference was cancelled due to inclement weather)

**2011**

Paper, “John Locke and Recognizing the Abuse of Executive Power” at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**2010**

Paper, “Giving ‘Form and Body to the Floating Ardor of Our Countrymen’: Jefferson’s and Madison’s Use of the Inaugural Address” at the Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*Utah State University*

Introduction to Political Theory

Constitutional Design

American Constitutional Development

Constitutional Theory

Law and Policy

American Political Development (Graduate)

American Political Thought

Seminar in Political Theory (Graduate)  
Foundations of American Constitutionalism

*The University of Houston*

The Presidency  
Introduction to Political Theory  
United States Government: Congress, President, and Courts

*Boise State University*

American National Government

**SERVICE**

*To the Discipline*

Reviewer: Social Science Quarterly, Law and Society Review, American Politics Research,  
Journal of American Political Thought, Lexington Press, University of Notre Dame Press

*To the College*

Co-Director of the Institute of Government and Politics  
Member of Robert Wagner's Promotion Committee  
Research and travel grants review board  
Fall 2016 and Spring 2017

*To the Department*

Graduate Director (Summer 2020-present)  
Graduate Program Curriculum Committee  
Masters Thesis Advising  
Barrett Anderson  
Camille Mindrum  
James Brazell  
Stewart Ulrich  
Reid Luzzader  
Alisha Urrutia  
Micah Safsten  
Lead Faculty in Merrill Scholars  
Spring 2020  
Spring 2018  
Member of the Merrill Board  
Chair of Political Theory Search Committee  
Fall 2018  
Department Scholarship Committee  
Spring 2022  
Spring 2019