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EMPLOYMENT

- Dean & Professor of Political Science, College of Integrative Studies, 2022-
- Director, Wee Kim Wee Centre, Singapore Management University, 2018-
- Dean, Core Curriculum, 2018-2022
- Professor, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, 2017-2022
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, 2014-2017
- Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Government, Wesleyan University, 2008-2014
- Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Tulsa, 2004-2008
- Nuffield Fellow, Yale University, 2002-2004

EDUCATION

- BA in PPE (First Class), MSc, MA, DPhil in Politics (Christ Church & Nuffield College, University of Oxford)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *The Lovers' Quarrel: The Two Foundings & American Political Development* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).

Reviewed or featured in *The American Interest*, *American Political Thought*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Perspectives in Politics*, *Salon.com*.

- *The Anti-intellectual Presidency: The Decline of Presidential Rhetoric from George Washington to George W. Bush* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008; Paperback, 2012). CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title, 2008.

Reviewed or featured in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *The Chronicle Review*, *The Hudson Review*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *Philadelphia Magazine*, *Perspectives in Politics*, *Political Communication*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Review of Policy Research*, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Washington Times*.

Articles & Chapters

- “The System of Elections,” in Tommy Koh & Daljit Singh (eds.), *America: A Singapore Perspective* (Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2021), 30-35.
- “Martin Van Buren, the Democratic Party, and the Jackson Reinvention of the Constitution,” in Seth Cotlar and Richard Ellis (eds.), *Presidents as Historians* (Charlottesville, Virginia: University of Virginia Press, 2019), 80-102.
- “The Two Foundings Thesis: The Puzzle of Constitutional Interpretation,” *UCLA Law Review Discourse* 66 (2018):110-135, with Sonu Bedi.
- “The Federalist Provenance of the Principle of Privacy,” *Maryland Law Review* 75 (2015): 415-435.
- “The Relationship between American Political Thought and American Political Development,” *American Political Thought* 3 (2014): 146-156.
- “The Presidency and the Media,” in Michael Nelson (ed.), *The Presidency and the Political System*, 10th Edition (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2013), 258-271.
- “The Anti-Federalist Strand in Progressive Politics,” *Political Research Quarterly* 66 (2013): 32-45.
- “Tracking the Language of Time and Space, 1945-2008,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 46 (2011): 591-609, with Roderick Hart.
- “Proclaiming Trade Policy: ‘Delegated Unilateral Powers’ and the Limits on Presidential Unilateral Enactment of Trade Policy,” *American Politics Research* 37 (2009): 1003-1023, with Brandon Rottinghaus.
- “Gendered Metaphors of Women in Power: the Case of Hillary Clinton as Madonna, Unruly Woman, Bitch and Witch,” in Kathleen Ahrens (ed.), *Politics, Gender, and Conceptual Metaphors* (London: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009), 254-269.
- “The People: Constructing an Electorate,” in Roderick Hart, Sharon Jarvis, William Jennings and Deborah Smith-Howell, *Political Keywords* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), 108-28, with Roderick Hart.
- “The Lion and the Lamb: Demythologizing Franklin Roosevelt’s Fireside Chats,” *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 6 (2003): 437-464.
- “Public Preferences and Health Spending: Comparing Democratic Responsiveness in the US and the UK,” *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 5 (2003): 576-93, with Stuart Soroka.
- “The American People in Crisis,” *Political Psychology* 23 (2002): 417-37, with Roderick Hart and Sharon Jarvis (lead article).
- “Five Trends in Presidential Rhetoric,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 32 (2002): 328-66.

Other Publications

- “A Tale of Four Foundings,” in *The Birthday Book 2019* (Singapore: Pagesetters, 2019).
- Response to George Thomas’ Review of *The Lovers’ Quarrel: The Two Foundings & American Political Development*, *Perspectives in Politics* 14 (2016): 846-846.

- Critical Dialogues: *The Founders and the Idea of a National University: Constituting the American Mind* (Cambridge University Press) by George Thomas, *Perspectives in Politics* 14 (2016): 842-843.
- Invited review essay of *American Politicians Confront the Courts: Opposition Politics and Changing Responses to Judicial Power* (Cambridge University Press) by Stephen Engel and *Building the Judiciary: Law, Courts, and the Politics of Institutional Development* (Princeton University Press) by Justin Crowe, *American Political Thought* 3 (2014): 364-367.
- “Why Racial Profiling is like Affirmative Action,” in *Opposing Viewpoints: Racial Profiling* (New York: Gale, 2012).
- Review of *Reading Obama: Dreams, Hope, and the American Political Tradition* (Princeton University Press) by James P. Kloppenberg, *Political Science Quarterly* 126 (2011): 698-700.
- Invited review essay of *Bush, the Detainees, and the Constitution: The Battle over Presidential Power in the War on Terror* (University Press of Kansas) by Howard Ball, *Bad Advice: Bush’s Lawyers in the War on Terror* by Harold H. Bruff (University Press of Kansas), and *Power Play: The Bush Presidency and the Constitution* (Brookings Institution Press) by James P. Pfiffner, *Perspectives in Politics* 8 (2010): 903-905.
- Invited entry for “Five Best” column, “Best Books on Presidential Rhetoric,” *The Wall Street Journal*, Nov 28, 2008.
- Book Review of *That Man: An Insider’s Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt* (Michigan State University Press) by Robert H. Jackson, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 7 (2004): 424-426.

HONORS / AWARDS

- NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award, 2016 and 2017
- FASS Teaching Excellence Award, 2016
- FASS Student Choice Award, 2016
- ODPRT Research Excellence Award, 2015 and 2016
- Mellon Research Grant (Wesleyan), 2010
- Faculty Development Fellowship (Tulsa), 2005, 2006 & 2007
- APSA Centennial Center Visiting Scholar, 2003-2004
- Founders Award for Best Paper, Presidency Research Group (APSA), 2003
- Presidency Research Fellowship (APSA), 2003
- Nuffield-Yale Research Fellow, 2002-2004
- Andrew Mellon Research Grant, Oxford, 2002, 2003
- Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Research Grant, 2002
- Potter Studentship, Oxford, 2000-2004
- Overseas Research Student Award (Her Majesty’s Government), 2000-2003
- Sara Norton Thesis Prize, Oxford, 2000
- Scholar, Oxford (Christ Church), 1998-2000

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Checks and Balances.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2022.
- “An Eastern Interpretation of the Gospels.” Presented at the European Conference on Ethics, Religion, and Philosophy, Brighton, UK, 2019.
- “SMU and Global Engagement.” Presented at the Global Engagement in the Liberal Arts Conference, Waterville, Maine, 2018.
- “Martin Van Buren, Checks and Balances, and the Idea of Party.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2016.
- “Enumerated Powers, Prerogative, and Federalism: A Trifocal Conspectus.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015.
- Author-meets-critics Roundtable on *The Lovers’ Quarrel*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015.
- Author-meets-critics Roundtable on *The Lovers’ Quarrel*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, 2015.
- “Political Thought, Political Development, and the Two Foundings.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013.
- “The Presidency and the Media: Two Faces of Democracy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013
- “Franklin Roosevelt and the Nationalized Rhetoric of the Small Republic.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 2012.
- “The Lovers’ Quarrel: A Theory of American Political Development.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, 2011.
- Invited Panelist for Roundtable on “Speechwriters Meet Scholars: Presidential Rhetoric in the Age of Obama.” Scheduled for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2010.
- “The Resurrection of Anti-Federalism and the Reagan Revolution.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2010.
- “The Anti-Federalist Strand in Progressive Politics.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, 2009.
- “Tracking the Language of Time and Space: 1948-2008.” Presented at the Crossroads of Contemporary History Conference. London, 2009.
- “Gender, Metaphors and the American Presidency.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, 2008.
- “Proclaiming Presidential Trade Policy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2008.
- “The Double-Marginalization of the Illegal Worker: US Immigration Policy from 1986 to 2006.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, 2006.
- “Whither Culture Wars?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2006.

- “Moral Values’ and the 2004 Presidential Elections: A Re-examination of the Exit Polls.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 2005.
- “Crafting the Message: Political Communication from the White House Office of Speechwriting.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2004.
- “The Campaign Rhetoric of Time and Space, 1948-2000.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2004 (with Roderick Hart).
- “The Anti-Intellectual Presidency: Political Communication in American Democracy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the APSA, Philadelphia, 2003.
- “Demythologizing Franklin Roosevelt’s Fireside Chats.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the APSA, Boston, 2002. Winner of the APSA Presidency Research Group’s Founders Award, 2003.
- “September 11 and the Language of Crisis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin, 2002 (with Roderick Hart and Sharon Jarvis).

TEACHING HISTORY

- 2017- (SMU)
Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering
- 2014-2017 (NUS)
American Government & Politics; American Political Thought; Rhetoric & Politics; American Presidency; Graduate Research Seminar.
- 2008-2013 (Wesleyan)
American Government and Politics; American Political Development; Political Communication; American Presidency; State and Society in the Modern Age (in the College of Social Studies).
- 2004-08 (Tulsa)
American Political Development; American Presidency; Contemporary Issues [Honors]; Media and Politics; Parties and Ideologies; Political Economy; Research Methods.
- 2000-2004
American Presidency (Yale); American Government and Politics (Oxford); Political Theory (Oxford)

THESES SUPERVISION

- Wesleyan: Craig Ewer (Fall 2009), Mytheos Holt (Spring 2010), Ben Carman (2010/11), Nick Mendoza (2010/11), Bradley Spahn (2010/11), Sam Ebb (2012/13)
- NUS: Seow Kian Seng (2016/17), Robert Straughan (2016/17), Kenneth Tang (2016/17), Matthew Koo (2015/16), Lee Xianmin (2015/16), Clarissa Koh (2014/15), Shaun Zhang (2014/15), Isaac Wong (2014/15), Isabella Franchini (PhD, 2015/16-), Manali Kumar (PhD, 2015/16), Azha Putra (PhD, 2016/17)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- John F. Kennedy National Historic Site, Spring 2017.
- Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Trinity College, Fall 2016. Panel on US Presidential Election.
- Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Fall 2016. “Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, and the Constitutionalization of Party.”
- Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland, Spring 2015. “The Federalist Provenance of the Right to Privacy.”
- Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2012. “Why the Tea Party of 1773 Achieved More than the Tea Party of 2012.”
- Yale University, Spring 2010. “Obama and Healthcare Reform.”
- London School of Economics, Spring 2009. “The Rhetoric of Time and Space.”
- University of Tulsa, Fall 2008. “Gender and the American Presidency.”
- Dartmouth College Fall 2008. “The Quality v. the Quantity of Presidential Rhetoric.”
- Yale University, Fall 2008. “Theories of Anti-Intellectualism.”
- University of Southern California, Fall 2007. “The Anti-Intellectual Presidency.”
- Oklahoma State University, Spring 2006. “The Anti-Intellectual Presidency.”
- Ohio State University, Fall 2006. “The Decline of Presidential Rhetoric.”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Social Science and Humanities Research Expert Panel, 2022-2024
- Director of the Board, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, 2021-
- Program Chair, Executive Politics, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016
- Program Chair, Executive Politics, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2011
- APSA Political Communication Section Doris Graber Best Book Award Committee, 2010
- Program Committee, Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2009
- APSA Presidency Research Group Career Award Committee, 2008
- Membership Committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 2004-2007
- Rhodes Scholars Selection Committee, 2005
- APSA Presidency Research Group Committee for Best Undergraduate Paper, 2004
- Manuscript Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Political Thought*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International*

Studies Quarterly, Journal of Communication, Journal of Politics, Philosophy & Rhetoric, Political Communication, Publius, Social Science Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Rhetoric & Public Affairs, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press.

SELECTED SERVICE

- Chair, RLLC Committee, 2020/21
- Member, BRC-PG Workgroup, 2019/20
- Chair, PSR Refresh Task and Finish Group, 2019/20
- Member, BRC on Undergraduate Education, 2017/18
- Member, BRC Implementation Committee, 2018/19
- Taskforce on Envisioning OCC, 2018/19
- Head, 2017/18
- Deputy Head, 2015/16; 2016-17
- Graduate Coordinator, 2014/15; 2015/16
- Annual Review Committee, 2013/14; 2014/15
- Global Studies Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2014/15
- Global Studies Post-Doctoral Search Committee, 2014/15
- Full Professor Search Committee, 2014/15
- Faculty Graduate Student Awards Committee, 2016/17

SELECTED SPEAKING EVENTS (SINGAPORE)

- Keynote Speaker, Temasek Polytechnic Learning Academy Feste. Sep 19, 2022.
- Panelist, SOTA, “The Arts in the Disrupted Future.” May 30, 2022.
- Keynote Speaker, Republic Poly Learning Retreat. September 20, 2019.
- Keynote Speaker, East Zone Centre of Excellence Teaching & Learning Symposium. July 19, 2019.
- Keynote Speaker, Global Education Leadership Conference. March 28, 2019.
- Panelist, On Trump’s Visit to Asia, SIIA. December 7, 2017.
- Panelist, ST Global Forum. December 5, 2017.
- Keynote Speaker, Hwa Chong International School Module UN. March 7, 2017.
- Panelist on US Elections. Singapore Press Club. October 11, 2016.
- Speaker, “US Elections 2016.” National Junior College. April 11, 2016.
- Speaker, “Propaganda: A Conceptual Analysis.” Future Problem Solving Program (FPSP)/Dunman High School. July 23, 2015