

Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor, Political Science & Criminal Justice
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Kennesaw State University
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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Claremont Graduate University, 2010
Fields: American Politics and Political Theory
Dissertation: “The Politics of *The Simpsons*”

M.A., Political Science, San Diego State University, 2004
Thesis: “Misinformation and Political Participation”

J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2001

B.A., English, San Jose State University, 1998

Experience

Associate Professor: Kennesaw State University, 2015-present

Assistant Professor: Kennesaw State University, 2010-2015

Lawyer: California State Bar, 2002-present (inactive, since 2011)

Part-Time Instructor: California State Polytechnic University, 2007-2010
Cerritos College, California Community College (CCC), 2007-2009
Chaffey College, CCC, 2006-2009
Southwestern College, CCC, 2001-2004

Assistant Instructor: San Diego State University, 2002-2003

Future Faculty Intern: San Diego/Imperial Counties Community College Association Faculty
Internship Program, 2001-2002

Peer-Reviewed/Edited Publications

- “Succeeding at Defining Success: How Governing Organizations Frame Student Success in U.S. Higher Education” 2026. *Journal of Postsecondary Student Success* (co-authored with Sidni Justus (lead) and Tom Vizcarrondo) Vol. 5(3). <doi: 10.33009/fsop_jpss139770>.
- “Americans Agree Their Democracy Is in Crisis—Yet the Solution Is as Simple as It Is Elusive.” 2026. *The Conversation*. Sep. 10. <<https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.fsnupq5tn>>
- “Fly the Flag This Independence Day.” 2026. *The Washington Post*. July 4. < <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2026/07/03/what-americas-250th-means-post-readers/> >.
- “Who Decides When We Go to War? Here’s What the Framers Said.” 2026. *The Washington Post*. March 11. <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2026/03/11/constitution-framers-executive-power-dhs-kennedy/>>.
- “When Washington and the States Are in Conflict, the Ultimate Winner Is Not Always Certain.” 2026. *The Conversation*. March 6. DOI: <<https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.ws7kmjdrf>>.
- “What Jefferson Really Meant by the Words ‘All Men.’” 2025. *The Washington Post*. Nov. 13. Letters. <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2025/11/13/what-jefferson-really-meant-by-words-all-men/>>.
- “Candidly Speaking.” 2025. *The Washington Post*. Feb. 18. Letters. <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2025/02/18/education-department-trump-schools-history/>>.
- “We Can Keep Fighting Over America’s Founding, or We Can Listen to Each Other.” 2024. *Marietta Daily Journal*. Guest Editorial. Oct. 3. OpEd <https://www.mdjonline.com/opinion/kenneth-michael-white-we-can-keep-fighting-over-americas-founding-or-we-can-listen-to-article_bcb5e678-7c48-11ef-80fd-ab4a7b12588b.html>.
- “Civil Rights.” 2015. *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*. 1(A-E): 165-170. [Encyclopedia]
- “The Title and Three Core Values from the First Three Lines of The Declaration of Independence.” 2013. *Journal of Political Science Education* 9(1): 73-88.
- “Marijuana Prohibition in California: Racial Prejudice and Selective-Arrests.” (co-author: Mirya Holman). 2012. *Race, Gender, and Class* 19(3-4): 75-92.

Peer-Reviewed/Edited Publications (cont'd)

“The Declaration of Independence and Immigration in the United States of America.” 2011. *NorteAmerica* 6: 211-228.

“Pop Culture, Politics, and America’s Favorite Animated Family: Partisan Bias in *The Simpsons*?” (co-author: Mirya Holman). 2011. *Studies in Popular Culture* 34(1): 87-107.

“How the Peace was Lost: Ignoring the Presidential Oath in 1964 and 2002-2003.” 2010. *Journal of Libertarian Studies* 22: 309-330.

“Information, Misinformation, and Political Participation” (co-authors: Michael Binder, Richard Ledet, and C. Richard Hofstetter). 2006. *The American Review of Politics* 27: 71-90.

Books

The American Republic: Socrates, Paine, Lincoln, and King. 2015. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt.

How to Apply to Law Schools and Write (Think) Like a Law Student. 2013 [2015, Apple; Google; 2014, Amazon.] Baltimore: PublishAmerica.

The Politics of The Simpsons: Humor, Television, and Democracy. 2011. Germany: VDM.

Buck. 2004. Baltimore: PublishAmerica.

The Beginning of Today: The Marihuana Tax Act of 1937. 2004. Baltimore: PublishAmerica.

Works in Progress

The Political Philosophy of Harry Neumann: The Dilemma of Socratic Politics—Political Philosophy or Nihilism? [Book, under consideration with *Carolina Academic Press*]

Other Publications

Legal Theory & Philosophy. AcademicPub. 2014. [University Reader]

Human Rights, International Crime, and Justice. AcademicPub. 2014. w/Dr. Tanja Link [University Reader]

“Unfinished Business,” in *Where Were You When You Heard That JFK Was Shot? 138 Memories*. Jaime Polychrones, ed. Baltimore: PublishAmerica. 2013. [Book chapter]

“Socratic Engagement with Students Online.” *TalonTips* 3(1): 5, 2011. [Newsletter]

Presentations

“America’s 250th Birthday.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. July 29, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Public Trust and Civic Responsibility.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. June 24, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Future of Democracy.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. May 27, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“The Presidency.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. April 22, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Erosion of the Separation of Powers? The Constitution and Implications for American Society.” *Teach-In Series*. Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice. Kennesaw State University. April 8, 2026 [Speaker].

“Political Philosophy.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. March 25, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“D.E.I. and C.R.T.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. February 25, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“War Powers.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. January 18, 2026 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Law.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. November 19, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Second Amendment.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. October 21, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Separation of Church and State.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. September 23, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Free Speech.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. August 26, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Political Parties: History and Purpose.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. July 22, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“History of U.S. Political Polarization: Then and Now.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. June 24, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

Presentations (cont'd)

“Globalization, Trade Wars, and Tariffs.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. May 27, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“How D.O.G.E. Reflects an Evolving State.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. April 23, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Recognizing and Combating Misinformation.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. March 19, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Borders and Belonging: A Dialogue on Immigration.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. February 26, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“TalkingThrough the Transition.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. January22, 2025 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Pathways to Political Participation.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. October 9, 2024 [Speaker/Organizer].

“The Policy Cycle and Bureaucratic Power.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. September 11, 2024 [Speaker/Organizer].

“Presidential Elections.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. August 7, 2024 [Speaker/Organizer].

“States’ Rights & Federalism.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. March 21, 2024 [Speaker/Organizer].

“The Constitution and Individual Rights.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. November 16, 2023 [Speaker/Organizer].

“On the Fourth Amendment: History, Text, and Jurisprudence.” *Coffee & Conversations*. Cherokee County Democrats. November 4, 2023 [Invited Speaker, non-partisan].

“What Is Justice?” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. September 23, 2023 [Speaker/Organizer].

“The Ways Student Success Has Been Defined Since the 20th Century and Beyond: A Literature Review.” *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Summit*. Kennesaw State University. September 21, 2023 [Co-presenter with Sidni Justus and Tom Vizcarrondo].

Presentations (cont'd)

“American Government and Socratic Tradition: Open Discussion.” *The Crazy Book Lady*, Acworth, Georgia. August 5, 2023 [Speaker/Organizer].

“What’s Really Going On with the Crime Rate? What the Official Crime Data Tell Us.” *Teach-In Series*. Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice. Kennesaw State University. March 15, 2023 and October 11, 2023 [Speaker].

“Why the Trump Administration’s 1776 Report Should Not Be Rejected (Entirely).” *SGIA Brown Bag Research Series*. School of Government & International Affairs. Kennesaw State University. October 3, 2022 [Speaker].

“Naturalization and Natural Right: What Does It Mean to Be an American?” *Immigration in Overlapping Pandemics: Racism, COVID, and a Call for Systemic Change*, Southeastern Immigration Studies Association Annual Conference, April 9, 2021 [Paper Presentation].

“The Ethical Implications of Pop Culture Humor: Laughing at Chief Wiggum,” *The Importance of Ethics in Criminal Justice*, Criminal Justice Association of Georgia Annual Conference, October 9, 2020 [Paper Presentation]

“How Do U.S. Elections Work?” Global Village, U.S. elections seminar, Kennesaw State University, September 25, 2019 [Panel Member].

“Teaching Social Science Narratives: A Hollywood Writer’s Perspective,” The College of Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Development Series, *A Panel Presentation by Recipients of the 2018-1029 Teaching Incentive Grants*, February 12, 2019 [Panel Member]

“After the Referendum: How the Midterms will Affect Trump,” The Political Science Club, Kennesaw State University, November 28, 2018 [Panel Member]

“Constitution Con Panel: Where would we be without the Constitution?” Sturgis Library, Kennesaw State University, September 17, 2018 [Panel Member]

“Sean Conroy: On Comedy & the Art of Writing for a Living,” ‘Masters of Arts in Professional Writing & College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University, December 5, 2017 [Host]

“Sean Conroy: On Improv Comedy & Thinking on Your Feet,” Masters of Arts in Professional Writing & College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University, December 5, 2017 [Host]

Presentations (cont'd)

“The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Human Rights: Conversation with Antonia Arslan,” The Italian Club & The Department of Foreign Languages, Kennesaw State University, October 19, 2017 [Panel Member]

“SCJ Panel Discussion: What About Weed? The Marijuana Controversy,” Sociology & Criminal Justice Department, “Teach-In Series,” Kennesaw State University, March 28, 2016.

“Cultural Diversity and Criminal Justice,” FBI National Academy, Region 3 [Area Training] October 15, 2015.

“Cultural Diversity and Criminal Justice,” FBI National Academy, Region 3 [Area Training] October 22, 2015.

“Guest Speaker” at Induction Ceremony, *Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociology Honor Society*, MU Chapter, Kennesaw State University, Dec. 8, 2014.

“Great Debate 1: Affordable Care Act” at KSU’s Marketplace of Ideas, Kennesaw State University, Nov. 12, 2013.

“Comprehensive Program Assessment: A Broader Perspective” at Criminal Justice Association of Georgia Annual Conference, Kennesaw State University, Nov. 7-8, 2013.

“On Finding an Academic Voice” at International Conflict Management Faculty Colloquium (No. 9004), Kennesaw State University, 2012.

“Voting Behavior” at Presidential Election Speaker Series sponsored by Political Science & International Affairs Department, Kennesaw State University, 2012.

“The Great Debate” w/Dr. Mel Fein on 2012 election. Kennesaw State University, 2012.

“Pop Culture Politics: The Age of Comedy” at the PCAS/ACAS conference, Nashville, Tennessee, 2012.

“Dual Federalism and Immigration in the United States” at the 4th Southeastern Immigration Conference, Kennesaw State University, 2012.

“Marijuana Prohibition in California: Racial Prejudice and Selective-Arrests” at the 10th Annual Suburban Studies Conference: Social Problems and Solutions, Kennesaw State University, 2012.

Presentations (cont'd)

“The American Dream: Film and Panel on Immigration Reform” hosted by KSU Democrats, KSU African Student Association, and Lambda Theta Pi, 2011.

“Immigration and The Declaration of Independence” at the Conference on Immigration in the Southeast: Defining Problems, Finding Solutions, Kennesaw State University, 2010.

“The Historical Bias in Present Drug Laws” at the Minority Mentor Program Student Conference, Claremont Graduate University, 2008.

“The Relationship Between the Vietnam War in 1964 and the Iraq War in 2002-2003” at the Minority Mentor Program Student Conference, Claremont Graduate University, 2007.

“Misinformation and Political Participation” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, 2005.

“The Desirability of Extreme Politics: A Threat to Democracy” at the 12th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: Crisis Carnival: Discourses of Desire, San Diego State University, 2004.

“Misinformation Politics” at the Graduate Student Colloquium: Thesis Presentations, San Diego State University, 2004.

“Same-Sex Marriage?” Political Science Club: Same-Sex Marriage Forum, Southwestern College, 2004.

“Reparations” at the African-American Student Union: Reparations Forum, Southwestern College, 2004.

“Terrorism” at the Brown Bag Seminar: Terrorism, Security, and Freedom, Southwestern College, 2001.

“Domestic Violence” at the Women’s Law Caucus: Domestic Violence and the Law, University of San Diego School of Law, 2001.

Grants, Awards, Honors

“Made a Meaningful Difference,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU 2025

“Made a Meaningful Difference,” Journey Honors College Survey, KSU 2025.

“Made the Greatest Difference,” Transition Support and Career Development Survey, KSU 2024.

“Made the Greatest Difference,” Transition Support and Career Development Survey, KSU 2023.

“Made the Greatest Difference,” Transition Support and Career Development Survey, KSU 2022.

Outstanding Senior Faculty Honoree (Adrienne Rice, Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice),
KSU 2020.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU 2020.

“Thank a Teacher,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, KSU 2020.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU 2019.

“Thank a Teacher,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, KSU, 2019.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Teaching Incentive Grant, “Teaching Social Science
Narratives: A Hollywood Writer’s Perspective,” KSU 2018-2019.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU 2018.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU, 2017.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Planning and Development Survey, KSU, 2016.

“Thank a Teacher,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, KSU, 2016.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Services Survey, KSU, 2015.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Services Survey, KSU, 2014.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Services Survey, KSU, 2012.

“Outstanding Faculty,” Career Services Survey, KSU, 2011.

Grants, Awards, Honors (cont'd)

Transdisciplinary Studies Faculty-Student Research Grant, CGU, 2006-2007.

Graduate Committee Community Service Award, SDSU, 2004.

Terhune Fellowship, SDSU, 2002-2004.

The Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, The State Bar of California, 2001.

Dean's Distinguished Service Award, USD School of Law, 2001.

Outstanding Small Claims Clinic Intern, USD School of Law, 2001

Courses Taught

American Constitutional Law: Federalism

American Government (f2f and online)

American Government in a Global Perspective (f2f and online)

American Presidency (f2f and online)

Business Law

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure (f2f and online)

Demonstration Project (graduate/online)

Direct Study: Criminal Wrongdoing

Ethics in Criminal Justice (f2f and online)

Foundation of Criminal Justice (online)

Great Political Thinkers

Honors Experience: Applied Learning Experience

Honors Capstone

Honors Capstone Proposal

Introduction to Political Science

International Crime & Justice

Legal Communication

Legal Terminology

Legal Theory & Philosophy

Philosophy (online)

Police in America (online)

Political Ideologies (f2f and online)

Profile of the Serial Offender

Race, Crime and Justice (graduate/f2f)

Research Methods

Courses Taught (cont'd)

Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (online)
Strategic Planning for Criminal Justice (graduate/f2f)
Survey & Polls
United States Congress (f2f and online)
United States Presidency (f2f and online)
Urban Affairs & Problems
US Constitution & Courts (f2f and online)
World Justice & Human Rights

Honors Council Teaching/Mentoring: Kennesaw State University

Honors Course Project Faculty Supervisor for Joseph Gourdine, Criminal Justice, Summer 2026.

Honors Capstone Project Paper Faculty Supervisor for Stefan Hanson, Management, Spring 2026.

Honors Capstone Project Proposal Faculty Supervisor for Stefan Hanson, Management, Fall 2025

Honors Capstone Project Faculty Supervisor for Vivian Martinez, Political Science, 2018-2019

Honors Capstone Project Faculty Supervisor for Emily Edwards, Political Science, 2016

Honors Capstone Project Faculty Supervisor for Janie Laurie, Criminal Justice, 2014

Professional Service: Kennesaw State University

Current Service

Awards Committee, Chair, Political Science & International Affairs, 2017-present
Awards Committee, Member, Radow College of Humanities & Social Sciences, 2017-present
Department Faculty Council, Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2025-2026
Department Faculty Council, Member, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2021-2026
Student Success Liaison, Political Science & International Affairs 2023-present
College Faculty Council, Member, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2024-2027

Past Service

Bylaws Ad Hoc Taskforce, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Fall 2025
College Student Scholarships Committee, Political Science & International Affairs, 2024
Department Faculty Council, Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2024-2025
DFC Liaison to P&T Committee, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Summer 2023-
Spring 2024
DFC Ad Hoc Task Force on Policy, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Spring 2023
P&T Revisions Task Force, Radow College of Humanities & Social Sciences, 2022-2023
Department Faculty Council, Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2021-2023
Writing Group, POLS Program Task Force, 2022
Faculty and Staff Evaluation of Administration, Chair, Evaluation Review Committee for
Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Interim Chair, 2021-2022
Part-Time & Temporary Faculty Mentor Program, Mentor, Department of Sociology & Criminal
Justice, 2021-2022 (stipend supported)
Faculty and Staff Evaluation of Administration, Evaluation Review Committee for Department
of Sociology & Criminal Justice Chair, Member, 2019-2020.
Department [School] Faculty Council, Political Science & International Affairs, 2019-2020
Online Teaching Advisory Committee, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2019-2020
School of Gov. & Int. Affairs, Opening Ceremony Planning Committee, Member, 2018-2019
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Past President, Spring 2019
Faculty Senate, Spring 2019
Faculty Senate, Shared Governance Ad Hoc Task Force, Spring 2019
Lecturer Search Committee, Sociology & Criminal Justice, Member, 2018
Assist. Professor Search Committee, Political Science & International Affairs, Member,
2017-2018
Faculty Senate, Representative, Political Science & International Affairs, 2014-2018
Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, 2016-2018
Promotion & Tenure Ad Hoc Task Force, Member, Political Science & International Affairs,
2018
College Evaluation Review Committee, Dean's Administrative Review, Member, 2017-2018

Past Service (cont'd)

College Faculty Council, Chair, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2017
Student Awards Committee, Member, Political Science & International Affairs, 2010-2017
College Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2017
Prior Learning Assessment Ad Hoc Task Force, Member, Political Science & International Affairs, 2017
College Faculty Council, Chair, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2017
College Faculty Council, Representative, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2015-2017
KSU Day of Service Planning Committee, Member, 2015-2016
Chair Search Committee, Member, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2015
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Past President, 2014-2015
University Council, Chair, 2013-2014
Faculty Senate President, 2013-2014
President's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee, Chair, 2013-2014
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Chair, 2013-2014
Faculty Senate Liaison to the Part-Time Faculty Council, 2013-2014
Co- chair, KSU-SPSU Governance Consolidation Sub-Committee, Spring 2014
Co-organizer, Book of The Year Project (with Ernesto Silva and Ken Harmon), 2013-2014
Co-organizer, KSU's Favorite Books Survey (with Ernesto Silva and Ken Harmon), 2013-2014
Co-organizer of survey on Faculty Perception of Online Certification Process, Spring 2013
Organizer and Emcee of Faculty Senate Forums on Raises & Salaries, Feb. 4th-5th, 2013
Organizer and Emcee of Faculty Senate Forums on Distance Education, Sep. 16th, 19th, 2014
Organizer and Emcee of Faculty Senate Forums on Distance Education 2.0, Oct. 10th, 15th, 2014
Organizer, This Policy Makes No Sense Survey, 2013-2014
KSU's Day of Service Planning Committee, 2013
President's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee, Member, 2012-2013
University Council, Member, 2012-2013
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Member, 2011-2013
Faculty Senate Liaison to the Staff, 2011-2012
Faculty Senate Vice President, 2012-2013
CHSS Mobile App Task Force, 2012-2013
Faculty Senate Representative, Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2011-2014
Co-director, Netherlands & Germany, Study Abroad Program, 2011-2015

Professional Service: California Community Colleges

Flex Activities, Chaffey College, 2006-2009
Governmental Relations Assistant, Southwestern College, 2001-2004

Other Professional Service

Vice President, American Association of University Professors, Kennesaw State University
Chapter, 2014-2016

Pre-Law Advisor, Law School Admission Council (LSAC.org), 2010-present