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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science. Miami University. 2003
M.A. International Affairs. The University of Dayton. 1989
B.A. Political Science (Minor: Philosophy). The University of Dayton. 1987

DISSERTATION

THE UNITARY EXECUTIVE AND THE PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENT

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Abstract: The presidential signing statement has been a significant device used by recent presidents to protect the prerogatives of the office and to advance the president's policy preferences on sections of a bill that have been left undefined by the Congress. Even though they have been used since the Monroe administration, they have gone largely unnoticed by political scientists. My dissertation fills in an important part of president power by detailing what the signing statement is, why it is used, and why it remains important today.

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

2008-2009:

- POL 241—Introduction to American Politics (Fall only)
- POL 356—The Mass Media and American Politics
- POL 650—The Mass Media and American Politics—Graduate (Spring only)

2007-2008:

- POL 241—Introduction to American Politics (two sections)
- POL 356—The Mass Media and American Politics

2006-2007:

- POL 101—Politics and National Issues (Fall Only)

- POL 241—Introduction to American Politics
- HON 101—The Mass Media and American Politics (Honors—Fall Only)
- POL 650—The Mass Media and American Politics (Graduate—Spring Only)

2005-2006:

- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics
- POL 356—Mass Media and American Politics
- POL 650—The Mass Media and American Politics (Graduate)

2004-2005:

- Faculty Facilitator, *Course in Common*.
- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics
- POL 356—The Mass Media and American Politics
- Lead Faculty, *The Inside Washington* Program. Washington, D.C. (Summer)

2003-2004:

- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics
- POL 343—The American Presidency
- POL 356—The Mass Media and American Politics

2002-2003 (Teaching Associate/Program Associate):

- POL 356—The Mass Media and American Politics
- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics (Hamilton Campus)
- Program Associate, The Kettering Foundation. Year long project to study online deliberative practices.

2001-2002:

- Pre-Doctoral Fellow, the Kettering Foundation. Dayton, OH.

2000-2001 (Teaching Associate):

- POL 356—Mass Media and American Politics
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1999-2000 (Teaching Associate):

- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics

1990-1997 (Adjunct Faculty, Sinclair Community College. Dayton, OH):

- PLS 101—American Government I
- PLS 102—American Government II
- PLS 103—State Government

- PLS 104—Urban Government
- PLS 200—Political Life, Systems & Issues.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Unitary Executive

**Presidential Signing
Statements**

Separation of Powers

**Political
Communication**

Teaching Interests

The American Presidency

Congress

Campaign and Elections

Politics of the Mass Media

Interest Group Politics

Publications

In Progress:

Kelley, Christopher S. and Bryan Marshall. Flying Solo: Presidential Unilateralism and the Politics of Signing Statements. Book project designed to explain the significance and the importance of the presidential bill signing statement.

Kelley, Christopher S. Rethinking Presidential Power: The Unitary Executive and the Bush Administration. Manuscript.

Books:

Kelley, Christopher S. and Ryan Barilleaux, eds. The Unitary Executive and the Modern Presidency. Texas: Texas A&M University Press. 2009. (forthcoming)

Kelley, Christopher S. ed. Executing the Constitution: Putting the President Back into the Constitution. NY: SUNY Press. 2006.

Published Articles

Kelley, Christopher S. and Bryan Marshall. "Going it Alone: The Politics of the Constitutional Signing Statement." *Social Science Quarterly*. 2009 (Forthcoming)

Kelley, Christopher S. "The Unitary, or Unilateral Executive? Presidential Power in the Bush Administration." *American Review of Politics*. Fall/Winter. 2008-2009.

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Kelley, Christopher S. and Bryan Marshall. "The Last Word: Presidential Power and the Role of Signing Statements." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 38, Issue 2. June, 2008.

"Who is at Fault Here? The Bush Administration, Presidential Power, and the Signing Statement." *MSL Law Review*. Forthcoming, 2008.

"Like Father, Like Son: The Presidents' Bush and the Signing Statement." *White House Studies*. Vol. 7, No. 2. December, 2007. With Bryan Marshall

"Contextualizing the Presidential Signing Statement." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 37, No. 4. December, 2007.

"A Matter of Direction: The Reagan Administration, the Signing Statement, and the 1986 Westlaw Decision." *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*. Vol. 16, Issue 1. December, 2007.

"Shysters, Sycophants, and Sexual Deviants: How Hollywood Depicts the Presidency in the 1990s." *White House Studies*. Vol. 3, No. 3. 2003. With Kevan Yenerall

Book Chapters

"Bill Clinton and Unilateral Executive Power." *The Clinton Presidency and the Constitutional System*. Texas A&M University Press. Rosanna Perotti, Editor. (Forthcoming).

"The Unitary Executive and the Clinton Presidency" in Barilleaux, Ryan J. and Christopher S. Kelley, eds. *The Unitary Executive and the Modern Presidency*. Texas: Texas A&M University Press. (forthcoming) 2009.

"Public Broadcasting in the United States." *Governing America: Major Policies and Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government*. Facts on File. 2009 (Forthcoming)

"Signing Statement." *Dictionary of American History, Dynamic Reference*. Thomson Gale. 2008.

"Telecommunications Policy" in Genovese, Michael and Lori Cox Han, eds. *Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics*. Facts on File. 2008.

“Like Father, Like Son? The Presidents’ Bush and the Presidential Signing Statement” in Anthony J. Eksterowicz and Glenn P. Hastedt, The Presidencies of George Herbert Walker Bush and George Walker Bush: Life Father Like Son?. NOVA Publishers. 2008. With Bryan W. Marshall.

“The Significance of the Presidential Signing Statement” in Kelley, Christopher S. Executing the Constitution: Putting the President Back into the Constitution. NY: SUNY Press. 2006.

“Ronald Reagan, Iran-Contra, and Presidential Power” in Kengor, Paul, ed. Assessing the Reagan Presidency. Rowman and Littlefield. 2005. With Ryan Barilleaux

“Congress Adequately Represents the Interests of Most Americans (Con)” in Watson, Robert P. Debating the Issues: American Government and Politics. Longman Press. 2005.

“Politics is Controlled by Relatively Few, Powerful Americans (Pro)” in Watson, Robert P. Debating the Issues: American Government and Politics. Longman Press. 2005.

“Presidents Today Must be Charismatic and Media Savvy in Order to be Effective” in Watson, Robert P. and David Freeman. Debating the Issues: The American Presidency. Kendall/Hunt. 2005.

“First Brothers in the Media: Billy Carter and Roger Clinton” in Watson, Robert P. Life in the White House: At Home with the First Family. NY: SUNY Press. 2004.

“The Other Side of War: Presidential Peace Powers” in Barilleaux, Ryan J. Presidential Frontiers: Unexplored Issues in White House Politics. Praeger. 1998. With Ryan Barilleaux.

Experiments:

“Airing Concerns: Democracy Takes Flight.” Three week experiment for the Kettering Foundation to assess the effectiveness of the Internet in naming an issue of public concern (space flight and exploration). Report on file with the Kettering Foundation.

Book Reviews:

Warber, Adam L. Executive Orders and the Modern Presidency: Legislating from the Oval Office. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2006 in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 37, Issue 1, March 2007.

Arnold, Douglas R. Congress, the Press, and Political Accountability. Princeton University Press. 2004 in *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 68, No. 1. 2006.

Haltom, William and Michael McMan. Distorting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis. University of Chicago Press. 2004 in *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 68, No. 1. 2006.

Busby, Robert. Defending the Presidency: Clinton and the Lewinsky Scandal. Palgrave, 2001 in *White House Studies*. Vol. 3, No. 3. 2003.

Goodlad, Steven John. The Last Best Hope: A Democracy Reader. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. 2001 in *Connections*. Kettering Foundation Press. December 2002.

Sirianni, Carmen and Lewis Friedland. Civic Innovation in America. CA: University of California Press. 2001 in *Connections*. Kettering Foundation Press. Vol. 13, Issue 2. December 2001.

Professional Papers and Conferences:

“To Be (Unitarian), Or Not To Be (Unitarian): Presidential Power in the George W. Bush Administration.” *President or King? Evaluating the Expansion of Executive Power from Abraham Lincoln to George W. Bush*. Hofstra University’s Peter S. Kalikow’s Center for the Study of the American Presidency. Symposium, November 4-5, 2009.

“Getting the Last Word: The End of Term Politics of Signing Statements.” Paper prepared for the *104th American Political Science Association Meeting*. Boston, MA. August 28-31, 2008. With Bryan Marshall.

“Going It Alone: The Politics of Signing Statements from Reagan to Bush II.” Paper prepared for the *103rd American Political Science Association Meeting*. Chicago, IL. August 30-September 2, 2007. With Bryan Marshall.

“A Little Help from my Friends: What Political Science Could Have Offered to Legal Scholars on the Political Importance of the Signing Statement.” Paper prepared for the *103rd American Political Science Association Meeting*. Chicago, IL. August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Presidential Power and the Signing Statement: A Comparative Analysis of the Bush Administrations.” Paper prepared for the *65th Midwest Political Science Association Meeting*. Chicago, IL. April 12-15, 2007.

“A Matter of Direction: The Reagan Administration, the Signing Statement, and the 1986 Legislative History Decision.” *The Last Word? The Constitutional Implications of Presidential Signing Statements*. William and Mary Institute of Bill of Rights Law Symposium. February 3, 2007.

Panelist, *Presidential Power in American: The Constitution, the Defense of a Nation, and the National Ethos*. Massachusetts School of Law. October 14-15, 2006.

“The Past, Present, and Future of the Unitary Executive.” Paper prepared for the *102nd Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, PA. August 31-September 3, 2006. With Ryan Barilleaux.

“Assessing Presidential Power: Veto Politics and Presidential Signing Statements as Coordinated Strategies.” Paper prepared for the *102nd Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, PA. August 31-September 3, 2006. With Bryan Marshall.

“Last Mover Advantage: Presidential Power and the Role of Signing Statements.” Paper prepared for the *64th Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 20-23, 2006. With Bryan Marshall.

Faculty Research Associate. "Communicating and Working with the Media." Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show. Columbus, OH. February 1-4, 2006.

"Bill Clinton and Unilateral Executive Power." Conference on the Clinton Presidency at Hofstra University. November 10-12, 2005. With Ryan Barilleaux.

Chair and Panel Discussant. *Author Meets Critics: Kevin J. McMahon's Reconsidering Roosevelt on Race*. 63rd Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2005.

Roundtable: *Thank You for Laughing: The Pedagogical Utility of Christopher Buckley's Political Satire*. 63rd Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2005.

"Rethinking Presidential Power: The Unitary Executive and the George W. Bush Presidency." Prepared for the 63rd Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2005.

Panel Discussant. *Presidential Rhetoric and the Power of Persuasion*. 100th Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. September 2-5, 2004.

Panel Discussant. *Leadership and Persuasion*. 62nd Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 15-18, 2004.

Panel Discussant. *Implications and Strategies of Presidential Speech*. Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Portland, OR. March 11-13, 2004.

Panel Discussant. *Issues in Presidential Transition*. Meeting of the 99th American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 28-31, 2003.

"A Comparative Look at the Presidential Signing Statement: The Case of Bush and Clinton." Meeting of the 61st Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2003.

"Hitting Camels in the Butt—War Rhetoric and Deliberation in the Aftermath of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks." Meeting of the 98th American Political Science Association. August 28-September 1, 2002. With Maria Teresa Martinez.

"The Unitary Executive and the Presidential Signing Statement." Meeting of the 98th American Political Science Association. August 28-September 1, 2002.

Panel Chair. *Critical Thinking in the Political Science Classroom: Using Film as a Pedagogical Tool*. Meeting of the 33rd Northeast Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. November 8-10, 2001.

"George W. Bush and the Question of Presidential Mandates." Meeting of the 33rd Northeast Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. November 8-10, 2001. With Ryan Barilleaux.

"Toward a Theory of Presidential Signing Statements—Unilateral Action and Prerogative Power." Prepared for the Meeting of the 59th Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 19-22, 2001.

“Shysters, Sycophants, and Sexual Deviants: How Hollywood Depicts the Presidency in the 1990s.” Paper prepared for the *American Presidency on Film Conference*. Westlake Village, CA. November, 2000. With Kevan Yenerall.

“Hoping to Win, Fighting to Survive: A Case Study of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 58th *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 25-27, 2000. With J. Christopher Woolard.

“Organizing to Govern: The Reagan Administration and the Development of the Interpretive Signing Statement.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 95th *American Political Science Association*. Atlanta, GA. September 2-5, 1999.

“Separation of Powers and the Clinton Administration.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 57th *Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 15-17, 1999. With J. Christopher Woolard.

“Shysters, Sycophants, and Sexual Deviants: How Hollywood Depicts the Presidency in the 1990s.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 94th *American Political Science Association*. Boston, MA. September 3-6, 1998. With Kevan Yenerall.

“Presidential Signing Statements.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 29th *Northeast Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, PA. November 13-16, 1997.

Professional Service:

- Committee Member, The George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award, *Presidency Research Group Award Committee*, 2009-2010.
- Directed Masters Tutorials and Independent Studies for numerous graduate and undergraduate students.
- Faculty Presenter. Miami University Alumni Association’s *Winter College*. Sanibel Island, Florida. February, 2007.
- Member, Board of Directors. *Presidency Research Group*. 2006-07.
- Member, “Coalition to Defend Checks and Balances.” *The Constitution Project*.
- Expert, *Institute for Public Accuracy*.
- Interviewed by numerous media on the subject of presidential power and the presidential signing statement.
- Executive Committee, Miami University’s *Inside Washington* media program.
- Faculty mentor, *Courses in Common*.
- Webmaster, Miami University Department of Political Science.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. The Kettering Foundation. Dayton, OH. September 2001-August 2002.

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Referee Activity:

American Political Science Review

American Politics Review

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Presidential Studies Quarterly

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