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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**

**Committee:** Ryan Barilleaux (Chair), Patrick Haney, Richard Forgette, and Andrew Cayton  
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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:**

### **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
- POL 141—Introduction to American Politics

**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**

**American Political Development**

**Politics of the Mass Media**

**Interest Group Politics**

**Deliberative Democracy**

## **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. and Bryan Marshall. "Assessing Presidential Power: Signing Statements and Veto Threats as Coordinated Strategies." Journal article. R&R

### **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**

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

"The Last Mover Advantage." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Forthcoming. With Bryan Marshall

“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**

“The Unitary Executive and the Press: Shaping the Public’s Understanding of Presidential Power in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” in Barilleaux, Ryan J. and Christopher S. Kelley, eds. The Unitary Executive and the Modern Presidency. Texas: Texas A&M University Press. (forthcoming) 2009. With Leslie Caughell

“Signing Statement.” Dictionary of American History, Dynamic Reference. Thomson Gale. Forthcoming.

“Telecommunications Policy” in Genovese, Michael and Lori Cox Han, eds. Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics. Facts on File. (forthcoming) 2008.

“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 McMann. 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:**

“Going It Alone: The Politics of Signing Statements from Reagan to Bush II.” Paper prepared for the 103<sup>rd</sup> *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 103<sup>rd</sup> *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 65<sup>th</sup> *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 102<sup>nd</sup> 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 102<sup>nd</sup> 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 64<sup>th</sup> 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*. 63<sup>rd</sup> 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*. 63<sup>rd</sup> 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 63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10, 2005.

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

Panel Discussant. *Leadership and Persuasion*. 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 99<sup>th</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> 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 98<sup>th</sup> *American Political Science Association*. August 28-September 1, 2002. With Maria Teresa Martinez.

“The Unitary Executive and the Presidential Signing Statement.” Meeting of the 98<sup>th</sup> *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 33<sup>rd</sup> *Northeast Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, PA. November 8-10, 2001.

“George W. Bush and the Question of Presidential Mandates.” Meeting of the 33<sup>rd</sup> *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 59<sup>th</sup> *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 58<sup>th</sup> *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 95<sup>th</sup> *American Political Science Association*. Atlanta, GA. September 2-5, 1999.

“Separation of Powers and the Clinton Administration.” Prepared for the Meeting of the 57<sup>th</sup> *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 94<sup>th</sup> *American Political Science Association*. Boston, MA. September 3-6, 1998. With Kevan Yenerall.

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

### **Professional Service:**

- 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.

Summer Scholars Program. Supreme Court Historical Society. Washington, D.C. June, 2001.

Dissertation Fellowship. Department of Political Science, Miami University. Fall, 2000.

### **Referee Activity:**

*White House Studies*

*Presidential Studies Quarterly*

*Journal of Politics*

### **Professional Membership:**

*American Political Science Association*

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