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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI

Ph.D. - Political Science 2004
Area of Concentration: Public Law and Jurisprudence
First Minor: Comparative Politics
Second Minor: World Politics

Ph.D. Thesis:

Title: "An Excess of Participation: A Critical Examination of Judicial Elections and Their Consequences for American Democracy." Dissertation Committee: Jenna Bednar (Chair), John Jackson, Noga Morag-Levine, Steven Croley (Law), Tom Green (History).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL, ANN ARBOR, MI

Juris Doctor, 2001
Michigan Journal of Law Reform, Associate Editor, 1998-1999,
Contributing Editor, 1999-2000

INTER-UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH, ANN ARBOR, MI, SUMMER 1998

Intensive study in statistics and data analysis methods. Also studied calculus and matrix algebra.

AMHERST COLLEGE, AMHERST, MA

Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Political Science and History, May 1996.
Honors Thesis Topic: "The Involvement of the United States in the Hungarian Revolt of 1956."

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OH

Courses in German language and culture conducted at universities in Heidelberg, Jena, and Berlin, Germany. May-July 1994.

PUBLICATIONS

Aman McLeod & Jacob Jones, *The Wrongly Read Right: Insurrection and the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms*. DICK. L. REV. (2025) (forthcoming)

Terrance Grieb and Aman McLeod, *Assessing Economic Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation: The State of Montana*, 31 J. FORENSIC ECON. 85 (2024).

Aman McLeod, *The Fourth Amendment & Greeks on Campus: Right of Privacy and Unreasonable Searches and Seizures*. in THE LAW OF FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES (Gregory S. Parks, ed. 2024).

Catherine Archibald and Aman McLeod, *Putin's Version of History and Claims of Provocation: An International Law Perspective on Russia's Justifications for the Ukraine War*, 100 U. Det. Mercy L. Rev. 501 (2023).

Aman McLeod, *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.: A Ten-Year Retrospective on its Impact on Law and the Judiciary*, 124 W.Va.L.Rev. 67 (2021).

Aman McLeod, *Going Outside of the Family: Towards a Greater Understanding of Presidents' Pursuit of Their Agendas Through Cross-Party Federal Court Nominations*, 49 PRESIDENTIAL STUD. Q. 698 (2019).

Aman McLeod, *Understanding Williams-Yulee v. The Florida Bar, and its Implications for Judicial Elections*, 52 FIRST AMEND. STUD. 61 (2018).

Aman McLeod, *Evidentiary Privilege for Researchers: Its Present State and a Proposal for its Future*, 43 J.C. & U.L. 29 (2017).

Aman McLeod, *Reaching Out: Understanding the Puzzle of Cross-Party Appointments to the Lower Federal Courts*. 6 J. OF POL. & L. 116 (2013).

Aman McLeod, *Choosing the Deciders: The Supreme Court Nomination and Confirmation Process in the United States*, in *THE DEMOCRATIC DILEMMA: REFORMING THE CANADIAN SUPREME COURT*. (Nadia Verrelli ed. 2013).

Aman McLeod, *The Party on the Bench: Party Politics and State High Court Appointments*. 33 *JUSTICE SYS. J.* 262 (2012).

Aman L. McLeod, *Changing the Rules of the Game: Deriving New Rules and Practices from Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.* 45 *NEW ENG. L. REV.* 569 (2011).

Aman McLeod, *The Port Richmond Industrial Development Enterprise District: A Model for Preserving Urban Industry*, 3 *DREXEL L. REV.* 253 (2010).

Aman McLeod, *Change from on High? The Possible Implications of Caperton and Citizens United for State Judicial Selection Reform*. 56 *WAYNE L. REV.* 675 (2010).

Aman McLeod, *How to Choose Judges: West Virginia's Difficult Problem*, in *THE RULE OF LAW: PERSPECTIVES ON JUDICIAL AND LEGAL REFORM IN WEST VIRGINIA*. (Russell Sobel ed. 2009).

Aman McLeod, *Differences in State Judicial Selection*, in *Exploring Judicial Politics*. (Mark C. Miller ed., 2009).

Aman McLeod, *Bidding for Justice: A New Look at the Effect of Campaign Contributions on Judicial Decision-Making*, 85 *U. DET. MERCY L. REV.* 385 (2008).

Aman McLeod, Book Review, 38 *PUBLIUS* 745 (2008) (reviewing JOSEPH F. ZIMMERMAN, *INTERSTATE DISPUTES: THE SUPREME COURT'S ORIGINAL JURISDICTION* (2007)).

Aman McLeod, Article: *Elrod v. Burns*, in *The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*. (2008).

Aman McLeod, *A Comparison of the Criminal Appellate Decisions of Appointed State Supreme Courts: Insights, Questions, and Implications for Judicial Independence*, 34 *FORDHAM URB. L.J.* 343 (2007).

Aman McLeod, *If At First You Don't Succeed: A Critical Evaluation of Judicial Selection Reform Efforts*, 107 *W.VA.L.REV.* 499 (2005).

Aman McLeod, Amelia Gavin and Ismail White, *The Locked Ballot Box: The Impact of State Criminal Disenfranchisement Laws on African-American Voting Behavior and Implications for Reform*, 11 *VA. J. SOC. POL'Y & L.* 66 (2003).

OTHER PUBLICATION

Brief for Professors Robert F. Williams and Dr. Aman McLeod as Amici Curiae Supporting Plaintiffs-Appellants, *State Conference - NAACP v. Harvey*, 895 A.2d 450 (2006) (No. 58,786).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Aman McLeod, *Detroit 1900-2025: Hardship, Neglect, and Triumph* (manuscript in progress).

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“That ‘Safe’ Word: Moving Students from Feeling Unsafe to Engaging Bravely in Discourse” Served as a Panelist. AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2025.

“The Wrongly Read Right: Insurrection and the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms” 14th Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Chicago, IL, June, 2024.

“The Wrongly Read Right: Insurrection and the Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms” Wayne State University Political Science Department, Detroit, MI, April, 2023.

“Putin Claims History and Provocation: An International Law Perspective on Russia’s Justifications for the Ukraine War.” Presented with Catherine Archibald at the 107th University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium. Detroit, MI, March, 2023.

“*Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Co.*: A Ten-Year Retrospective on its Impact on Law and the Judiciary.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

“Just Like the Rest? Examining the Voting Behavior of Cross-Party Appointed Federal Appeals Court Judges.” Presented at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2013.

The Port Richmond Industrial Development Enterprise District: A Model for Preserving Urban Industry. Presented at the Conference on Business Improvement Districts and the Evolution of Urban Governance, Thomas R. Klein School of Law at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, January 2010.

“Reaching Out: Understanding the Puzzle of Cross-Party Appointments to the Lower Federal Courts.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA November 2009.

“The Party on the Bench: Party Politics and State High Court Appointments.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“The Red-Blue Divide on the Bench: An Examination of the Effects of Selection Systems on Partisan Divisions in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, August 2007.

“Looking over their Shoulders: An Examination of the Effects of Selection Systems on Dissent on State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.

“What Makes a Good Appointive Judicial System: Lessons from the State Supreme Courts.” To be presented at Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY, April 2006.

“Judicial Elections: Can They Be Successfully Reformed?” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Convention, Boston, MA, November 2004.

“Follow the Money: The Impact of Campaign Contributions on Judicial Decision-Making on the Michigan Supreme Court.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

“The Locked Ballot Box: The Impact of State Criminal Disenfranchisement Laws on African-American Voting Behavior and Implications for Reform.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, April 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT

At University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Local Government Law
Constitutional Law
Professional Responsibility
First Amendment
Family Law
Remedies
Judicial Selection and Decision-Making

At University of Idaho College of Law

Local Government Law
Constitutional Law I
Constitutional Law II
Professional Responsibility
Family Law
Remedies
Judicial Selection and Decision-Making
Conflict of Laws
Public International Law
Workplace Law
Criminal Procedure
Second Amendment

At Florida Coastal School of Law

Family Law
Criminal Law

At Rutgers Law School

Family Law
Local Government Law
Judicial Selection and Decision-Making
Public International Law

CONFERENCE POSTER

“The Red-Blue Divide on the Bench: An Examination of the Effects of Selection Systems on Partisan Divisions in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Ithaca, NY, September 2008.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Discussant at 14th Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Chicago, IL, June, 2024.

Discussant at 13th Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, New York, NY, June, 2023.

Discussant at Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Detroit, MI, April, 2023.

Discussant at 10th Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Washington, DC, July, 2019.

Discussant at 9th Annual Discussant John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, July, 2018.

Discussant at 4th Annual John Mercer Langston Black Male Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Denver, CO, July, 2013.

Discussant at panel on comparative courts at American Political Science Association Convention, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Discussant at panel on issues in state judicial politics at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006.

Panel Participant: “America’s Politics of Judging: Deconstructing the Spectacle of the Judicial Confirmation Process” Amherst College, June, 2006.

FUNDING RECEIVED

Summer Research Stipend, University of Detroit Merch Law School, 2024

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Conference Travel Grant from University of Idaho in the amount of \$750, January 2019.

Doty Award from University of Idaho in the amount of \$809.24., January 2018.

Grant received from the Research Council at Rutgers University in the amount of \$1,200 for research expenses, April 2010.

HONORS AND AWARDS

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY CAMDEN, NJ, 2008

Certificate of Appreciation for Mentoring Undergraduate Research

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

GLG CONSULTING, AUGUST 2024-

Provide expert advice to clients on a range of topics related to law, the legal profession, and the judiciary.

DELIBERATIONS.US, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023

Worked with other consultants and Deliberations.US staff to develop materials for facilitating discussions among secondary and higher education students about the problems associated with gun violence in the United States, and possible solutions to those problems.

THE COLLEGE BOARD, SUMMER 2020

Served as an AP Visiting Fellow of Assessment reviewing the syllabus and the exam for the College Board’s advanced placement course in U.S. government and politics.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE LEGISLATURE, SEPTEMBER 2008

Served on a panel of academics and judges who helped the West Virginia Legislature consider alternatives to the state’s current method of judicial selection.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2005-2006

Worked with attorneys and experts in the topic of state courts to design a system for evaluating state judicial systems, with the aim of helping states improve the functioning of their courts.

JOURNAL REVIEWER

I have reviewed articles for the following journal: *Justice System Journal*.

LECTURING

IDAHO 2018 BENCH AND BAR CONFERENCE, BOISE, ID, OCT. 2018

“The Fourteenth Amendment: The Amendment that Changed Everything.”

IDAHO 2018 BENCH AND BAR CONFERENCE, FORT HALL, ID, SEPT. 2018

“The Fourteenth Amendment: The Amendment that Changed Everything.”

IDAHO SECOND DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION, MOSCOW, ID, MAY 2018

“International Law, U.S. Law and U.S. Foreign Policy: A Brief Overview.”

IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, MOSCOW, ID, FEB. 2018.

“The Fourteenth Amendment: The Amendment that Changed Everything.”

MEDFORD LEAS, MEDFORD, NJ, SEPT. – OCT. 2008

Delivered a series of lectures on American politics and American political institutions.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Member of the Michigan Bar Association-Licensed to practice law in Michigan:

November 2002. Bar Membership Number: P65004.

Spring 2011. Completed training to serve as a general civil mediator in NJ.

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY, DETROIT, MI (2022-)

Associate Professor of Law

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, MOSCOW, ID (2021-2022)

Associate Professor of Politics & Affiliate Faculty College of Law. Pre-Law Advisor.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, MOSCOW, ID (2016-2021)

Assistant Professor of Politics & Affiliate Faculty College of Law. Pre-Law Advisor.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, PULLMAN, WA (2016-2022)

Lecturer – Department of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW, MOSCOW, ID (2013-2016)

Visiting Associate Professor. Pre-Law Advisor.

FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW, JACKSONVILLE, FL (2012-2013)

Assistant Professor of Law.

RUTGERS SCHOOL OF LAW, CAMDEN, NJ (2008- 2012)

Visiting Assistant Professor.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, CAMDEN, NJ (2005-2012)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. Affiliated faculty at the Center for State Constitutional Studies. Pre-Law Advisor.

HOWREY, LLP, WASHINGTON, DC, 2005

Contract Attorney. Evaluated documents for client prior to production for Federal Trade Commission review of proposed acquisition.

MCKENNA & LONG, WASHINGTON, DC, 2005

Contract Attorney. Evaluated documents for major corporate clients involved in tort litigation.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MI, 2004-2005

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.

ARNOLD & PORTER, WASHINGTON, DC, 2004

Contract Attorney. Evaluated documents for client prior to production for U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Review in major telecommunications merger.

THE COLUMBUS EDUCATION CENTER, BIELSKO-BIALA, POLAND, SUMMER 2002

Instructor: Used “Callan Method” to instruct groups of 2-8 students in English.

-Organized and taught courses in English for executives of the Fiat Corporation

THE HIGHER SCHOOL FOR HUMANITIES AND ECONOMICS, BIELSKO-BIALA, POLAND, 2001- 2002

Instructor. Taught an undergraduate-level course designed to introduce students to the history, institutions and policies of the European Union. Also taught undergraduate-level courses in English conversation to classes of 8-18 students.

NEW YORK STATE DEFENDER’S ASSOCIATION, ALBANY, NY, SUMMER 2000

Intern. Did litigation support for New York public defenders, helping them to prepare their cases by researching and writing memo on a wide variety of issues in criminal law, criminal procedure

and evidence. Also assisted in administering a continuing legal education seminar on basic trial skills for criminal defense attorneys.

UNITED NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, SUMMER 1999,

Assistant to International Law Commission member, Prof. Bruno Simma. Worked with other interns on preparing a summary of the work of the Commission for publication in the *Scandinavian Journal of International Law*.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, ANN ARBOR, MI, 1996-2001.

Research Assistant to Professor William Zimmermann. Responsible for assembling course materials and subject matter bibliographies, and other research projects upon request.