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## Academic Appointments

Vanderbilt University

Chancellor's Faculty Fellow, 2022 – present  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020 – present  
Faculty Affiliate, Center of the Study of Democratic Institutions, 2017 – present  
Cornelius Vanderbilt Dean's Faculty Fellow, 2018 – 2020  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016 – 2020

The University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013 – 2016

## Education

Ph.D., Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2013

M.A., Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2011

B.A., Political Science and Economics, The Ohio State University, 2008 (*Summa Cum Laude*)

## Grants and Awards

National Science Foundation Award, Research Experiences for Undergraduates, 2022 – 2025

Project Title: *REU Site: Accountability, Behavior, and Conflict in Democratic Politics*

Award Amount: \$415,163

New Perspectives in Studies of American Governance Small Grant, 2022

Project Title: Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Congressional Staff

Diversity

Award Amount: \$17,500

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, 2019 – 2020 (\$200,000)

Project Title: *Judicial Constraints on Executive and Presidential Power*

Award Amount: \$200,000

## Book

Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. 2022. *Checks in the Balance: Legislative Capacity and the Dynamics of Executive Power*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. (Series: “Princeton Studies in American Politics: Historical, International, and Comparative Perspectives.”)

- Winner of the 2023 *Richard E. Neustadt Book Award*
- Winner of the 2022 *Alan Rosenthal Prize*
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* and *Congress & the Presidency*

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

13. Gardner, Paul J. and **Sharece Thrower**. 2023. “Presidential Influence on Judicial Review.” *Journal of Politics* 85(1): 139 – 152.
12. **Thrower, Sharece**. 2023. “Between Two Fires: The Institutional and Political Constraints to Unilateral Policy Change.” *Political Research Quarterly* 76(1): 14 – 28.
11. Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. 2022. “Legislative Constraints, Ideological Conflict, and the Timing of Executive Unilateralism.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 47(1): 3 – 36.
10. **Thrower, Sharece**. 2019. “Presidential Action and the Supreme Court: The Case of Signing Statements.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 31(4): 677 – 698.
9. Barber, Michael, Brandice Canes-Wrone, and **Sharece Thrower**. 2019. “Campaign Contributions and Donors’ Policy Agreement with Presidential Candidates.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(4): 770 – 797.
8. Potter, Rachel Augustine, Andrew Rudalevige, **Sharece Thrower**, and Adam Warber. 2019. “Continuity Trumps Change: The First Year of Trump’s Administrative Presidency.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52(4): 613 – 619.
7. Barber, Michael, Alexander Bolton, and **Sharece Thrower**. 2019. “Legislative Constraints on Executive Unilateralism in Separation of Powers Systems.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 44(3): 515 – 548.
  - a. Winner of the 2019 *Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in Legislative Studies Quarterly in 2019*
6. Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. 2019. “The Constraining Power of the Purse: Executive Discretion and Legislative Appropriations.” *Journal of Politics* 81(4): 1266 – 1281.

5. **Thrower, Sharece.** 2017. “To Revoke or Not Revoke? The Political Determinants of Executive Order Longevity.” *The American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 642 – 656.
4. Barber, Michael, Brandice Canes-Wrone, and **Sharece Thrower.** 2017. “Ideologically Sophisticated Donors: Which Candidates Do Individual Contributors Finance?” *The American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 271 – 288.
3. **Thrower, Sharece.** 2017. “The President, the Court, and Policy Implementation.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(1): 122 – 145.
2. Bolton, Alexander, Rachel Augustine Potter, and **Sharece Thrower.** 2016. “Organizational Capacity, Regulatory Review, and the Limits of Political Control.” *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 32(2): 242 – 271.
1. Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower.** 2016. “Legislative Capacity and Executive Unilateralism.” *The American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 649 – 663.

### Editor-Reviewed Articles

5. Potter, Rachel, Andrew Rudalvegje, **Sharece Thrower,** and Adam Warber. Forthcoming. “Not by the Numbers: Evaluating Trump’s Administrative Presidency.” 2022. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 52(3): 596 – 625.
4. McLain, Meredith and **Sharece Thrower.** 2021. “Executive Unilateralism and Individual Rights in a Federalist System.” *29 Wm. & Mary Bill Rts J.* 713.
3. **Thrower, Sharece.** 2020. “Presidential Signing Statements and Separation of Powers Politics.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1(1): 53 – 78.
2. **Thrower, Sharece.** 2018. “The Study of Executive Policy Making in the US States.” *Journal of Politics* 81(1): 364 – 370 (Subnational Policy Making Symposium).
1. **Thrower, Sharece.** 2018. “Policy Disruption through Regulatory Review in the Trump Administration.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48(3): 517 – 536.

### Book Chapters

5. “Policy Implementation and the Judiciary” (with Nicholas R. Bednar and Paul J. Gardner) in *Handbook of Public Policy Implementation*, eds Mavrot Celine, Lael Keiser, and Fritz Sager. Forthcoming.
4. “The President and the Executive Branch,” in *The Trump Legacy*, eds Julia Azari, Bert Rockman, and Andrew Rudalevige. University of Kansas Press. Forthcoming.

3. “Presidents and Unilateral Powers,” in *New Directions in the American Presidency*, eds Lori Han. Routledge. 2023.
2. “Pardons,” in *Debating the Presidency* (5<sup>th</sup> edition), eds. Richard Ellis and Michael Nelson. CQ Press. 2019.
1. “The President and the Executive Branch,” in *The Obama Legacy*, eds Bert Rockman and Andrew Rudalevige. University of Kansas Press. 2019.

## **Book Reviews**

4. Review of Kimberley L. Fletcher. *The Collusion of Political and Legal Time: Foreign Affairs and the Supreme Court’s Transformation of Executive Authority* (Temple University Press). 2019. Perspectives on Politics 18(1): 273 – 274.
3. Review of Daniel P. Gitterman. *Calling the Shots: The President, Executive Orders, and Public Policy* (Brookings Institution Press). 2019. Political Studies Quarterly 141 (4): 781 – 782.
2. Review of Fang-Yi Chiou and Lawrence S. Rothenberg. *The Enigma of Presidential Power: Parties, Policies and Strategic Uses of Unilateral Action* (Cambridge University Press). 2018. Congress & The Presidency 48(2) 210 – 211.
1. Review of Doug L. Kriner and Eric Schickler, *Investigating the President: Congressional Checks on Presidential Power* (Princeton University Press). 2017. Public Administration 95(3): 857 – 859.

## **Working Papers**

“The Direct Cost to Voters of Polling Site Closure and Consolidation” (with Scott Abramson)

## **Research in Progress**

*Judicial Constraints on Executive Power* (book project)

“Presidential Rhetoric and Judicial Review” (with Paul J. Gardner)

“Measuring Gubernatorial Power in the American States” (with Alexander Bolton)

“The Consequences of Congressional Staff Diversity on Policy Outcomes in the Federal Appropriations Process” (with Alexander Bolton)

“Gender Representation and Policymaking Across American Bureaucracies” (with Christopher Piper)

“Political Control and Bureaucratic Rulemaking in the American States” (with Christopher Piper)

“Regulatory Agendas Across Presidential Administrations” (with Nicholas R. Bednar)

## Other Writings

Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. Forthcoming. “Studying Bureaucracy in a Diverse Democracy.” *Congress and the Presidency* (Invited contribution in special issue).

**Thrower, Sharece**. October 25, 2021. “Executive Order Formation and the Duration of Policy.” Symposium on Rudalevige’s “By Executive Order.” Notice & Comment: A blog from Yale Journal of Regulation and ABA Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice.

**Thrower, Sharece**. January 26, 2021. “What is an executive order and why don’t presidents use them all the time?” *The Conversation*.

- Reprinted in *Actively Learn*, February 23, 2021

**Thrower, Sharece**. July 10, 2019. “Regulatory delay across administrations.” Brookings Institution, Center on Regulation and Markets.

**Thrower, Sharece**. January 20, 2017. “Can Trump make real change as president?” *The Conversation*.

Barber, Michael, Brandice Canes-Wrone, and **Sharece Thrower**. December 2, 2016. “For Congressional donors, politicians” policy preferences are more important than their party.” LSE, United States Politics and Policy.

Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. January 18, 2016. “Despite Obama’s actions on gun control, there is little he is able to do to change the status quo.” LSE, United States Politics and Policy.

Bolton, Alexander and **Sharece Thrower**. July 22, 2015. “How spending more money on Congress helps check the President’s executive power.” LSE, United States Politics and Policy.

## Invited Talks

2023: Cornell University

2022: University of Virginia; Clemson University; University of Georgia; Association of American Law Schools 2022 Annual Meeting (Panel on Governing Without Congress)

2021: Center for Effective Government, University of Chicago (The Democracy Series); University of Pittsburgh; UC Irvine; The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Power in the Administrative State Workshop); George Washington University; Northwestern Law Faculty Workshop; University of Utah; University of Pennsylvania

2020: Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Health Policy; Princeton University, CSDP; Stanford University, GSB; *Political Economy and Public Law Conference, University of Chicago Law School* (cancelled); *Symposium on the Presidency and Individual Rights, William & Mary College* (cancelled).

2019: Columbia University; UCLA; *Conference on American Politics, UC San Diego*; *American Politics Summer Workshop, Yale University*; Austin Peay State University.

2018: Notre Dame University; NYU; Yale University; *Workshop on the Presidency and the Administrative State, Princeton University*; USC Sol Price School, *Studying Subnational Policymaking Symposium*; USC Center for Law and Social Science; Harvard University; UC Berkley.

2017: Washington University in St. Louis; *American Politics Annual Conference, MIT*; Brigham Young University; University of Rochester; The Ohio State University; Stanford University; Georgetown University; University of Michigan.

2016: *Separation of Powers Conference, University of Georgia*.

2015: *Unilateral Powers Conference, University of Houston*.

2014: Robert Morris University; Penn State University; *Conference on Executive Politics, Washington University in St. Louis*; *Presidential Power in the United States: Emerging Research, University of Michigan*.

## **Conference Presentations**

Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2022, 2023.

Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2023.

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2016.

Visions in Methodology Conference: 2016.

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology: 2012.

## **Teaching Experience**

Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

Inter-branch Policymaking (Spring 2020)

The American Presidency, graduate (Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

The American Presidency, undergraduate (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

State Government, undergraduate (Spring 2017)

Department of Political Science, the University of Pittsburgh

Capstone Seminar in American Politics: Inter-branch Policymaking (Spring 2016)

The American Presidency, undergraduate (Fall 2013, 2014; Spring 2015, 2016)

State Government, undergraduate (Spring 2014, 2015; Fall 2015)

American Government and Politics, graduate (Fall 2014, 2015)

## **PhD Students**

Shelby Shumard. PhD expected 2025. Committee chair.

Nicholas Bednar. PhD expected 2023. Committee member.

Meredith McLain. PhD expected 2023. Committee chair.

Christopher Piper. PhD expected 2023. Committee member.

Darrian Stacey. PhD 2021. Assistant Professor, US Naval Academy. Committee member.

Richard Hagnar. PhD 2020. Commander's Action Group, Army Futures Command. Committee member.

## **University/Department Service (Vanderbilt)**

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political science (2023 – present)

A&S Curriculum Committee (2022 – present)

Working Group on Politics, Race, and Student Engagement, co-chair (2020 – present)

Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (2020 – present)

Rogers Center Steering Committee (2021)

Interim Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science (2020)

Graduate School Dean Search Committee (2020)

Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science (2018 – 2021, 2023)

Emerging Scholars Steering Committee (2018 – 2019)  
Vanderbilt College Democrats, Faculty Advisor (2018 – 2020)  
National Black Law Student Association, Faculty Advisor (2017 – 2020)  
Political Science Department Search Committees (2016-2017, 2018-2019, 2020-2021)

## **Professional Service**

APSA Legislative Studies Section Alan Rosenthal Prize Committee (2023)  
Associate Editor, *Journal of Politics* (2022 – present)  
Features Editor of The Law, *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (2020 – present)  
Legislative Studies Section Chair, SPSA 2023  
National Science Foundation, AIB Panelist (2021-2022)  
Carl Albert Dissertation Award (2021)  
E.E. Schattschneider Award Committee (2021)  
NSF Review Panel (2021)  
Co-organizer of the Virtual American Executive Politics Seminar (2020 – 2021)  
Kenneth J. Meier Award Committee (2019)  
MPSA Presidency and Executive Politics Section Chair (2019)  
SPSA Nominating Committee (2018)  
APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Steering Committee (2015 - present)  
SPSA Presidential/Executive Politics Section Chair (2018)  
Herbert Simon Award Committee (2018)  
Jewell-Lowenberg Prize Committee (2017-2018)  
Richard E. Neustadt Award Committee (2017, 2020)  
National Black Law Student Association Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt (August 2017 – present)  
Vanderbilt College Democrats Faculty Advisor (August 2018 – present)  
Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, University of Pittsburgh Chapter (August 2014 – April 2016)  
Kumar Founder's Award Committee (2014)

Member of the editorial board for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (2014 – 2019); *American Journal of Political Science* (2017 – 2019); *Political Research Quarterly* (2018 – present); *Journal of Politics* (2019 - 2022); *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (2019 – 2022); *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2021 – present); *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2021 – present).

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Law & Society*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Public Administration*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Political Science Research Methods*, *Columbia University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *PS*.