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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, candidate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dissertation: The Good Shepherd: A New Theory of Public Policy Justification for the Regulatory State. My dissertation offers a novel set of justificatory criteria suited to liberty-infringing and life-protecting health and safety regulations typical in contemporary regulatory states. I use these criteria to interrogate the justice of understudied but morally consequential public health laws, including vehicle safety devices, mandatory vaccination, hygiene product safety regulations, and pharmaceutical premarket safety and efficacy testing.

Master of Arts, Political Science, May 2016

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Philosophy and Economics, May 2013

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Publications

Christensen, Devin J. and John A. Curiel. (2016) "What Trump's tweets tell us about his TV viewing — and his thinking." Monkey Cage Blog in the *Washington Post*, April 13.

Christensen, Devin J. (2016) "Justifying government paternalism, beyond J.S. Mill." Master's Thesis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. **Earned the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Political Science Department's James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: MA Thesis.**

Christensen, Devin J. (2013) "Who are the 'Middle Class?' A Quantitative Analysis of Central Wisconsin Socioeconomic Self-Report Data." *Proceedings of The National Conference on Undergraduate Research 2013*: 52-60.

Working Papers

Christensen, Devin J. "Harm and Helmets: Justifying paternalistic regulations from harmful cost externalities." Preparing for submission. **Earned the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Political Science Department's James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: Conference Paper.**

Lovett, John, Devin J. Christensen, and John A. Curiel. "The Trump Twitter Presidency and Branding the News." Preparing for submission.

Christensen, Devin J. "Liberalism and the Value of a Statistical Life." Late-stage development.

Christensen, Devin J. "Metajustification: A Hybrid-Liberal Approach to Justifying Paternalistic Regulations." Early-stage development.

Christensen, Devin J. "Inequality as a Latent Variable." Early-stage development.

Presentations, selected

“Legislating Lockjaw: A Hybrid-Liberal Approach to Justifying Public Health Paternalism,” 4th Annual PPE Society Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana (2020)

“Paternalistic Safety Regulations: Social Costs as Moral Reasons,” 2019 Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois (2019)

“#MakeTwitterGreatAgain: Donald Trump’s Twitter Feed and the Media,” 2019 Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference in Austin, Texas (2019)

“Inequality as a Latent Variable,” 2nd Annual PPE Society Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana (2018)

Professional Experience

Department of Political Science

Teaching Fellow, POLI 271: Modern Political Theory, *Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019 (Online), Spring 2020*

Teaching Fellow, POLI 276: The History of Political Legitimacy, *Fall 2017, Spring 2018*

Teaching Associate, POLI 271: Modern Political Theory, *Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017*

Teaching Associate, POLI 100: Introduction to American Government, *Fall 2015*

Teaching Assistant, POLI 271: Modern Political Theory, *Spring 2015*

Teaching Assistant, POLI 100: Introduction to American Government, *Fall 2014*

The Writing Center

Writing Coach, *Fall 2017 – present*

Warrior Scholars Project

Writing Coach, *Summer 2019*

Odum Institute

Replication Data Quality Reviewer, AJPS, SPPQ, *Spring 2017 – present*

Shelley Golden, PI, Gillings School of Public Health

Data Coder, *Spring 2017 – Fall 2017*

Institutional Service

Political Science Department / PPE Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee Member (UNC-CH): *Fall 2019*

Political Theory Subfield Representative (UNC-CH): *Spring 2016 – Spring 2019*

Memberships

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Phi Sigma Tau International Honor Society in Philosophy

Graduate Coursework

Political Theory

Modern Political Theory (POLI 771) with Jeff Spinner-Halev, *high pass*
Contemporary Political Theory (POLI 773) with Jeff Spinner Halev, *high pass*
Classical Political Theory (POLI 774) with Susan Bickford, *high pass*
American Political Theory (POLI 775) with Michael Lienesch, *high pass*
Feminist Political Theory (POLI 768) with Susan Bickford, *high pass*

Quantitative Research Methods

Probability and Statistics (POLI 783) with Justin Gross, *high pass*
Ordinary Least Squares (POLI 784) with Tom Carsey, *high pass*
Game Theory I (POLI 789) with Anna Bassi, *high pass*
Generalized Linear Models (SOC1 711) with Guang Guo, *pass*
Longitudinal and Hierarchical Models (SOC1 718) with Guang Guo, *high pass*
Introduction to Bayesian Analysis (POLI 891) with Santiago Olivella, *pass*

Awards, selected

James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: Conference Paper or Article, Spring 2019

Awarded to one or two Political Science graduate students annually.

Student Undergraduate Teaching Award, Spring 2018

Students nominate instructors “on the basis of demonstrated excellence in service, dedication to undergraduate students, and in positively affecting a broad spectrum of Carolina undergraduate students.” Nine faculty members or teaching assistants are selected annually by a committee of undergraduate students to receive this award.

Earle Wallace Award for Graduate Student Teaching, Spring 2018

Awarded to one Political Science graduate teaching assistant per year for outstanding teaching of recitation sections for a large lecture course.

James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: MA Thesis, Spring 2017

Awarded to one Political Science Master’s student annually.

Thomas M. Uhlman Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2017, Spring 2018

Political Science departmental award for summer dissertation research and support.

Phi Kappa Phi First Year Graduate Fellowship, Spring 2014

Awarded to fifty-seven national applicants on the basis of promise of success in graduate or professional study, as indicated by academic achievement, service and leadership experience, and acceptance at an approved graduate or professional program.