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LEGAL  
 ACADEMIA

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW** Pittsburgh, PA

Vice Dean (2023-Present)  
 Professor of Law (2024-Present)  
 Associate Professor of Law (2020-2024)  
 Assistant Professor of Law (2017-2020)

*Areas of Expertise*

Constitutional Law  
 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  
 Judicial Federalism  
 State Constitutional Law  
 Takings  
 Democracy and the Law  
 Race and the Law

POLITICAL  
 CAMPAIGNS &  
 FUNDRAISING

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Candidate, Democratic Nomination, Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District (2022)  
 Fundraising: \$768,432 (100% individual contributions)  
 Federal Individual Limit: \$2,900  
 Call-Time: Avg. 6-7 Hours Per Day

Candidate, Democratic Nomination, Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District (2020)  
 Fundraising: \$262,293 (100% individual contributions)  
 Federal Individual Limit: \$2,800  
 Call-Time: Avg. 4-5 Hours Per Day

FEDERAL  
 CLERKSHIPS

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT** Philadelphia, PA  
 Law Clerk, Chief Judge Theodore A. McKee (2015-2016)

PRIVATE  
 PRACTICE

**REED SMITH LLP** Pittsburgh, PA  
 Associate (2013-2015)  
 Founder & Director, Housing Rights Pro Bono Project

DISTINGUISHED  
FELLOWSHIPS

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP** Johannesburg, South Africa  
Fulbright Scholar (2009-2010)  
Research: Comparative constitutional law, human rights, evictions, housing  
Institutions: University of the Witwatersrand School of Law, Centre for Applied Legal Studies

LEGAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

*Revisiting Rucho's Dissent: Summoning the Supreme Court to Follow the State Courts*, 99 N.Y.U. L. REV. ONLINE \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

*Judicial Laboratories*, 27 U. PA J. CONST. L. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

*Takings Doctrinalization*, 81 WASH. & LEE L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

*Reconciling Rights-Based and Democratic-Based Laboratories*, 87 ALB. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming 2024)

*A Theory of Federalization Doctrine*, 128 PENN STATE DICK. L. REV. 75 (2023)

*The New Laboratories of Democracy*, 1 FORDHAM L. VOTING RTS. & DEMOCRACY F. 261 (2023)

*Judicial Federalization Doctrine*, 74 BAYLOR. L. REV. 85 (2023)

*Takings Federalization*, 100 DENV. L. REV. 681 (2023)

*The Fourth Amendment's Constitutional Home*, 31 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 1063 (2023)

*Reviving Liberal Constitutionalism With Originalism in Emergency Powers Doctrine*, 12 J. NAT'L SEC. L. & POL'Y 203 (2021)

*Intratextual and Intradoctrinal Dimensions of the Constitutional Home*, 15 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL.'Y 291 (2020)

*The Puzzle of the Constitutional Home*, 80 OHIO ST. L.J. 1099 (2019)

*State Constitutional General Welfare Doctrine*, 40 CARDOZO. L. REV. 2941 (2019)

*Federalism, Convergence and Divergence in Constitutional Property*, 73 U. MIAMI L. REV. 138 (2018)

*Property Musings on the US-Mexico Border*, 33 MD. J. INT'L L. 162 (2018)

*Cooperative Federalism and Federal Takings After the Trump Administration's Border Wall Executive Order*, 70 RUTGERS L. REV. 647 (2018)

*Inclusionary Takings Legislation*, 62 VILL. L. REV. 135 (2017)

*Landowners' FCC Dilemma: Rereading the Supreme Court's Armstrong Opinion After the Third Circuit's DePolo Ruling*, 11 N.Y.U. J.L. & LIBERTY 218 (2017)

*Towards a New Eviction Jurisprudence*, 23 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y 1 (2015)

*Inclusionary Eminent Domain*, 45 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 845 (2014)

*Stasis and Change in Environmental Law*, 24 FORDHAM ENVTL. L. REV. 1 (2013)

*The Blue Moonlight Remedy: Formulating the Voucher Scheme into A New Emergency Housing Remedy in South Africa*, 130 S. AFRICAN L.J. 554 (2013)

*Blue Moonlight Rising: Evictions, Alternative Accommodation and A Comparative Perspective on Affordable Housing Solutions in Johannesburg*, 27 S. AFR. J. ON HUM. RTS. 466 (2011)

#### SELECT AWARDS

Drum Major Award Justice Award, Allegheny County Bar Association, Homer S. Brown Division, January 2024

Pittsburgh's 20 People to Know In Law, Pittsburgh Business Times, August 2023

#### SELECT ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

20th Anniversary of *Kelo v. City of New London*, Symposium, Yale Law School, forthcoming February 2005

State Court Roundtable, Northwestern University School of Law, forthcoming April 2024 (Presenting *Judicial Laboratories*)

The Promise and Limits of State Constitutions, N.Y.U. School of Law, Symposium, February 2024 (Presented *Judicial Laboratories*)

Fourteenth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola Chicago University School of Law, November 2023 (Presented *A Theory of Federalization Doctrine*)

Fifth Annual National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, University of Arizona James Rogers College of Law, March 2023 (Presented *A Theory of Federalization Doctrine*)

Global Summit on Constitutionalism, University of Texas School of Law, March 2023 (Presented *A Theory of Federalization Doctrine*)

Thirteenth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola Chicago University School of Law, November 2022 (Presented *The Fourth Amendment's Constitutional Home*)

Presidential Emergency Powers: Legal Framework and Perspectives for Reform, Georgetown Law Center, Symposium, March 2020

Amending Americas Unwritten Constitution, Boston College Law School, Conference, May 2019

Faculty Workshop, University of Maryland School of Law, September 2018 (Presented *The Puzzle of the Constitutional Home*)

Progressive Property Conference, Harvard Law School, May 2018 (Presented *Federalism, Convergence and Divergence in Constitutional Property*)

Junior Faculty Workshop, Case Western Reserve Law School, November 15 (Presented *Federalism, Convergence and Divergence in Constitutional Property*)

Faculty Workshop, UNC Law School, November 2017 (Presented *Federalism, Convergence and Divergence in Constitutional Property*)

US-Mexico Relationship in International Law and Politics, University of Maryland School of Law, Symposium, October 2017 (Presented *Property Musings on the US-Mexico Border*)

John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop, Miami University School of Law, July 2016 (Presented *Regulatory Eminent Domain*)

PROFESSIONAL  
BAR & CLE  
PRESENTATIONS

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act*, Pennsylvania Housing Alliance “Homes within Reach” Conference, Panel Discussion, Moderator, Harrisburg, PA, forthcoming October 30, 2018

*Gentrification and Changing Demographics*, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Public Hearing, Panel Discussion, Panelist, University of Pittsburgh, October 22, 2018

*Exploring the Legality of Inclusionary Zoning in Pittsburgh*, Buchanan Ingersoll, Pittsburgh, July 18, 2018

*The Current State of Affordable Housing in Pittsburgh*, Vacant Property Working Group, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group, June 8, 2018

*A Proposal: Hill District Community Land Trust*, Hill District Community Development Corporation, May 18, 2018

*The State of Real Estate in Pittsburgh*, Co-Powerment Series, Omicelo Cares, Inc., May 24, 2018

*Housing as a Human Right: Legal & Ethical Considerations*, City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, April 24, 2018

*The Candidates Positions on Affordable Housing*, Allegheny County Democratic Committee, Oak Hill Residents, April 21, 2018

Moderator, *Discussion with Robert Grados '91*, Innovation Practice Institute, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, April 3, 2018

*The State of Real Estate in Pittsburgh*, Co-Powerment Series, Omicelo Cares, Inc., October 10, 2017

*Community Land Trusts in Pittsburgh*, Hill District Community Development Corporation, August 16, 2017

*Exploring the Legality of Inclusionary Zoning in Pittsburgh*, Neighborhood Legal Services Association, August 9, 2017

*The State of Real Estate in Pittsburgh*, Co-Powerment Series, Omicelo Cares, Inc., June 8, 2017

*Exploring the Legality of Inclusionary Zoning in Pittsburgh*, Babst Calland P.C., Pittsburgh, June 1, 2017

*Exploring the Legality of Inclusionary Zoning in Pittsburgh*, Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP, Pittsburgh, April 19, 2017

*Exploring the Legality of Inclusionary Zoning in Pennsylvania*, Allegheny County Bar Association Real Property Section, November 10, 2016

SELECT  
OP-EDS

The U.S. Supreme Court's History of Adopting State Supreme Court Guidance, *State Court Report*, Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law, Feb. 12, 2024

In Pennsylvania, we have the privilege of voting judges in or out, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Oct. 19, 2023

The Federalization Dimension in Takings, *State Court Report*, Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law, Oct. 13, 2023

Pittsburgh is America's Apartheid City, *Public Source*, Feb. 22, 2021

The City of Pittsburgh and the police union bargained away the public's health and safety. It's time to reclaim it, *Pittsburgh City Paper*, Oct. 29, 2020

What the First-Term Trump Presidency Tells Us About the Dangers of a Second-Term Trump Presidency, *Pittsburgh Current*, Sept. 1, 2020

A Teaching Lesson for Congressman Doyle from Professor Dickinson, *Pittsburgh City Paper*, May 7, 2020

The National Emergencies Act was never meant for something like Trump's wall, *Washington Post*, Jan. 31, 2019

What Trump Can and Can't Do to Get His Border Wall, *The Atlantic*, Jan. 8, 2019

Trump's militarized land seizure for border wall is more complicated than 'I can do it if I want', *The Hill*, Jan. 7, 2019

The Founders would have opposed seizing land for Trump's border wall, *Washington Post*, Nov. 29, 2017

Affordable Housing in Pittsburgh: The importance of framing a legally sound inclusionary zoning proposal, *Public Source*, May 17, 2017

Forget the funding for the wall, Trump needs the land first, *The Hill*, Aug. 25, 2017

The biggest problem for Trump's border wall isn't money. It's getting the land, *Washington Post*, Mar. 3, 2017

MEDIA  
APPEARANCES

\* Complete List of Quotes/Comments Available Upon Request

*Television*

BBC-UK, MSNBC, CNN, WTAE-Pittsburgh, WPXI-Pittsburgh, KDKA-Pittsburgh

*Print*

BBC-News, New York Times, The Washington Post, US Today, Rolling Stone, Roll Call, Boston Globe, Austin American-Statesman, Washington Examiner, Bloomberg, The Hill, The Atlantic, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Pittsburgh City Paper, WESA-Pittsburgh

COURSES  
TAUGHT

Constitutional Law I  
Constitutional Law II  
Federal Courts and the Federal System (Spring 2025)  
Property I  
Race and the Law (formerly Land, Race & Property Rights)  
Estates & Trusts

FACULTY  
SERVICE

Vice Dean (2023-Present)  
Appointments Committee, *Ex Officio* (2023-Present)  
Ad Hoc Judicial Clerkships Committee (Chair, 2023-Present)  
Writing & Research Awards Committee (2022-2023)  
Steering Committee (Chair, 2022-2023)  
Ad Hoc Judicial Clerkships Committee (2022-2023)  
Tenure Promotion Committee (2021-2022)  
Judicial Clerkships Committee (2021-2022)  
Racial Justice Ad Hoc Committee (2021-2022)  
Diversity Committee (Ex Officio, 2021-2022)  
Diversity Committee (Chair, 2020-2021)  
Curriculum Committee (2019-2020)  
Colloquium Committee (Chair, 2018-2019)  
Colloquium Committee (2017-2018)  
Appointments Committee (2017-2018)  
Diversity Committee (2016-2017)

EDITORIAL  
BOARDS

Journal of National Security Law & Policy, Georgetown Law (2020-Present)

CONGRESSIONAL

## TESTIMONY

**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
 Written Expert Testimony, *Fencing Along the Southwest Border* (invitation from former  
 Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO), April 4, 2017 (available upon request)

CIVIL RIGHTS  
ADVOCACY*Litigation*

*Moraca v. Norris*, LT-22-000092 (2022)

*Moraca v. Norris*, LT-21-000431 (2021)

*Pittsburgh Com. on Hum. Rel. & Linda Robinson v. Lonnie Parker*, GD 20-008359 (2020)

*Homewood North Apartments v. Hardy*, LT-15-000239 (2015)

*Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh v. Somerville*, GD-14-007207 (2014)

*Transactional*

Lead counsel representing tenants in COVID-19 pandemic CARE relief applications  
 (2021-2022)

Lead counsel representing Stop the Station activist group in municipal ballot initiative  
 (2020-2021)

Lead counsel representing Bethel A.M.E. church in land and redevelopment  
 negotiations (2020-2021)

Lead counsel representing Hill Community Development Corp. in community land  
 trust project (2018-2020)

BAR  
ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania (Active)

## EDUCATION

**JD, FORDHAM LAW** (2010-2013)

*Honors*

*Editor-in-Chief*, FORDHAM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW

*Dean's List*

*Mary Daly Prize* (most significant writing contribution to the legal profession)

*Stein Scholar for Public Interest* (merit scholar for leadership in public interest law)

*Crowley International Law Scholar* (merit scholar for excellence in human rights)

*NAACP Earl Warren Scholar* (merit scholarship for leadership in civil rights)

*Co-Instructor*, Housing Rights Clinic (advocacy clinic for subsidized tenants)

*Director*, Housing Advocacy Project (provided legal advice to low-income tenants)

*Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Team* (ABA Regional Champion)

*President*, Fordham Law Democrats

**LL.M, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND SCHOOL OF LAW (2009-2010)**

*Honors:* Fulbright Fellow

*Dissertation:* *A Comparative Analysis of Housing Law and Housing Policy: The Role of Housing Voucher Programs in Providing Alternative Accommodation for the Evicted in Johannesburg, South Africa* (Funded by William J. Fulbright Grant)

**AB, COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS (2005-2009)**

Political Science; Sociology

*Academic Honors*

*College Honors Program*

*Thesis:* *The Section 8 Program: The Role of Housing Policy Design in Facilitating Black Neighborhood Movement and Social Mobility*

*Dean's List*

*Alpha Kappa Delta* (National Sociological Honors Society)

*George B. Moran Award* (highest recognition for extraordinary scholarship)

*Pedro Arrupe Medal* (award for community work committed to social justice reform)

*Crusader of the Year* (award to student who excelled in the classroom and the field)

*Bishop Fenwick Service Award* (award for outstanding service to college community)

*Joseph J. Reilly Award* (award to senior who supported social justice reform)

*Athletic Honors*

*Holy Cross Men's Soccer* (NCAA Division I)

Three-Year Captain (2006-2008)

Patriot League Player of the Year (2008)

All-Patriot League First Team (2008)

Patriot League All-Tournament Team (2008)

All-Mid Atlantic Regional All-American First Team (2008) (National Soccer Coaches Ass. of America)

All-Patriot League Second Team (2007)

PROFESSIONAL  
REFERENCES**Theodore V. Wells Jr.**

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