

## **Benjamin Clark**

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### **Education**

#### **Catholic University of America**

Washington, D.C.

Ph.D. Political Theory

May, 2016 (expected)

Focus: Early American political thought, Constitutional history, Public law

Comprehensive exams in Political Theory and American Politics

Dissertation working title: "The Invention of American Nationhood: Judge Joseph Story and the Federal Common Law." *Approved: May, 2015*

Director: Dr. Dennis J. Coyle

#### **Catholic University of America**

Washington, D.C.

M.A. Political Theory

May, 2012

#### **Emory University**

Atlanta, GA

B.A. Political Science

May, 2008

### **Positions Held**

Lecturer of Political Science

GA College & State Univ. (2015-2016)

Temporary Instructor of Political Science

Georgia State University (Spring, 2015)

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Instructor**

Political Theory I (3 hours)

GA College & State Univ. (Fall, 2015)

Politics and Society (12 hours)

GA College & State Univ. (Fall, 2015)

Intro to American Gov. (12 hours)

Georgia State University (Spring, 2015)

Intro to Law and Politics (3 hours)

Catholic Univ. of America (Fall, 2014)

Constitutional Law I (3 hours)

Catholic Univ. of America (Fall, 2014)

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Constitutional Law I (3 hours)

Catholic Univ. of America (Fall, 2013)

Constitutional Law II (3 hours)

Catholic Univ. of America (Spring, 2014)

### **Awards**

Passed comprehensive exams in American Politics with Honors (March, 2013)

### **Research Interests**

Early American political thought

Constitutional law

The relationship between law and political institutions

The evolving role of the Supreme Court in the Marshall Era

The political and judicial thought of Jeffersonian jurists St. George Tucker, Spencer

Roane, and Abel Upshur

Theories of federalism in the United States

Modern political ideologies

## **Conference Presentations**

“Community in the Political Theory of John Caldwell Calhoun”- Ciceronian Society Conference, (March, 2013)

“Social Contract Theory and the Constitution: John Quincy Adams and John C. Calhoun on the Nature of the Federal Union”- American Political Science Association, (August, 2013)

“Judge Joseph Story, the Common Law, and the Invention of American Nationhood”- Abbeville Institute Conference (October, 2014)

## **Research Experience**

### **Beacon Center of Tennessee**

Research Associate

Nashville, TN

Summer, 2013

*Co-authored report on public education spending in Tennessee (published: Beacon Center, August 2013)*

Research Fellow

Feb. 2014- Present

*Assisted with public policy research, directed study on fiscal impact of school choice programs on Tennessee public schools and authored report on findings (published: Beacon Center, August 2014)*

## **Teaching and Academic References**

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