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**Academic Positions**

Claremont McKenna College, 2025-present

Assistant Professor, Government Department

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2024-present

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program for Constitutionalism and Democracy

Trinity College, Hartford, CT, 2023-24

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 2022-23

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

**Education**

University of Chicago Ph.D., Political Science

Tulane University School of Law J.D.

Associate Editor, *Tulane Journal of Int’l and Comp. Law*

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee B.A., Political Science

Honors College, *magna cum laude*, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Sigma Alpha

**Publications**

TerBeek, Calvin. 2025. “Maladapted: Our Exhausted Constitution, Our Exhausted Governing

Elites,” *American Political Thought*, forthcoming (symposium on Stephen Skowronek’s *The*

*Adaptability Paradox*)

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(symposium on Jonathan Gienapp, *Against Constitutional Originalism*)

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and Janet Box-Steffensmeier.

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the Racial Origins of Constitutional Originalism.” [*American Political Science Review*](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/american-political-science-review/article/abs/clocks-must-always-be-turned-back-brown-v-board-of-education-and-the-racial-origins-of-constitutional-originalism/AEA2474F0FC8EA1C0C77F7481DC670D6) 115(3): 821-834

TerBeek, Calvin. 2021. “The Search for an Anchor: Living Constitutionalism from

the Progressives to Trump.” [*Law & Social Inquiry*](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/law-and-social-inquiry/article/search-for-an-anchor-living-constitutionalism-from-the-progressives-to-trump/4086DE2B777062675BFA988A58E476F3)46(3): 860-889 (review essay).

Oliver, Eric and Thomas Wood with Calvin TerBeek. 2018. “Chapter 9: A Nation Divided By

Magic,” in [*Enchanted America: Intuition and Reason in US Politics*](http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/E/bo28752049.html).University of Chicago Press

**Book Manuscripts**

*Enemy Establishments: The Constitution, The Modern State, and the Political Development of Polarization*

* Under editorial consideration

*Reacting to the Right: Money, Institution Building on the Left, and the Origins of the American Constitution Society*

* In progress; co-authored with Paul Baumgardner

**Working Papers**

“The Fall of the Regime: Why Political Parties Fail to Explain American Constitutional Politics and

Law”

“The Myth of the Lochner Era and the Problematics of Constitutional Theory”

Other Writings (Selected):

Amanda Hollis-Brusky and Calvin TerBeek, “The Federalist Society Says It’s Not an Advocacy

Organization. These Documents Show Otherwise,” [*Politico*](https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/08/31/federalist-society-advocacy-group-227991/), August 31, 2019

TerBeek, Calvin. 2015. “Dog Whistling, the Color-Blind Jurisprudential Regime and the

Constitutional Politics of Race,” [*Constitutional Commentary*](https://scholarship.law.umn.edu/concomm/106/)30(1): 167-193

**Conferences & Invited Talks (Recent)**

Policy History Studies: The State and Future of the Field (Invited – Feb. 2024) | Book proposal

presentation

APSA 2023 (Virtual) | Paper presented: “No Going Back: The Institutional, Ideological, and Racial

Origins of the Warren Court’s Rights Revolution”

Consortium on the American Political Economy, 2023 (Invited) | Book chapter presented: “Big

Business, Labor, and a New *Via Media*: The Modern Republican Governing Project, 1952-1960”

**Service**

Johns Hopkins University: Faculty Officer, Pre-Law Society, 2022-2023

APSA: Nominations Committee for Law and Courts Section, 2021

The Innocence Project (New Orleans, Louisiana), 2002

* honored by Tulane University School of Law for over 270 volunteer hours at the Innocence Project
* work helped free the wrongfully convicted [Dennis Brown](https://ip-no.org/what-we-do/free-innocent-prisoners/client-profiles/dennis-brown/)

**Grants & Awards**

Mellon Foundation/Social Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, $32,000

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