

GREGG IVERS

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Government
School of Public Affairs
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Education

Ph.D. Emory University, 1989 (political science)
M.A. Emory University, 1985 (political science)
B.A. University of Missouri – Columbia, 1983 (political science/journalism)

Fields of Specialization

American constitutional law and development; the African American civil rights movement; constitutional litigation and social movements; 20th century American political and social thought

Teaching Experience

American University, Professor, 2001 –
American University, Associate Professor, 1995–2001
American University, Assistant Professor, 1989–1995
Emory University, Instructor, 1987-89
Oglethorpe University, Instructor, Summer 1988

Administrative Experience

Chair, Department of Government, 2000-2002
Acting Chair, Department of Government, June-July 1998

Courses Taught

Constitutional Law*
Civil Rights and Liberties*
The American Constitution*
Equal Protection*
Landmark Law Cases*

The First Amendment*
Law and the Political System
The Supreme Court (Honors Colloquium) *
Constitutional Law and Politics (M.A. seminar)
Constitutional Law and Politics (on-line) **
Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence (Ph.D. seminar) *
Law, Courts and Political Dynamics (Ph.D. seminar)
Reconstruction and the Bill of Rights (Honors Colloquium) *
American Political Thought
Politics in the United States
Honors Colloquia in Social Science
Decline of American Liberalism (Honors Colloquium) *
African American Political Thought (Honors Colloquium) *
Individual Freedom vs. Authority
Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement*
The Southern Civil Rights Movement*
Brown v. Board of Education*
Oral Histories of the Civil Rights Movement (Honors Colloquium) *

*indicates new or topics course

Courses Created and Integrated into the Permanent Curriculum

Constitutional Law I: Powers and Federalism
Constitutional Law II: Civil Liberties
The American Constitution
Equal Protection
Landmark Law Cases
The First Amendment
The Southern Civil Rights Movement
Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement
Brown v. Board of Education
Oral Histories of the Civil Rights Movement

PUBLISHED WORK

Books

Constitutional Law: An Introduction (San Diego: Bridgepoint Education, 2014)
■ Released in print and on-line formats. The on-line specific format is the first college-level constitutional law textbook designed specifically for this learning community. Includes complete support, including study

guides, exam questions, pre and post-test, and an interactive features pack developed by author

Inside Judicial Politics: A Reader in Law, Politics and the Courts (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2006) (co-editor: Jennifer Segal Diascro)

Creating Constitutional Change: Clashes Over Power and Liberty in the Supreme Court (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2004) (co-editor: Kevin McGuire)

American Constitutional Law: Power and Politics. Volume Two: Civil Rights and Liberties (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2002)

American Constitutional Law: Power and Politics. Volume One: Constitutional Structure and Political Power (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001)

Supreme Court Update, 2002-2003 Term (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2003) (online:
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 1/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%201/1e/instructors/index.html).
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 2/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%202/1e/instructors/index.html).

Supreme Court Update, 2001-2002 Term (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2002) (online:
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 1/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%201/1e/instructors/index.html).
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 2/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%202/1e/instructors/index.html).

Supreme Court Update, 2000-2001 Term (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001) (online:
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 1/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%201/1e/instructors/index.html).
[http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const law vol 2/1e/instructors/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/polisci/ivers/const%20law%20vol%202/1e/instructors/index.html).

To Build a Wall: American Jews and the Separation of Church and State (Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1995), 272 pp.

Redefining the First Freedom: The Supreme Court and the Consolidation of State Power (New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Books, 1993), 198 pp.

Scholarly Articles, Chapters-in-Books and Reference Entries

“The Travesty of U.S. News Rankings: How Legal Education Should Be Measured,” (co-authored with Reuben Guttman) *Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review*, 10 (2023): 1-10. <https://scholarlycommons.law.emory.edu/ecgar-perspectives/42>

“Conservative Mythology and the Supreme Court,” *Emory Corporate Governance and Accountability Review*, 4 (2017): 157-177.

“Freedom of Religion: Establishment,” in *American Governance*, Stephen Schechter, ed. (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016)

“Freedom of Press,” in *American Governance*, Stephen Schechter, ed. (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016)

“*Cooper v. Aaron*,” in *American Governance*, Stephen Schechter, ed. (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016).

“Constitutional Theory,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan/Gale, 2008)

“Models of Judicial Decision-Making,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan/Gale, 2008)

“*Schechter Poultry v. United States*” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan/Gale, 2008)

“Eminent Domain,” in *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan/Gale, 2008)

“*Flood v. Kuhn*,” in *The Public Debate Over Controversial Supreme Court Decisions*, Melvin I. Urofsky, ed. (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2006)

“*Flood v. Kuhn*,” in *Creating Constitutional Change: Clashes over Power and Liberty in the Supreme Court*, Gregg Ivers and Kevin T. McGuire, eds. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2004)

“Curt Flood,” in *100 Americans Making Constitutional History*, Melvin I. Urofsky, ed. (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2004)

“Church and State,” in *Oxford University Press Reference Guide to Law*, Joel Grossman and Kermit Hall, eds., (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002)

“Neutrality Theory After *Mitchell v. Helms*,” in *Church-State Relations in Crisis: Neutrality Theory Debated*, Steven V. Monsma, ed. (Baltimore, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002)

“Congressional Police Power to Establish and Enforce Social Rights After *United States v. Morrison*: Limits and Possibilities” in *Congress and Rights*, Colton C. Campbell and John F. Stack, Jr., eds. (Baltimore, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002)

“American Jews and the Equal Treatment Principle,” in *The Supreme Court and Equal Treatment*, Steven V. Monsma and Christopher J. Soper, eds. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eardmans Publishing Co., 1998)

“Please God, Save This Honorable Court: The Emergence of the Conservative Religious Bar,” in *The Interest Group Connection: Electioneering, Lobbying and Policymaking in Washington*, Paul S. Herrnsen, Ronald G. Shaiko and Clyde Wilcox, eds. (Chatham, N.J.: Chatham House, 1998)

“The Supreme Court and Religious Free Exercise,” in *International Perspectives on Church and State*, Menachem Mor, ed. (New York: Fordham University Press, 1993)

“The Political Organization of American Jewry, 1906-1948,” in *International Perspectives on Church and State*, Menachem Mor, ed. (New York: Fordham University Press, 1993)

“Religious Organizations as Constitutional Litigants,” *Polity* 25 (1992): 243-66.

“Organized Religion and the Supreme Court,” *Journal of Church and State* 32 (Autumn 1990): 775-93.

Reprinted in Kermit Hall, *The Supreme Court in American Society, Vol. 8: Conscience and Belief – The Supreme Court and Religion* (New York: Routledge, 2000), pp. 75-94.

“Minority Set-Asides in the States After *City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson*,” (co-authored with Karen O’Connor), *Publius* 20 (Summer, 1990): 63-78.

“Creationism, Evolution and the Courts,” (co-authored with Karen O’Connor), *PS* 21 (Winter 1988): 10-17.

“Friends as Foes: The Amicus Curiae Participation and Effectiveness of the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans for Effective Law Enforcement in Criminal Cases, 1969-82,” (co-authored with Karen O’Connor), *Law and Policy* 9 (April 1987): 161-78

Published On-Line Work

Julian Bond Oral History Project (June 2018-ongoing)

I am Director of the Julian Bond Oral History Project. This project focuses on the rise of Julian Bond, a noted civil rights and human rights activists, public intellectual and college professor, to national prominence during the period from 1960-1968. The project also documents the Southern Civil Rights Movement. To date, I have published thirty-two (32) video interviews. Each video interview is produced to include images, explanatory footnotes and other features. Each video interview includes an accompanying transcript, except when noted.

I have developed a full website to support the project:

<https://julianbondoralhistoryproject.org>

In addition, I have a dedicated YouTube channel featuring only the recorded video interviews:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDL6Hh0HEahK6Y9TrQ9ZTg>

The project and full website feature an introductory essay about Julian Bond; a separate feature outlining the purpose of the project; all video interviews; transcripts, except where noted; and a page featuring student interviews with civil rights activists. I also include a separate feature in which students interview campus activists and leaders.

The project is also available through the Special Collections Division of the Bender Library of American University.

Hidden Civil Rights History Video Project (August 2020-

I launched the [Hidden Civil Rights History](#) YouTube Channel on August 20th, 2020. This channel explores hidden civil rights history in the Washington, D.C.-area.

Work-in-Progress

Swingin' at Jim Crow: How Jazz Became a Civil Rights Movement

I am working on a book-length manuscript about how jazz – the musicians, managers, promoters, talent scouts, journalists, record executives and others connected to the American jazz community – attacked racial segregation long before the emergence of the classic-era civil rights movement in 1954 and operated as a civil rights movement of its own. I have obtained numerous original sources, including oral histories, personal interviews, letters, financial statements, documents and memoranda that detail the different roles that jazz played in the civil rights movement. I also have obtained close over two dozen de-classified FBI files that show the government's concern, especially from the late 1930s through the 1960s, for the political activities of members of the jazz community, from musicians to journalists to those on the business side.

Consulting Editor

Michael Burgan, *The Electoral College* (Minneapolis, Minn.: Compass Point Books, 2007). Content advisor and reviewer for K-12 social studies and history books.

Jason Skog, *The Dred Scott Decision* (Minneapolis, Minn.: Compass Point Books, 2007). Content advisor and reviewer for K-12 social studies and history books.

Brenda Haugen, *Thurgood Marshall: Civil Rights Lawyer and Supreme Court Justice* (Minneapolis, Minn.: Compass Point Books, 2007). Content advisor and reviewer for K-12 social studies and history books.

Book Reviews, Review Essays, Selected Essays and External Publications

Essay, "The Irony of Red Hen," (with Reuben Guttman), *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, June 26th, 2018.

Essay, "The Campus 'Free Speech Crisis' is About Power, Not Speech," *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, June 18th, 2018.

Essay, "Why Brown v. Board of Education Still Matters," *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, April 2nd, 2018.

Essay, "And the Students Shall Lead Them – Birmingham 1963 and Parkland 2018," *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, February 22nd, 2018.

Essay, "The Constitutional Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr." *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, January 14th, 2018.

Essay, "President Jim Crow," *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, December 2nd, 2017.

Essay, "The Dilemma of the Black Athlete as Activist," *American Constitution Society Blog for Law and Policy*, November 3rd, 2017.

Essay, "On the #Blacklivesmatter Question," *American Constitution Society Law and Policy*, July 15th, 2016.

Book Review, Matthew K. Hall, *The Nature of Supreme Court Power* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), *Perspectives on Politics*, 9(4): 955-56 (2011).

Book Review, Steve Brown. *Trumping Religion: New Christian Right, the Free Speech Clause and the Courts*, (Tuscaloosa, Ala.: University of Alabama Press, 2003). *American Historical Review* 109 (October 2004), p. 1270.

Book Review, Louis Fisher. *Religious Liberty in America: Political Safeguards*. (Lawrence, Kans.: University Press of Kansas, 2002). *The Law and Politics Book Review* 13 (May 2003) (<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/lpbr>).

Book Review, Eric Michael Mazur. *The Americanization of Religious Minorities: Confronting the Constitutional Order*. Baltimore: The John Hopkins University Press, 1999. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 10 (May 2000) pp. 323-325.

Book Review, Frank S. Ravitch, *School Prayer and Discrimination: The Civil Rights of Religious Minorities and Dissenters*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1999. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 9 (October 1999), pp. 462-464.

Book Review, Andrew Jay Koshner, *Solving the Puzzle of Interest Group Litigation*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger Press, 1998. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 8 (August 1998) pp. 322-324.

Book Review, John Garvey, *What Are Freedoms For?* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1996. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 7 (May 1997): 212-15.

Book Review, Steven D. Smith. *Foreordained Failure: The Quest for a Constitutional Principle of Religious Freedom*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995. *Journal of*

Book Review, Nancy V. Baker, *Conflicting Loyalties*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1992; Katy J. Harriger, *Independent Justice: The Federal Special Prosecutor in American Politics*; Rebecca Mae Salokar, *The Tenth Justice: The Politics of Law*. *American Political Science Review* 87 (1993).

Book Review, Cass R. Sunstein, *The Partial Constitution*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 3 (1993): 89-92.

Commissioned Monographs

Lowering the Wall: Church, State and the Supreme Court in the 1980s (New York: Anti-Defamation League, 1991), 103 pp.

Grants Received

SPA, Excellence with Impact Grant (EWI) 2018 - \$5,000

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- To support the Julian Bond Oral History Project

University, Curriculum Development Grant 2018 - \$2,500

- To support development of a new course, "Oral Histories of the Civil Rights Movement"

Honors and Awards

Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, 2019-2020

University, Faculty-Staff Collaboration Award, 2018

SPA, Diversity and Inclusion Award, 2018

SPA, Customer Service Award, 2015

SPA, Scholar-Teacher of the Year, 2005

Teaching Fellow, Greenberg Teaching Seminar, 1995-96
Dean's Research Award, School of Public Affairs, American University, 1991-95
SPA, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, American University, 1993
College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, Graduate Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1988
College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, Graduate Award for Excellence in Research in the Social Sciences, 1988-89

Selected Professional Activities and Service

Higher Education Advisory Board, The HistoryMakers, 2020-
Consulting Scholar, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 2018-2021
Consulting Scholar, American Communities Project, 2016-2021
Consulting Scholar, Facing History and Ourselves, 2016-2019
Consulting Scholar, Operation Understanding, D.C., 2016-2021

Director, Academic Blogging and Campus Outreach, Patchwork Nation, 2010-2014

Series Co-Editor: *Constitutionalism and Democracy*, University Press of Virginia, 2001-2021

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Politics Quarterly; Political Research Quarterly; Journal of Politics; Law and Policy; Law and Society; Polity; Politics and Gender, Congress and the Presidency; Social Science Quarterly; Judicature; Journal of Church and State;* Duke University Press, University of Kansas Press, State University of New York Press; University of North Carolina Press, Northern Illinois University Press; University of Mississippi Press; University of Virginia Press; Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, Houghton Mifflin, Longman, Macmillan; Prentice-Hall, Inc, Lynn Reimer Publishing, SAGE Cengage Learning, Aspen Law Institute

Tenure and Promotion Reviews: Auburn University, Baylor University, Boston College, Boston University, Georgetown University, Georgia Southern University, University of Georgia, George Washington University, Howard University, Kent State University, Loyola Marymount, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, Wake Forest University, William and Mary College.

Professional Lectures and Conferences

"The Legacy of Jim Crow," invited lecture, D.C. Unity and Justice Fellowship, Washington, D.C., November 11, 2021

"Why Black Lives Matter," invited lecture, D.C. Unity and Justice Fellowship, MLK Day Program, Washington, D.C., January 17, 2021.

"The Black-Jewish Legacy in the Civil Rights Era," invited lecture, Operation Understanding D.C., Washington, D.C., January 23, 2020.

"Repugnant Laws: Judicial Review of Acts of Congress from the Founding to the Present," panel discussant, Robert A. Levy Center for Constitutional Studies, CATO Institute, Washington, D.C. Scope: National, November 21, 2019.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZIC8CEPneE>

"Bringing Historically White and Black Colleges Together," invited lecture, Rust College, Holly Springs, MS., October 31, 2019.

"The Case Against Confederate Memorials in Public Spaces," presenter and panel discussant, American Society for Public Administration, Denver, March 11th, 2018.

"The Stranglehold of Jim Crow," invited speaker, Operation Understanding, D.C.-area region, February 7th, 2016.

"A Retrospective on Martin Luther King, Jr.," invited lecture, Baltimore, Capital Area Congregations, January 18th, 2016.

"The Supreme Court in American Politics," keynote speaker/panelist, Diamond & McCarthy, Charlottesville, Va., September 29th-October 3rd, 2013.

"Jazz Musicians as Freedom Fighters," invited speaker, Institute of Jazz Studies, Rutgers University-Newark, March 12th, 2013.

"Constitutional Rights in the Workplace," invited speaker/panelist, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, United States Government, Rockville, Maryland, April 14th, 2008.

"Religious Organizations as Legal Advocates," invited speaker, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, March 20, 2008.

"Courts, Interest Groups and Politics," chair and discussant, 2002 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Before Free Agency: How Curt Flood Changed Major League Baseball," paper presented at the 2002 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Courts and Religious Liberties," discussant, 2001 American Political Science Association meeting.

"Constitutional Interpretation," discussant, 2001 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"The Limits of Congressional Police Power after *United States v. Morrison*," paper presented at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy, Florida International University, February 2001.

"Two Hands and Squeeze: The Politics of Gun Control Litigation," paper presented, 2000 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Supreme Court Opinions and Their Impact," chair and panel discussant, 1997 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

"Please God, Save This Honorable Court," paper presented, 1995 Lobbying Institute meeting.

"Interest Groups in the Judicial Process," panel discussant, 1994 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"The Politics of Religion and Religious Attitudes," panel discussant, 1993 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

"The Solicitor General Gets Religion – Or Does He?" paper presented, 1993 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Church, State and the Rehnquist Court," panel discussant, 1992 American Political Science Association meeting.

"Whither Religious Free Exercise?" paper presented, 1992 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Roundtable on Religious Free Exercise," panel discussant, 1992 Northeastern Political Science Association meeting.

"The Political Organization of American Jewry," paper presented, 1991 Creighton University Conference on International Perspectives on Church and State.

"The Continuing Battle for Justice," panel chair, 1991 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Law, Religion and the Politics of Ecumenical Witness," paper presented, 1990 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

"From Witness to Advocate: Religious Lobbies in the Supreme Court," paper presented, 1990 Midwest Political Science Association meeting.

"Organized Religion and the Supreme Court," paper presented, 1989 American Political Science Association meeting.

“American Jewish Groups in the Supreme Court,” 1988 Southern Political Science Association meeting.

Short Courses and Seminars

Seminar Leader and Lecturer, “Gobierno y Sociedad de Los Estados Unidos,” United States Information Agency and Institute for Bi-National Education, Monterrey, Mexico, January 16-24, 1994, sponsored by the United States Information Agency.

University, School and Departmental Service

SPA, Educational Policy Committee, 2022- (chair)
Department, Academic Integrity Committee, 2021-2022
University, AU Core Committee, DIV Courses, 2019-2020
University, Committee on Faculty Diversity and Inclusion, 2017-2020
SPA, Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2017-2019
Department, Academic Integrity Committee, 2017-2019
Faculty Advisor, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, 2016-2019
Faculty Member, AU Scholars Program, 2016-2017
University, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-2017
Faculty Advisor, TED Talks, 2014-2017
Department, Merit Load Committee, 2015-2017
University, Faculty Senate Committee Student Learning and Engagement, 2012-14
SPA, Educational Policy Committee, 2012-2015
Faculty Advisor, AU Elects, 2011-2015
Faculty Member, University College, 2009-2015
Department, American Politics Search Committee, 2009
Faculty Advisor, American University Baseball Club, 2009-2013
Faculty Advisor, Truman Scholarship Committee, 2007-12
SPA, Educational Policy Committee, 2005-2008
Department, American Politics Senior Search Committee, 2004-2005
Department, James Madison Fellowship Advisor, 2003-2008
Faculty Advisor, Lady Eagles Ice Hockey Team, 2002-2004
University, University College Project Team, 2002-2003
Faculty Advisor, Men and Women’s Cross-Country Team, 2002-2017
Department, American Politics Search Committee, 2001-2002 (Chair)
University, Faculty Involvement Committee, 2001-2002
SPA, Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2000-2002
Department of Government, M.A. Admissions Director, 2000-2003
University, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1999-2000
SPA, Educational Policy Committee, 1999-2000 (Chair)
SPA, Educational Policy Committee, 1995-97
Department, Undergraduate Committee, 1999-2000
University, Senate Research Committee, 1995-1996

Department, American Politics Search Committee, 1993-94
University, Washington Semester Task Force, 1993-94
University, Presidential Search Committee, 1992-93
Department, Honors Program Advisory Board, 1993-98
Department, Honors Coordinator, 1993-98
Department, Curriculum Committee, 1992-93
University, Faculty Advisor to Conundrum (student club), 1992-96
Department, American Politics Search Committee, 1990-91

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
 Law and Courts Subsection
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
American Constitution Society