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Education

University of Stirling – Scotland, UK

PhD: Law (Nov 2012)

Graduate Research School Representative (2008-2009)

Thesis Title: *From the Innocuous to the Evocative: How Bill Naming Manipulates and Informs the Policy Process*

External thesis examiner: Prof Gavin Drewry

George Mason University – Fairfax, VA

MA: Criminology, Law & Society (Aug 2007)

GPA 3.43/4.0

Scholarships Awarded: Full Academic Scholarship awarded both years with a complimentary \$15,000 stipend per year

Dissertation Title: *Does Naming Matter? Evocative vs. Non-Evocative Legislative Bill Names*

Marymount University – Arlington, VA

MA Forensic Psychology (Fall 2004 - Spring 2005)

GPA 3.92/4.0 (Left Program after 1 year)

University of Missouri – Columbia

BA: Psychology (Dec 2003)

Jesuit College Preparatory – Dallas, TX

Graduated: May 1999

Academic Roles

University of Sheffield, School of Law

Lecturer in Law / January 2020 - present / Sheffield, UK

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/law>

Module Convenor – Public Law in the UK and the EU (LAW139)

Module Convenor – Advanced Constitutional Law (LAW207)

Module Convenor – Comparative Public Law (LAW31008)

Law School Director of Internalisation

Society of Legal Scholars (SLS)

Executive Committee Member (October 2020 – September 2023)

<https://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/the-executive/>

Public Section Co-Convenor / Jan 2019 – Jan 2022

<https://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/section/public/>

University of Dundee, School of Law

Lecturer in Law / June 2017 – December 2019 / Dundee, Scotland, UK

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/law>

Module Convenor – Public Law I & Public Law III

Erasmus/International Study Academic Exchange Co-ordinator (for both incoming and outgoing students)

Admissions Officer

Co-convenor – Dundee Law School Research Seminar Series

Liverpool Hope University, Department of Law

Lecturer in Law (Public Law) / September 2015 – June 2017 / Liverpool, UK
<http://www.hope.ac.uk/law/>

Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica

Postdoctoral Research Fellow / August 2012 – August 2015 / Taipei, Taiwan
<https://www.ias.sinica.edu.tw/en/>

University of Stirling - Dept. Law and Phil.

Hourly-paid Lecturer – Dissertation Adviser / Spring of 2009 – Spring of 2011 / Scotland, UK
<https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/faculties/arts-humanities/law-and-philosophy/>

Professional Experience

US Department of Justice – National Institute of Justice

Research Assistant / September 2005 – May of 2007 / Washington, DC
<https://nij.ojp.gov/>

Justice Policy Institute

Research Assistant – Intern / November 2004 – July 2005 / Washington, DC
<http://www.justicepolicy.org/>

Publication List

Books/Edited Collections

Brian Christopher Jones (ed), *Democracy and Rule of Law in China's Shadow* (Hart Publishing) 2021 (ISBN: 9781509933969); 2022 (Paperback ISBN: 9781509949175).

Brian Christopher Jones, *Constitutional Idolatry and Democracy: Challenging the Infatuation with Writtenness* (Edward Elgar) 2020 (ISBN: 9781788971096); 2022 (Paperback ISBN: 9781803924717).

Brian Christopher Jones (ed), *Law and Politics of the Taiwan Sunflower and Hong Kong Umbrella Movements* (Routledge) 2017 (ISBN: 9781472486141); 2019 (Paperback ISBN: 9780367191863).

(Guest Editor) Special Issue on Justice Antonin Scalia (2017) 6(1) *British Journal of American Legal Studies*.

(Special Editor) Focus issue on Taiwan's Sunflower Movement (2015) 45(1) *Hong Kong Law Journal*.

Book Chapters

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, "A (Brief) Case Against Constitutional Supremacy" in R Johnson & YY Zhu, *Sceptical Essays on Constitutional Reform* (Hart, 2023)

S White & Brian Christopher Jones, 'United Kingdom' in LR Barosso & R Albert (eds), *The International Review of Constitutional Reform* (2021) (ISBN: 978-1-7374527-0-6).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Criticising the courts: from 'foreign' to 'dinosaur' judges" in BC Jones (ed), *Democracy and Rule of Law in China's Shadow* (Hart 2021).

Brian Christopher Jones & Yen-Tu Su, "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath" in BC Jones (ed), *Law and Politics of the Taiwan Sunflower and Hong Kong Umbrella Movement* (Routledge) 2017.

Research Articles & Essays

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, "Surprisingly (Un)Inspiring Judicial Decisions" (2023) *Illinois Law Review Online*.

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, "The Legal Contribution to Democratic Disaffection" (2023) 75(4) *Arkansas Law Review*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Judicial Review and Embarrassment" (April 2022) *Public Law* 179-88.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Our Forgotten Constitutional Guardians: Preserving Respect for the Law" (2021) 42(1) *Statute Law Review* 1-19.

Tom Gerald Daly & Brian Christopher Jones, "Parties v Democracy: Addressing Today's Political-Party threats to Democratic Rule" (2020) 18(2) *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 509-538.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Constitutional paternalism: the rise and problematic use of constitutional guardian rhetoric" (2019) 51 *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics* 773.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Rule of Law in UK Public Law Textbooks: from Critique to Acceptance?" (Oct 2018) *Public Law* 594-604.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Dissonant Constitutionalism and Lady Hale" (2018) 29(2) *King's Law Journal* 177-186.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Constitutions and Bills of Rights: Invigorating or Placating Democracy?" (2018) 38(3) *Legal Studies* 339-359.

Brian Christopher Jones and Austin Sarat, "Justices as Sacred Symbols: Antonin Scalia and the Cultural Life of the Law" (2017) 6(1) *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 7-24.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Online/Offline Cognitive Divide: Implications for Law" (2016) 13(1) *SCRIPTed* 83-94.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Disparaging the Supreme Court, Part II: Questioning Institutional Legitimacy" (2016) *Wisconsin Law Review* 239-261

Brian Christopher Jones, "Preliminary Warnings on 'Constitutional' Idolatry" (January 2016) *Public Law* 74-92.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Legislation: Constitutional Review in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan" (2015) 23(2) *Asia Pacific Law Review* 37-62.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Disparaging the Supreme Court: Is SCOTUS in Serious Trouble?" (2015) *Wisconsin Law Review Forward* 53-63.

Brian Christopher Jones & Yen-Tu Su, "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath" (2015) 45(1) *Hong Kong Law Journal* 193-210.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Interpreting Acronyms & Epithets" (2014) 25 *Stanford Law & Policy Review Online* 1-8.

Brian Christopher Jones, "SCOTUS Now Bickering Over Short Titles: Time for a Congressional Bill Naming Authority" (2013) 32(1) *Yale Law & Policy Review Inter Alia* 25-33.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Manipulating Public Law Favorability: Is It Really This Easy?" (2013) 2(2) *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 511-531.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Plain Language Prospects in American Public Law" (2013) 9 *The Modern American* 15-33.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Don't Be Silly: Lawmakers 'Rarely' Read Legislation and Oftentimes Don't Understand It...But That's Okay" (2013) 118 *Penn State Law Review Penn Statim* 7-21.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Personalized Bills As Commemorations: A Problem For House Rules?" (2013) 46(9) *Connecticut Law Review Online* 9-17.

Brian Christopher Jones, "One Redeeming Quality About the 112th Congress: A Focus Back on Descriptive Rather Than Evocative Short Titles" (2013) 112 *Michigan Law Review Online* 1-15.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Processes, Standards and Politics: Drafting Short Titles in the Westminster Parliament, Scottish Parliament and US Congress" (2013) 25(1) *Florida Journal of International Law* 57-111.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Westminster's Impending Short Title Quandary: And How to Fix It" (April 2013) *Public Law* 223-232.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Congressional Short Title (R)Evolution: Changing the Face of America's Public Laws" (2013) 101 *Kentucky Law Journal Online* 42-64.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Fiduciary Principles and Statutory Form In Relation to the Necessary and Proper Clause: Potential Constitutional Implications for Congressional Short Titles" (2012) 6(2) *University of St. Thomas Journal of Law & Public Policy* 347-372.

Brian Christopher Jones & Randal Shaheen, "Thought Experiment: Would U.S. Congressional Short Bill Titles Pass FTC Scrutiny?" (2012) 37(1) *Seton Hall Legislative Journal* 57-82.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Drafting Proper Short Titles: Do States Have the Answer?" (2012) 23(2) *Stanford Law & Policy Review* 455-476.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Transatlantic Perspectives On Humanised Public Law Campaigns: Personalising And Depersonalising The Legislative Process" (2012) 6(1) *Legisprudence* (currently, *The Theory and Practice of Legislation*) 57-76.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do Short Titles Matter? Surprising Insights from Westminster and Holyrood" (2012) 65(2) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 448-462.

Review Articles

Brian Christopher Jones, "A Triumph of Ill-Conceived Language: The Linguistic Origins of Guantanamo's 'Rough Justice'" (2013) *Hastings Law Journal Voir Dire* 1-9.

Book Reviews

Brian Christopher Jones, "Book Review of Legislation at Westminster by Meg Russell and Daniel Gover" (2018) *Edinburgh Law Review*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Book Review of The Case Against the Supreme Court by Erwin Chemerinsky" (2015) 42(3) *Journal of Law and Society* 464-469.

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Jenkins, Jeffrey A. & Patashnik, Eric M. (Eds.), *Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Lawmaking*, University of Chicago Press (2013) 23(7) *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 344-348.

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Duxbury, Neil, *Elements of Legislation*, Cambridge University Press (2013) 23(7) *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 340-343.

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Solan, Lawrence M. *The Language of Statutes: Laws and Their Interpretation*, University of Chicago Press, (2011) 21(6) *The Law and Politics Book Review* 308-312.

Legal Blog Entries

Brian Christopher Jones, "The emerging 'Nothing to See Here' judicial review defences" (7 July 2022), *UK Constitutional Law Association Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Perhaps the only thing worthy of veneration: brevity" (12 June 2022) *Balkinization*.

Brian Christopher Jones & Maartje De Visser, "The Complex Relationship between Constitutional Idolatry, Literacy and Identity" (28 January 2021) *International Association of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "A single written UK constitution may only make things worse" (25 May 2020) *UK Constitutional Law Association Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Forms of Constitutional Idolatry" (22 May 2020) *Balkinization*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Widely Ignored and Underdeveloped Problem with Judicial Power" (25 February 2020) *UK Constitutional Law Association Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "*Wightman* and How Not to Advance the Law" (11 April 2018) *UK Constitutional Law Association Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "When Court Criticism Threatens the Rule of Law: A Three-Part Test" (5 September 2018) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Government's Quandary: 'Great', or Ordinary, Repeal" (28 March 2017) *UK Constitutional Law Association Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Where do Justice Ginsburg and Justice Hale—and Judicial Independence—Go from Here?" (30 November 2016) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Did Brexit Save the HRA 1998?" (26 September 2016) *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do All Democracies Need Party Dissolution Mechanisms?" (8 June 2016) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*

Brian Christopher Jones, "Final thoughts on (a potential) Brexit: Imposing (and accepting) constraints on sovereignty" (5 June 2016), *Columbia Journal of European Law – Preliminary Reference*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Brexit, rights, and the (potential) scrapping of the HRA" (18 March 2016) *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "A Middle Ground for Democratic Accountability: Retention Elections for the House of Lords?" (23 December 2015) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones & Paolo Sandro, "The Conservatives' 2015 Fiscal Charter: A Wanting Desire for Constitutional Change" (20 Nov 2015) *Verfassungsblog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Britain's Other—Perhaps More Important—Anniversary" (2 Nov 2015) *International Association of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "How Far Out of Step is the United States Supreme Court?" (23 September 2015) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Is Social Media a Human Right: Exploring the Scope of Internet Rights" (December 2014) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Working Papers

Brian Christopher Jones & Maartje De Visser, "Unpacking Constitutional Literacy" (will submit to the *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* in Fall 2022)

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, Review of James Allan, *The Age of Foolishness: A Doubter's Guide to Constitutionalism in a Modern Democracy* (2023) *Constitutional Commentary*.

Non-Academic Media

Brian Christopher Jones, "What's so Great About a Written Constitution?" *The Atlantic* (9 October 2020).

Brian Christopher Jones, "How the US Constitution Failed to Keep Donald Trump in Line" *The Conversation* (16 May 2019).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Constitutional longevity does not equal democratic success" *The Hill* (25 December 2017).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Should Hong Kong's Basic Law be scrapped and a new constitution negotiated?" *South China Morning Post* (12 May 2017).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do not turn Brexit into the UK's *Bush v Gore*", *The Conversation* (10 October 2016).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Dear America: Brexit is About Democracy, Not (Merely) Economics", *Huffington Post* (4 April 2016).

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Sunflower Movement: One Year On", *Taiwan Brain Trust Newsletter* (31 March 2015).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Legislatures Should Take the Lead on Gay Marriage", *The Hill – Congress Blog* (20 June 2014).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Potential Constitutional Crisis in Taiwan Erupts Over China Trade Pact" *Huffington Post* (20 March 2014).

Brian Christopher Jones, "The USA FREEDOM Act and the Perils of Linguistic Excess", *The Hill – Congress Blog* (13 December 2013).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Lawmaker Reading and Understanding of Legislation Is Highly Overvalued", *Huffington Post* (27 November 2013).

Brian Christopher Jones & Randal Shaheen, "Are Short Bill Titles A Form of Deceptive Advertising?", *Huffington Post* (24 January 2013).

Funding Attained

Society of Legal Scholars (UK)

£500 small research grant to investigate aspects of the 'Great Repeal' Bill (2016)

Academia Sinica, Institutum Iurisprudentiae

NT\$ 694,490 (~£15,000) was provided for me to organize an international discussion forum on the Taiwan Sunflower Movement, which was held 15-16 December 2014. Scholars from the US, UK and Hong Kong were in attendance. Most conference papers were published in a special section of the *Hong Kong Law Journal*.

National Science Council (Taipei, Taiwan)

£1,700 award for travel/accommodation to the 2013 Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) Conference in Edinburgh to present a paper.

University of Stirling – School of Law

£1,500 bursary for PhD research (particularly for travel to Washington, D.C. for research interviews (2008)

Conference Papers/Posters/Talks

LevinsonFest (University of Texas at Austin)

May, 2022

Panel on 'Constitutional Faith and Veneration'

ICON-Society Conference (ICON-S Mundo, Online)

July, 2021

Paper (w/Maartje De Visser): "From Constitutional Idolatry to Constitutional Engagement: The Role of Literacy"

Queen Mary University of London – "UK Constitutional Reform: What has Worked and What Hasn't?"

March, 2021

Paper: "Constitutional Idolatry"

ICON-S (GBIE Chapter) Annual Conference (Glasgow, UK)

April, 2019

Paper: "If we can't have it all: Mistaking Europe, but saving the HRA"

ICON-S (GBIE Chapter) Annual Conference (Glasgow, UK)

April, 2019

Paper: "If we can't have it all: Mistaking Europe, but saving the HRA"

ICON-Society Conference (Hong Kong, China)

June, 2018

Paper: "Criticising the Courts: from 'foreign' to 'dinosaur' judges"

World Congress on Constitutional Law (Seoul, South Korea)

June, 2018

Paper: "Constitutional Paternalism: using constitutions (and constitutional 'guardian' rhetoric) to expand judicial power"

ICON-Society Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark)

July 6, 2017

Paper: "Constitutions and Bills of Rights: Invigorating or Placating Democracy?"

12th Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference (National Taiwan University College of Law)

May 21-22, 2015

Paper: "Assessing the constitutionality of legislation: constitutional review in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan"

National University of Singapore, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law (invited speaker)

May 14-15, 2015

Talk: "The Sunflower Movement: One Year On"

University of Edinburgh Constitutional Law Discussion Group (School of Law)(invited speaker)

March 24, 2015

Paper: "Preliminary Warnings on 'Constitutional' Idolatry"

Discussion Forum on Taiwan's Sunflower Movement (Taipei)

December 15, 2014

Paper: "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath"

Society of Legal Scholars Conference 2013 (Edinburgh)

September 3-4, 2013

Poster: "Preventing Political and Promotional Language in Contemporary Statute Law"

Professional Memberships

Fellow – Advance HE (Formerly: Higher Education Academy)

UK Constitutional Law Association (UKCLA)

Society of Legal Scholars (SLS)

International Society of Public Law (ICON-S)