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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Political Science, Boston College, 2011  
J.D. Georgetown University Law Center, 2004  
B.A. Saint Anselm College (with honors in politics), 2001

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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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2020-present Chair of the Department of Political Science, Marquette University  
2017-present Associate Professor (with tenure), Marquette University, Department of Political Science  
2011-2017 Assistant Professor, Marquette University, Department of Political Science

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Book**

Nolette, Paul. 2015. *Federalism on Trial: State Attorneys General and National Policymaking in Contemporary America* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas).

**Articles and Book Chapters**

Provost, Colin, Elysa Dishman, and Paul Nolette. 2022. "Monitoring Corporate Compliance through Cooperative Federalism: Trends in Multistate Settlements by State Attorneys General," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 52(3): 497-522.

Konisky, David M. and Paul Nolette. 2022. "The State of American Federalism 2021–2022: Federal Courts, State Legislatures, and the Conservative Turn in the Law," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 52(3): 353-381.

- Konisky, David M. and Paul Nolette. 2021. "The State of American Federalism, 2020–2021: Deepening Partisanship amid Tumultuous Times," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 51(3): 327-364.
- Nolette, Paul. 2020. "Trumpism and the Dual Tracks of American Polarization," in *An Unsettled Time: American Political Development and the Trump Presidency*, Philip Rocco and Zachary Callen, eds. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press).
- Nolette, Paul and Colin Provost. 2018. "Change and Continuity in the Role of State Attorneys General in the Obama and Trump Administrations," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 48(3): 469-494.
- Nolette, Paul. 2017. "The Dual Role of State Attorneys General in American Federalism: Conflict and Cooperation in an Era of Partisan Polarization," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 47(3): 342-377.
- Nolette, Paul. 2015. "Law Enforcement as Legal Mobilization: Reforming the Pharmaceutical Industry through Government Litigation." *Law & Social Inquiry* 40(1): 123-151.
- Nolette, Paul. 2014. "State Litigation during the Obama Administration: Diverging Agendas in an Era of Polarized Politics." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 44(3): 451-474.
- Nolette, Paul. 2012. "Litigating the Public Interest in the Gilded Age: Common Law Business Regulation by Nineteenth-Century State Attorneys General." *Polity* 44(3): 373-399.
- Nolette, Paul. 2003. "Lessons Learned From South Africa's Constitutional Court: Towards a Third Way of Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights." *Michigan State Journal of International Law* 12(1): 91-119.
- Conahan, Joseph, Janine Loaisiga Ivanova, Paul Nolette, and Aram Young. 2003. "Eighteenth Survey of White Collar Crime: Securities Fraud." *American Criminal Law Review* 40(2): 1041-1107.

### **Reviews and Review Essays**

- Nolette, Paul. 2021. Review of Trump, the Administrative Presidency, and Federalism by Frank Thompson, Kenneth Wong, and Barry Rabe. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 51(4): 964-965.
- Nolette, Paul. 2017. Review of *Vaccine Court: The Law and Politics of Injury* by Anna Kirkland. *Law and Politics Book Review* 27(9): 137-140.
- Nolette, Paul. 2013. "Gubernatorial Power and the Nationalization of State Politics." *Tulsa Law Review* 49(2): 279-289 (review essay).

Nolette, Paul. 2012. Review of *Dust-Up: Asbestos Litigation and the Failure of Commonsense Policy Reform* by Jeb Barnes. *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(5): 227-231.

### **Other Publications and Public Scholarship (Non-Peer Reviewed)**

“The Opioid Litigation Has More Than 2,000 Plaintiffs. Here’s What That Means Behind the Scenes” *Washington Post* (September 21, 2019) [with Colin Provost]

“State Attorneys General Have Taken Off as a Partisan Force in National Politics,” *Washington Post* (October 23, 2017).

“Ambitious State AGs March On,” *Law & Liberty* (May 4, 2017).

“Commandeering Federalism: The Rise of Activist State Attorneys General,” *Law & Liberty* (September 5, 2016).

“State Attorneys General Challenge the EPA’s Clean Power Plan,” *Law & Liberty* (September 10, 2015).

“Generals of Regulation,” Op-ed, *Law & Liberty* (March 2015).

“State Attorneys General Are More Powerful. Is That a Problem?” *Washington Post* (the Monkey Cage) (March 2015).

“State AGs Swayed by Special Interests,” Op-ed, *National Law Journal* (December 15, 2014).

*Mischiefs of Faction*, “The Outlook for Judicial Appointments After the 2014 Midterms” (November 7, 2014).

“Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?” Op-ed, *Marquette Magazine* (October 26, 2012).

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### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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“Policy Regimes and American Political Development,” with Jeb Barnes (manuscript in progress)

“Determinants of the Global Diffusion of Constitutional Courts,” with Dongwook Kim (revise and resubmit).

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- “Federalism During the Biden Administration,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, September 2022.
- “Monitoring Corporate Compliance in American Regulatory Federalism: Evidence from State Attorneys General and Multistate Litigation,” paper presented at ComplianceNet, University of Amsterdam School of Law, Amsterdam, Netherlands (July 2022) (with Colin Provost and Elysa Dishman)
- “The Mechanics and Motivations of Settlements, Especially with Public Entities,” Panelist and presenter at the Symposium on Novel Liability Theories and the Incentives Driving Them hosted by the George Mason University Law School, Nashville, TN (October 2021)
- “Locality Litigation and Public Entity Incentives to File Lawsuits: Public Interest, Politics, Public Finance or Financial Gain?” Panelist and presenter at the Symposium on Novel Liability Theories and the Incentives Driving Them hosted by the George Mason University Law School, Nashville, TN (October 2021)
- “Federalism in a Time of Presidential Transition,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, October 2021.
- “What Explains the Worldwide Spread of American Rule of Law Assistance?” (with Dongwook Kim), paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019 (presented earlier version at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019).
- “Varieties of Legal Order: The Work of Robert Kagan,” roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, April 2018.
- “Taking Intercurrence Seriously: Policy Regimes and American Political Development,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2017 (with Jeb Barnes)
- “The American Bar Association and American Political Development,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.
- “Law, Politics, and the Progressive Shift of the American Bar Association,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2016.
- “Domestic Legal Institutions, International Actors, and the Worldwide Spread of Constitutional Courts since the Third Wave of Democratization,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2014 (with

- Dongwook Kim) (presented earlier version at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, Minneapolis, MN, May 2014).
- “Coordinated State Litigation and the Reshaping of American Federalism,” paper presented at the annual Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2014.
- “The Rise of Conservative State Litigation: Challenging ‘Obamacare’ in the Courts,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “The Politics of Pharmaceutical Lawsuits: Government Litigation as Legal Mobilization,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law & Society Association, Boston, MA, June 2013.
- “Constructing Entrepreneurial Space: The Federal Role in the Institutional Development of State Litigation,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL, January 2013.
- “The Public Face of the ‘Litigation State’: Federal Empowerment of Litigation by State Governments,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, September 2012.
- “The Newest ‘War on Drugs’: Regulating Pharmaceuticals through State Litigation,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2012.
- “Taking ‘Dynamic Federalism’ to the Courts: Multistate Litigation by State Attorneys General as National Regulation,” paper presented at the annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Hanover, NH, June 2011 (presented earlier version at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 2010).
- “Federalism without Washington: The Influence of State Attorneys General on National Policymaking,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newport, RI, April 2010.
- “State Attorneys General, Business Regulation, and the Development of the ‘Public Interest’,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 2009.
- “State Attorneys General and the Environmental Protection Agency: a Look at the Circuit Courts,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 2009.

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## ACADEMIC GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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- 2016 Elmer Plischke Award for the best publication of the year by a tenured or tenure-track faculty member of the Department of Political Science, Marquette University
- 2012 William Anderson Award for the best dissertation in the general field of federalism, intergovernmental relations, or state and local politics, American Political Science Association
- 2012 Honorable Mention from the Dissertation Prize Committee of the Law and Society Association
- 2012 Summer Faculty Fellowship Marquette University (\$5,500)
- 2007-10 Thomas P. O'Neill Fellowship, Boston College
- 2008-09 H.B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation
- 2003-04 Martin S. Thaler Memorial Scholarship in Law and Philosophy, Georgetown University Law Center
- 2003-04 Articles Editor, *American Criminal Law Review*
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## COURSES TAUGHT

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Introduction to American Politics (multiple semesters)

Introduction to American Politics, Honors Seminar (Spring 2017)

American Constitutional Law and Development (multiple semesters)

The Politics of Civil Rights and Liberties (multiple semesters)

Courts and Public Policy (Fall 2011, Spring 2015, Fall 2018)

Supreme Court Seminar (Spring 2018)

Law, Lawyers, and Society (Spring 2012, Fall 2016, Fall 2019)

Research Seminar in Law, Courts, and Constitutionalism (Fall 2012, Fall 2015)

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Department Service

*Political Science Department Chair* (January 2020-present)

*Student Advising*: Law school advisor for the political science department (2011-present); advisor to approximately 25 to 30 political science majors each semester (2011-present); nominated for an Excellence in Advising Award (Spring 2013 and Spring 2014).

*Committee Service*: Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies (2016-2019); Undergraduate Studies Committee (2014-2019); Programming Committee (2012-2019); Chair's Advisory Committee (2012, 2015-2019); Graduate Studies Committee (2012-2014); recording secretary at department meetings (2011-2014).

*Search Committees*: Public Policy (Fall 2015); Latin American Politics (Fall 2013); Human Security (Fall 2012); hiring assistance at APSA annual meeting (2011, 2013, 2015, and 2016).

*Comprehensive Exam Committees*: Luke Icenogle (Spring 2016), Anna Tomasini (Spring 2016),

Samantha Adey (Spring 2015), Shannon McLean (Spring 2014), Shana Scogin (Spring 2013).

*Events:* Organized the political science department's election night event (2012, 2014, 2016);  
Organized department law school chats (2011-2013)

### **College/University Service**

Les Aspin Center Director Search Chair (2022-2023)  
Les Aspin Center Strategic Planning Process, Co-Chair (2022-2023)  
Academic Senate, Member Elected At-Large (2017-2020)  
Harry S Truman Scholarship Liaison (2012-2019)  
Alexander Hamilton Society Advisor (2012-2016)  
Pre-Major Freshman Advising Program (2012-2014)

### **Service to the Profession**

Co-Editor, Annual Review of American Federalism, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* (2021-2024)  
Chair and Discussant, Panel on Courts & Rights in an Age of Democratic Backsliding, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada (September 2022).  
Executive Committee Member, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section of the American Political Science Association (2017-2020)  
Pritchett Award Committee Member, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2017).  
Reviewer for *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Law & Policy*, *Publius*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law*, *Labor History*, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, University Press of Kansas, and W.W. Norton & Co.  
Discussant, Panel on Populist Justice, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (September 2017).  
Chair and Discussant, Panel on Comparative Constitutionalism, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (September 2016).  
Discussant, Panel on Federalism, Leverage, and Institutional Arrangements, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August 2013).  
Chair and Discussant, Panel on Objectivity, Reason, and Judicial Review, annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Newport, RI (April 2010).

### **Community**

Discussion with Czech students concerning the Trump Administration (April 26, 2017).  
Discussion with Serbian journalists about the 2016 presidential election (November 8, 2016).  
Professional development assistance to high school and middle school instructors for the *We the People* program (spring and fall 2016).  
Judge for *We the People* high school competition (January 14, 2012; January 11, 2014; January 10, 2015, January 9, 2016, April 27-29, 2018, January 5, 2019, April 26-29, 2019, April

2022, April 2023)  
Discussion with Czech students concerning the presidential election process (April 14, 2016)  
Assistance to Wauwatosa East High School students for the *We the People* DC invitational  
(Spring 2015)  
Milwaukee JCC lecture on the Supreme Court and the 2012 Election (October 24, 2012)

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## PUBLIC LECTURES AND PANELS

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Panelist, Impeachment Event at Carroll University (November 11, 2019)  
Inaugural American Enterprise Institute-Jack Miller Center Policy Conference, Panelist,  
American Enterprise Institute, Washington D.C. (March 14-16, 2019).  
“The Constitution in Troubled Times,” Organizer and Panelist, Constitution Day Event,  
Marquette University (September 17, 2018).  
“The Trump Administration: Year One,” Panelist, Marquette University Political Science  
Department (February 2, 2018).  
“Trump and the Constitution,” Invited Panelist, Constitution Day Event, Carroll University  
(September 18, 2017).  
“State Attorneys General and the Trump Administration: Rising Intergovernmental Conflict (and  
Perhaps Some Cooperation?),” Invited Lecturer, University of Michigan (September 13,  
2017).  
“Discussing the 2016 Election,” Panelist, Marquette University Political Science Department  
(November 18, 2016).  
“One Thing Led to Another,” Invited Panelist, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs,  
Marquette University (October 4, 2016).  
“The Constitutional Legacy of Barack Obama,” Organizer and Panelist, Constitution Day  
Event, Marquette University (September 14, 2016).  
“The Rise of Conservative State Litigation,” Invited Lecturer, Faculty Roundtable, Marquette  
University Law School (November 3, 2015).  
“The University Working for Social Justice,” Invited Panelist (January 7, 2015).  
“The Tea Party and the Constitution,” Chair, Constitution Day Event, Marquette University  
(September 17, 2014).  
“How Do Citizens of Other Countries View the U.S. Constitution?” Co-Chair, Constitution Day  
Event, Marquette University (September 17, 2013).  
“Responding to Rape,” Invited Workshop Participant, Marquette University (May 28, 2013).  
“Access to Civil Justice: Re-envisioning and Reinvigorating Research,” Invited Participant,  
American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (December 7-8, 2012).  
“State Litigation as a Policymaking Institution,” Invited Lecturer, Faculty Roundtable, Marquette  
University Law School (November 13, 2012).  
“What Does it Mean to ‘Stick to the Constitution’?” Organizer and Panelist, Constitution Day  
Event, Marquette University (September 17, 2012).  
“After the Hearing, Before the Decision: Healthcare Reform, the Supreme Court, and Electoral  
Politics,” Panelist, Marquette University (April 10, 2012).  
“*Roe v. Wade* at 39,” Panelist, Marquette University (February 28, 2012).  
“State Attorneys General as National Policymakers,” Invited Lecturer, American Constitution  
Society, Marquette University Law School (November 3, 2011).



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## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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My work on state attorneys general has been featured in numerous national media venues, including *National Public Radio*, the *New York Times*, *CBS Evening News*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, the *National Law Journal*, the *Boston Globe*, *Governing Magazine*, *BBC World Service*, *Politico*, *Law360*, *Time Magazine*, and *U.S. News & World Report*, among others.

I am also a frequent guest on local media to discuss political developments in Wisconsin and nationally, including *CBS58*, *Wisconsin Public Radio*, *Wisconsin State Journal*, *Fox6*, *NBC4*, *WTMJ Radio*, *TMJ4*, and others.

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## **NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Chief Legal Counsel, Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, Massachusetts House of Representatives, Boston, MA (2005-2007)

Litigation Associate, Nelson, Kinder, Mosseau & Saturley, Manchester, NH (2004-2005)

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member of the American Political Science Association (Organized Sections: Law and Courts, Politics and History, Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations); Midwest Political Science Association; Law and Society Association

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## **REFERENCES**

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