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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Claremont McKenna College, 2025-present
Assistant Professor, Government Department

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2024-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Politics

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. 2026. "Forgetting Nothing, Learning Nothing: Constitutional Scholarship and the Political Development of the Modern Supreme Court," *Journal of American Constitutional History* 4(1): 171-186

TerBeek, Calvin. 2026. "Maladapted: Our Exhausted Constitution, Our Exhausted Governing Elites." *American Political Thought* 15(1): 107-115

TerBeek, Calvin. 2025. "After Constitutional Originalism." *American Political Thought* 14(4): 589-595

Bloch Rubin, Ruth, Gregory Elinson, and Calvin TerBeek. 2023. "Macro-Level Pluralism: Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative in the Study of Political History," in the *Oxford Handbook of Engaged Methodological Pluralism in Political Science*, edited by Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Dino Christenson, and Janet Box-Steffensmeier

Baumgardner, Paul and Calvin TerBeek. 2022. “The US Supreme Court is Not a Dahlian Court.” *Studies in American Political Development* 36(1): 148-150 (State of the Field Issue)

TerBeek, Calvin. 2021. “‘Clocks Must Always Be Turned Back’: Brown v. Board of Education and the Racial Origins of Constitutional Originalism.” *American Political Science Review* 115(3): 821-834

TerBeek, Calvin. 2021. “The Search for an Anchor: Living Constitutionalism from the Progressives to Trump.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 46(3): 860-889

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*. University of Chicago Press

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

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

➤ Princeton University Press (forthcoming)

Institutions Without Ideas: The American Constitution Society and the Failure of Legal Liberalism

➤ Finished manuscript; shopping to presses

Progressively Polarized: The Politics of the Liberal Establishment and the Democratic Party, From 1980 to Today

➤ In progress

WORKING PAPERS

“Putting the Constitution Over Party: The Modern Supreme Court, Regime Theory, and Constitutional Ideologies” (revise and resubmit)

“Periodization and Political Science: Who the Progressives Were—And Why It Still Matters” (in progress)

“Academic Myths: Robert Bork, Antonin Scalia, and the Political Development of Originalism in the 1970s and 1980s” (in progress)

Other Writings (Selected):

Amanda Hollis-Brusky and Calvin TerBeek, “The Federalist Society Says It’s Not an Advocacy Organization. These Documents Show Otherwise,” *Politico*, August 31, 2019

TerBeek, Calvin. 2015. “Dog Whistling, the Color-Blind Jurisprudential Regime and the Constitutional Politics of Race,” *Constitutional Commentary* 30(1): 167-193

SERVICE

Best Article Award Committee Member, *American Political Thought*, 2025-26

APSA: Nominations Committee for Law and Courts Section, 2021

The Innocence Project (New Orleans, Louisiana), 2002

- 270 volunteer hours
- work helped free the wrongfully convicted [Dennis Brown](#)

GRANTS & AWARDS

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

Trustees of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, \$1800

University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences, Orin Williams Fund, \$2000

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