

Calvin TerBeek

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2024-25
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, 2022

Tulane University School of Law J.D., 2005
Associate Editor, *Tulane Journal of Int'l and Comp. Law*

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee B.A., Political Science, 2001
Honors College, *magna cum laude*, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Sigma Alpha

BOOKS

Enemy Establishments: How the Hundred-Year War to Control America's Institutions Polarized Its Politics
➤ Princeton University Press (March 2027)

Progressively Polarized: The Democratic Party and the Liberal Establishment, From 1980 to Today
➤ research and data collection in process

PUBLICATIONS (PEER- AND EDITOR-REVIEWED)

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): 171-187

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

Elites.” *American Political Thought* 15(1): 107-116 (symposium on Stephen Skowronek’s *The Adaptability Paradox*)

TerBeek, Calvin. 2025. “After Constitutional Originalism.” *American Political Thought* 14(4): 589-595. (symposium on Jonathan Gienapp’s *Against Constitutional Originalism*)

Bloch Rubin, Ruth, Gregory Elinson, and Calvin TerBeek. 2023. “Macro-Level Pluralism: Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Methods 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 (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*. University of Chicago Press

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Putting the Constitution Above Party: The Modern Supreme Court, Jurisprudential Policy Alliances, and Institutional Orders”
➤ revise and resubmit

“The Constitutional Politics of Constitutional Theory: Lochner, Originalism, and the Making of Academic Orthodoxy”
➤ under review

“Institutions Without Ideas: Legal Liberalism and the Failure of the American Constitution Society”
➤ under review

“The Court the Conservative Legal Movement Made: Symbolism, Structures, and a Reassessment, 1992 to Present”
➤ manuscript complete (for peer-reviewed University of Chicago Press edited volume)

“Periodization and Political Science: A Critique of a Persistent Methodological Practice”
➤ in progress

“Constructing the New Class: Conservatives, the Professions, and the Politics of Expertise”
➤ in progress

COURSES TAUGHT

Claremont McKenna College

- Introduction to American Politics / Varieties of Polarization

University of Virginia

- American Political Thought (2x)

Trinity College

- Constitutional Law I & II / Varieties of Polarization / Introduction to American Politics

Johns Hopkins University

- American Constitutional Development (2x)

Northwestern University

- American Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- as a PhD student at the University of Chicago

SERVICE

Faculty Chapter Leader, Claremont Colleges Abundance Club, 2026-present

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

Johns Hopkins University: Faculty Officer, Pre-Law Society, 2022-23

APSA: Nominations Committee for Law and Courts Section, 2021

Innocence Project New Orleans, 2002

- helped free the wrongfully convicted [Dennis Brown](#)

GRANTS & AWARDS

Summer Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, \$3,570

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

REFERENCES

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