

# Travis Crum

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Washington University in St. Louis** 2020 — Present  
Associate Professor of Law

**University of Chicago Law School** 2018 — 2020  
Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law

## EDUCATION

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**Yale Law School, J.D., 2011**

*Yale Law Journal*, Book Reviews & Features Editor  
Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic (member 2L year; student director 3L year)  
Morris Tyler Moot Court Finalist  
Coker Fellow (Procedure)  
Draw Congress (Student Director of Online Redistricting Project)

**London School of Economics, MSc, Comparative Politics (Politics and Markets), 2007**  
English Mace Semi-Finalist (National Debate Championship)

**Johns Hopkins University, B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2006**  
Max Hochschild Award for Most Outstanding Senior in Economics  
Bloomberg Scholar (full-tuition, merit- and need-based scholarship)

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Mayer Brown LLP, Washington, D.C.** 2016 — 2018  
Associate

**Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and  
Justice (Ret.) John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court** 2014 — 2015  
Law Clerk

**U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General** 2013 — 2014  
Bristow Fellow

**Judge David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit** 2012 — 2013  
Law Clerk

**Judge Myron H. Thompson, U.S. District Court, M.D. Alabama** 2011 — 2012  
Law Clerk

<b>U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section</b> Intern	Summer 2010
<b>Hogan Lovells US LLP, Washington, D.C.</b> Summer Associate	Summer 2010
<b>U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland</b> Intern	Summer 2009
<b>Judge David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit</b> Reader and Research Assistant	2007 — 2008

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

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*The Unabridged Fifteenth Amendment* (work in progress)

[\*The Lawfulness of the Fifteenth Amendment\*](#),

97 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2022) (essay)

- Symposium on Kurt Lash’s *The Reconstruction Amendments: The Essential Documents*

[\*Deregulated Redistricting\*](#),

107 CORNELL LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2022)

[\*Reconstructing Racially Polarized Voting\*](#),

70 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 261 (2020)

[\*The Superfluous Fifteenth Amendment?\*](#),

114 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1549 (2020)

[\*The Voting Rights Act’s Secret Weapon: Pocket Trigger Litigation and Dynamic Preclearance\*](#),

119 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1992 (2010) (student note)

- Profiled in the [\*Wall Street Journal\*](#)
- Discussed in the [\*New York Times\*](#), [\*Washington Post\*](#), and [\*MSNBC\*](#)
- Effects-test bail-in proposal included in the [\*John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021\*](#)

## **SHORTER WORKS**

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*Voting under the Federal Constitution*,

OXFORD HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN ELECTION LAW (Eugene Mazo ed., forthcoming 2023)

[\*Federalizing the Voting Rights Act\*](#),

74 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW EN BANC 323 (2021) (response piece to Lisa Marshall

Manheim, *Presidential Control of Elections*, 74 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 385 (2021))

## COMMENTARY

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[\*Revising Sections 2 and 5 in the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Aug. 17, 2021)

[\*Avoiding Avoidance in Brnovich\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (July 1, 2021)

[\*Rethinking the Race or Party Question in Brnovich\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Mar. 1, 2021)

[\*The Fatal Flaw that Should Undo Amendment 3\*](#), ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH (Oct. 21, 2020)

[\*Abriding the Right to Vote in the Fifth Circuit\*](#), TAKE CARE BLOG (Sept. 15, 2020)

[\*The Voting Rights Act Should be Amended to Apply to the Federal Government\*](#), TAKE CARE BLOG (Aug. 20, 2020)

[\*The Fifteenth Amendment Goes to Guam\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (May 4, 2020)

[\*The Curious Disappearance of Shelby County\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Mar. 27, 2020)

[\*The Fifteenth Amendment and DNC v. Hobbs\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Jan. 31, 2020)

[\*Racially Polarized Voting and the Fifteenth Amendment\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Jan. 30, 2020)

[\*Originalism, Colorblindness, and the Fifteenth Amendment\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Jan. 29, 2020)

[\*The Voting Rights Act of 1869\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Jan. 28, 2020)

[\*The Fifteenth Amendment at 150\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Jan. 26, 2020)

[\*Requiem for a Lone Star Bail-in\*](#), TAKE CARE BLOG (July 25, 2019)

[\*Rucho and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (June 27, 2019) (cross-posted at [TAKE CARE BLOG](#))

[\*The Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Mar. 1, 2019) (cross-posted at [TAKE CARE BLOG](#))

[\*A Lone Star Bail-in?\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Feb. 14, 2019) (cross-posted at [TAKE CARE BLOG](#))

[\*The House Should Pass an Effects-Test Bail-in Provision\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Nov. 15, 2018) (joint symposium with [TAKE CARE BLOG](#))

[\*Raising Red Flags About Shelby County\*](#), TAKE CARE BLOG (Oct. 15, 2018)

[\*The Prospect of Bailing-in Texas: Strategic Considerations\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 17, 2018)

[\*The Prospect of Bailing-in Texas: The Constitutional Argument for Bail-in\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 16, 2018)

[\*The Prospect of Bailing-in Texas: The Statutory Argument for Bail-in\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 15, 2018)

[\*The Prospect of Bailing-in Texas: Recent Bail-in Litigation\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 14, 2018)

[\*The Prospect of Bailing-in Texas: Initial Thoughts\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (Sept. 13, 2018)

[\*An Effects-Test Pocket Trigger\*](#), ELECTION LAW BLOG (July 8, 2013)

[\*October 19-22, 2009 Military Commission Hearings\*](#), in 2 NIMJ REPORTS FROM GUANTÁNAMO 20 (2010)

[\*The OpenRedistricting Project\*](#), BALKINIZATION (Apr. 6, 2009)

## **ACADEMIC AMICUS BRIEFS**

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[\*Brnovich v. DNC\*](#), (Nos. 19-1257 & 19-1258), 2021 WL 260088

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

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### *The Unabridged Fifteenth Amendment*

- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona (Feb. 18-19, 2022) (scheduled)

### *The Lawfulness of the Fifteenth Amendment*

- Faculty Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis (Jan. 12, 2022) (scheduled)
- Symposium Contributor, *Constitutional Reconstruction: The History of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments*, Notre Dame Law School (Oct. 29, 2021)

### *Deregulated Redistricting*

- Faculty Workshop, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (Jan. 29, 2021)
- New Voices in Election Law, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 9, 2021)
- Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (Nov. 6 2020)
- Faculty Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis (Oct. 21, 2020)

### *Reconstructing Racially Polarized Voting*

- Washington University in St. Louis (Nov. 4, 2019)
- University of Illinois Law School (Oct. 22, 2019)

- Junior Scholars Colloquium, University of Chicago Law School (Sept. 24, 2019)
- Moot Camp, Yale Law School (Sept. 6, 2019)
- Work-in-Progress Workshop, University of Chicago Law School (Aug. 28, 2019)

*The Superfluous Fifteenth Amendment?*

- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 31, 2019)
- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona (Mar. 10, 2019)
- Junior Scholars Colloquium, University of Chicago Law School (Mar. 5, 2019)

Invited Commentator

- Panelist, Gephardt Institute for Civil and Community Engagement, *Redistricting St. Louis* (Dec. 6, 2021)
- Panelist, Missouri State Bar Association Annual Meeting, *Voting Rights in a Constitutional, Legal, and Historical Context* (Sept. 23, 2021)
- Panelist, Louisiana Law Review Symposium on the 15th and 19th Amendments and the 2020 Election (Mar. 5, 2021)
- Panelist, *Rucho: Renaissance of the Passive Virtues?*, Connecticut Law Review Symposium on the Political Question Doctrine (Oct. 9, 2020)
- Panelist, [\*Race, Sex, and Voting Rights: Past, Present, and Future\*](#), Washington University in St. Louis, Public Interest Law & Policy Speaker Series (Sept. 21, 2020)
- Interviewee, [\*U.S. Grant History Chat\*](#), Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (May 21, 2020)
- Discussant for Vicki Schultz’s *Rationalizing the Workplace: Title VII’s Lasting Contribution to American Society*, Workshop on Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender, University of Chicago Law School (Oct. 31, 2018)
- Speaker, *The Use of Data in Election Law*, Geometry of Redistricting Conference, University of Texas at Austin (Feb. 3, 2018)

**TECHNICAL TRAINING**

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Caliper’s Maptitude for Redistricting Software

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

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Maryland  
 District of Columbia  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and D.C. Circuits  
 U.S. Supreme Court

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