

SCOTT A. BOYKIN, M.T.S., J.D., PH.D.

Professional Experience

Clinical Assistant Professor of Business Law, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, August 2024 – present.

Professor of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia, August 2022 – August 2024.

Associate Professor of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia, August 2016 – 2022.

Interim Associate Dean, School of Liberal Arts, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia, June 2018 – July 2020.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia, August 2010 – August 2016.

Attorney, Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham, Alabama, June 2001 – July, 2010.

Attorney, Vinson & Elkins LLP, Dallas, Texas, 2000-2001.

Judicial Clerk, Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1999 – 2000.

Visiting Professor of Political Science, Department of Government, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, 1998 – 1999.

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Department of Government, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1990-1995.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, December 1993
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Examined subfields: Political Theory, American Government, and Comparative Politics.
Dissertation: “Moral Order and Collective Action: F.A. Hayek on Modern Democracy.” Chair: Jonathan Riley, D. Phil.
Master’s Thesis: “The Political Thought of F.A. Hayek: Politics, Ethics and the Prisoner’s Dilemma.” Chair: Jonathan Riley, D. Phil.

J.D., *summa cum laude*, May 1998
University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Class rank: 5 of 174.

Master of Theological Studies, Spring Hill College, August 2016.

Currently enrolled, Master of Science in Applied Economics, Georgia Southern University, degree expected 2026.

B.A., Political Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1985.

Professional Activities

Publications

Law Review Articles

“The Nondelegation Doctrine and the Administrative State: A Public Choice Approach,” *Quinnipiac Law Review*, vol. 43, no. 2 (Spring 2025): 123-66.

“The Major Questions Doctrine and the Administrative State: A Public Choice Approach,” *Mississippi Law Journal*, vol. 93, no. 4 (Spring 2024): 617-64.

“Original-Intent Originalism: A Reformulation and Defense,” *Washburn Law Journal*, vol. 60, no. 2 (Winter 2021): 245-87.

“The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and the Separation of Powers,” *University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review* 38 (2015): 33-62.

“The Commerce Clause, American Democracy, and the Affordable Care Act,” *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 10(1) (Winter 2012): 89-114.

“Constitutional Torts, Preemption Doctrine, and Alabama’s Wrongful Death Act,” 28 *Cumberland Law Review* 28 (1997-1998): 39-63.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

“Spencer and Hayek's Liberal Evolutionism and Why it Should Omit the Nation-State,” *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, vol. 24, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 385-422.

“Deriving Rights to Liberty,” *Libertarian Papers: A Journal of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, vol. 10, no. 2 (2018): 301-41.

“The Armenian Metz Yeghern, One Hundred Years Later: An ‘Unresolved’ Case of Genocide and the Development of International Norms,” *Ethnicity Studies* 15, no. 2 (2015): 78-94.

“Hayek on Spontaneous Order and Constitutional Design,” *The Independent Review* 15(1) (Summer 2010): 19-34.

Book Chapters

“Secession, International Law, and Human Rights,” in Christensen, B. (ed) *Liberty and Security in an Anarchical World Volume II: Palgrave Studies in Classical Liberalism* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024), pp. 167-190.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-67462-4_5

“Open Educational Resources and Student Engagement: The Use of In-Class Exercises to Enhance OERs in Introductory Political Science Classes,” in (with Dovile Budryte, Michael Lewkowicz, and Yohannes Gedamu), in *Open Educational Resources (OER) Pedagogy and Practices*, edited by Molly Y. Zhou, (Hershey, Pa.: IGI Global: 2019), pp. 187-209.

Bringing the Study of American Government to Life in a Diverse Classroom: Internationalization and Individualization” (with Michael Lewkowicz, Laura Young and Dovile Budryte) in *Handbook of Research on Curriculum Internationalization and the Future of Global Education*, edited by Semire Dikli, Richard Rawls and Brian Etheridge, (Hershey, Pa.: IGI Global 2018), pp. 1-17.

“Speech, Diversity, and Education: Balancing Civil Liberties and Freedom from Discrimination in Classrooms and Campus Life,” in *Engaging Difference: Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences in Multicultural Environments*, edited by Dovile Budryte and Scott Boykin (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield 2017), pp. 121-32.

“The Ethics of Secession,” in *The Political Economy of Secession: A Source Book*, edited by Jürgen G. Backhaus and Detmar Doering (Neue Zürcher Zeitung Publishing, 2004), pp. 205-218.

“The Ethics of Secession,” in *Secession, State, and Liberty*, edited by David Gordon (New Brunswick, NJ Transaction Publishers, 1998), pp. 65-78.

Books

Originalism and the Twilight of the Constitution, under peer review by SUNY Press.

Review Essay

Review Essay on *The Anatomy of Antiliberalism* by Stephen Holmes, *Reason Papers*, 19 (Fall 1994): 158-65.

Open Educational Resource Materials

Lewkowicz, Michael; Budryte, Dovile; Boykin, Scott; Young, Laura; and Gedamu, Yohannes, "Classroom Activities for OpenStax American Government" (2019). Political Science Ancillary Materials. 2.
<https://oer.galileo.usg.edu/polisci-ancillary/2>

Budryte, Dovile; Boykin, Scott; Lewkowicz, Michael; and Young, Laura, "American Government (GGC)" (2018). Political Science Grants Collections. 3.
<https://oer.galileo.usg.edu/polisci-collections/3>

In Progress

Individual, Society, and State, book manuscript.

Conference Presentations and Professional Development

“A Public Choice Model of Judicial Decision Making,” a paper presented at the American Political Science Association Virtual Research Meeting, April 10, 2025.

“On ‘Libertarian’ Administrative Law: A Public Choice Approach,” a paper presented at the American Political Science Association Virtual Research Meeting, February 20, 2024.

“The Libertarian as Conservative Anarchist,” a paper presented on September 10, 2022, at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

“A Model of Voluntary Collective Action,” a paper presented on March 20, 2021, at the Austrian Economics Research Conference, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

“Original-Intent Originalism: A Reformulation and Defense,” a paper presented on January 6, 2021, at the Annual Faculty Conference of the Federalist Society.

“A Coherent Liberal Evolutionism,” a paper presented at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, King’s College, New York, September 28, 2019.

“The Political Economy of Secession: Polarization and Liberty,” a paper presented at the Libertarian Scholars Conference, King’s College, New York, October 20 2018.

“Secession, International Law, and Human Rights,” a paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 31, 2017.

With Dovile Budryte, “Bringing the Study of American Government to Life in a Diverse Classroom: Internationalization and Personalization via Open Educational Resources,” presented at the University System of Georgia Teaching and Learning Conference, April 5, 2017.

“Jus Post Bellum: Lessons from the First World War,” presented at the conference of The Great War: A Hundred Years On, at Georgia Gwinnett College, November 6, 2014.

“Kantian Constructivism and Rights,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2014.

“On the Distinction between Objective Agent-Relative and Agent-Neutral Values,” a paper presented at the Georgetown University Philosophy Conference on Reasons and Reasoning, April 20th, 2013.

“Making Rights Work: A Principle of Optimal Equal Liberty,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12, 2012.

Federalist Society/Liberty Fund Colloquium, Hayek on Law, Legislation, and Liberty, Atlanta, Georgia, March 11-12, 2012.

“From Normative Individualism to Human Rights,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 6, 2011.

“Spencer and Hayek on Evolution and Liberalism,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, April 10, 2010.

“Hayek’s Constitutionalism,” a paper presented at the Austrian Scholars Conference, March 13, 2010.

“The Ethics of Secession,” a paper presented at the Austrian Scholars Conference, April 8, 1995.

“Classical Liberalism and Evolutionary Social Theory,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Political Science Association, March 5, 1995.

“Distribution and the Problem of Social Order,” a paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, March 18, 1993.

Courses Taught

Kennesaw State University

Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

Georgia Gwinnett College

Legal Environment of Business (BUSA 2106)
Negotiation (MGMT 4400)
Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Constitutional Law: Powers of Government
Criminal Law
Civil Procedure I
Environmental Law

Comparative Legal Systems
Legal Research and Writing
American Judicial Process
Research Methods
Public Administration
Presidency
Congress
Public Policy Process
Modern Political Theory
International Development
International Organizations
Comparative Politics
Comparative Foreign Policy
Environmental Ethics
Introduction to Political Science
American Government
World Religions (RELN 1100)

University of Alabama at Birmingham

American Judicial Process
Western Political Theory, Recent and Contemporary
Western Political Theory to the Eighteenth Century
Introduction to Political Theory
Introduction to International Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to Political Science
State and Local Government
Introduction to American Government

Service

Book Manuscript Reviewer, Palgrave-MacMillan, 2024-2025.

Staff Editor, *Atlantic Law Journal*, 2024-present.

Book Manuscript Reviewer, IGI Global, 2024-present.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *American Business Law Journal*.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of the Academy of Business Education*.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *Cosmos+Taxis*.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer, *The Journal of Libertarian Studies*.

Member, Textbook Committee, School of Accountancy, Kennesaw State University, 2026-2026.

Chair, Intellectual Property Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2024.

Member, Intellectual Property Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2021-2024.

Director, Paralegal Certification Program, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2022-2023.

Internship Coordinator, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2022-2023.

Title IX Panelist Pool member, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2017-2024.

Moot Court Coach, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2017-2023.

Member, Hiring Committee for Director of Student Integrity, 2021.

Co-director, Paralegal Certification Program, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2017-2024.

Professional Studies Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2019-2021.

New Faculty Orientation Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2018-2020.

Graduation and Retention Task Force, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2021-2022.

Grievance Officer, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2019.

Program Coordinator, Political Science, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2013 – May 2018.

Pre-law adviser, Georgia Gwinnett College, September 2011 – 2024.

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee, August 2018 – 2021.

Learning Management System Advisory Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, August 2018 – 2021.

SACS Compliance Certification Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, August 2011 – 2013.

Environmental Science Goal Team Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, Spring 2017-Spring 2018.

Faculty Adviser, The Law Society student organization, Georgia Gwinnett College, Fall 2010-2024.

Chair, Political Science Hiring Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, October 2011–May 2012; October 2016-May 2017; October 2017-2018.

Hiring Coordinators Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, October 2011 – May 2012.

Student Integrity Board, Georgia Gwinnett College, May 2011 – 2024.

Chapter Referee, *Hayek in Mind: Hayek's Philosophical Psychology* (Emerald), 2011.

Secretary, Institutional Animal Use and Care Committee, Georgia Gwinnett College, August 2010 – May, 2011.

Faculty Adviser, Young Americans for Liberty, Georgia Gwinnett College, March 2012 – 2014.

Political Science Tutor, Academic Enhancement Center, Georgia Gwinnett College, January 2011 – 2015.

Certifications

Quality Matters, Peer Reviewer Course.

Quality Matters, Applying the QM Rubric.

Affiliations

Member, Alabama Bar Association

Academy of Legal Studies in Business

Federalist Society

Awards and Grants

Outstanding Student Mentoring Award, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2017

Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) Textbook Transformation Grant, University System of Georgia Initiative, Fall 2016-Fall 2017.

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Service, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2017

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Teaching, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2012 and 2014

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Student Engagement, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2014

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Service, Georgia Gwinnett College, 2014

Institute for Humane Studies, Travel Grant, 2012, 2019

Order of the Coif, University of Alabama School of Law.

Lead Articles Editor, *Alabama Law Review*.

William G. West Scholarship, University of Alabama School of Law.

Hugo Black Scholar, University of Alabama School of Law.

James E. Morrisette Constitutional Law Award, University of Alabama School of Law.

Claude Lambe Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies.

Graduate Student Fellowship, Tulane University.