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## Education

### **University of Stirling – Scotland, UK**

Doctor of Philosophy: Law

Graduated: November 2012

Graduate Research School Representative (2008-2009).

Thesis Title: *From the Innocuous to the Evocative: How Bill Naming Manipulates and Informs the Policy Process*

Primary Thesis Supervisor: Dr Kay Goodall

External Thesis Examiner: Prof Gavin Drewry

### **George Mason University – Fairfax, VA**

Master of Arts: Criminology, Law and Society

Graduated: August of 2007, GPA 3.43/4.0,

Scholarships Awarded: Full Academic Scholarship awarded both years with a complimentary \$15,000 stipend per year.

Thesis Title: *Does Naming Matter? Evocative vs. Non-Evocative Legislative Bill Names*

### **Marymount University – Arlington, VA**

MA Forensic Psychology Program, (Fall 2004 - Spring 2005)

GPA 3.92/4.0 (Left Program after 1 year)

### **University of Missouri-Columbia**

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

Graduated: December of 2003

### **Jesuit College Preparatory – Dallas, TX**

Graduated May of 1999

## Academic Roles

### **Liverpool Hope University, Department of Law**

Lecturer in Law (Public Law) / September 2015 - current / Liverpool, United Kingdom

<http://www.hope.ac.uk/law/>

### **Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow / August 2012 – August 2015 / Taipei, Taiwan

<http://www.iias.sinica.edu.tw>

### **University of Stirling - Dept. Law (and Phil.) & Psychology Dept.**

Hourly-paid Lecturer – Dissertation Adviser / Spring of 2009 – Spring of 2011 / Scotland, UK

<http://www.law.stir.ac.uk/>

## Professional Experience

### **National Institute of Justice, US Department of Justice**

Research Assistant / September 2005 – May of 2007 / Washington, DC

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

## Justice Policy Institute

Research Assistant – Intern / November 2004 – July 2005 / Washington, DC  
<http://www.justicepolicy.org/>

## Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Court Monitor / February 2004 – July 2004 / Jefferson City, MO

## University of Missouri-Columbia Emotional Development Lab

Research Assistant / July 2003 – July 2004 / Columbia, MO

## Publication List

### Books/Edited Collections

(edited collection – under contract) Brian Christopher Jones (ed), *Critical Neighbours: The Legal and Political Significance of the Sunflower and Umbrella Movements* (Ashgate) 2017 (ISBN: 978-1-4724-8614-1) .

(monograph – under contract) *The Ascent of the Political Statute* (Springer) 2017.

(Special Editor) Focus issue on Taiwan's Sunflower Movement, (2015) 45(1) *Hong Kong Law Journal*.

### Research Articles & Essays

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, "Preliminary Warnings on 'Constitutional' Idolatry" (January 2016) *Public Law*.

(forthcoming) Brian Christopher Jones, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Legislation: Constitutional Review in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan" (2015) 23(2) *Asia Pacific Law Review*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Disparaging the Supreme Court: Is SCOTUS in Serious Trouble?" (2015) *Wisconsin Law Review Forward* 53-63.

Brian Christopher Jones & Yen-Tu Su, "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath" (2015) 45(1) *Hong Kong Law Journal* (2015).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Interpreting Acronyms & Epithets" (2014) 25 *Stanford Law & Policy Review Online* 1-8.

Brian Christopher Jones, "SCOTUS Now Bickering Over Short Titles: Time for a Congressional Bill Naming Authority" (2013) 32(1) *Yale Law & Policy Review Inter Alia* 25-33.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Manipulating Public Law Favorability: Is It Really This Easy?" (2013) 2(2) *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 511-531.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Plain Language Prospects in American Public Law: Insiders Weigh In" (2013) 9 *The Modern American* 15-33.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Don't Be Silly: Lawmakers 'Rarely' Read Legislation and Oftentimes Don't Understand It...But That's Okay" (2013) 118 *Penn State Law Review Penn Statim* 7-21.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Personalized Bills As Commemorations: A Problem For House Rules?" (2013) 46(9) *Connecticut Law Review CONNtemplations* 9-17.

Brian Christopher Jones, "One Redeeming Quality About the 112th Congress: A Focus Back on Descriptive Rather Than Evocative Short Titles" (2013) 112 *Michigan Law Review First Impressions* 1-15.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Processes, Standards and Politics: Drafting Short Titles in the Westminster Parliament, Scottish Parliament and US Congress" (2013) 25(1) *Florida Journal of International Law* 57-111.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Westminster's Impending Short Title Quandary: And How to Fix It" (April 2013) *Public Law* 223-232.

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Congressional Short Title (R)Evolution: Changing the Face of America's Public Laws" (2013) 101 *Kentucky Law Journal Online* 42-64.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Fiduciary Principles and Statutory Form In Relation to the Necessary and Proper Clause: Potential Constitutional Implications for Congressional Short Titles" (2012) 6(2) *University of St. Thomas Journal of Law & Public Policy* 347-372.

Brian Christopher Jones & Randal Shaheen, "Thought Experiment: Would U.S. Congressional Short Bill Titles Pass FTC Scrutiny?" (2012) 37(1) *Seton Hall Legislative Journal* 57-82.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Drafting Proper Short Titles: Do States Have the Answer?" (2012) 23(2) *Stanford Law & Policy Review* 455-476.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Transatlantic Perspectives On Humanised Public Law Campaigns: Personalising And Depersonalising The Legislative Process" (2012) 6(1) *Legisprudence* (currently, *The Theory and Practice of Legislation*) 57-76.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do Short Titles Matter? Surprising Insights from Westminster and Holyrood" (2012) 65(2) *Parliamentary Affairs*, 448-462.

### **Review Articles**

Brian Christopher Jones, "A Triumph of Ill-Conceived Language: The Linguistic Origins of Guantanamo's 'Rough Justice'" (2013) *Hastings Law Journal Voir Dire* 1-9.

### **Book Reviews**

Brian Christopher Jones, 'Book Review of The Case Against the Supreme Court' by Erwin Chemerinsky' (August 2015) *Journal of Law and Society* (2500 words).

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Jenkins, Jeffrey A. & Patashnik, Eric M. (Eds.), *Living Legislation: Durability, Change, and the Politics of American Lawmaking*, University of Chicago Press (2013) 23(7) *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 344-348.

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Duxbury, Neil, *Elements of Legislation*, Cambridge University Press (2013) 23(7) *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 340-343.

Brian Christopher Jones, Book Review of Solan, Lawrence M. *The Language of Statutes: Laws and Their Interpretation*, University of Chicago Press, (2011) 21(6) *The Law and Politics Book Review* 308-312.

### **Legal Blog Entries**

Brian Christopher Jones, "Britain's Other—Perhaps More Important—Anniversary" (2 Nov 2015) *International Association of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "How Far Out of Step is the United States Supreme Court? (2015) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Is Social Media a Human Right: Exploring the Scope of Internet Rights" (2014) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

### **Working Papers**

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Online Cognitive Divide: How the Law Should Respond".

Brian Christopher Jones, "Preventing a UK *Marbury*".

### **Non-Academic Media**

Brian Christopher Jones, "The Sunflower Movement: One Year On", *Taiwan Brain Trust Newsletter* (31 March 2015).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Legislatures Should Take the Lead on Gay Marriage", *The Hill – Congress Blog* (20 Jun. 2014), at <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/judicial/209958-legislatures-should-take-the-lead-on-gay-marriage>

Brian Christopher Jones, "Potential Constitutional Crisis in Taiwan Erupts Over China Trade Pact" *Huffington Post* (20 Mar. 2014), at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/potential-constitutional-\\_b\\_4997067.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/potential-constitutional-_b_4997067.html)

Brian Christopher Jones, "The USA FREEDOM Act and the Perils of Linguistic Excess", *The Hill – Congress Blog* (13 Dec. 2013), at <http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/192866-the-usa-freedom-act-and-the-perils-of-linguistic-excess>

Brian Christopher Jones, "Lawmaker Reading and Understanding of Legislation Is Highly Overvalued", *Huffington Post* (27 Nov. 2013), at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/lawmaker-reading-and-understanding\\_b\\_4312393.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/lawmaker-reading-and-understanding_b_4312393.html)

Brian Christopher Jones & Randal Shaheen, "Are Short Bill Titles A Form of Deceptive Advertising?", *Huffington Post* (24 JAN. 2013), at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/are-short-bill-titles\\_b\\_2542818.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/brian-christopher-jones/are-short-bill-titles_b_2542818.html)

## **Other Projects & Professional Assistance**

### **Law Offices of David S. Jones**

Legal Assistant (part-time) / September 2007 – August 2015 / Dallas, TX (work remotely) [www.dsllaborlaw.com](http://www.dsllaborlaw.com)

I currently assist my father's legal practice with almost everything, from writing legal briefs, to contacting clients, to organizational matters.

### **Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law & Policy; Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal**

English Editor (part-time) / July 2013 – August 2015

Articles sent to me by both journal editors primarily for English proofreading and editing.

### **Misleadinglaws.com**

Founder & Editor / January 2013 – Present

[www.misleadinglaws.com](http://www.misleadinglaws.com)

Founder and Editor of a website that chronicles misleadingly drafted laws from around the world and seeks to inform citizens, journalists, academics and others on this practice.

## Conference Papers/Posters/Talks

### **12th Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference (National Taiwan University College of Law)**

May 21-22, 2015

Talk: "Assessing the constitutionality of legislation: constitutional review in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan"

### **National University of Singapore, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law (invited speaker)**

May 14-15, 2015

Talk: "The Sunflower Movement: One Year On"

### **University of Edinburgh Constitutional Law Discussion Group (School of Law)(invited speaker)**

March 24, 2015

Talk: "Preliminary Warnings on 'Constitutional' Idolatry"

### **Discussion Forum on Taiwan's Sunflower Movement (Taipei)**

December 15, 2014

Paper: "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath"

### **Society of Legal Scholars Conference 2013 (Edinburgh)**

September 3-4, 2013

Poster: "Preventing Political and Promotional Language in Contemporary Statute Law"

### **Cumberland Lodge Conference**

July, 2009 (Windsor)

Paper: "Does Naming Matter? The Rationale Behind Evocative Bill Naming, and Its Impact on Favourability"

### **Edinburgh Law Research Conference**

May 23, 2008

Paper: "Does Naming Matter? The Rationale Behind Evocative Bill Naming, and Its Impact on Favourability"

### **Stirling Graduate Research School Conference**

April 23rd, 2008

Paper: "Does Naming Matter? How and Why Evocative Bill Naming Occurs, and Its Impact on Favourability"

## Professional Memberships

**Society of Legal Scholars  
International Society of Public Law**

Funding Attained

### **Academia Sinica, Institutum Iurisprudentiae**

Over (£10,000) pounds was provided for me to organize an international discussion forum on the Taiwan Sunflower Movement, to be held 15-16 December 2014. Scholars from the US, UK and Hong Kong will be in attendance. Additionally, all papers will be published in the HONG KONG LAW JOURNAL.

### **National Science Council (Taipei, Taiwan)**

Travel/accommodation bursary to the 2013 Society of Legal Scholars Conference in Edinburgh, UK (£1,700)

### **University of Stirling – School of Law**

Bursary (£1,500) for PhD studies (particularly for travel to Washington, D.C. for research interviews)

### **George Mason University**

Travel/accommodation bursary to the 2006 Law, Crime & Psychology Conference in Prague, Czech Republic (£1,250)

## Media Articles on My Research:

### **Decode DC (Scripps News)**

Abby Johnston. (2 February 2015) *What's the strategy behind those catchy legislation titles?* Available at <http://www.newsnet5.com/decodedc/whats-the-strategy-behind-those-catchy-legislation-titles>.

### **CQ Weekly**

Shawn Zeller. (21 July 2014) Vantage Point – *Bill Names: One the Beaten PATH* (p. 235).

### **New York Times**

Adam Liptak. (31 Dec 2013). *Laws Deserve More Than Cute Names*, (A18). Available at [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/31/us/colorful-names-for-laws.html?ref=politics&\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/31/us/colorful-names-for-laws.html?ref=politics&_r=1&)

### **CQ Weekly**

Shawn Zeller. (4 Feb 2013) Vantage Point - *A Bill By Any Other Name . . . May Become Law*, (p. 235).

### **Wall St. Journal**

Jess Bravin. (12 Jan 2011). *Congress Finds, in Passing Bills, That Names Can Never Hurt You: Thus the Acronymic PATRIOT Act; Still, a Sad End for HAPPY*, (Front page, A1). Available at <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703820904576057900030169850.html>

### **Wall St. Journal Law Blog**

Jess Bravin. (12 Jan 2011). *Like Those Catchy Names for Statutes? Here's a Man Who Doesn't*. Available at <http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2011/01/12/like-those-catchy-names-for-statutes-heres-a-man-who-doesnt/>

### **The Village Voice**

Ward Harkavy. (21 Aug 2007). *Propaganda and It's Props: PATRIOT Act, Megan's Law — a novel study of lawmakers' pet names for pet bills*, (The Village Voice Blog). Available at [http://blogs.villagevoice.com/pressclips/2007/08/propaganda\\_and.php/](http://blogs.villagevoice.com/pressclips/2007/08/propaganda_and.php/)