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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

### **University of Dundee, School of Law**

Lecturer in Law / June 2017 - current / Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/law>

Co-organiser – Dundee Law School Seminar Series

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

Lecturer in Law (Public Law) / September 2015 – June 2017 / Liverpool, United Kingdom

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

Course Leader – Foundations in Public Law (First-year)

Course Leader – Criminal Justice Process (First-year)

Course Leader – Sentencing (Third-year)

REF Committee

Staff-Student Liaison Committee

Departmental Assessment Co-ordinator

Departmental Library Co-ordinator

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

Visiting Research Fellow / June 2016 – August 2016 / Taipei, Taiwan

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

## **Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica**

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

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

My postdoctoral studies consisted of studying and writing about public law, law and public policy, law and democracy, and other issues, and engaging in comparative research on such subjects (usually with the UK and US). In addition to analysing the effects of constitutional idolatry, I also studied political and legal constitutionalism, and especially how the former could be improved in Taiwan. Also, I examined speech in contemporary democracies, and put together an international conference and edited journal collection on the Sunflower Movement.

## **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/>

Constructed, developed and taught honours (4<sup>th</sup> year) 'Law & Psychology' courses for the Law School and the Psychology Department from 2008-2010. Also, for the School of Law, I was primary supervisor on a number of fourth year undergraduate dissertations during the 2010-11 school year.

## 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**

Brian Christopher Jones (ed), *The Legal and Political Significance of the Taiwan Sunflower and Hong Kong Umbrella Movements: Critical Neighbours* (Routledge) 2017 (ISBN: 978-1-4724-8614-1).

(Guest Editor) Special Issue on Justice Antonin Scalia, *British Journal of American Legal Studies* (Spring 2017).

(monograph – under contract) *The Ascent of the Political Statute* (Springer) 2017-18.

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

### **Book Chapters**

Brian Christopher Jones & Yen-Tu Su, "Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath" in Brian Christopher Jones

(ed), *The Legal and Political Significance of the Taiwan Sunflower and Hong Kong Umbrella Movements: Critical Neighbours* (Routledge) 2017.

### Research Articles & Essays

(under review – *Legal Studies*) Brian Christopher Jones, “Constitutions and Bills of Rights: Invigorating or Placating Democracy?”

Brian Christopher Jones and Austin Sarat, “Justices as Sacred Symbols: Antonin Scalia and the Cultural Life of the Law” (2017) 6(1) *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 7-24.

Brian Christopher Jones, “The Online/Offline Cognitive Divide: Implications for Law” (2016) 13(1) *SCRIPTed* 83-94.

Brian Christopher Jones, “Disparaging the Supreme Court, Part II: Questioning Institutional Legitimacy” (2016) *Wisconsin Law Review* 239-261 (SSCI)

Brian Christopher Jones, “Preliminary Warnings on ‘Constitutional’ Idolatry” (January 2016) *Public Law* 74-92.

Brian Christopher Jones, “Assessing the Constitutionality of Legislation: Constitutional Review in Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan” (2015) 23(2) *Asia Pacific Law Review* 37-62. (SSCI)

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* 193-210. (SSCI)

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 Online* 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. (SSCI)

### **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" (2015) 42(3) *Journal of Law and Society* 464-469.

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, 'The Government's Quandary: "Great", or Ordinary, Repeal' (28 March 2017) UK Constitutional Law Association Blog.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Where do Justice Ginsburg and Justice Hale—and Judicial Independence—Go from Here?" (30 November 2016) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Did Brexit Save the HRA 1998?" (26 September 2016) *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do All Democracies Need Party Dissolution Mechanisms?" (8 June 2016) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*

Brian Christopher Jones, "Final thoughts on (a potential) Brexit: Imposing (and accepting) constraints on sovereignty" (5 June 2016), *Columbia Journal of European Law – Preliminary Reference*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Brexit, rights, and the (potential) scrapping of the HRA" (18 March 2016) *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones, "A Middle Ground for Democratic Accountability: Retention Elections for the House of Lords?" (23 December 2015) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

Brian Christopher Jones & Paolo Sandro, "The Conservatives' 2015 Fiscal Charter: A Wanting Desire for Constitutional Change" (20 Nov 2015) *Verfassungsblog*.

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?" (23 September 2015) *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*.

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

### **Working Papers**

Brian Christopher Jones and Richard Cornes, "The Explicit Cognitive Dissonance of the UK Judiciary"

Tom Gerald Daly and Brian Christopher Jones, "Saving Democracy from itself: the normative aspects of party dissolution mechanisms"

### **Non-Academic Media**

Brian Christopher Jones, "Should Hong Kong's Basic Law be scrapped and a new constitution negotiated?" *South China Morning Post* (12 May 2017), at <http://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2094057/should-hong-kongs-basic-law-be-scrapped-and-new-constitution>.

Brian Christopher Jones, "Do not turn Brexit into the UK's *Bush v Gore*", *The Conversation* (10 October 2016).

Brian Christopher Jones, "Dear America: Brexit is About Democracy, Not (Merely) Economics", *Huffington Post* (4 April 2016).

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>

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 (worked remotely)  
[www.dsilaborlaw.com](http://www.dsilaborlaw.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**

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

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

### **Bill Titles Blog (with Jess Bravin of the WSJ)**

Co-editor / January 2013 – Present

<http://billtitles.blogspot.co.uk/>

Co-editor of a blog 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

**Fellow - Higher Education Academy**

**Society of Legal Scholars**

**International Society of Public Law**

## Funding Attained

### **Society of Legal Scholars (UK)**

Small research grant to investigate aspects of the 'Great' Repeal Bill (£490)

### **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&>

### **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/)