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## Education

- Ph.D. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2016)  
Dissertation: *The Liberal Limits of Policing* (Director: A. John Simmons)
- M.A. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2014)
- J.D. University of Tennessee College of Law (2004)
- B.A. University of Arkansas, Philosophy, *magna cum laude* (2001)

## Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2016 - present)

## Government Service

- Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Headquarters, National Security Branch, Policy and Strategy Unit (April 2011 – August 2012)
- Special Agent, FBI Washington Field Office, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act squad (June 2009 – April 2011)
- Special Agent, FBI Richmond Field Office, Charlottesville Resident Agency, General Criminal squad (March 2006 – June 2009)
- Law Clerk for Judge James P. Jones, U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia (August 2004 – August 2005)

## Teaching and Research Interests

- *Areas of Specialization:* Political and Legal Philosophy, Criminal Law and Procedure (Applied Ethics)
- *Areas of Competence:* National Security and Constitutional Law (Applied Ethics), History of Philosophy

## Book

- *The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing* (Oxford University Press, 2019): There is a growing sense that many liberal states are in the midst of a shift in legal and political norms—a shift that is happening slowly and for a variety of reasons relating to security. The internet and tech booms—paving the way for new forms of electronic surveillance—predated the 9/11 attacks by several years, while the police’s vast use of secret informers and deceptive operations began well before that. On the other hand, the recent uptick in reactionary movements—movements in which the rule of law seems expendable—began many years after 9/11 and continues to this day. One way to describe this book is an examination of the moral limits on modern police practices that flow from the basic legal and political tenets of the liberal tradition. The central argument is that policing in liberal states is constrained by a liberal conception of persons coupled with particular rule of law principles. Part I consists of three chapters that constitute the book’s theoretical foundation, including an overview of the police’s law enforcement role in the liberal polity and a methodology for evaluating that role. Part II consists of three chapters that address applications of the theory, including the police’s use of informants, deceptive operations, and surveillance. The upshot is that policing in liberal societies has become illiberal in light of its response to both internal and external threats to security. The book provides an account of what it might mean to retrieve policing that is consistent with the basic tenets of liberalism and the limits imposed by those tenets.

## Journal Articles

- *The Law in Plato's Laws: A Reading of the "Classical Thesis,"* 35.1 POLIS 102-26 (2018)
- *Norms, Narratives, and Politics,* 101.2 SOUNDINGS 173-86 (2018) (interdisciplinary journal/essay published by Penn State University Press)
- *What the Epistemic Account of Vagueness Means for Legal Interpretation,* 35.1 LAW & PHILOSOPHY 29-54 (2016)
- *Legal Speech and Implicit Content in the Law,* 29.1 RATIO JURIS 3-22 (2016)
- *The Global Ethics of Helping and Harming,* 36.4 HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY 798-819 (2014)
- *Legal Ethics—Attorney Conflicts of Interest—The Effect of Screening Procedures and the Appearance of Impropriety Standard on the Vicarious Disqualification of a Law Firm,* 70 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 251-79 (2002)

## Essays and Other Publications

- *Liberalism and policing: The state we're in,* IN THE LONG RUN (University of Cambridge) (November 22, 2018) (online article on the state of policing in liberal societies), <http://www.inthelongrun.org/articles/article/liberalism-and-policing-the-state-were-in/>
- *Informants, Police, and Unconscionability,* INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND IDEAS (IAI) (November 6, 2018) (online magazine article drawing upon Chapter 4 of my book), [https://iainews.iai.tv/articles/informants-police-and-unconscionability-aid-1164?\\_ga=2.141243890.1317314432.1541506964-69421763.1538182060](https://iainews.iai.tv/articles/informants-police-and-unconscionability-aid-1164?_ga=2.141243890.1317314432.1541506964-69421763.1538182060)
- *What We Talk About When We Talk About Dignity in Policing,* 3.1 VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE BULLETIN (August 2018) (online journal article drawing upon Chapter 1 of my book), <https://www.radford.edu/content/cj-bulletin/home/august--2018--vol--3--no--2-/what-we-talk-about-when-we-talk-about-dignity-in-policing.html>
- *Are 'Orders' from the Tweeter-in-Chief Legally Enforceable?* THE CRIME REPORT (September 18, 2018) (Op-Ed examining presidential executive power, law enforcement policy, and the rule of law), <https://thecrimereport.org/2018/09/18/are-orders-from-the-tweeter-in-chief-legally-enforceable/>

## Conference Presentations

- *On the Police Role: Dignity, Public Reason, and Community Justice,* Criminal Law and Legal Theory Workshop, University of Toronto Law, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 2019 (invited)
- *The Moral Foundation of Community Policing: Public Reason and Human Rights,* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2019 (section Chair)
- *On the Police Role: Brutality, Dignity, and the Problem of the Police "Warrior,"* Radford University and Virginia Counselors Association, Southwest Virginia Chapter, "Guys in Crisis Conference," March 2019
- *Roundtable: Media Coverage by Criminologists during "Breaking News" Events: Ethics, Education, Policy Impact, and Public Safety,* American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2018 (invited)

- *Entrapment, Counterfactuals, and Police*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, February 2018
- *Big Brother and Big Data: Police Surveillance and the Law in the 21st Century*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018
- *Entrapment in the Actual (Not Counterfactual) World*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, March 2017
- *What the Epistemic Account of Vagueness Means for Legal Interpretation*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2015

### Invited Presentations

- Guest Speaker, “Confidential Human Sources and Unconscionability,” *Western Virginia Regional Jail, Speaker Series*, April 17, 2019
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Allison Kidd-Miller, U.S. Department of Justice, Commercial Litigation Branch,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, October 23, 2018
- Presentation, “The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing,” *Radford University, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences “September Series,”* September 12, 2018
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Shannon Dion, Director, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, April 19, 2018
- Discussant, “All the Queen’s Horses: The Rita Crundwell Story,” *Beta Alpha Psi*, Radford University, December 1, 2017 (providing analysis of the largest municipal fraud in U.S. history)
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Judge James P. Jones, U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia,” *Constitution Day / Prelaw Society*, Radford University, September 19, 2017
- Discussant, “Screening the Criminal World,” Radford University, September 18, 2017 (providing commentary on how criminal law and criminals are portrayed in film)
- Discussant, “Trump Forum,” *Political Science Society*, Radford University, April 5, 2017 (providing legal analysis of executive travel bans)
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with (Ret.) Chief Justice Cynthia Kinser, Supreme Court of Virginia,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, March 29, 2017
- Presentation, “The Majesty of the Law and the Flexibility of a Legal Career,” *Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity*, University of Virginia (11/2/16; 11/10/15; and 3/17/15; at Radford University on 9/26/16)
- Commentary on Christopher Freiman’s “Should States Allow Markets in Citizenship?” *Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law Colloquium*, University of Virginia, December 11, 2015 (invited)
- Colloquium Presentation, “Confidential Human Sources and Unconscionability,” University of Virginia, October 14, 2015
- Judge, “Smith Simpson Debate,” *Jefferson Literary and Debating Society / Washington Literary Society and Debating Union*, University of Virginia, March 27, 2015

## Courses Taught

- *Radford University*
  - CRJU-365: Diversity Issues in the Criminal Justice System (Summer 2019)
  - CRJU 490: The Law School Experience (Fall 2018)
  - CRJU 691: Public Policy and Criminal Justice (graduate) (Summer 2018)
  - CRJU 655: Constitutional Law and the Criminal Justice System (graduate) (Spring 2018)
  - POSC 439: Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties (Spring 2018)
  - POSC 438: Constitutional Law: Government Powers (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
  - CRJU 360: Criminal Law and Evidence (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019)
  - CRJU 233: Courts and the Criminal Process (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- *University of Virginia*
  - PHIL 1510: Legal and Moral Culpability (Summer 2016)
  - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Law (Summer 2015)
  - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Criminal Law (Spring 2015)
  - PHIL 2060: Philosophical Problems in Law (Spring 2014, TA)
  - PHIL 2770, Political Philosophy (Fall 2013, TA)

## Students Supervised

- M.A. Thesis Committee, John Burke, Department of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2019-20)
- M.A. Thesis Committee, Philip Berry, Department of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2018-19)
- M.A. Thesis Committee, Chandler Diven, Department of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2017-18)
- M.A. Thesis Committee, Samuel Carr, Department of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2017-18)
- Thesis Advisor, Ben Rudgley (Political Philosophy, Policy, & Law), University of Virginia, Spring 2016

## Academic Service

- Prelaw Advisor, Radford University (2016 – present)
- Chair, Prelaw Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee, Radford University (2016 – present)
- Student Recognition Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, Radford University (2016 – present)
- Journal manuscript reviewer, *Law and Philosophy* (2016)

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- McGlothlin Faculty Travel Grant, Radford University (2018)
- Huskey Travel Fund Award, University of Virginia (2015)
- University of Virginia Department of Philosophy Continuing Fellowship (five-year)
- Bar Admissions: Tennessee (2004), District of Columbia (2005)
- Student Materials Editor, *Tennessee Law Review* (2002)
- Cambridge University Study Abroad Program, University of Tennessee College of Law (2002)
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Arkansas (2001)
- Sturgis Study Abroad Grant (attended Oxford University), University of Arkansas (1999-2000)
- University Scholarship, University of Arkansas (1997-2001)

## Media Appearances

- Dan Spinelli, “Trump Shut Down the Government to Protect National Security. He Hurt It Instead.” *Mother Jones*, January 25, 2019 (providing commentary on the impact of the government shutdown on national security).
- “What are the limits of police power?” *Why? Philosophical Discussions about Everyday Life (Prairie Public Radio)*, December 9, 2018 (longform radio interview / podcast about my book and experience in the FBI).

- “The Latest on the Mueller Probe: Cohen, Manafort and Trump,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, November 30, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding legal and investigative developments).
- “Authorities Make Arrest In Connection With Suspicious Packages Sent To Trump Critics,” *Here and Now on NPR station WBUR 90.9*, October 26, 2018 (live radio interview for legal/investigative analysis).
- “Local author examines the philosophy of policing in our nation,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, October 10, 2018 (live interview on morning show about my book, *The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing*).
- “DC roundup: What we learned from NY Times’ big Trump tax investigation, the latest on Kavanaugh FBI probe and more,” *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 3, 2018 (live radio interview regarding FBI standards for pursuing allegations and tips).
- *WRVA Richmond NewsRadio 1140, Morning Show with John Reid*, October 2, 2018 (live radio interview regarding FBI background investigations).
- “Week in politics: Exploring the scope of FBI’s Kavanaugh inquiry,” *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 1, 2018 (live radio interview re: FBI background checks).
- “Our expert weighs in: The significance of the open seat for Supreme Court,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, September 24, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding the Supreme Court’s role and authority).
- “Week in politics: Will allegation of sexual misconduct derail Kavanaugh confirmation?” *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, September 17, 2018 (live radio interview regarding how the FBI conducts background investigations).
- *WRVA Richmond NewsRadio 1140, Morning Show with John Reid*, August 27, 2018 (live radio interview regarding constitutional power and dysfunction in the Executive Branch).
- “Our expert weighs in: Explosive day for the President's men,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, August 22, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding legal analysis of Manafort verdict / Cohen plea agreement).
- “Our expert weighs in: Insight ahead of Paul Manafort's trial,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, July 31, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding legal analysis of Manafort trial).
- *WRVA Richmond NewsRadio 1140, Morning Show with John Reid*, May 25, 2018 (live radio interview regarding the FBI’s use of a confidential human source in the 2016 Trump presidential campaign).
- Britain Eakin, “Bureau Veterans Called Up for High-Profile FBI Offices,” *Courthouse News Service*, April 13, 2018 (providing commentary on partisan attacks on the FBI and affronts to the rule of law).
- “Mark Zuckerberg's Testimony: Our Expert Weighs In,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, April 11, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding Facebook data breach and its connection to Cambridge Analytica).
- “What we should take away from Democrats' FISA Memo,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, February 26, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding release of the Democratic response to the “Nunes Memo”).
- “From Russian meddling to the focus of the FBI,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, February 19, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding indictment of Russians for conspiring to impact 2016 presidential election).
- “What a former FBI Agent has to say about the ‘Nunes Memo,’” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, February 5, 2018 (live interview on morning show regarding release of the “Nunes Memo” and potential abuse of power).
- Britain Eakin, “House Republicans Release Memo Critical of FBI in Russia Probe,” *Courthouse News Service*, February 2, 2018 (providing commentary on the legal standard for using informant information).

- *WRVA Richmond NewsRadio 1140, Morning Show with John Reid*, January 26, 2018 (live radio interview regarding legal developments in Robert Mueller’s investigation of the Trump administration).
- Stephen Loiaconi, “Trump suggests ‘Deep State Justice Dept’ jail Clinton aide over emails,” *ABC WJLA Washington, DC*, January 2, 2018 (providing commentary on the limits of executive power).
- Stephen Loiaconi, “Republicans alarmed by ‘frightening’ anti-Trump texts between FBI employees,” *ABC WJLA Washington, DC*, December 14, 2017 (providing commentary on potential FBI political bias).
- Britain Eakin, “One Agent Doesn’t Signify Bureau-Wide Bias, Justice Official Says,” *Courthouse News Service*, December 13, 2017 (providing commentary on potential political bias in FBI investigations).
- Britain Eakin, “House Committee Grills FBI Director Over Anti-Trump Bias,” *Courthouse News Service*, December 7, 2017 (providing commentary on the nature of FBI investigations).
- “A former FBI Agent gives insight on the Russia Investigation,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, December 5, 2017 (live interview on Fox morning show regarding legal analysis of Michael Flynn indictment).
- Eugene Kiely, “FactChecking Trump’s Criticism of the FBI,” *www.factcheck.org*, December 4, 2017 (providing commentary on the FBI’s interviewing practices).
- “How does a living suspect affect a terror investigation?” *CTV Your Morning*, November 3, 2017 (live interview on Canada’s nationally broadcast morning show regarding legal analysis of NYC terrorist attack on 10/31/2017).
- “Former FBI Agent Luke Hunt weighs in on Russia Probe,” *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, October 31, 2017 (live interview on Fox morning show regarding legal analysis of Robert Mueller investigation of Russia / Trump Campaign).
- “Former FBI special agent says Russia interference investigation is just beginning,” *NBC WSLR*, October 30, 2017 (recorded on-camera interview regarding legal analysis of Robert Mueller investigation of Russia / Trump Campaign).
- Tommy Simmons, “More than 90 percent of court cases end in plea agreements — here’s how they work in Weld County,” *The Greeley Tribune*, July 13, 2017 (providing commentary on plea agreements).

## References

### **A. John Simmons**

John Allen Hollingsworth Professor  
University of Virginia

### **Trenton Merricks**

Commonwealth Professor  
University of Virginia

### **Kate Hawkins**

Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs & Strategic Initiatives  
Old Dominion University

### **Sahar Akhtar**

Assistant Professor  
University of Virginia

### **James P. Jones**

U.S. District Judge  
Western District of Virginia (FISA Court 2015)  
Abingdon, VA 24210

### **James B. Lamb**

Senior Resident Agent (retired 2014)  
FBI Richmond Division  
Charlottesville Resident Agency

### **Robin F. Wynne**

Associate Justice  
Arkansas Supreme Court