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Education

- Ph.D. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2016)
- M.A. University of Virginia, Philosophy (2014)
- J.D. University of Tennessee College of Law (2004)
- B.A. University of Arkansas, Philosophy (2001)
University of Oxford, Mansfield College (visiting student, 1999-2000)

Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Jurisprudence Track, University of Alabama (2020 –)
- Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, Radford University (2019 – 2020)
- Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Radford University (2016 – 2019)

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:* Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy, Criminal Justice Ethics
- *Areas of Competence:* Criminal Law/Procedure, National Security Law, Constitutional Law

Books

- THE POLICE IDENTITY CRISIS – HERO, WARRIOR, GUARDIAN, ALGORITHM (Routledge, 2021) (forthcoming).
- THE RETRIEVAL OF LIBERALISM IN POLICING (Oxford, 2019).

Journal Articles

- *The Legitimacy and Limits of Punishing “Bad Samaritans,”* 31.2 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY (2021) (forthcoming).
- *Hobbesian Causation and Personal Identity in the History of Criminology,* 31.2 INTELLECTUAL HISTORY REVIEW (2021).
- *Does Criminal Responsibility Rest Upon a False Supposition? No.,* 13.1 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JURISPRUDENCE REVIEW 65-84 (2020).
- *The Law in Plato’s Laws: A Reading of the “Classical Thesis,”* 35.1 POLIS 102-26 (2018).
- *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

- [*The Possible World Defense: Why Our Current Legal Thinking about Entrapment is Philosophically Suspect*](#), AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION BLOG (March 21, 2019) (essay on problems with entrapment theory).
- [*Ice Cube and the philosophical foundations of community policing*](#), OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS BLOG (February 17, 2019) (essay on police legitimacy, public reason, and community policing).
- [*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).
- [*Informants, Police, and Unconscionability*](#), INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND IDEAS (IAI) (November 6, 2018) (online magazine article about philosophical problems regarding the police’s use of informants).
- [*What We Talk About When We Talk About Dignity in Policing*](#), 3.1 VIRGINIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE BULLETIN (August 2018) (online journal article about the role of dignity in policing).
- [*Are ‘Orders’ from the Tweeter-in-Chief Legally Enforceable?*](#) THE CRIME REPORT (CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice) (September 18, 2018) (Op-Ed examining presidential executive power, law enforcement policy, and the rule of law).

- *Norms, Narratives, and Politics*, 101.2 SOUNDINGS 173-86 (2018) (interdisciplinary journal/essay published by Penn State University Press).

Conference Presentations

- *Algorithms and Justice*, conference on ethical issues related to the use of algorithms in criminal justice, University of Florida, March 12, 2021 (invited)
- *The Problem of Warrior Policing*, Contemporary Challenges for Just War Theory, Temple University, March 12-13, 2021
- *The (Third-Party) Rule of Law*, Ethical and Policy Issues in Open Source Intelligence Gathering, The Center for Cyber Innovation, Mississippi State University, September 2020
- *Data, Prediction, and Value, in Policing*, Ethics and Public Policy Seminar Series, University of New Orleans, April 2020 (invited) (postponed due to COVID-19)
- *Author-meets-critics session on The Retrieval of Liberalism in Policing* (with critics Raff Donelson and Jake Monaghan; Kyle Fritz, Chair), American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, February 2020
- *Predictive Policing and the Conflation of Fact and Value in Criminology*, Southern Criminal Justice Association, Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, September 2019
- *Data, Prediction, and Value: The Police as Justice Seekers*, 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

Other Presentations

- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Don Martin, General Counsel for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and former CIA Counsel,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, September 17, 2019.
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Victoria Pearson, Virginia Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Division,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, April 18, 2019
- 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
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with Shannon Dion, Director, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, April 19, 2018
- 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
- Interviewer, “A Conversation with (Ret.) Chief Justice Cynthia Kinser, Supreme Court of Virginia,” *Prelaw Society*, Radford University, March 29, 2017
- 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

- *University of Alabama*
 - PHL 440: Seminar on Law: Legal and Philosophical Problems in Policing
 - PHL 341: Law and Morality
 - PHL 230: Political Philosophy
- *Radford University*
 - CRJU 691: Public Policy and Criminal Justice (graduate)
 - CRJU 655: Constitutional Law and the Criminal Justice System (graduate)
 - CRJU 450: Criminal Justice and The Law School Experience
 - POSC 439: Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
 - POSC 438: Constitutional Law: Government Powers
 - CRJU-365: Diversity Issues in the Criminal Justice System
 - CRJU 360: Criminal Law and Evidence
 - CRJU 233: Courts and the Criminal Process

- *University of Virginia*
 - PHIL 1510: Legal and Moral Culpability
 - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Law
 - PHIL 1510: Philosophy of Criminal Law
 - PHIL 2060: Philosophical Problems in Law (TA)
 - PHIL 2770, Political Philosophy (TA)

Academic Service

- Philosophy of Law Club, Faculty Advisor, University of Alabama (2020 – present)
- Jurisprudence Specialization, Steering Committee, University of Alabama (2020 – present)
- Prelaw Advisor, Radford University (2016 – 2020)
- Journal and book manuscript reviewer, *Oxford University Press, Law and Philosophy, The Journal of Politics*

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- McGlothlin Faculty Travel Grant, Radford University (2018)
- 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 of Arkansas, *magna cum laude* in philosophy

Public Engagement / Selected Media Appearances

- [“The Informant: On informant deals and the rule of law.”](#) *Hi-Phi Nation* (Slate podcast), Season 4, Episode 3, May 16, 2020 (Slate podcast discussing informants and the rule of law).
- [“Risks And Benefits Of Encrypted Social Media, Considering Growth Of Child Abuse Images Online.”](#) *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, October 4, 2019 (live radio interview regarding tradeoffs between privacy and criminal investigation).
- [“Our Expert Weighs In: A former FBI Agent talks about Mueller's report.”](#) *Fox WFXR Roanoke*, March 25, 2019 (TV interview on evening news providing legal analysis on Special Counsel Mueller’s report).
- [“Radford University professor has unique connection to Mueller report,”](#) *ABC 13 News Roanoke*, March 25, 2019 (TV interview about Special Counsel Mueller’s report and my experience working for Mueller in the FBI).
- [“FBI overreach? Andrew McCabe says FBI / DoJ considered reaching out to Cabinet members to invoke the 25th amendment,”](#) *AirTalk with Larry Mantle on NPR-member station KPCC, 89.3 FM*, February 14, 2019 (live radio interview regarding the FBI, the Constitution, and the rule of law).
- Isidoro Rodriguez, [“Why ‘Liberal’ Policing Shouldn’t Be a Contradiction in Terms,”](#) *The Crime Report* (CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice), February 6, 2019 (longform interview about my book and criminal justice).

- 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 re: my book and FBI experience).
- “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).
- “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).
- [American Philosophical Association Blog](#), September 21, 2018 (interview re: professional/personal life).
- “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).
- “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).

References

A. John Simmons

John Allen Hollingsworth Professor
University of Virginia

Stephen Owen

Professor of Criminal Justice
Department Chair (2013 – 2019)
Radford University

Kate Hawkins

Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs & Strategic Initiatives
Old Dominion University

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Commonwealth Professor
University of Virginia

James P. Jones

U.S. District Judge
Western District of Virginia (FISA Court 2015)
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Senior Resident Agent (retired 2014)
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