

JUSTIN BUCKLEY DYER

Curriculum Vitae

The University of Texas at Austin
Littlefield Home, Office 203
302 W. 24th St.
Austin, TX 78705
dyer@utexas.edu

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

The University of Texas at Austin

2024-present Dean, School of Civic Leadership
2025-present Rex W. Tillerson Endowed Dean's Chair
2022-present Jack G. Taylor Regents Professor
2022-present Professor of Government
2022-Present Professor of Business, Government and Society (by courtesy)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

The University of Texas at Austin

2023-2024 Interim Dean, School of Civic Leadership
2022-2024 Executive Director, Civitas Institute

University of Missouri

2015-2022 Director, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy
2014-2015 Director, Forum on Constitutional Democracy
2017-2022 Professor of Political Science
2014-2017 Associate Professor of Political Science
2009-2014 Assistant Professor of Political Science

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

2009 Ph.D., Government, The University of Texas at Austin
 Exam Fields: Public Law and Political Theory
 Dissertation: "After the Revolution: Natural Law and the Antislavery
 Constitutional Tradition" (Advisors: Gary J. Jacobsohn and Jeffrey Tulis)
2008 M.A., Government, The University of Texas at Austin

University of Oklahoma

2006 M.P.A., Public Administration, University of Oklahoma
2005 B.A., Political Science, University of Oklahoma
 Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE WORKS

Books

- Forthcoming Dyer, Justin Buckley and William M.R. Simpson, eds., *A History of Natural Law: From the Ancient World to the New Aristotelianism*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2023 Dyer, Justin Buckley and Constantine Christos Vassiliou, eds. *Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society*. University of Missouri Press.
- Reviewed in *American Political Thought*
- 2022 Cooper, Kody W. and Justin Buckley Dyer. *The Classical and Christian Origins of American Politics: Political Theology, Natural Law, and the American Founding*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reviewed in *Law & Liberty*, *First Things*, *The Federalist*, *Starting Points*, *Public Discourse*, *Journal of Christian Legal Thought*, *American Reformer*, *Christian Culture*, *Religious Studies Review*, *University Bookman*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Catholic Social Science Review* (print symposium), *Review of Politics*, *American Political Thought*
- 2018 Donald Kommers, John Finn, Gary Jacobsohn, George Thomas, and Justin Buckley Dyer. *American Constitutional Law, Vol. 1: Government Powers and Democracy*, 4th ed. St. Paul, MN: West Academic Publishing.
- 2018 Donald Kommers, John Finn, Gary Jacobsohn, George Thomas, and Justin Buckley Dyer. *American Constitutional Law, Vol. 2: Liberty, Community, and the Bill of Rights*, 4th ed. St. Paul, MN: West Academic Publishing.
- 2017 Casey, Greg and Justin Buckley Dyer. *Guide to the Missouri Constitution*. New York: W.W. Norton.
- 2016 Dyer, Justin Buckley and Micah J. Watson. *C.S. Lewis on Politics and the Natural Law*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reviewed in *New York Times*, *Law & Liberty*, *Public Discourse*, *Washington Free Beacon*, *The Federalist*, *University Bookman*, *First Things*, *Anamnesis*, *Journal of Inklings Studies*, *VII: Journal of the Marion Wade Center*, *Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Church & State*, *Review of Politics*, *Politics & Religion*, *Christianity & Literature*, *Christian Libertarian Review*, *Political Theology*, *Sehnsucht: The C.S. Lewis Journal*, *News Weekly*, *CSLewis.com*, *Icade: Revista de law Facultad de Derecho*
- 2013 Dyer, Justin Buckley. *Slavery, Abortion, and the Politics of Constitutional Meaning*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reviewed in *Choice*, *American Historical Review*, *American Political Thought*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *Washington Free Beacon*, *Law and*

Politics Book Review, Public Discourse, Tulsa Law Review, Revue Française de Science Politique

- 2012 Dyer, Justin Buckley. *Natural Law and the Antislavery Constitutional Tradition*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reviewed in *Choice, The Journal of American History, Perspectives on Politics, Law and Politics Book Review, Library of Law & Liberty, Tulsa Law Review, Claremont Review of Books, H-Net Reviews, National Review*
- 2012 Dyer, Justin Buckley, ed. *American Soul: The Contested Legacy of the Declaration of Independence*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. (Foreword by David L. Boren)

Articles, Chapters, and Review Essays

- Forthcoming Dyer, Justin Buckley and Vincent Phillip Muñoz, “Natural Law and the American Founding.” In *A History of Natural Law: From the Ancient World to the New Aristotelianism*, eds. William M.R. Simpson and Justin Buckley Dyer. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2024 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “Constitutional Aspirationalism Revisited.” In *Deciphering the Genome of Constitutionalism: The Foundations and Future of Constitutional Identity*, eds. Yaniv Roznai and Ran Hirschl. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2023 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “Harry Jaffa and the Idea that All Men Are Created Equal.” *American Political Thought* 12(2): 209-221.
- 2021 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “Bigotry, Time, and Moral Progress.” Invited essay for a book review symposium on Linda McLain’s *Who’s the Bigot? Learning from Conflicts over Marriage and Civil Rights Law* (Oxford University Press, 2020). In *Journal of Law & Religion* 36(2): 328-333.
- 2021 Dyer, Justin and Erin Hawley. “*Chiafalo v. Washington* on Faithless Electors.” In *SCOTUS 2020: Major Decisions and Developments of the US Supreme Court*. Palgrave Macmillan. Pp. 37-46.
- 2020 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “Reason, Revelation, and the Law of Nature in James Wilson’s Lectures on Law.” *American Political Thought* 9(2): 264-284.
- 2018 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “The Substance of *Dred Scott* and *Roe v. Wade*.” *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 16(2): 421-432.
- 2018 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “James Wilson, Necessary Truths, and the Foundations of Law.” *Duquesne Law Review* 56(2): 49-71.
- 2017 Cooper, Kody W. and Justin Buckley Dyer. “Thomas Jefferson, Nature’s God, and the Theological Foundations of Natural-Rights Republicanism.” *Politics & Religion* 10(3): 662-688.

- 2017 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Political Science and American Political Thought." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50(3): 784-788.
- 2017 Dyer, Justin and Micah Watson. "The Old Western Man: C.S. Lewis on Politics and Modernity." *Modern Age* 59(4): 27-35.
- 2017 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Congress, the Constitution, and Abortion." *New York University Journal of Law and Liberty* 11(1): 394-425.
- 2017 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Constitutional Confusion: Slavery, Abortion, and Substantive Constitutional Analysis." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 76(1): 33-64.
- 2015 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Lewis, Barth, and the Natural Law." *Journal of Church and State* 57(1): 1-17.
- 2013 Dyer, Justin Buckley and Kevin E. Stuart. "Public Reason and the Theological Framework of Martin Luther King's 'Letter from Birmingham City Jail.'" *Politics and Religion* 6(1): 145-163.
- 2010 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Slavery and the Magna Carta in the Development of Anglo-American Constitutionalism." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43(3): 479-482.
- 2010 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Revisiting *Dred Scott*: Prudence, Providence, and the Limits of Constitutional Statesmanship." *Perspectives on Political Science* 39(3): 166-74.
- 2009 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "After the Revolution: *Somerset* and the Antislavery Tradition in Anglo-American Constitutional Development." *Journal of Politics* 71(4): 1422-1434.
- 2009 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Lincolnian Natural Right, *Dred Scott*, and the Jurisprudence of John McLean." *Polity* 41(1): 63-85.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2016 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Natural Rights." In *American Governance*, ed. Stephen L. Schechter, 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan.
- 2016 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Slavery." In *American Governance*, ed. Stephen L. Schechter, 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan.
- 2016 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Unenumerated Rights." In *American Governance*, ed. Stephen L. Schechter, 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan.

Book Reviews

- 2025 Dyer, Justin. Review of Jack Balkin, *Memory and Authority: The Uses of History in Constitutional Interpretation* (Yale University Press). Forthcoming in *Review of Politics*.
- 2025 Dyer, Justin. "The Totalitarian Impulse." Review of Daniel Mahoney, *The Persistence of the Ideological Lie* (Encounter Books, 2025). Forthcoming in *Claremont Review of Books*.

- 2023 Dyer, Justin. "The Ground of Judgment." Review of Hadley Arkes, *Mere Natural Law: Originalism and the Anchoring Truths of the Constitution* (Regnery Gateway, 2023). In *Claremont Review of Books* 23(3): 47-8.
- 2023 Dyer, Justin. Review of Nicholas Aroney and Ian Leigh, eds., *Christianity and Constitutionalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). In *Journal of Christian Legal Thought* 13(1): 61-2.
- 2021 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Concealed Premises." Review of *Unborn Human Life and Fundamental Rights: Leading Constitutional Cases Under Scrutiny*, eds. Pilar Zambrano and William L. Saunders (Peter Lang, 2019). In *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* 34(5).
- 2021 Dyer, Justin. Review of Lee J. Strang, *Originalism's Promise: A Natural Law Account of the American Constitution* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). In *Review of Politics* 83(2): 287-289.
- 2019 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of Rafael Domingo, *God and the Secular Legal System* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). In *Politics & Religion* 12(3): 540-543.
- 2019 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of Gerard Magliocca, *The Heart of the Constitution: How the Bill of Rights Became the Bill of Rights* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). In *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 49(4): 675-677.
- 2018 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of Daniel Dreisbach, *Reading the Bible with the Founding Fathers* (New York: Oxford University Press). In *Review of Politics* 80(3): 547-550.
- 2017 Dyer, Justin. "Making Sense of the Founders: Politics, Natural Rights, and the Laws of Nature." Review of Thomas West, *The Political Theory of the American Founding: Natural Rights, Public Policy, and the Moral Conditions of Freedom* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) in *Public Discourse* (www.thepublicdiscourse.com).
- 2016 Dyer, Justin. "The Decline of Movement Conservatism and the Rise of the Alt-Right." Review of George Hawley, *Right-Wing Critics of American Conservatism* (University Press of Kansas, 2016) in *Public Discourse* (www.thepublicdiscourse.com).
- 2016 Dyer, Justin. "Nature in the Dock." Review of R.H. Helmholz, *Natural Law in Court: A History of Legal Theory in Practice* (Harvard University Press, 2015) in *Claremont Review of Books* 16(4): 31-34.
- 2015 Dyer, Justin. "Marriage License." Review of John Corvino, *What's Wrong with Homosexuality?* (Oxford University Press, 2013) and Robert R. Reilly, *Making Gay Okay: How Rationalizing Homosexual Behavior is Changing Everything* (Ignatius Press, 2014) in *Claremont Review of Books* 15(3): 53-56.
- 2014 Dyer, Justin Buckley. "Making Reparation." Review of Suzanne Guasco Cooper's *Confronting Slavery: Edward Coles and the Rise of Anti-Slavery Politics in Nineteenth-Century America* (DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2013) in *Law & Liberty* (www.lawliberty.org).

- 2014 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “41 Years Later: Why *Roe* Said What It Did.” Review of Clarke Forsythe’s *Abuse of Discretion* (Encounter Books, 2013) in the *Law & Liberty* (www.lawliberty.org)
- 2014 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of *The Evangelical Origins of the Living Constitution* by John W. Compton (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2014) in *Law and Politics Book Review* 24(5): 221-224.
- 2013 Dyer, Justin Buckley. “Truth Marching On.” Review of *American Antislavery Writings*, edited by James G. Basker (Library of America, 2012) in *Claremont Review of Books* 13(2): 51.
- 2012 Dyer, Justin. “Early Religious Freedom in America.” Review of *Endowed by Our Creator: The Birth of Religious Freedom in America* (Yale University Press, 2012) in *Public Discourse* (www.thepublicdiscourse.com).
- 2012 Dyer, Justin. “Why America Needs Social Conservatism.” Review of Jeffrey Bell, *The Case for Polarized Politics* (Encounter Books, 2012) in *Public Discourse* (www.thepublicdiscourse.com).
- 2012 Dyer, Justin. “Stripping the Constitution.” Review of Adam Freedman, *The Naked Constitution: What the Founders Said and Why It Still Matters* (Broadside Books, 2012) in *Public Discourse* (www.thepublicdiscourse.com).
- 2012 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of *Building the Judiciary: Law, Courts, and the Politics of Institutional Development* by Justin Crowe (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012) in *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(6): 303-305.
- 2011 Dyer, Justin Buckley. Review of *Constitutional Illusions and Anchoring Truths: The Touchstone of the Natural Law* by Hadley Arkes (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010) in *Law and Politics Book Review* 21(1): 1-3.

Other Writing and Media Engagement

2009 – present 50+ journalistic essays and op-eds
Numerous podcasts and interview shows

COURSES TAUGHT

American Government
C.S. Lewis’ Political Thought
Constitutional Debates
Constitutional Rights
Constitutional Structure of Power
Crisis and Constitutional Government
Judicial Behavior
Justice
Liberty, Justice, and the Common Good
Public Law
Race and the American Story
The American Constitution

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and SERVICE

Presentations and Colloquia

2009 – present Presented papers or served as a discussant/panelist at 50+ disciplinary conferences
 Attended or hosted 20+ invitational seminars, colloquia, and book workshops

Professional Service

2009 – present Served on numerous department, college, and university-wide committees

Board Service and Institutional Memberships

2024-present Member, Alliance for Civics in the Academy
 2024-present Board of Advisors, Patman Center for Civic and Political Engagement
 2023-present Academic Advisory Council, Jack Miller Center
 2020-2022 Board of Directors, Missouri Humanities Council
 2020-present Board of Scholars and Senior Fellow, James Wilson Institute for Natural Rights and the American Founding
 2019-present Editorial Board, *American Political Thought*
 2016-present Editorial Board, *Political Science Reviewer*
 2016-present Member, Heterodox Academy

Editorial Positions

2018-2022 Editor, *Starting Points* (www.startingpointsjournal.com)

Run as a joint project between the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy and the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University, *Starting Points* was a venue for accessible, semi-scholarly essays on American political thought and history. During my time as editor, *Starting Points* published over 100 essays.

2015-2022 Series Co-Editor (with Jeff Pasley), “Studies in Constitutional Democracy,” University of Missouri Press

A partnership between the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy and the University of Missouri Press, the “Studies in Constitutional Democracy” series showcases interdisciplinary scholarship that traces constitutional and democratic themes in American politics, law, society, and culture, with an eye toward the practical and theoretical implications. Titles in the series have won several awards, including the American Political Thought book award from the American Political Science Association.

Article/Monograph/Dossier Reviewer

2009-present Regularly serve as a reviewer for academic journals and presses

Regularly serve as an external reviewer for tenure cases at other universities

Student Advising

2009-present Have served as advisor for 2 PhD dissertations, 2 MA theses, and 14 senior honors theses
Have served as faculty advisor for 8 organized student groups

Invited Talks/Presentations

2009-present Have given 75+ invited lectures and presentations to universities and civic groups

Individual Recognitions and Awards

2024	Freedom and Opportunity Academic Prize, Heritage Foundation
2021	Excellence in Civics Education Award (Runner Up), Jack Miller Center
2021	Archer Fellowship at the Ashbrook Center of Ashland University
2020	Olathe South High School Athletic Department Hall of Fame Inductee
2020	Jack Miller Center Grant for the Missouri Debate Union
2017	MU Alumni Association Faculty-Alumni Award
2017	20 Under 40 – Columbia Business Times
2016	Friars Chapter of Mortar Board, Honorary Tap
2015	Kappa Alpha Theta National Top Ten Outstanding Professors Award
2015	Excellence in Education Award, MU Division of Student Affairs
2015	College of Arts & Science Faculty Fellow
2015	University of Missouri Research Council Summer Fellowship
2013	Alpha Chi Omega Outstanding Professor Award
2013	Campus Writing Program Course Development Grant
2013	Earhart Foundation Summer Research Fellowship
2013	Koch Foundation Grant for the Jefferson Book Club, co-PI with Jay Dow
2012	MU Provost's Outstanding Junior Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award
2012	Koch Foundation Grant for the Jefferson Book Club, co-PI with Jay Dow
2011	University of Missouri Research Council Summer Fellowship
2011	Koch Foundation Grant for the Jefferson Book Club, co-PI with Jay Dow
2009	University of Texas MacDonald Dissertation Fellowship
2007	Acton Institute Calihan Travel Grant
2007	Acton Institute Calihan Academic Fellowship
2006	Mary Esther Selby Saxon Award from the Oklahoma Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
2005/06	2x University of Oklahoma Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year