

TEXAS STATE VITA

I. ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

A. Name: Christopher R. Brown

Title: Associate Professor

B. Educational Background

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Thesis/Dissertation</i>
J.D.	1996	University of Texas School of Law	Law	
M.P. Aff.	1996	Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs	Master of Public Affairs	States of Exception: Endangered Species, Voting Rights, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, and the Uncertain Future of the Edwards Aquifer
B.A	1986	Northwestern University	European and American History	

C. University Experience

<i>Position</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Associate Professor	Texas State University	2013-present
Assistant Professor	Texas State University	August 2007 – 2013
Clinical Supervisor	Tulane Law School: Environmental Law Clinic	July 2003 – October 2004

D. Relevant Professional Experience

<i>Position</i>	<i>Entity</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Water Projects Attorney	National Wildlife Federation	November 2004-January 2007
Environmental Attorney II	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	July 2003-October 2004
Assistant Attorney General II	Texas Attorney General's Office	February 2000-February 2002
Natural Resources Specialist	Texas Senate Research Center	September 1998-January 2000
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Royal Furgeson	United States District Court	August 1997-July 1998

Judicial Law Clerk to the
Honorable Ann McClure
Assoc. Justice, 8th Judicial District

Texas Court of Appeals September 1996-August 1997

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

Licensed to Practice Law in Texas 1999-present
Licensed to Practice Law in Louisiana 2004-present
Licensed to Practice Law in Federal Courts 1999-present

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

POSI 4302 Legal Theories: spring 2009, spring 2010, spring 2012, spring and fall 2013, spring 2014
POSI 4361 Administrative Law: spring and fall 2009, spring 2011, fall 2012, spring 2013, spring 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015, spring 2016
POSI 4379 Independent Study: fall 2012, fall 2013, fall 2015, spring 2016
PA 5340 Public Law: fall 2007, fall 2008, summer and fall 2009, spring and fall 2010, spring and fall 2011, spring and fall 2012, spring and fall 2014, summer 2015, fall 2015, fall 2016, summer 2017, fall 2017
PA 5380A Texas Water Law and Policy: fall 2017, spring 2019, spring 2020
LS 5363 Social Legislation: fall 2010, fall 2011, fall 2012, fall 2013, fall 2014, fall 2015
LS 5350 Legal Drafting: fall 2008, spring 2015, fall 2016, spring 2017, fall 2018, fall 2019
LS 5360 Advanced Litigation: summer 2008, spring and summer 2009, spring 2010, spring and summer 2011, spring and summer 2012, spring 2014, summer 2015, spring 2015, spring 2017, summer 2017, spring 2018, spring 2020
LS 5330 Legal Theories: spring 2013
LS 5320 Legal Research: spring and fall 2008, fall 2016
LS 5341 Administrative Law: spring 2008, fall 2009, fall 2010, fall 2011, fall 2012, fall 2013, fall 2014, fall 2015, fall 2016, fall 2017, fall 2019
LS 5340 Litigation: summer 2008, fall 2009, spring 2013
LS 5388 Directed Reading and Research: spring 2012, summer 2015, spring 2019

C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations, Honors Theses, or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please Indicate):

Exit Committees for Students' Applied Research Projects in Legal Studies and in Public Administration:

2019:

Brent Bauer
Charisma Alexander
Naomi Narcisse
Lia Obermeyer

2019 continued

Alexis Guerrero
Emily Strole
Lexy Vela
Lesla Surber
Nicole Foy

2018:

Luisa Morales
Pedro Ahmed
Kevin Schultz

2017:

Tyler Blakey
Deborah Gillis-Harry
Erika Orr
Haley Nordbak
Ryan Monsevalles
Felix Romero-Gonzalez

2016:

Samantha Houston
Kelsey Rodney
Lisa Dotson
Mehgan Taack
Keisha Abrams
Ashley Stuart

2015:

Rebecca Alvarez
Justin McGath
Devan Reynolds
Elizabeth Deichmann
Desiree Hemphill

2014:

Jeremy Garrett
Aaron Diaz
Avery Krushall
Caitlyn Meade,
Jessica Schorrenberg
Remington Burklund
Rhonda Wiederstein
Bill Courtney
Sandra Serna

Julie Moore
Christina Baker

2013:

Peggy Halamicek
Hannah Ging
Yvonne Flores-Cale
Denise Drusek
Austin DeBoer
Remington Burklund
Rory Adame-Wilson
Robin Bonner
Debra Gonzales
Edith Galvan
Doris McDonald
Patty Hwang
Shanna Brown

2012:

Jeff Davis (ARP, Public Administration)
Christine Milmo (ARP, Legal Studies)

2011:

Travis A. Whetsell (ARP, Public Administration)
Charles Evers (ARP, Public Administration)
Jason Irle ARP, Public Administration)
Ashley Rendon (ARP, Public Administration)
Edward Munguia (ARP, Public Administration)
Connie Norton (ARP, Legal Studies)
Ashley Duncum (ARP, Legal Studies)
Misty Martin (ARP, Legal Studies)
Loi Taylor (ARP, Legal Studies)
Linda Turner (ARP, Legal Studies)
Allison Carter (ARP, Legal Studies)

2010:

Jennifer Carter, ARP in Public Administration
Dalyce Hooper, ARP in Legal Studies
DeAnna Curcio, ARP in Legal Studies
Stephanie Nutt, ARP in Legal Studies
Oscar Pena, ARP in Legal Studies

2009:

David Copeland, ARP in Legal Studies
James Wilson, ARP in Public Administration
Olivia Thompson, ARP in Public Administration
Carol McDonnell, ARP in Legal Studies
Nachele Groomes, ARP in Legal Studies

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

PA 5380A: Devised, proposed, and received approval for Texas Water Law and Policy. Offered fall 2017, spring 2019, spring 2020.

POSI 5378 Social Legislation: devised, proposed, and received approval for this course based on: (1) employment discrimination; (2) environmental justice; and, (3) voting rights. Offered fall 2010, fall 2011, fall 2012, fall 2013, fall 2014, fall 2015.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

d. Chapters in Books:

Brown, Christopher. A Litigious Proposal: A Citizen's Duty to Challenge Climate Change in the Courts. *Ethics, Environmental Justice, and Climate Change*. (pp. 385-457) Edward Elgar Publishing. (2015)

Brown, Christopher & Mora, S. The court system in Texas. *The State of Texas: Government, Politics and Policy* (pp. tbd). New York: McGraw-Hill. (R) (2013)

Ruger, W. & Brown, Christopher. Public policy in Texas. *The State of Texas: Government, Politics and Policy* (pp. tbd). New York: McGraw-Hill. (R) (2013)

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Brown, Christopher, "One Aquifer, Three Competing User Groups: The Protracted Legal Struggle that Gave Rise to the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board and Led the Fifth Circuit to Declare It a Special Purpose District under the Voting Rights Act." Accepted for publication December 2019; scheduled for publication in Saint Mary's Law Journal volume 51 in 2020.

Rahm, Diane, Vicki Brittain, Christopher Brown, Charles Garofalo, Nandhini Rangarajan, Patricia Shields and Hyun Yun, "Exploring the Demand for PhDs in Public Affairs and Administration," *Journal of Public Affairs Education* (vol. 21, no. 1) (February 2015).

Brown, Christopher, "Dairy Discharges: How Misguided Federal Decisions on Surface Water Quality Also Harm New Mexico's Tributary Groundwater." 42(2) *New Mexico Law Review*. (Fall 2013). (R)

Brown, Christopher, "National Pork Producers Council v. E.P.A.: Ethical Implications of Mistaken Decision that Curtailed Water Quality Enforcement Against Factory Farms." 54 *South Texas Law Review* (459, 460) (2013) (article presented at ethics symposium at South Texas College of Law)

Brown, Christopher, "Proposed CAFO Information Disclosure Rules and Their Potential to Improve Water Quality." 3 (2) *Arizona Journal of Environmental Law and Policy* (47) (University of Arizona's environmental law journal is published on-line at www.ajelp.com).

Brown, Christopher, "Uncooperative Federalism, Mistaken Textualism: The Federal Courts' Hostility Toward Pre-Discharge Regulation of Confined Animal Feeding Operations under the Clean Water Act." 30(2) *Temple Journal of Science, Technology, and the Environment* 175 (175-219) (Winter 2011). (R)

Brown, Christopher, "When the 'Plain Text' Isn't So Plain: How National Pork Producers Council Restricts the Clean Water Act's Purpose and Impairs Its Enforcement Against Factory Farms." 16(3) *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* 375 (375-428) (Fall 2011). (R)

Brown, Christopher R. & Farrar, Blake, "Gone to Texas: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, The Texas Compliance History System, and the Need for Better Regulation of Out-of-State Applicants." 42(1) *Texas Environmental Law Journal*, 1,1 (1-25) (Fall 2011). (R)

Brown, Christopher R., "A Litigious Proposal: Judicial Reasoning on Climate Change, the Current Absence of Real Federal Regulation, and the Resulting Duty of Citizens to Combat Climate Change in the Courts." 25(2) *Journal of Law and Litigation* 249, (385-458) (Winter 2010). (R)

Brown, Christopher R., and Farrar, Blake, "A Hole in the Bucket: Aspermont's Impact on Groundwater Districts and What It Says about Texas Groundwater Policy." 39(1) *Texas Environmental Law Journal*. 1,1 (1-38)(Fall 2008). (R)

b. Non-refereed Articles:

Brown, Christopher, "A New Chapter for Texas Groundwater? The Rule of Capture, Groundwater Conservation Districts, and Sipriano v. Great Spring Waters of America." *In Brief: Texas Senate Research Center* (1999).

McClure, Justice Ann Crawford and Brown, Christopher R., "Evidence Can Be Appealing: Preservation of Error In Evidentiary Appeals." 1 *Kazen's Monthly Family Law Newsletter* 157 (1997).

3. Conference Proceedings

b. Non-refereed:

South Texas College of Law: "Nineteenth Annual Law Review Ethics Symposium: Ethical Implications for the Commercial Use of Animals." Houston, Texas. November 9, 2012. (Paper to be published in South Texas Law Review Spring 2013). See invitation letter from Professor Fran Ortiz under Non-Refereed Conferences tab. (I)

6. Book Reviews:

Brown, Christopher, Review: "The Greening of the U.S. Military: Environmental Policy, National Security, and Organizational Change." Durant, Robert F. (2007). XX (10) *Armed Forces & Society: Official Journal of The Inter-University Seminar On Armed Forces And Society 1* (2008).

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

National Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education: "Green Priorities: The Need for Environmental Training in Paralegal Education." Portland, Oregon. October 27-30, 2010. See presentation notes under Non-Refereed Conferences tab.

Continuing Legal Education in Environmental Law: "Environmental Impacts of Clear Skies Initiative Rulemaking." Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2004.

5. Other Works not in Print:

b. Works "in progress"

"Insult to Injury: The Texas Supreme Court's Circular Reasoning Denies Due Process to Waco and Future Downstream Complainants in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality v. Waco." Submitted to Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal, December, 2014.

"Shelby v. Holder: The Supreme Court's Creative Adaptation of Schmitt's State of Exception to Eliminate Voting Rights Act Preclearance and Undermine Other Federal-State Relationships."

An article on the Texas legislature's history of ad hoc interference with home rule cities' efforts to protect natural resources within their city limits and extraterritorial jurisdictions. This article is the first of three that analyzes different conflicts exhibiting the same basic tension between Texas cities and the Legislature.

An article that addresses possible policy consequences from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has reached an agreement with the State of Texas to withdraw federal oversight of the Edwards Aquifer.

An article that analyzes recent Texas Supreme Court public trust doctrine decisions regarding beaches.

An article that analyzes the Endangered Species Act litigation over freshwater inflows necessary to preserve Texas estuaries for species like the Whooping Crane.

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa (Academic Honor Society)

Beta Beta Beta: (National Biological Honor Society)

National First Place Winner, Cormac McCarthy parody fiction writing contest: "Not Cormac," 1999.

Presidential Management Internship Program: accelerated honors program for federal agencies. Fall 1995.

International Parliamentary Debate Championship, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Competitor representing the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs. January 1993.

Parliamentary Debate Competition, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs. First place winner (app. 50 competitors). November 1992.

Gibbs and Ratliff Endowed Moot Court Competition, University of Texas School of Law. First place team (102 teams competing) and second place brief: October 1992.

Gibbs and Ratliff Endowed Moot Court Competition, University of Texas School of Law. Quarterfinalist team (100 teams competing). October 1991.

IV.SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:

Participant/Volunteer, fall 2012: Committee to Establish Phi Beta Kappa Hill Country Alumni Chapter and Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at Texas State University.

Faculty Advisor for Texas State Chapter of Water Aid, 2011-Present: Spring 2011- present.
See Maia Holmes letter under Service Tab.

Texas State University Symposium, “The Future of Texas Water,” October 30, 2012.

Infusing Sustainability into the Curriculum Workshop, May 18-19, 2010.

Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, August 2007 – April 2008. Extensive series of workshops meeting once a month; administered by Dr. Beth Wuest.

“A River Runs Through Us” Workshop, September 11, 2007. Presentation and tour by Andrew Sansom, Executive Director, River Systems Institute.

3. Department/School:

Organized and Publicized “Common Experience” and “Discourse in Democracy” Event with Dr. Marc A. Wallace: “Echoes of Flint: Water Quality Threats to Texas Cities.” Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Served as Chair and Gave Presentation on Groundwater Contamination in Texas: “Echoes of Flint: Water Quality Threats to Texas Cities.” Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Recruited Panelists for “Echoes of Flint: Water Quality Threats to Texas Cities”: Amy Hardberger, Licensed Geologist and Attorney, Professor of Law and Assistant Provost at St. Mary’s Law School, San Antonio, Texas; and, Jenna Walker, M.A., Program Coordinator for the Texas Stream Team at the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Texas State University

Representative: Bobcat Days. Political Science Department representative and pre-law advisor for prospective Texas State students: November 19, 2011; November 14, 2010; April 18, 2009. *See* Sherri Mora Letters under Service Tab.

Representative: with Professor Kay Hofer, Political Science Department representative to Texas State Multicultural Affairs/Impact San Marcos Juneteenth Banquet. June 11, 2011. *See* Professor Kay Hofer Letter of Support, and Juneteenth Banquet Agenda under Service Tab.

Participant: “Meet the Professors,” Department of Political Science. Fall Semester 2007. *See* Sherri Mora Letter under Service Tab.

Interviewee: “Join the Discourse Event” Taping and broadcast of “Meet the Professor” with Dr. Theodore Hindson on Future of Texas Water Policy. November 6, 2007. *See* Professor Sherri Mora’s Letter under Service Tab

Participant: “Join the Discourse Event” panelist in discussion of Central Texas Water Issues, October 24, 2007. *See* Professor Sherri Mora’s Letter under Service Tab

Member: Legal Studies Program Committee. Participate in committee meetings and decision making in program.

Member: Public Administration Program Committee. Participate in committee meetings and decision making in program.

B. Professional:

Ongoing continuing legal education participant with regard to water law, environmental law, local government law, and administrative law with the Texas Bar Association and the University of Texas School of Law, including but not limited to:

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section Texas Bar Association.

University of Texas Water Law Symposium October 31-November 1, 2012.

Texas Bar Association Conference: The Changing Face of Water Law, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2012, Spring 2010, Spring 2009, May 2008.

Texas Bar Association Conference: Litigation, Spring 2010

Texas Bar Association Conference: Suing and Defending Governmental Entities, Spring 2010
Collaborative symposium: Climate Change in Texas. Represented National Wildlife Federation. Austin, Texas: April 28- April 30th, 2008.

Texas Watershed Steward Program in Luling, Texas in August 2008.

Seminar: "Senate Bill 3: Freshwater for a Healthy San Antonio Bay." in program focusing on new state legislation to protect instream flows in Texas Rivers as well as sufficient freshwater flows to coastal estuaries. Seminar provided information crucial to current Texas water law and environmental policy. Victoria, Texas. May 2008.

Texas Bar Association

Louisiana Bar Association

Federal Bar

C. Community:

Member and volunteer, Saint James Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas.

Pro Bono legal work.

Rotary Club of Oak Hill, Austin, Texas, and Rotary International beginning in 2010.

Sierra Club, Austin, Texas Chapter 2007 – present. National Wildlife Federation 2007 – present.

Natural Resources Defense Council 2007 – present.

Volunteer, Citizens to Save Bull Creek 2010.

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