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U.S. Supreme Court scholar whose specific interests include judicial policymaking, constitutional rights and prisoners' rights

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Biography

Christopher E. Smith joined the faculty of the MSU School of Criminal Justice in 1994 after previously teaching political science at the University of Akron and the University of Connecticut-Hartford. His primary research interests are judicial policy-making, the U.S. Supreme Court, court processes, and constitutional rights in criminal justice, especially prisoners? rights. He is the author or co-author of more than 20 books, including The American System of Criminal Justice (13th ed. 2013), Constitutional Rights: Myths and Realities (2004), Law and Contemporary Corrections (2000), and Courts and the Poor (1991). He is also the author of more than 100 scholarly articles that have been published in such journals as Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law, Criminal Justice Studies, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Justice System Journal, and Boston University Public Interest Law Journal.

Areas of Expertise

Prisoners' Rights, US Supreme Court, Constitutional Rights

Affiliations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Political Science Association, American Society of Criminology, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

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Education

University of Conneticut
Ph. D. Political Science

University of Tennessee
J.D. Law

University of Bristol
M. Sc. Social Sciences/Sociology

Harvard University
A.B. Government

Accomplishments

MSU College of Social Science Outstanding Teaching Award
2012

MSU Nominee for National CASE Professor of the Year Competition
2004, 2014

Outstanding Professor Award ,(presented by Alpha Phi Sigma, MSU chapter of the criminal justice honor society)
1995 - 1996

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