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Jamal Greene is a constitutional law expert whose scholarship focuses on the structure of legal and constitutional argument. He teaches constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, the law of the political process, First Amendment, and federal courts.

Greene is the author of the book, *How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights is Tearing America Apart* (HMH, March 2021). He is also the author of numerous law review articles and has written in-depth about the Supreme Court, constitutional rights adjudication, and the constitutional theory of originalism, including “Rights as Trumps?” (*Harvard Law Review* foreword for the 2017–2018 Supreme Court term), “Rule Originalism” (*Columbia Law Review*, 2016), and “The Anticanon” (*Harvard Law Review*, 2011), an examination of Supreme Court cases now considered examples of weak constitutional analysis, such as *Dred Scott v. Sandford* and *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

During the 2018–2019 academic year, Greene served as senior visiting scholar at the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, where he commissioned and oversaw new scholarly research relating to free speech and new communications platforms. He has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School and has served as Columbia Law’s Vice Dean for Intellectual Life. He currently serves as co-chair of the Oversight Board, an independent body set up to review content moderation decisions on Facebook and Instagram.

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Prior to joining Columbia Law in 2008, Greene was the Alexander Fellow at New York University School of Law. He served as a law clerk to Judge Guido Calabresi on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and for Justice [John Paul Stevens](#) on the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Law Institute and sits on the Board of Academic Advisors of the American Constitution Society.