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Award-winning political scientist and educator Cornell Clayton is a leading authority on Washington state politics, American government, judicial politics, political polarization, and civil discourse. Since 2008, he has directed WSU's Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, which provides public affairs education, fosters student engagement in public service, and supports scholarly research on public policy and political institutions in a non-partisan, cross-disciplinary setting.

Clayton's extensive studies of democratic political institutions, constitutional law, and civility deeply inform his teaching at WSU and abroad and have led to eight authored, coauthored, or edited books and numerous publications in top academic journals.

He twice received the American Judicature Award from the American Political Science Association for his research in judicial politics, and his work has been translated and republished in five languages. He is a frequent political commentator for local and national news media and has been a visiting fellow and lecturer at universities and institutes across Europe.

In 2019, while serving as the Thomas S. Foley distinguished professor in government at WSU (2014–2020), he was recommended by the Slovak Fulbright Council and invited by Comenius University in Bratislava to serve a semester in residence as a Fulbright senior specialist.

Clayton is a past president of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association and past chair of the Law and Court Section of the American Political Association. He also served eight years as coeditor of *Political Research Quarterly*, the journal of the Western Political Science Association.



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