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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Ohio State University, Political Science, June 2006.

M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, Political Science, August 2001.

B.A. Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD; Government & International Affairs, May 1998.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2009-Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2006-2009.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics: Courts and judicial politics, judicial decision making, the Supreme Court, inter-branch interactions, the politics of judicial appointments, constitutional law; public opinion, political behavior, political psychology, institutional evaluation; legislative politics.

Political Methodology: Maximum likelihood models, multilevel (hierarchical) modeling, event history (duration) modeling, models for panel & time-series cross-sectional data, Bayesian data analysis, structural equation modeling, experimental methods.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

N.d. "On the Ideological Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy in the Mass Public," with Christopher D. Johnston. *American Journal of Political Science* (Forthcoming).

2012. "Political Justice? Perceptions of Politicization and Public Preferences Toward the Supreme Court Appointment Process," with Christopher D. Johnston. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76(1):105-16.

2011. "Politics at the Checkout Line: Explaining Political Consumerism in the U.S.," with Benjamin J. Newman. *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4):803-17.

2011. "The Dynamic Properties of Individual-Level Party Identification in the United States," with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Corwin D. Smidt, and Renee M. Smith. *Electoral Studies* 30:210-22.

2011. "Choices in Context: How Case-Level Factors Shape the Magnitude of Ideological Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 39(1):142-75.

2010. "Sensationalism and Sobriety: Differential Media Exposure and Attitudes Toward American Courts," with Christopher D. Johnston. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 74(2):260-85.
2009. "The Constraining Capacity of Legal Doctrine on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 103(3):474-95.
2009. "Explaining Processes of Institutional Opinion Leadership," with Diana C. Mutz. *Journal of Politics* 71(1):249-61.
2008. "Sounding the Fire Alarm: The Role of Interest Groups in the Lower Court Confirmation Process," with Nancy Scherer and Amy Steigerwalt. *Journal of Politics* 70(4):1026-39.
2005. "The Incidence and Timing of PAC Contributions to Incumbent U.S. House Members, 1993-94," with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Peter M. Radcliffe. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30(November):549-79.
2005. "On Being a Lone Dissenter," with Donald Granberg. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 35:1849-58.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2010. "Top-Down and Bottom-Up Models of Judicial Reasoning." In *The Psychology of Judicial Decision Making*, David Klein and Gregory Mitchell, eds. Oxford University Press.
2005. "Ambivalence Toward American Political Institutions: Sources and Consequences," with Kathleen M. McGraw. In *Ambivalence and the Structure of Political Opinion*, eds. Stephen C. Craig and Michael D. Martinez. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2010. Book review of *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy* (Edited by Nathaniel Persily, Jack Citrin, and Patrick J. Egan). *Perspectives on Politics* 8:960-61.
2008. Book review of *Trial Courts as Organizations* (by Brian J. Ostrom, Charles W. Ostrom, Roger A. Hanson, and Matthew Kleiman). *Perspectives on Politics* 6:391-92.
2004. "Chevron, U.S.A. v. Natural Resources Defense Council" and "Citizens to Preserve Overton Park v. Volpe." In *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, ed. David Schultz. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

GRANTS

National Science Foundation Grant (SES #1123701), "The Constraining Capacity of Law on the U.S. Supreme Court." September 2011 – August 2013 (\$110,713).

Policy Research Scholar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP), George Washington University, 2010-2011 (\$10,000).

University Facilitating Fund Award Recipient, George Washington University, 2010-2011 (\$11,242).

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES #0519773), with Lawrence Baum. August 2005 – June 2006 (\$9,688).

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Dissertation in the past year, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2006.

Presidential Fellowship (recognizing outstanding scholarly accomplishment for students entering the final phase of their dissertation research), Ohio State University, July 2005 – June 2006.

Methods Fellow, *Program in Statistics and Methodology* (PRISM), Ohio State University; Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Director; June 2003 – June 2004.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW / WORK IN PROGRESS

Judicial Politics and Decision Making

The Constraining Capacity of Law on the U.S. Supreme Court. Longer-term book project.

- Supported by NSF grant SES-1123701 (\$110,713).

“Is Legal Change Revolutionary or Evolutionary? Legal Dynamics in Free Expression Law on U.S. Supreme Court,” with Andrew O’Geen. *In preparation for manuscript submission*

“On the Impact of the Solicitor General on Supreme Court Decision Making: Distinguishing Influence, Constraint, and Polarization.” *In preparation for manuscript submission*

“Assessing the Stability of the Rule of Four on the U.S. Supreme Court,” with Rene Lindstaedt. *In preparation for manuscript submission*

“Modeling Circuit Effects on the U.S. Courts of Appeals,” with Chad Westerland. *Work in progress*
The Normative Implications of Empirical Research in Law and Courts, with Chris W. Bonneau. (The goal is to hold a mini-conference on the topic and then produce an edited volume.)

Public Perceptions of the U.S. Supreme Court

“Legal Elites and Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court: Is the Supreme Court a ‘Political’ Institution?” with Christopher D. Johnston. *Work in progress*

Political Behavior and Public Opinion

“Citizen Perceptions of Tax Expenditures and Their Costs: Evidence From a Survey Experiment,” with Jake Haselswerdt. *Work in progress*

“How Firm a Foundation? Dynamics in Partisanship Over the Campaign,” with Corwin D. Smidt and Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier. *In preparation for journal submission*

Political Methodology

“Beyond ‘Fixed versus Random Effects’: A Framework for Improving Substantive and Statistical Analysis of Panel, TSCS, and Multilevel Data.” *Work in progress*

“Substantive and Statistical Issues Accompanying Time-Varying Data in Duration Modeling.” *Work in progress.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

2012. "On the Impact of the Solicitor General in the Supreme Court: Distinguishing Influence, Constraint, and Polarization." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2011. "Assessing the Impact of the Solicitor General in the Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2011. "Assessing the Stability of the Rule of Four on the U.S. Supreme Court," with Rene Lindstaedt. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2011. "Is Legal Change Revolutionary or Evolutionary? Legal Dynamics in Free Expression Law on U.S. Supreme Court," with Andrew O'Geen. Emory Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking.

2010. "Uniter *and* Divider? The Solicitor General as a Constraining and Polarizing Force in the U.S. Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2009. "Modeling Circuit Effects on the U.S. Courts of Appeals," with Chad Westerland. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2009. "Is Legal Change Revolutionary or Evolutionary? Legal Dynamics on the U.S. Supreme Court," with Andrew O'Geen. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2009. "Partisan Polarization in Attitudes Toward Executive Power: Comparing the Mass Public with Executive and Congressional Elites," with Christopher Parker. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2008 "How Should Supreme Court Selection Processes be Conducted? Comparing Normative Beliefs of the Mass Public and Legal Elites," with Christopher D. Johnston. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2008. "Is Legal Change Revolutionary or Evolutionary? The Foundations and Consequences of Jurisprudential Regimes in Supreme Court Decision Making," with Andrew O'Geen. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2008. "Beyond 'Fixed versus Random Effects': A Unified Solution to Cluster Confounding in Multilevel, Panel, and TSCS Data." Political Methodology Summer Conference.

2008. "Explaining Elite-Mass Differences in Evaluations of the U.S. Supreme Court," with Christopher D. Johnston. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

2008. "Assessing the Stability of the Rule of Four on the U.S. Supreme Court," with Rene Lindstaedt. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

2007. "Sounding the Fire Alarm: The Role of Interest Groups in the Lower Court Confirmation Process," with Nancy Scherer and Amy Steigerwalt. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

2007. “Issues Accompanying Time-Varying Data in Duration Modeling, With An Empirical Application to the Overruling of Supreme Court Precedent.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2007. “On the Conceptualization and Specification of External Constraints in Supreme Court Decision Making.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2012. Roundtable Participant, “The Contributions of Psychology to Judicial Behavior Research.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2011. Chair and Discussant, “Judicial Politics Without (Subfield) Borders.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2010. Chair and Discussant, “Quantitative Approaches to Analyzing Legal Phenomena.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2008. Chair and Discussant, “The Strategic Dynamics of Consensus and Struggle in Courts.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2007. Chair, “Author Meets Critics: Lawrence Baum’s *Judges and Their Audiences*.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2007. Conference Participant, “Exploring the Judicial Mind: A Workshop on Psychology and Judicial Decision Making.” University of Virginia, March 30-31, 2007.

2006. Chair and Discussant, “Analyzing Duration/Count/Time Series Data.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2006. Discussant, “Modeling and Measurement Issues in Judicial Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2006. Discussant, “High Courts in Comparative Perspective.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2012. “On the Impact of the Solicitor General in the U.S. Supreme Court: Distinguishing Influence, Constraint, and Polarization.” University of Pittsburgh. March 30.

2011. “Multilevel Modeling Workshop,” Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research (Mark Peffley, Director), University of Kentucky. May 23-25.

2010. “On the Ideological Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy in the American Public.” MIT American Politics Conference.

2010. “Awareness, Ideology, and Public Perceptions of the U.S. Supreme Court.” Temple University Law School, Seminar in Law and Human Behavior.

2008. "Top-Down and Bottom-Up Models of Judicial Reasoning, With a Theoretical Application to the U.S. Supreme Court." Binghamton University, Department of Political Science.

2007. "Issues Accompanying Time-Varying Data in Duration Modeling, With An Empirical Application to the Overruling of Supreme Court Precedent." Columbia University, Seminar in Quantitative Political Science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate courses: (1) Introduction to American Government (Stony Brook), (2) Supreme Court Decision Making (Stony Brook & GW), (3) Con Law: Civil Liberties and Rights (Stony Brook), (4) Judicial Politics (Ohio State), and (5) Techniques in Political Analysis / Intro to Research Methods (Ohio State & GW).

Graduate courses: (1) Linear Regression (Stony Brook and GW), (2) Multilevel Modeling (Stony Brook and GW), (3) Law, Politics, and Society (Stony Brook and GW), and (4) Longitudinal Data Analysis (GW).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Editor, *Journal of Law and Courts* (journal of the APSA's Law and Courts Section), 2011-present.

Chair of the Law and Courts Division, Program Committee for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2011 "Best Article in the *American Journal of Political Science* Award," Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2011 "Best Conference Paper Award," Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Chair of the Judicial Politics Division, Program Committee for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2008 "Robert H. Durr Award" for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem. Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2007 CQ Press Award for best paper on law and courts by a graduate student. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Referee/reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Judicature*, *Law & Society Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Policy*, *PS*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Cengage, Sage, the National Science Foundation (Sections: Law and Social Sciences; Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics)

Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section of the APSA, Political Methodology Section of the APSA.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Methods Comprehensive Exams Committee, George Washington University, 2009-present.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2006-2009.

Dissertation Committee member for Maxwell Mak, Naser Javaid, Andrew O'Geen, Christopher Parker (all at Stony Brook), Maeve Carey (GW), and Jake Haselswerdt (GW).