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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Texas. 2007-present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Houston. 2005-2007.

Adjunct Research Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center. 2006-2007.

Instructor of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2004-2005.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University (S.U.N.Y.). 2005.

ICPSR Summer Program. University of Michigan (Class: Advanced M.L.E.). 2003.

M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University (S.U.N.Y.). 2003.

B.S. Political Science, University of Scranton. 2000.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Friends of the Supreme Court: Interest Groups and Judicial Decision Making. 2008. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2010. *Political Research Quarterly* 63(X): forthcoming.

“Friends of the Circuits: Interest Group Influence on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 2010. *Social Science Quarterly* 91(X): forthcoming. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

- “Gender, Critical Mass, and Judicial Decision-Making.” 2010. *Law & Policy* 32(X): forthcoming. (with Kenneth L. Manning and Robert A. Carp).
- “Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2009. *American Politics Research* 37(4): 670-699. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).
- “The Consistency of Judicial Choice.” 2008. *Journal of Politics* 70(3): 861-873.
- “International Conflicts and Decision Making on the Federal District Courts.” 2008. *Justice System Journal* 29(2): 121-144. (with Daniel A. Norton, Kenneth L. Manning, and Robert A. Carp).
- “The Solicitor General’s Amicus Curiae Strategies in the Supreme Court.” 2008. *American Politics Research* 36(3): 382-415. (with Chris Nicholson).
- “Amici Curiae and Dissensus on the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2008. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 5(1): 143-170.
- “Towards an Integrated Model of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Federalism Decision Making.” 2007. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 37(4): 505-531.
- “Interest Group Participation, Competition, and Conflict in the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2007. *Law & Social Inquiry* 32(4): 955-984. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).
- “Lobbyists before the U.S. Supreme Court: Investigating the Influence of Amicus Curiae Briefs.” 2007. *Political Research Quarterly* 60(1): 55-70.
- “Friends of the Court: Examining the Influence of Amicus Curiae Participation in U.S. Supreme Court Litigation.” 2004. *Law & Society Review* 38(4): 807-832.
- “Variable Voting Behavior on the Supreme Court: A Preliminary Analysis and Research Framework.” 2004. *Justice System Journal* 25(1): 57-74.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- “Environmental Enforcement in Dire Straits: “There is No Protection for Nothing and No Data for Free.”” 2009. *Notre Dame Law Review* 85(1): forthcoming. (with Victor B. Flatt).

SHORT ESSAY PUBLICATIONS

- “Transforming the United States Courts of Appeals Databases in Stata.” 2008. *Law & Courts* 18(1): 19-22.
- “Transforming the Original U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Database: An Alternative Approach for use with Stata.” 2006. *Law & Courts* 16(1): 22-24.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Trial Courts as Organizations* by Brian J. Ostrom, Charles W. Ostrom, Jr., Roger A. Hanson, and Matthew Kleiman. 2008. *Law & Society Review* 42(3): 694-696.
- Courtiers of the Marble Palace: The Rise and Influence of the Supreme Court Law Clerk* by Todd C. Peppers; and *Sorcerers’ Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court* by Artemus Ward and David L. Weiden. 2008. *Justice System Journal* 29(1): 117-120.

The Judicial Branch of Federal Government: People, Process, and Politics edited by Charles L. Zelden. 2007. *Law & Politics Book Review* 17(12): 901-903.

Law as a Means to an End: Threat to the Rule of Law by Brian Z. Tamanaha. 2007. *Law & Politics Book Review* 17(2): 181-184.

Congressional Participation as Amicus Curiae Before the U.S. Supreme Court by Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan. 2005. *Law & Politics Book Review* 15(10): 933-936.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

“Lower Court Influence on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content.” (with Bryan Calvin and Pamela C. Corley).

“On the Relationship between Public Opinion and Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” (with Bryan Calvin and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

“The Small Group Context: Designated District Court Judges in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” (with Wendy L. Martinek).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Interest Group Participation in the United States Supreme Court.”

“Amicus Participation in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” (with Wendy L. Martinek).

“Voting Variability: Temporary and Regular Newcomers on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” (with Raymond V. Carman, Jr. and Wendy L. Martinek).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book on law and courts written by a political scientist. Awarded by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2009.

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship from the University of North Texas, \$5,000. 2009.

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship from the University of North Texas, \$5,000. 2008.

Faculty Research Initiation Grant from the University of North Texas, \$5,000. 2008.

Tenneco Lecture Series Grant from the University of Houston Public History Program to support a speaker series on the empirical study of the law, \$2,600. 2006-2007.

Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Award for the Most Distinguished Dissertation in the Social Sciences defended between July 2004 and June 2006. 2006.

Artinian Travel Award from the Southern Political Science Association, \$250. 2006.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$8,346 (SES Grant Number 0350416). 2004-2005.

Congressional Quarterly Press Award for the best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. Awarded by the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association. 2003. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).

Clifford C. Clogg scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods. 2003.

Congressional Quarterly Press Award for the best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. Awarded by the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association. 2002.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Paper. "Lower Court Influence on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2009. (with Bryan Calvin and Pamela C. Corley).

Paper. "On the Relationship between Public Opinion and Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009. (with Bryan Calvin and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Author. "Authors Meet Critics: *Answering the Call of the Court: How Justices and Litigants Set the Supreme Court Agenda* by Vanessa A. Baird; and *Friends of the Supreme Court: Interest Groups and Judicial Decision Making* by Paul M. Collins, Jr." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009.

Chair. "Courts and Policy Implementation." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009.

Paper. "Friends of the Circuits: Interest Group Influence on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts. 2008. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. "Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2008.

Chair and Discussant. "Cognition, Meaning, and Decision-Making." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2008.

Paper. "Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).

Paper. "Voting Variability: Temporary and Regular Newcomers on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008. (with Raymond V. Carman, Jr. and Wendy L. Martinek).

Chair and Discussant. "Before the Justices Decide: Access to the U.S. Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008.

Paper. "Selecting Influence? The Solicitor General and the Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2007. (with Chris Nicholson).

Chair and Discussant. "Responding to Principals and Precedents." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2007.

Paper. "The Small Group Context: Designated District Court Judges in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2007. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Chair. "Authors Meet Critics: *Strategic Behavior and Policy Choice on the U.S. Supreme Court* by Thomas H. Hammond, Chris W. Bonneau, and Reginald S. Sheehan; and *The Politics of Precedent on the U.S. Supreme*

Court by Thomas G. Hansford and James F. Spriggs II.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2007.

Paper. “Towards an Integrated Model of the Supreme Court’s Federalism Decision Making.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2006.

Discussant. “Lower Federal and Other Courts.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2006.

Paper. “Interest Group Influence on the Supreme Court: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2006.

Chair and Discussant. “Courts and Interests.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2006.

Paper. “The Consistency of Judicial Choice.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2005.

Paper. “Mobilizing Dissensus on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara, New York. 2005.

Chair and Discussant. “Rights and the Rule of Law.” Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara, New York. 2005.

Paper. “The Solicitor General’s Amicus Curiae Strategies in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2005.

Paper. “Friends of the Supreme Court: Examining the Influence of Interest Groups in the U.S. Supreme Court’s Free Expression Jurisprudence.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2004.

Paper. “U.S. Conflict Behavior and Supreme Court Decision Making: An Empirical Analysis of the Crisis Thesis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Binghamton, New York. 2004. (with Daniel A. Norton).

Paper. “Interest Group Participation and Judicial Decision Making: Examining the Influence of Amicus Curiae Participation in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2004.

Paper. “Friends of the Supreme Court: Amicus Curiae and Judicial Decision Making.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2003.

Paper. “Interest Group Participation as a Strategic Tool.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, Colorado. 2003. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. “The Strategic Use of Interest Groups: The Case of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Lower Federal Court Appointments.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia. 2002. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. “Organized Interests in the Supreme Court: Gauging the Effectiveness of Amicus Curiae Participation.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2002.

Paper. "Amicus by the Numbers: Examining the Effectiveness of the Amicus Curiae Brief in the United States Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2001.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Interest Group Participation in the United States Supreme Court." Presented at the Symposium on the Role of Interveners in Public Interest Litigation, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Canada. 2009.

"Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Workshop on Law, Economics, and Politics, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas. 2009.

"Empirical Legal Studies." Presented at the University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas. 2006.

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

RESEARCH

Judicial Politics and Behavior: judicial behavior and decision making, interest group participation, legal argumentation and persuasion, litigant success, measurement issues in judicial politics, psychology of judging, selection of judges.

Interest Groups: effectiveness, goals, strategies.

American Politics: intergovernmental relations and federalism.

TEACHING

Legal Studies: constitutional law, empirical legal studies, judicial process, judicial politics and behavior, law and society.

American Politics: American political institutions, interest groups.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Consultant, AARP Foundation Litigation, Washington, D.C., 2007-2008.

Consultant, The Constitution Project, Washington, D.C., 2003.

Trial preparation and deposition review, *Cerrone v. Cahill*, 84 F. Supp. 2d 330 (NDNY 2000), for Hinman, Straub, P.C., 2001.

Data Analyst, Office of the Majority Counsel, Albany County Legislature, 2000.

CLASSES TAUGHT

American Government: Laws and Institutions

American National Government and Politics

American Pluralism

American State and Local Government and Politics

Civil Rights and Liberties

Constitutional Law and Politics

Groups in the Political Process

Interest Group Politics (Graduate)

Introduction to Political Science

Judicial Behavior

Judicial Process and Behavior (Graduate)

Law and Society

Minority Rights and the Courts

Pluralism, Prejudice, and Public Law

Proseminar in Public Law (Graduate)

The American Legal System

The Rise of the National Government

The U.S. Supreme Court (Undergraduate Honors)

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Member, National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Program Advisory Panel for Dissertation Grants, 2009.

Member, Law and Courts Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2009.

Panel Organizer, “Measurement and Method in the Study of Judicial Behavior” held at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2007.

Consultant, Pollworker Institute, Washington, D.C., 2004-2006.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, Cambridge University Press, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Politics Book Review*, *Law & Society Review*, National Science Foundation, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Policy*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Routledge, *Social Science Quarterly*, Wadsworth Cengage.

Media Appearances: *Albany County Bar Association Newsletter* (2008), *Albany Times Union* (2006), *Austin-American Statesman* (2009), *Biloxi Sun-Herald* (2009), *Centre Daily Times* (2009), *Charlotte Observer* (2009), *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* (2009), *Denton Record-Chronicle* (2009), *Fort Mill Times* (2009), *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (2008, 2009), *Golf Magazine* (2007), *Houston Chronicle* (2009), *Kansas City Star* (2009), KRLD Radio (2009), *Lake Wylie Pilot* (2009), *Lexington Herald-Leader* (2009), *Macon Telegraph* (2009), *Merced Sun Star* (2009), *Modesto Bee* (2009), *National Law Journal* (2008), *North Texas Daily* (2007, 2008, 2009), *North Texas e-News* (2009), *Raleigh News & Observer* (2009), *Rock Hill Herald* (2009), *San Antonio Express-News* (2009),

Syracuse Daily Orange (2004, 2005), *The Bellingham Herald* (2009), *The Island Packet* (2009), *The State* (2009), *Tricity Herald* (2009).

INTERNAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Chair and Convener, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-present.

Member, American Politics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-present.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-present.

Mentor, Emerald Eagle Scholars Program, 2009-present.

Chair and Convener, Judicial Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008.

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-2009.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Hiring, Department of Political Science, 2008.

Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008.

Member, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007.

Election Judge, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008.

Panelist, "Designing a Curriculum Vitae." Department of Political Science, 2009.

Panelist, "Undergraduate Brown Bag Speaker Series." Department of Political Science, 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Founding Director, University Houston Program for Empirical Legal Studies, 2005-2007.

Member, Public Law Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science 2006-2008.

Member, American Politics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006-2008.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006-2007.

Member, Technology Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-2006.

Facilitator, "Seminar on Data Management in Stata." Department of Political Science, 2005.

Panelist, "Publishing in Political Science." Department of Political Science, 2007.

Panelist, "Surviving Graduate School." Department of Political Science, 2006, 2007.

Panelist, "Presenting Conference Papers: A Lecture Demonstration." Department of Political Science, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
-Law and Courts Section
-Political Methodology Section
-Political Organizations and Parties Section

Law and Society Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Society for Empirical Legal Studies

Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request.