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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, California State University, Fullerton, 2015 – present
Assistant Professor of Government, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2006 – 2015
Visiting Professor of Political Science, Rhodes College, 2004 – 2006
Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003 – 2004

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Political Science, 2004
Dissertation: A Tale of Two *Dauberts*: The Selective Application of Scientific Scrutiny for the Admissibility of Expert Testimony
Committee: Howard Schweber (chair), Herbert Kritzer, Donald Downs
Nominated: Edward S. Corwin Award for Best Dissertation in Public Law
Field exams: American Politics (Institutions/Public Law), Political Theory
Minor field: Research Methods

M.A., Political Science, 1998

Rhodes College

B.A., summa cum laude with honors, Political Science, 1997

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Judicial politics, American institutions, legal policy, American political development, punctuated equilibrium, cultural cognition, cultural theory, political philosophy, law and expert testimony

PUBLICATIONS (FORTHCOMING AND PUBLISHED)

"Beyond Liberal and Conservative: Advancing the Study of Judicial Behavior with a Cultural Theory of Political Values." With Brendon Swedlow. *Journal of Law and Courts*, Forthcoming Fall 2018.

"Benefits and Burdens: The Supreme Court's Decision in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*." *Justice System Journal* 37(4). 2016.

"Cultural Change and Policy Images in Policy Subsystems." *Public Administration* 94(4), 953-969, 2016.

"Cultural Cognition and Legal Policy Punctuations in the Supreme Court's Gender Discrimination Cases." *Policy Studies Journal* 42(4), 555-589. 2014.

"Punctuated Equilibrium and the Supreme Court." *Policy Studies Journal* 41(4), 655-682. 2013.

"Executive Branch Socialization and Deference on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Law & Society Review* 46(4), 889-921. 2012

"Does Prosecutorial Experience 'Balance Out' a Judge's Liberal Tendencies?" *Justice System Journal* 32(2), 143-168. 2011.

Research findings discussed/described in the *Concord Monitor*, November 21, 2015.

"The Relative (Un) Importance of Rehnquist Court Decisions." *Politics & Policy* 38 (5), 907-938. 2010.

"'Still Chastened': Assessing the Scope of Constitutional Change under an "Obama Court," *The Forum*: Vol. 8: Iss. 2, Article 3. 2010.

"*Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals* and the Local Construction of Reliability," 19 *Albany Journal of Law and Technology* 1, 39-90. 2009.

"*Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*." *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*. David Schultz, Ed. New York: Facts on File, Inc. 2004.

A Tale of Two Dauberts*: The Selective Application of Scientific Scrutiny for the Admissibility of Expert Testimony*. Dissertation on file at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2004.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"It's How You Say It: Ameliorating Motivated Reaction of Judicial Rulings Using Aporetic Reasoning," with Danieli Evans.

"Clumsy Solutions in Legal Reasoning: Plural Justification as a Means of Reducing Motivated Reaction."

"Lacking Legislative Experience: The Impact of Changing Justice Backgrounds on Judicial Review."

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

"Lacking Legislative Experience: The Impact of Changing Justice Backgrounds on Judicial Review." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2018.

"International and Domestic Law Forum," Titan Student Union, May 4th, 2017.

Election Panel Discussion, Fullerton Library, November 14, 2016.

"Is Freedom of Speech Harmful to Students?" Michael Shermer Lecture and Panel, Humanities and Social Science Lecture Series, October 3, 2016.

"Exploring the Borders of the First Amendment: Are Freedom of Speech and Religion Harmful?" Humanities and Social Science Lecture Series, September 20, 2016.

"Clumsy Solutions in Legal Reasoning: Plural Justification as a Means of Reducing Motivated Reaction." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2016.

"Toward A Cultural Theory of Judicial Behavior: Identifying and Overcoming Limitations in the Attitudinal Model," with Brendon Swedlow. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 4, 2015.

"A Cultural Theory of Judicial Behavior," with Brendon Swedlow. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 17, 2015.

"Rethinking "Attitudes" in the Attitudinal Model: Using Cultural Theory (CT) to Explain Judicial Decisions," with Brendon Swedlow. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 15, 2015.

Panel Discussion, "Breaking Down the 2014 Midterm Elections," University of Alabama at Birmingham, Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Guest Lecture, "Political Rivalry," sponsored by the UAB Honors College, at the Spencer Honors House. Friday, October 17, 2014.

"It's How You Say It—Ameliorating Cultural Cognition of Judicial Rulings through Aporetic Reasoning." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Panel Discussion, "Getting into Law School," University of Alabama at Birmingham. Monday, March 3, 2014.

Panel Discussion, "The Rise of the Surveillance State." Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

"Cultural Cognition and Legal Policy Punctuations in the Supreme Court's Gender Discrimination Cases." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2013.

Nominated by Bryan Jones for the Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for the Best Paper on Women and Politics.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Outstanding Untenured Faculty Nominee. 2017.

$5000, "Reducing Cultural Polarization Using Aporetic Reasoning," from the American Psychology-Law Society, to help secure subjects for survey experiments. 2017-2018.

$5000, "Ameliorating Cultural Cognition Through Judicial Debiasing," from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Faculty Development Grant Program, to provide financial incentives for survey experiment subjects. 2013 – 2014.

$3,948, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), for the development of an American Constitutional Law II course that emphasizes writing and ethical reasoning learning outcomes. 2010.

$2,231, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Faculty Development Grant Program, for the use of specialized case retrieval software from LexisNexis, as well as the purchase of software for the qualitative coding of textual data. 2009.

$3,930, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), for the development of a Judicial Politics Course that emphasizes writing and quantitative learning outcomes. 2009.

School of Social and Behavioral Science Faculty Mentor Award Nominee, University of Alabama at Birmingham. 2008.

American Political Science Association Corwin Award Nominee, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2005.

Department of Political Science Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2002.

CLASSES TAUGHT

Law and Politics
Constitutional Law: Government Powers
Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
The Judicial Process (undergraduate, graduate)
The First Amendment
Criminal Law and Justice
Introduction to Law, Politics and Society

American Government
Introduction to American Politics/Government (standard, honors, online)
The American Presidency (standard, online)
Campaigns and Elections

Political Theory
Introduction to Political Theory
Modern Political Theory

Other Teaching Experience
"The First-Year Experience," College of Arts and Sciences
"Constitutional Conflicts," Rhodes College Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning
Distance Learning Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Continuing Studies, Political Science, 2002 – 2004

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Political Science Department Coordinator, 2018-2019.

Political Science Student Success Coordinator, 2017-2018.

Discussant, "US Supreme Court, Interest Groups, and Decision Making." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2017.

Affordable Learning Solutions Ambassador, 2016-2017.

Humanities and Social Sciences Pedagogical Support Committee, 2016-2017.

University Faculty Research Policy Committee, Secretary, 2016-2018.

Guardian Scholars Pilot Program, Faculty Mentor, 2016.

Politics, Administration, and Justice Division Commencement Committee, 2016.

Discussant and Chair, "Symposia on the Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.

Discussant, "Precedent, Legal Doctrine, and Judicial Constraint." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

Teaching Innovation and Development Awards (University-Wide), Awards Committee, University at Alabama at Birmingham, 2014.

Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council, Chair, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2014-2015

Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Council, Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2013 – 2015.

Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Society, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2007 – 2015.

Chair and Discussant, "Perceptions of Policy and Constitutional Change." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2014.

Discussant, "Tax Policy." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2013.

Faculty Senate Executive Council, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2011 – 2012.

Working Group on Creating a Pre-Law Major, 2011 – 2012.

Discussant, "On the Nature of Judicial Opinions and Opinion Assignment." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2012.

Committee on Best Practices for Online and Blended Courses, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2011.

Discussant, "The Role of Political and Institutional Context on State Supreme Court Decision Making." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2011.

Discussant, "Judicial Review." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2011.

Discussant, "Fundamental Rights and Liberties," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 2011.

Committee on Graduate Research Assistantships: Hiring and Evaluation, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2010 – 11.

Reviewer, Faculty Development Research Grant Program, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2010 – 2011.

Moderator, Student General Election Debate, University of Alabama at Birmingham, October 21, 2008.

Organizer, Pi Sigma Alpha Roundtable, "Does Alabama Need a Constitutional Convention?" with Alabama State Representatives Dunn, McClurkin, and Newton, University of Alabama at Birmingham, February 13th, 2007.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2006 – 2007.

Co-Coordinator, Brown Bag Teaching Series. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002-2003.

Journal reviewer for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Law & Society Review, Journal of Legal Studies, Politics & Policy*, *Policy Studies Journal, American Politics Research, Political Research Quarterly*

Textbook reviewer: *Gateways to Democracy*, *The American Political System* (first and second editions), Ken Kollman; *American Democracy Now* (fourth edition), Brigid Harrison et al.

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

REFERENCES

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