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EDUCATION

Rice University

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2006

M.A. in Political Science, 2002

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

Summer Program, 2002

Case Western Reserve University

B.A. in Political Science and History, *cum laude*, 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2005-present.

Fields of Interest

American Politics: Public Law and Judicial Politics, State Politics, Political Institutions, Elections

Methodology: Regression, Categorical and Limited Dependent Variables, Pooled Cross Sectional Time Series, Research Design

Teaching Experience

Comparative State and Local Politics (Upper-Level Undergraduate Course)

Government of the United States (Lower-Level Undergraduate Course)

State and Local Government (Lower-Level Undergraduate Course)

State Court Systems (Graduate Course)

State Judicial Institutions and Jurisprudence (Upper-Level Undergraduate Course)

U.S. Constitutional Law: Government Power (Upper-Level Undergraduate Course)

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

Articles

“Time Served in State Supreme Courts: Mapping the Determinants of Judicial Seniority.” *Justice System Journal*, Forthcoming 2010.

“Leadership and Election Litigation in State Supreme Courts.” *State and Local Government Review*, Forthcoming 2010. With Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.

“State Supreme Courts, State Constitutions and Civil Litigation.” *Albany Law Review*, Forthcoming 2010. With Paul Brace.

“Does Seniority Matter? The Conditional Influence of State Methods of Judicial Retention.” *Social Science Quarterly*, 91(1): 208-226, March 2010.

“State Public Opinion, the Death Penalty and the Practice of Electing Judges.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(2): 360-372, April 2008. With Paul Brace.

“Linking Judicial Selection to Consensus: An Analysis of Ideological Diversity.” *American Politics Research*, 35(5): 643-670, September 2007.

“The Business of State Supreme Courts, Revisited.” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 4(2): 427-439, July 2007. With Herbert M. Kritzer, Paul Brace, and Melinda Gann Hall.

Book Chapters

“Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decisions in Partisan and Nonpartisan Elections.” In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, Kevin T. McGuire, ed. New York: Routledge, Forthcoming 2012. With Damon M. Cann and Chris W. Bonneau.

“Judicial Elections in the American States.” In *Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government*, Donald P. Haider-Markel, ed. New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2011. With Chris W. Bonneau.

“Looking Through the Lens of 18 Million Cracks: The Campaign Finance Pathway for Launching a Woman All the Way into the White House.” In *Women in the Executive Branch(es)*, Melody Rose, ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Forthcoming 2011. With Victoria A. Farrar-Myers

“Judicial Selection Methods and Capital Punishment in the American States.” In *Running for Judge: The Rising Political, Financial, and Legal Stakes of Judicial Elections*, Matthew J. Streb, ed. New York: New York University Press, April 2007. With Paul Brace.

Book Reviews

Book review of *The Final Arbiter: The Consequences of Bush v. Gore for Law and Politics* by Christopher P. Banks, David B. Green, and John C. Green, eds., *Congress and the Presidency* 33(1): 98-101, Spring 2006.

Essays and Other Publications

“New Style Judicial Elections in Texas: Examining the Costs and Effects of Electing Judges,” In *Texas Politics Today*, William Earl Maxwell and Earnest Crain, eds. Boston: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, Forthcoming 2011.

“Conviction and Sentencing in the Texas Courts: Judicial Selection, Public Opinion and the Death Penalty,” In *Texas Politics Today*, William Earl Maxwell and Earnest Crain, eds. Boston: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, April 2009.

“State Courts of Appeals,” In *Facts on File: Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics*, Lori Cox Han and Michael A. Genovese, eds. New York: Facts on File, December 2008.

Manuscripts Invited to Revise and Resubmit

“Judges, Litigants, and the Design of Courts.” *Law & Society Review*. With Paul Brace and Jeff Yates.

Research in Progress

“Campaign Contributions in State Supreme Court Elections.” With Chris W. Bonneau, Damon M. Cann, and Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.

“Explaining the Business of State Supreme Courts.” With Paul Brace.

“Justices' Attitudes and the Selection of Disputes in the U.S. Supreme Court.” With Jeff Yates and Damon M. Cann.

“On the Importance of Lower Court Experience for Selection to State Supreme Courts.”

“Powers of Office, Career Potential, and Spending within Campaigns for Governor.” With Jill Clark and Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conference Presentations

“Campaign Contributions in State Supreme Court Elections.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010. With Chris W. Bonneau, Damon M. Cann, and Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.

- “Judges, Litigants and the Design of Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Empirical Legal Studies, Los Angeles, CA, November 2009. With Paul Brace and Jeff Yates.
- “Contributions to Judicial Campaigns: Assessing Comprehension in an Environment without Partisan Signals.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 2009. With Chris W. Bonneau, Damon M. Cann, and Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.
- “Contributor Decisions in Judicial Elections: Explaining the Impact of Partisan and Nonpartisan Election Formats.” Presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, Chapel Hill, NC, May 2009. With Chris W. Bonneau, Damon M. Cann, and Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.
- “Explaining the Business of State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Denver, CO, April 2009. With Paul Brace.
- “Explaining the Business of State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2009. With Paul Brace.
- “Leadership and Professionalism in State Supreme Courts: A Study of Election Conflict.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2008. With Victoria A. Farrar-Myers.
- “State Appellate Dockets and the Importance of Constitutional Design.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 2008. With Paul Brace.
- “Civil Litigation and the Importance of Constitutional Design for State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2008. With Paul Brace.
- “Institutional Structure and Judge Ideology in Tort Litigation in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Empirical Legal Studies, New York, NY, November 2007. With Paul Brace and Jeff Yates.
- “American State Constitutions and the Agenda of State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the joint annual meetings of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Berlin, Germany, July 2007. With Paul Brace.
- “The Consensual Effects of Seniority: An Analysis of Tenure in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, Austin, TX, February 2007.
- “Civil Litigation in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006. With Paul Brace and Jeff Yates.
- “Judicial Diversity: The Interaction of Access and Consensus.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.
- “Democratic Linkages in State Supreme Courts: The Impact of Selection.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006.
- “Does Ideological Composition Matter? The Relationship between Recruitment and Voting Behavior in the State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2005.
- “State Supreme Court Decision-Making: A Re-evaluation of the Electoral Connection.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004. With Paul Brace.

- “Discovering the Impact of State Judicial Selection Processes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2004.
- “Education Decision Coalitions in the State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2004. With Sonia Noyola-Martinez.
- “Death Penalty Decision Coalitions in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2003.
- “Coalition Behavior in the American State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2002.

Chair/Discussant Activities

- Discussant, “Beliefs about Law, Order, and Justice,” annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.
- Discussant, “State Courts and the Electoral Connection,” annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.
- Discussant, “Strategic Dissent on State High Courts,” annual meeting of the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, May 2009.
- Chair and discussant, “Courting Quality and Interests in Appointments,” annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009.
- Chair, “The Impact of Lawyers on Judicial Policy Making,” annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2008.
- Chair and discussant, “Supreme Court: Decision Making Process,” annual meetings of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, July 2007.
- Discussant, “Party Politics in the States,” annual meeting of State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, February 2007.
- Discussant, “Issues in Criminal Law and Policy,” annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 2006.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Paper Awards

- State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Award, presented by the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association for the best paper on state politics presented at any conference in 2004, 2005. With Paul Brace.
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, presented by the Southwestern Political Science Association for paper delivered at the 2003 Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2004.

Research Grants and Awards

- Faculty Research Semester, The University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2009.
- Research Enhancement Program (REP) Grant, The University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2008-Fall 2009.
- Travel and Professional Development Award, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Arlington, 2007, 2008, 2009.
- Research Experience for Graduates (REG) Supplemental Grant, National Science Foundation, 2001-2002. With Paul Brace.
- NSF Grant Preparation Award, Center for the Study of Institutions and Values, Rice University, 2001.

Other Grants and Awards

- Global Directory of Who’s Who, 2010/2011.

Who's Who in America, 2011.
American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2004.
Graduate Assistantship, Rice University, 2000-2005.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University and College Committee Service

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Pre-Law Advisement, College of Liberal Arts, 2007-2008.
Member, Traffic and Parking Appeals Committee, The University of Texas at Arlington,
2006-2008, 2010-present.

Departmental Advisement Service

Graduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2009, 2010-present.
Pre-Law Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2005-2009, 2010-present.

Departmental Committee Service

Member, Research Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-present.
Member, Retention Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-present.
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-present.
Member, Planning and Steering Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-present.
Member, Programs and Hagar Lectures Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-
present.
Member, Student Grievance Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-present
Member, Merit Evaluation Committee (formerly Executive Committee), Department of
Political Science, 2007-2009.
Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, 2006-present.
Library Liaison, Department of Political Science, 2005-present.

Non-Thesis Committees

Chair, Jasmine Calbert, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, April 2011.
Chair, Ben Copeland, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, April 2011.
Member, Yasmin Veliz, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, December 2010.
Member, Jarred Goodall, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, December 2008.
Member, Courtney Hillman, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, December 2008.
Chair, Katie Miller, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, November 2007.
Member, Holly Bell, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, June 2007.
Chair, Terran Kallam, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, April 2007.
Member, Vanessa Agosto, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, April 2007.

Thesis Committees

Member, Bobbie Brown, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, July 2008.
Member, Danielle Georgiou, The University of Texas at Arlington, MA, April 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Review Service

Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*
Referee, *American Political Science Review*
Referee, *American Politics Research*
Referee, *Journal of Politics*
Referee, *Justice System Journal*
Referee, *Political Research Quarterly*
Referee, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*
Referee, Routledge

Professional Committee Service

Member, Best Dissertation Award Committee, Western Political Science Association, 2008-2009.

Section Chair, Judicial Politics and Public Law, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2008-2009.

Member, Site Policy Committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 2007-2008.

Member, Allan Saxe Best Paper on State and Local Politics Committee, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2006-2007.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Presentations

“The Federal Courts,” Advanced Placement Summer Institute, The University of Texas at Arlington, June 2010.

“Judicial Federalism and the Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor: The Relationship between the US Supreme Court and State Courts,” Constitution Day, Tarrant County College, September 17, 2009.

“The Federal Courts,” Advanced Placement Summer Institute, The University of Texas at Arlington, June 2008.

“State Institutions and Policy Research,” Pi Sigma Alpha Lecture, The University of Texas at Arlington, November 2007.

“The Federal Courts,” Advanced Placement Summer Institute, The University of Texas at Arlington, June 2006.

“Student Rights, Civil Disobedience, and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,” Teach In, The University of Texas at Arlington, April 2006.

Campus Activity

Judge, American Collegiate Moot Court Association Competition, January 20, 2006.

Interviews

Texas College Readiness Project, May 9, 2008 and October 27, 2008.

Al Dia, October 20, 2006.

DISSERTATION

“State Methods of Judicial Selection: An Evaluation of Career Ambition.”

Committee: Paul Brace (Chair), Earl Black, Melissa J. Marschall, and Douglas A. Schuler (Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, 2002-present.

Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association, 2008-present.

Midwest Political Science Association, 2003-present.

Society for Empirical Legal Studies, 2007, 2009.

Southern Political Science Association, 2003-present.

Southwestern Political Science Association, 2004-present.

State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association, 2005-present.

Western Political Science Association, 2006-present.

REFERENCES

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