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Employment

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi. Fall 2017-present.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science. Michigan State University. 2017.

M.A. Political Science. Michigan State University. 2015.

B.A. Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy and Psychology. Michigan State University. 2011.

Research & Teaching Interests

Research: judicial politics, public attitudes and orientations toward Supreme Court, polarization, contemporary political attitudes, survey research

Teaching: Constitutional law, judicial politics, public opinion, American government, research design

Research

Peer-Reviewed Articles

17. ["Filling in the Gaps: False Memories and Partisan Bias."](#) Forthcoming. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Psychology*.
16. ["Who Supports Political Violence?"](#) Forthcoming With Adam M. Enders. *Perspectives on Politics*.
15. ["Politicized Battles: How Vacancies and Partisanship Influence Support for the Supreme Court."](#) Forthcoming. With Elizabeth A. Lane. *American Politics Research*.
 - Research findings described on [Vox](#)
14. ["Christian Nationalism and Political Violence: Victimhood, Racial Identity, Conspiracy, and Support for the Capitol Attacks."](#) Forthcoming. With David T. Buckley and Adam M. Enders. *Political Behavior*.
 - Research findings described on [The New York Times](#), [PsyPost](#), and [Psychology Today](#)

13. [“No Home Court Advantage: The Trump Impeachment Trial and Attitudes toward the U.S. Supreme Court.”](#) 2021. With Adam M. Enders. *Research & Politics* 8(2).
12. [“Place or Partisanship? The Conditional Role of Identities on Candidate Support.”](#) Forthcoming. With Daniel J. Fudge. *American Politics Research*.
11. [“Affective Polarization and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court.”](#) 2022. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Research Quarterly* 75(2): 409–424.
10. [“‘Why Me?’ The Role of Perceived Victimhood in American Politics”](#) Forthcoming. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Behavior*.
 - Research findings described on [New York Times](#), [Salon](#), [Mother Jones](#), and [PsyPost](#)
9. [“Loyalty over Fairness: Acceptance of Unfair Supreme Court Procedures”](#) 2021. *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 927-940.
8. [“The Role of Affective Orientations in Promoting Perceived Polarization.”](#) 2021. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(3): 615-626.
7. [“The Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.”](#) 2020. With Jessica A. Schoenherr and Elizabeth Lane. *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(2): 333-358.
6. [“Who Can Impact the US Supreme Court’s Legitimacy?”](#) 2020. *Justice System Journal* 41(1): 22–36.
5. [“The Differential Effects of Actual and Perceived Polarization.”](#) 2019. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Behavior* 41(3): 815-839.
4. [“From Statehouse to Courthouse: Legislative Professionalism and High Court Auditing Behavior.”](#) 2019. *Social Science Quarterly* 101(1): 362-375.
3. [“Extra-judicial Actor Induced Change in Supreme Court Legitimacy.”](#) 2018. *Political Research Quarterly* 71(3): 600-613.
2. [“Politicized Nominations and Supreme Court Legitimacy in the Polarization Era.”](#) 2018. *Justice System Journal* 39(3): 193-209.
1. [“A Well-Traveled Lot: A Research Note on Judicial Travel by U.S. Supreme Court Justices”](#) 2016. With Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. *Justice System Journal* 37(4): 367-384.
 - Research findings described on [The Hill](#)

Book Review

[Review of “The Rights Paradox: How Group Attitudes Shape US Supreme Court Legitimacy”](#) by Michael A. Zilis. 2022. *Perspectives on Politics* 20(1): 332-334.

Book Chapter

[“The Influence of Politicians on Public Support for the Judiciary”](#) in Jennifer Diascro, Rorie Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg, eds., *Judicial Politics Reader*.

- [Full textbook available online.](#)

Popular Media

[Authoritarian populist Americans who feel a sense of victimhood and white identity are most likely to support political violence.](#) June 23, 2022. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP).

[When the Senate plays politics with Supreme Court vacancies this hurts the public's perceptions of the Court.](#) April 21, 2022. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP).

[New research shows a connection between political victimhood and White support for Trump.](#) January 13, 2021. *Washington Post*/Monkey Cage.

[Why an attack on the Supreme Court by Donald Trump could hurt its reputation in the eyes of his supporters.](#) February 16, 2018. The London School of Economics and Political Science Daily Blog on American Politics and Policy (LSE-APP).

Non-refereed Material

["The State of Political Knowledge in the State of Michigan."](#) With Ryan C. Black. Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan Policy Wonk Blog.

Conference Participation (selected)

"I Got Rights...Right? Americans' Perceptions of Rights and Liberties." 2022. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2022, Chicago, IL.

"What Does Supreme Court Legitimacy Measure?" 2022. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 13-15, 2022, San Antonio, TX.

"Dishonesty for Profit: The Role of Honesty and Loyalty in Support for the US Supreme Court." 2019. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

"The Effect of Strategic versus Principled Dissent on Support for Court Decisions." 2019. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 17-19, 2019, Austin, TX.

"From a Standard to a Rule: Changes in the Flexibility of Legal Doctrine." with Christopher N. Krewson. 2018. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2018, Boston, MA.

"Skin Tone Bias and Public Acceptance of Judicial Decisions." 2018. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.

"Fight or Flight? Negative Emotion and Individual Retreat to Ideological Poles." with Adam M. Enders. 2018. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-6, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

"On Savants and Slow-learners: Evaluating Heterogeneity in Behavioral Acclimation on the US Supreme Court." with Ryan C. Black. 2018. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 4-6, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

Teaching Experience

*ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research,
University of Michigan*

Techniques for the Analysis of Legal and Judicial Data, Summer 2020–present

University of Mississippi

Undergraduate Courses

Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers, Fall 2017-2021; Summer 2018, 2022

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights & Liberties, Spring 2018-2022; Summer 2019-2021

Judicial Behavior, Spring 2018-2022; Fall 2020-2021

Public Opinion & Political Psychology, Spring 2020; Fall 2021

Graduate Courses

Seminar in Public Opinion & Political Psychology, Fall 2018; Spring 2021

Michigan State University

Undergraduate Courses

Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers, Spring 2017 (instructor of record)

Introduction to Political Science (Online), Summer 2013, 2015, 2016, & 2017 (with Ryan Black)

Introduction to Political Science, Section Leader, Fall 2012 (with Ryan Black)

Other Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2014-2017

Awards, Fellowships, & Honors

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi, Summer 2021, \$2,125

Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Award, 2016. Southern Political Science Association

Merit Fellowship, Michigan State University Department of Political Science, Summer 2015

Service Activities

Professional

APSA Law & Courts section Best Journal Article Award committee, 2022

Panel chair: 2022 SPSA meetings

Panel discussant: 2018 MPSA meetings; 2019, 2022 SPSA meetings

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Law & Society Review*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Justice System Journal*, *Electoral Studies*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*

Departmental

University of Mississippi

Scholarship & Awards Committee, 2018-present; chair, 2019-present

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2019-2021

Graduate Studies Committee, 2018-2019; 2021-present

Tenure & Promotion Document Committee, 2021-present

Library Representative, 2018-2019

Michigan State University

Admissions/Academic Standards Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015

Council of Graduate Students (COGS), Political Science Representative, 2013-2014

Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2013-2015

University

Michigan State University

General Student Regulations Review Sub-Committee, Chair, 2014

Academic Freedom Report/University Student Rights and Responsibilities Revision Sub-Committee, Member, 2013-2014

University Committee on Student Affairs, COGS Representative, 2013-2014

Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

References

Available upon request

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