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Employment

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi. July 2023-present.

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi. August 2017-June 2023.

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

20. ["The Influence of Descriptive Representation on Support for Judicial Nominees and the US Supreme Court"](#) Forthcoming. With Christopher N. Krewson and Elizabeth A. Lane. *Political Behavior*.
19. ["Friendship is Rare: The Influence of Off-Bench Friendships on Support for the U.S. Supreme Court"](#) Forthcoming. With Jessica A. Schoenherr. *American Politics Research*.
18. ["The Partisan Contours of Attitudes About Rights and Liberties"](#) Forthcoming. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Behavior*.
 - Research findings described on [CNN](#)
17. ["Filling in the Gaps: False Memories and Partisan Bias."](#) 2023. With Adam M. Enders. *Political Psychology* 44(2): 281–299.
 - Research findings described on [PsyPost](#)

16. "Who Supports Political Violence?" 2022. With Adam M. Enders. *Perspectives on Politics* 22(2):427-444.
 - Research findings described on [Newsweek](#)
15. "Politicized Battles: How Vacancies and Partisanship Influence Support for the Supreme Court." 2023. With Elizabeth A. Lane. *American Politics Research* 51(1): 23-36
 - Research findings described on [The New York Times](#), [Salon](#), and [Vox](#)
14. "Christian Nationalism and Political Violence: Victimhood, Racial Identity, Conspiracy, and Support for the Capitol Attacks." 2021. With David T. Buckley and Adam M. Enders. *Political Behavior* 44:937-960.
 - Research findings described on [The New York Times](#) ([here](#) and [here](#)), [The Washington Post](#), [PsyPost](#), [Time](#), 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." 2021. With Daniel J. Fudge. *American Politics Research* 49(6).
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 [The 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.
 - Research findings described in [The Washington Post](#) and [Salon](#)
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](#). Chapter printed in second edition with no changes.

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

["Dimensionality on the Supreme Court."](#) 2023. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 179(1):214–218.

- Comment on Michael A. Bailey's paper from the 38th International Seminar on the New Institutional Economics – Judicial Decision-Making in Stralsund, Germany.

["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.

Invited Talks

"Choosing to Litigate Against Autocratic States." University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs, March 28, 2023.

Secular Coalition for Arizona weekly speaker series

Awards & Honors

Inclusive Learning Community Course Redesign Grant (\$4,000)

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi, Summer 2021 (\$2,125); Summer 2023 (\$5,000)

Conference Participation (selected)

"The Role of Race and Sex on Attitudes about Rights and Liberties." with Adam M. Enders. 2024. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 11-14, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

"Rules for Thee, Not for Me: Mass Attitudes on Judge Shopping." with Elizabeth A. Lane. 2024. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 11-14, 2024, New Orleans, LA.

"Coherence and Constraint in Public Preferences for Judicial Philosophy." with Christopher N. Krewson and Elizabeth A. Lane. 2023. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, 2023, Chicago, IL.

"I Got Rights...Right? Americans' Perceptions of Rights and Liberties." with Adam M. Enders. 2022. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 15-18, 2022, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

"I Got Rights...Right? Americans' Perceptions of Rights and Liberties." with Adam M. Enders. 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.

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

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights & Liberties

Judicial Behavior

Public Opinion & Political Psychology

Honors Experiential Learning

Graduate Courses

Proseminar in American Politics, Fall 2023

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

Seminar in Political Participation & Voting, Fall 2022

Other Professional Experience

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

Service Activities

Professional

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

Panel chair: 2022 SPSA meeting; 2023 MPSA meeting

Panel discussant: 2018, 2023 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*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Law & Society Review*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Justice System Journal*, *Electoral Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Research & Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*

University

Committee on Accessibility, 2023-present

College of Liberal Arts Taylor Medal Selection Committee, 2024

Faculty Advisor for Stamps Impact Prize Award (student: Ella Jordan), 2024

Departmental

Committee Service

Search Committee (American Politics), Fall 2022, 2023

Scholarship & Awards Committee, 2018-2022; chair, 2019-2022

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2019-2021

Graduate Studies Committee, 2018-2019; 2021-present

Tenure & Promotion Document Committee, 2021-2022

Library Representative, 2018-2019

Strategic Planning Committee, 2023-present

Graduate Advising

Jonah King (Ph.D. 2022)

Austin Cutler (M.A. 2021)

Rahul Hemrajani (Ph.D. 2023; University of South Carolina)

Raymond Radford (Ph.D. 2024; University of Sydney)

Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

References

Available upon request

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