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## EMPLOYMENT

University of Massachusetts Amherst, *Department of Political Science*  
Associate Professor of Political Science & Legal Studies, September 2020 – present.

- Core Faculty, Data Analytics and Computational Social Science Program.
- Faculty Affiliate, UMass Computational Social Science Institute.

Assistant Professor of Political Science & Legal Studies, September 2016 – 2020.

University of Mississippi, *Department of Political Science*  
Assistant Professor, July 2013 – August 2016.

## EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, *Department of Political Science*  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2013.  
M.A., Political Science, 2010.

Villanova University, *Department of Political Science*.  
M.A., Political Science, 2008.

Elizabethtown College, *Department of Political Science*.  
B.A., Political Science, 2005.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Rice, Douglas (2020) *Lighting the Way: Federal Courts, Civil Rights, and Public Policy*. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.

Reviewed in *The Law & Politics Book Review* [[here](#)], *Perspectives in Politics* [[here](#)], *Political Science Quarterly* [[here](#)], and *Journal of Supreme Court History* [[here](#)].

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [18] Bailey, Christine, Paul Collins, Jesse Rhodes, and Douglas Rice. 2023. “Legal Entrepreneurship, Specialized Media, and the Evolution of Legal Consciousness: The Case of Marriage Equality.” *Law & Society Review*.
- [17] McCarthy, Lauren, Douglas Rice, and Aleks Lokhmutov. 2023. “Four Months of ‘Discrediting the Military’: Repressive Law in Wartime Russia.” *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*. Pre-print
- [16] Nteta, Tatishe, Jesse Rhodes, and Douglas Rice. 2022. “Same As It Ever Was? The Impact of Racial Resentment on White Juror Decision-Making” *The Journal of Politics*. [[DOI](#)]
- [15] Goelzhauser, Greg, Benjamin Kassow, and Douglas Rice. 2022. “Measuring Supreme Court Case Complexity.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 38(1): 92-118. [[DOI](#)]

- [14] Katherine A. Keith, Douglas Rice, and Brendan O'Connor. 2021. "Text as Causal Mediators: Research Design for Causal Estimates of Differential Treatment of Social Groups via Language Aspects" *Causal Inference & NLP Workshop at the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*.
- [13] Bushouse, Brenda, Charles Schweik, Saba Siddiki, Douglas Rice, and Isaac Wolfson. 2021. "The Institutional Grammar: A Method for Coding Institutions and its Potential for Advancing Third Sector Research." *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* [DOI]
- [12] Rice, Douglas, Saba Siddiki, Seth Frey, Hyoung-Keun Kwon, and Adam Sawyer. 2021. "Machine Coding with the Grammar of Institutions." *Public Administration* 99(2): 248-262. [DOI]
- [11] Rice, Douglas, Brian Schaffner, and David Barney. 2021. "Political Ideology and Issue Importance." *Political Research Quarterly*. [DOI]
- [10] Nteta, Tatishe and Douglas Rice. 2020. "Driving a Wedge? Micro-Targeting and the Impact of Republican Campaign Appeals on African American Vote Choice." *Political Research Quarterly*. [DOI]
- [9] Rice, Douglas and Christopher Zorn. 2019. "Corpus-based Dictionaries for Sentiment Analysis of Specialized Vocabularies." *Political Science Research & Methods*. [DOI]
- [8] Rice, Douglas, Jesse Rhodes, and Tatishe Nteta. 2019. "Racial Bias in Legal Language." *Research and Politics* 6(2): 1-7. [DOI]
- [7] Rice, Douglas. 2019. "Measuring the Issue Content of Supreme Court Opinions." *Journal of Law and Courts*. 7(1): 107-128. [DOI]  
\* Awarded the Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2012-2013.
- [6] Rice, Douglas. 2018. "Placing the Ball in Congress' Court: Congressional Responses to Supreme Court Requests." *American Politics Research* 47(4): 803-831. [DOI]
- [5] Rice, Douglas. 2017. "Issue Divisions and U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making." *The Journal of Politics* 79(1): 201-222. [DOI]
- [4] Cranmer, Skyler, Douglas Rice and Randolph Siverson. 2016. "What to do about Atheoretic Lags." *Political Science Research & Methods* 5(4): 641-665. [DOI]
- [3] Clark, Tom, Jeffrey Lax, and Douglas Rice. 2015. "Measuring the Political Salience of Supreme Court Cases." *The Journal of Law & Courts* 3(1): 36-65. [DOI]
- [2] Rice, Douglas. 2014. "The Impact of Supreme Court Activity on the Judicial Agenda: Calling to Action or Settling the Law." *Law and Society Review* 48(1): 63-90. [DOI]  
\* Awarded the Best Graduate Student Paper Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2010-2011.  
\* Runner-up, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ICPSR, 2011.
- [1] Rice, Douglas. 2014. "On Courts and Pocketbooks: Macroeconomic Judicial Behavior Across Selection Systems." *The Journal of Law & Courts* 2(2): 327-347. [DOI]

## Book Chapters

Rice, Douglas. 2020. "The Language of Newspaper Coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court" In Jennifer Diascro, Rorie Solberg, and Eric Waltenburg, eds. *Open Judicial Politics*. Corvallis, OR: Open Textbooks Initiative of Oregon State University Press.

Rice, Douglas and Christopher Zorn. 2016. "Troll-In-Chief? Affective Opinion Content and the Influence of the Chief Justice." In David Danelski and Artemus Ward, eds. *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

## Other Publications

Rice, Douglas and Christopher Zorn. 2023. "Current Opportunities in Text-as-Data for Law & Courts Research" *Law and Courts: The Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section* 33(1):16-24.

Rice, Douglas. 2020. Review of *The Battle for the Court: Interest Groups, Judicial Elections, and Public Policy* by Lawrence Baum, David Klein, and Matthew Streb. *Law & Politics Book Review* 30(1):1-5.

Clark, Tom, Jeffrey Lax, and Douglas Rice. 2014. "Measuring Salience as a Latent Variable." *Law and Courts: The Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section* 24(2):8-10.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

McCarthy, Lauren, Aleks Lohmutov, and Douglas Rice. Suppressing Wartime Dissent: The Two Faces of Legal Repression in Russia (book length manuscript)

Rice, Douglas, Gregory Caldeira, Charles Smith, and Christopher Zorn. The Ideological Content of Reversals and Affirmances.

Ganguli, Ina, Fidan Kurtulus, Tiffany Trzebiatowski, and Douglas Rice. The Costs of Discriminating: Evidence from Employment Discrimination Lawsuits.

Gross, Justin, Douglas Rice, and Shih-chan Dai. Untangling Mixtures in Judicial Opinions.

Bailey, Christine, Paul Collins, Jesse Rhodes, and Douglas Rice. The Effect of Judicial Decisions on Issue Salience and Legal Consciousness in the LGBTQ+ Community.

\* Awarded the APSA Law and Courts Section Best Conference Paper Award, 2021-2022.

Rhodes, Jesse, Tatishe Nteta, and Douglas Rice. Hidden in Plain Sight? Implicit Racial Bias in the United States Congress, 1967-2011.

Rhodes, Jesse, Tatishe Nteta, and Douglas Rice. Is Justice (Color)Blind? The Language of Law, Implicit Racial Bias, and the Impact of Judicial Selection.

Nteta, Tatishe, Jesse Rhodes, and Douglas Rice. Ulterior Motives? The Incidence and Impact of Republican Campaign Appeals to African Americans on White Vote Choice and Public Opinion.

Keith, Katherine, Ankita Gupta, Erica Cai, Douglas Rice, and Brendan O'Connor. Understanding the Effect of Gender in Supreme Court Oral Arguments.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

### National

APSA Law and Courts Section, Best Conference Paper Award for "The Effect of Judicial Decisions on Issue Salience and Legal Consciousness in the LGBTQ+ Community" (with Christine Bailey, Paul Collins, and Jesse Rhodes).

National Science Foundation Grant, Co-PI (with Paul Collins and Jesse Rhodes), 2021-2023, (\$399,987).

National Science Foundation Research Coordination Network (RCN) Grant, Co-Pi (with Saba Siddiki [PI], Seth Frey, Edella Schlager, and Charles Schweik), 2019-2022, (Total: \$461,584; UMass: \$101,199).

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant SES-1228581, 2012 (\$23,999).

APSA Law and Courts Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2012-2013.

APSA Law and Courts Section, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2010-2011.

Runner-up, ICPSR Graduate Student Paper Award, 2011.

## University

Mutual Mentoring Team Grant, Office of Faculty Development, UMass Amherst, Co-PI (with Paul Collins, Jennifer Nye, Brendan O'Connor, Jamie Rowen, and Kathryne Young), 2020-2021, (\$5,730)

Research Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UMass Amherst, Co-PI (with Justin Gross), Fall 2019, (\$6,800)

Research Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UMass Amherst, Co-PI (with Lauren McCarthy and Meredith Rolfe), Spring 2018, (\$7,000).

Research Grant, Institute of Diversity Sciences, UMass Amherst, Co-PI (with Ina Ganguli, Fidan Kurtulus, and Tiffany Trzebiatowski), Spring 2018, (\$7,500).

Matching Grant Award, Center for Data Science, UMass Amherst, Summer 2018 (\$5,000).

Sustainability Seed Grant Program, Institute for Social Science Research, UMass Amherst, Co-PI (with Charlie Schweik [PI], and Adrian Jordaan), Fall 2017, (\$10,000).

Investment Grants Program, University of Mississippi. Co-PI (with Conor Dowling [PI], Robert Brown, John Bruce, Gregory Love, and Heather Ondercin), Fall 2015, (\$7,500).

Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi College of the Liberal Arts, Summer 2015.

Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi College of the Liberal Arts, Summer 2014.

Dissertation Support Grant, Penn State College of the Liberal Arts, Fall 2012 (\$4,000)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Quantitative Social Science Initiative, Penn State University, 2011-2012.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited

Machine Coding with the Institutional Grammar

Presented at the 2020 Online Workshop on the Institutional Grammar, June 9, 2020.

Presented as part of the Institutional Grammar Research Initiative Research Seminar, March 6, 2020.

Data Analytics for Public Policy

Presented as part of a panel at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, August 2nd, 2019.

The Evolution of the Supreme Court as a Policymaker

Presented as part of the annual faculty colloquium of the School of Public Policy at UMass Amherst, May 1, 2017.

The Evolution of Consensus on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Presented in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alabama, November 21, 2013.

Measuring the Issue Content of Supreme Court Opinions Through Probabilistic Topic Models.

Presented at New Faces in Political Methodology Conference at Penn State University, April 28, 2012.

### Conference

Is Justice (Color)Blind? The Language of Law, Implicit Racial Bias, and the Impact of Judicial Selection.

Plenary talk at the 2023 Conference on Data Science and Law, July 14, 2023.

Untangling Mixtures in Judicial Opinions.

Presented at PolMeth XXXVII, July 16, 2020.

Presented at the 2019 American Political Science Association Conference, August 29, 2019.

Understanding Racial Bias Among Jurors.

Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, March 27, 2019.

The Search for Legal Meaning

Presented at the 2018 American Political Science Association Conference, September 1, 2018.

The Language of Newspaper Coverage of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Presented at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 5, 2018.

The Ideological Content of Reversals and Affirmances.

Presented as part of the Five College Legal Studies Seminar series, October 19, 2016

Presented at the 2016 American Political Science Association Conference, September 8, 2016.

Campaigning from the Bench: New-style Judicial Campaigns and Opinion Content.

Presented at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7, 2016.

Issue Divisions and U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making.

Presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 16, 2015.

Placing the Ball in Congress' Court: Congressional Responses to Supreme Court Requests.

Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 16, 2015.

Corpus-based Dictionaries for Sentiment Analysis of Specialized Vocabularies.

Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 8, 2014.

The Evolution of Consensus on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 10, 2014.

Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 12, 2013.

Troll-In-Chief? Affective Opinion Content and the Influence of the Chief Justice.

Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 11, 2013.

Presented for the Center for American Political Responsiveness, Penn State University, December 5, 2012.

Measuring the Issue Content of Supreme Court Opinions Through Probabilistic Topic Models.

Poster presented at the Society for Political Methodology's 2012 Summer Methods Meeting, July 20, 2012.

Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 13, 2012.

The Impact of Supreme Court Activity on the Judicial Agenda: Calling to Action or Settling the Law.

Presented at the 2010 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 6, 2010.

Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 23, 2010.

## TEACHING

### *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Advanced Methods for Text-as-Data: Natural Language Processing: Summer 2022, Summer 2023.

*The University of Massachusetts – Amherst*

Empirical Legal Studies: Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2023.

Law & American Democracy (grad): Spring 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2024.

Law & Public Policy: Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2021.

Machine Bias & the Law: Fall 2020.

Civil Liberties in Wartime: Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Summer 2019 (online), Fall 2019, Summer 2020 (online), Spring 2021, Summer 2021 (online), Summer 2022 (online).

Data Science Fundamentals: Summer 2020, Fall 2020.

Text-as-Data (graduate seminar): Spring 2021.

Text-as-Data in R (workshop): Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2020, Summer 2021.

Power, Institutions, & the American Constitution: Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023.

Introduction to Legal Studies: Spring 2022, Spring 2024.

*The University of Mississippi*

Constitutional Law I, Supreme Court & the Constitution: Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015.

Constitutional Law II, Civil Rights & Liberties: Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Courts and Public Policy: Fall 2015.

Judicial Behavior: Spring 2014, Spring 2015.

American Political Institutions (grad): Fall 2014.

Introduction to American Government: Summer 2014, Summer 2015.

*Penn State University*

American Judicial Behavior: Summer 2011.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, Executive Council, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2018-2021).

Co-Organizer, 2023 New Directions in Analyzing Text-as-Data (UMass Amherst), November 9 and 10, 2023.

Section Head, Constitutional Law & Jurisprudence, Midwest Political Science Association (2024 Annual Conference).

Chair, Webmaster Search Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2020).

Member, Best Journal Article Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2019).

Member (recused), Best Journal Article Committee, Law & Courts Section of American Political Science Association (2016).

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *European Journal of Law & Economics*, *Journal of Computational Social Science*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Law & Courts*, *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Policy*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research Methods*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, Sage Publications, CQ Press, National Science Foundation (panel), National Science Foundation (ad-hoc).

Member, American Political Science Association (Law & Courts Section).

Member, Law & Society Association.  
Member, Society for Political Methodology.  
Member, Midwest Political Science Association.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### *The University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Faculty Senate (2023 - present)  
Faculty Senate Research Computing Committee (2022 - present).  
Governing Board, Data Analytics and Computational Social Science (DACSS) Program (2023 - present).  
Steering Committee, UMass Center for Justice, Law, & Societies (2021 - present).  
Search Chair, Director of Data Analytics and Computational Social Science (DACSS) Program (Summer 2023).  
Merger Committee, Data Analytics and Computational Social Science Program and School of Public Policy (AY 2023-24).

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

### *The University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Concentration Coordinator, Political Science & Research Methods Graduate Concentration (Spring 2021-present).  
Field Clerk, Law, Politics, & Society (2019-present)  
Legal Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee (2016-present).  
Department Personnel Committee (AY 2023-24).  
Advisor, Data Analysis for Politics, Policy, and Legal Studies [DAPPLS] (2017-present).  
Political Science Graduate Studies Committee (Fall 2018, 2019-present).  
Legal Studies Graduate Studies Committee (2016-17, 2020-present).  
Search Committee, Data Analytics & Computational Social Science Faculty Fellow (Fall 2023).  
Curriculum Committee, Data Analytics & Computational Social Science (AY 2023-24).  
Search Chair, Data Analytics & Computational Social Science Faculty Fellow (Spring 2022).  
Search Committee, Law & Inequality (Fall 2021).  
Search Chair, Data Analytics & Computational Social Science Faculty Fellow (Summer 2021).  
Search Committee, Associate / Full Professor of Political Behavior (Fall 2019).  
Search Committee, American Foreign Policy Instructor (Fall 2019).  
UMass Model Working Group (Fall 2018).  
Legal Studies Events Committee (Fall 2018).

### *The University of Mississippi*

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity (2013-2016).  
American Politics Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee (2014-15, 2015-16).  
Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-16).