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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Political Science and Director of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 2016-present.

Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Legal Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst. 2014-2016.

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Texas. 2011-2014.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Texas. 2007-2011.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Houston. 2005-2007.

Adjunct Research Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center. 2006-2007.

Instructor of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. 2004-2005.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Binghamton University (S.U.N.Y.). 2005.

ICPSR Summer Program. University of Michigan (Class: Advanced M.L.E.). 2003.

M.A., Political Science, Binghamton University (S.U.N.Y.). 2003.

B.S., Political Science, University of Scranton. 2000.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2013. *Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Named a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for 2014.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. *Friends of the Supreme Court: Interest Groups and Judicial Decision Making*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Winner of the 2009 C. Herman Pritchett Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association for the best book on law and courts written by a political scientist.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Boyd, Christina L., Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. N.d. "The Role of Nominee Gender and Race at Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." *Law & Society Review* forthcoming.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2018. "The Use of Amicus Curiae Briefs." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 14: forthcoming.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2018. "Reputational Rankings of Peer Reviewed Law Journals: A Survey Approach." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 51(2): 377-386.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lauren A. McCarthy. 2017. "Friends and Interveners: Interest Group Litigation in a Comparative Context." *Journal of Law and Courts* 5(1): 55-80.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2016. "The Institutionalization of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." *Law & Social Inquiry* 41(1): 126-151.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., Pamela C. Corley, and Jesse Hamner. 2015. "The Influence of Amicus Curiae Briefs on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content." *Law & Society Review* 49(4): 917-944.

Featured in *Law & Society Review's* virtual issue on "Law and Society Perspectives on Supreme Court Decisions in Light of Justice Scalia's Death."

Eshbaugh-Soha, Matthew, and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2015. "Presidential Rhetoric and Supreme Court Decisions." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 45(4): 633-652.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Wendy L. Martinek. 2015. "Judges and Friends: The Influence of Amici Curiae on U.S. Court of Appeals Judges." *American Politics Research* 43(2): 255-282.

Blackstone, Bethany, and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2014. "Strategy and the Decision to Dissent on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal* 35(3): 239-256.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., Pamela C. Corley, and Jesse Hamner. 2014. "Me Too? An Investigation of Repetition in U.S. Supreme Court Amicus Curiae Briefs." *Judicature* 97(5): 228-234.

Batta, Anna, Paul M. Collins, Jr., Tom Miles, and Lori A. Ringhand. 2012. "Let's Talk: Judicial Decisions at Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." *Judicature* 96(1): 7-15.

Calvin, Bryan, Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha. 2011. "On the Relationship between Public Opinion and Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4): 736-748.

Corley, Pamela C., Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Bryan Calvin. 2011. "Lower Court Influence on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content." *Journal of Politics* 73(1): 31-44.

Winner of the 2012 Best Journal Article Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2011. "Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(2): 362-376.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Wendy L. Martinek. 2011. "The Small Group Context: Designated District Court Judges in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 8(1): 177-205.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Wendy L. Martinek. 2010. "Who Participates as Amici Curiae in the U.S. Courts of Appeals?" *Judicature* 94(3): 128-136.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Wendy L. Martinek. 2010. "Friends of the Circuits: Interest Group Influence on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Social Science Quarterly* 91(2): 397-414.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., Kenneth L. Manning, and Robert A. Carp. 2010. "Gender, Critical Mass, and Judicial Decision Making." *Law & Policy* 32(2): 260-281.
- Solowiej, Lisa A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2009. "Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 37(4): 670-699.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. "The Consistency of Judicial Choice." *Journal of Politics* 70(3): 861-873.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., Daniel A. Norton, Kenneth L. Manning, and Robert A. Carp. 2008. "International Conflicts and Decision Making on the Federal District Courts." *Justice System Journal* 29(2): 121-144.
- Nicholson, Chris, and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2008. "The Solicitor General's Amicus Curiae Strategies in the Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 36(3): 382-415.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. "Amici Curiae and Dissensus on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 5(1): 143-170.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2007. "Towards an Integrated Model of the U.S. Supreme Court's Federalism Decision Making." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 37(4): 505-531.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lisa A. Solowiej. 2007. "Interest Group Participation, Competition, and Conflict in the U.S. Supreme Court." *Law & Social Inquiry* 32(4): 955-984.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2007. "Lobbyists before the U.S. Supreme Court: Investigating the Influence of Amicus Curiae Briefs." *Political Research Quarterly* 60(1): 55-70.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2004. "Friends of the Court: Examining the Influence of Amicus Curiae Participation in U.S. Supreme Court Litigation." *Law & Society Review* 38(4): 807-832.
- Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2004. "Variable Voting Behavior on the Supreme Court: A Preliminary Analysis and Research Framework." *Justice System Journal* 25(1): 57-74.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- ben-Aaron, James, Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2017. "The Selection of U.S. Supreme Court Justices." In *The Routledge Handbook of Judicial Behavior*, eds. Robert M. Howard and Kirk A. Randazzo. New York, NY: Routledge.

Perkins, Jared, and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2017. "Interest Groups and the Judiciary." In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*, eds. Lee Epstein and Stefanie A. Lindquist. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2013. "Interest Groups in the Judicial Arena." In *New Directions in Interest Group Politics*, ed. Matt Grossmann. New York, NY: Routledge.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2012. "Interest Groups and Their Influence on Judicial Policy." In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, ed. Kevin T. McGuire. New York, NY: Routledge.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2018. "Neil Gorsuch and the Ginsburg Rules." *Chicago-Kent Law Review* forthcoming.

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2013. "Functioning Just Fine: The Unappreciated Value of the Supreme Court Confirmation Process." *Drake Law Review* 61(4): 1025-1048.

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2011. "May It Please the Senate: An Empirical Analysis of the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings of Supreme Court Nominees, 1939-2009." *American University Law Review* 60(3): 589-641.

Flatt, Victor B., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2009. "Environmental Enforcement in Dire Straits: There is No Protection for Nothing and No Data for Free." *Notre Dame Law Review* 85(1): 55-87.

Selected by the Environmental Law Institute as one of the four best environmental law articles published in 2009. Featured at the Fourth Annual *Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review* conference in Washington, D.C. (2011). Condensed version reprinted, with commentary, in *Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review (Environmental Law Reporter* 41(8): 10679-10685 (2011)). Also reprinted in *Enforcement of Environmental Law*, ed. Ludwig Krämer. Northampton, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing (2016).

SHORT ESSAY PUBLICATIONS

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2015. "Finishing the Dissertation: Advice for Graduate Students and Faculty Mentors." *Law & Courts* 24(2): 7-10.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2013. "Introducing *The U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings Database*." *Law & Courts* 23(3): 14-16.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2012. "The Contributions of Psychology to Law and Courts Research." *Law & Courts* 22(3): 6-12.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. "Transforming the United States Courts of Appeals Databases in Stata." *Law & Courts* 18(1): 19-22.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2006. "Transforming the Original U.S. Supreme Court Judicial Database: An Alternative Approach for use with Stata." *Law & Courts* 16(1): 22-24.

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2018. "[The 'Ginsburg Rule' is Not an Excuse to Avoid Answering the Senate's Questions](#)," *Washington Post*, July 9.

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2017. "[Why Not Limit Neil Gorsuch — and All Supreme Court Justices — to 18-year Terms?](#)," *Washington Post*, March 23.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2017. "[Gorsuch is Allowed to Answer Questions. He Should Start](#)," *Slate*, March 22.

Ringhand, Lori A., and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2016. "[The Evolution of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings](#)," *SCOTUSBlog*, March 25.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2016. "[The Top Five Supreme Court Nomination Myths](#)," *Slate*, March 24.

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2016. "[What Two Legal Scholars Learned from Studying 70 Years of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings](#)," *The Conversation*, March 21.

BOOK REVIEWS

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2016. Review of *Making the Case: The Art of the Judicial Opinion* by Paul W. Kahn. *Choice* 54(2): 889.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2016. Review of *Navigating the Jungle: Law, Politics, and the Animal Advocacy Movement* by Steven C. Tauber. *Law & Politics Book Review* 26(4): 75-77.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2015. Review of *The View from the Bench and Chambers: Examining Judicial Process and Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals* by Jennifer Barnes Bowie, Donald R. Songer, and John Szmer. *Choice* 52(12): 6651.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2015. Review of *Attacking Judges: How Campaign Advertising Influences State Supreme Court Elections* by Melinda Gann Hall. *Choice* 52(9): 5049.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2014. Review of *License to Wed: What Legal Marriage Means to Same-Sex Couples* by Kimberly D. Richman. *Choice* 52(1): 547.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2012. Review of *All Judges Are Political—Except When They Are Not: Acceptable Hypocrisies and the Rule of Law* by Keith J. Bybee. *Law & Politics Book Review* 22(6): 300-302.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2011. Review of *Getting a Poor Return: Courts, Justice, and Taxes* by Robert M. Howard. *American Review of Politics* 31(Winter): 359-361.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2010. Review of *In Defense of Judicial Elections* by Chris W. Bonneau and Melinda Gann Hall; and *Citizens, Courts, and Confirmations: Positivity Theory and the Judgments of the American People* by James L. Gibson and Gregory A. Caldeira. *Perspectives on Politics* 8(2): 679-680.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2010. Review of *Law, Politics, and Perception: How Policy Preferences Influence Legal Reasoning* by Eileen Braman. *Law & Politics Book Review* 20(4): 158-161.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. Review of *Trial Courts as Organizations* by Brian J. Ostrom, Charles W. Ostrom, Jr., Roger A. Hanson, and Matthew Kleiman. *Law & Society Review* 42(3): 694-696.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. Review of *Courtiers of the Marble Palace: The Rise and Influence of the Supreme Court Law Clerk* by Todd C. Peppers; and *Sorcerers' Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court* by Artemus Ward and David L. Weiden. *Justice System Journal* 29(1): 117-120.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2007. Review of *The Judicial Branch of Federal Government: People, Process, and Politics* edited by Charles L. Zelden. *Law & Politics Book Review* 17(12): 901-903.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2007. Review of *Law as a Means to an End: Threat to the Rule of Law* by Brian Z. Tamanaha. *Law & Politics Book Review* 17(2): 181-184.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2005. Review of *Congressional Participation as Amicus Curiae Before the U.S. Supreme Court* by Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan. *Law & Politics Book Review* 15(10): 933-936.

DATASETS

Collins, Paul M., Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2013. "The U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing Database." Available at <http://blogs.umass.edu/pmcollins/data/>.

Collins, Paul M., Jr. 2008. "The U.S. Supreme Court Amicus Curiae Database, 1946-2001." Available at <http://blogs.umass.edu/pmcollins/data/>.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Creating Databases in Sociological Research: The U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings Database" (with Lori A. Ringhand).

"Gender and Racial Bias in U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." (with Christina L. Boyd and Lori A. Ringhand).

The President and the Supreme Court: Going Public on Judicial Decisions (book manuscript with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$500. 2015. 2016. 2017.

Five College Consortium Research Grant to support the Five College Seminar in Legal Studies. \$1,000. 2015-2016. 2016-2017. 2017-2018. 2018-2019.

Public Engagement Faculty Fellow, Public Engagement Project at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. 2015.

Outstanding Reviewer Award for 2012, *Political Research Quarterly*. 2013.

Best Journal Article Award for the best journal article on law and courts written by a political scientist. Awarded by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2012. (with Pamela C. Corley and Bryan Calvin).

Neal Tate Award for the most outstanding paper on judicial politics presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 2012. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Congressional Research Award from the Dirksen Congressional Center, \$3,477. 2011-2012. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Outstanding Reviewer Award for 2009, *Political Research Quarterly*. 2010.

C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book on law and courts written by a political scientist. Awarded by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2009.

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship from the University of North Texas, \$5,000. 2008. 2009.

Faculty Research Initiation Grant from the University of North Texas, \$5,000. 2008.

Tenneco Lecture Series Grant from the University of Houston Public History Program to support a speaker series on the empirical study of the law, \$2,600. 2006-2007.

Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Award for the Most Distinguished Dissertation in the Social Sciences defended between July 2004 and June 2006. 2006.

Artinian Travel Award from the Southern Political Science Association, \$250. 2006.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, \$8,346 (SES Grant Number 0350416). 2004-2005.

Congressional Quarterly Press Award for the best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. Awarded by the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association. 2003. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).

Clifford C. Clogg scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods. 2003.

Congressional Quarterly Press Award for the best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. Awarded by the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association. 2002.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Paper. "Presidential Calls to Congress to Overrule Supreme Court Decisions." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Toronto, Canada. 2018. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Panelist. "Finding and Thriving in a Tenure-Track Undergraduate-Focused Job." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Toronto, Canada. 2018.

Paper. "Neil Gorsuch and the Ginsburg Rules." UMass Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts. 2018. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Paper. "Media Response to Presidential Speeches on U.S. Supreme Court Cases." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. 2017. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Roundtable Participant. "Threatening the Legitimacy of the U.S. Supreme Court Nomination Process." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. 2017.

Discussant. "U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making and Impact." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. 2017.

Paper. "Backwards & in High Heels: Implicit Bias at Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." UMass Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts. 2017. (with Christina L. Boyd, Bryce McManus, and Lori A. Ringhand).

Paper. "The Role of Nominee Gender and Race at Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2017. (with Christina L. Boyd, Bryce McManus, and Lori A. Ringhand).

Discussant. "Judicial Behavior on the Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2017.

Paper. "A Historical Investigation of Presidential Speeches on Supreme Court Decisions." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2016. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Panelist. "Landing a Law and Society Job at a Teaching-Centered Institution." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2016.

Paper. "Targeting the Supreme Court in Presidential Speeches." UMass Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts. 2016. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Paper. "The Selection of U.S. Supreme Court Justices." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2016. (with James ben-Aaron and Lori A. Ringhand).

Discussant. "Judicial Behavior and Salient Legal Questions." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2016.

Paper. "'Going Public' to Influence Judicial Decisions." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. 2015. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Discussant. "We Just Disagree: The Dynamics of Dissents." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. 2015.

Paper. "Interest Group Litigation in a Comparative Context." Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Seattle, Washington. 2015. (with Lauren McCarthy).

Presenter. "Interest Group Litigation in a Comparative Context." UMass Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts. 2015. (with Lauren McCarthy).

Presenter. "Docket Control and Ideological Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2015.

Chair and Discussant. "Influences on Judicial Behavior: The Federal Judicial Hierarchy." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2015.

Author. "Authors Meet Critics: Collins and Ringhand and Wedeking and Farganis on Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2014.

Panelist. “Law & Courts Section Lifetime Achievement Award: Honoring the Work of Professor Lawrence Baum.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2014.

Paper. “Targeting the Court with Presidential Appeals.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2014. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Paper. “Going Public on Supreme Court Decisions.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2013. (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Paper. “The Influence of Amicus Curiae Briefs on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2013. (with Pamela C. Corley and Jesse Hamner).

Paper. “The Institutionalization of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2013. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Paper. “Me Too? An Investigation of Repetition in US Supreme Court Amicus Curiae Briefs.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2013. (with Pamela C. Corley and Jesse Hamner).

Chair. “Measuring the Certainty of Supreme Court Opinions.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2013.

Paper. “Super Precedents, Litmus Tests, and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2012. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Chair. “The Contributions of Psychology to Judicial Politics Research.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2012.

Paper. “Strategy, Certainty, and the Decision to Dissent on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2011. (with Bethany Blackstone).

Paper. “Judges and Friends: The Influence of Amici Curiae on U.S. Court of Appeals Judges.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2011. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Discussant. “Issues, Dynamics, and the U.S. Supreme Court.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2011.

Paper. “Public Opinion, Precedents, and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2011. (with Lori A. Ringhand).

Chair and Discussant. “Litigants Before the Courts.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2011.

Paper. “Amicus Participation in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2010. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. "Lower Court Influence on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2009. (with Bryan Calvin and Pamela C. Corley).

Paper. "On the Relationship between Public Opinion and Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009. (with Bryan Calvin and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha).

Author. "Authors Meet Critics: *Answering the Call of the Court: How Justices and Litigants Set the Supreme Court Agenda* by Vanessa A. Baird; and *Friends of the Supreme Court: Interest Groups and Judicial Decision Making* by Paul M. Collins, Jr." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009.

Chair. "Courts and Policy Implementation." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2009.

Paper. "Friends of the Circuits: Interest Group Influence on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts. 2008. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. "Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2008.

Chair and Discussant. "Cognition, Meaning, and Decision-Making." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2008.

Paper. "Counteractive Lobbying in the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008. (with Lisa A. Solowiej).

Paper. "Voting Variability: Temporary and Regular Newcomers on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008. (with Raymond V. Carman, Jr. and Wendy L. Martinek).

Chair and Discussant. "Before the Justices Decide: Access to the U.S. Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2008.

Paper. "Selecting Influence? The Solicitor General and the Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2007. (with Chris Nicholson).

Chair and Discussant. "Responding to Principals and Precedents." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2007.

Paper. "The Small Group Context: Designated District Court Judges in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2007. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Chair. "Authors Meet Critics: *Strategic Behavior and Policy Choice on the U.S. Supreme Court* by Thomas H. Hammond, Chris W. Bonneau, and Reginald S. Sheehan; and *The Politics of Precedent on the U.S. Supreme Court* by Thomas G. Hansford and James F. Spriggs II." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2007.

Paper. "Towards an Integrated Model of the Supreme Court's Federalism Decision Making." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2006.

Discussant. "Lower Federal and Other Courts." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2006.

Paper. "Interest Group Influence on the Supreme Court: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2006.

Chair and Discussant. "Courts and Interests." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2006.

Paper. "The Consistency of Judicial Choice." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2005.

Paper. "Mobilizing Dissensus on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara, New York. 2005.

Chair and Discussant. "Rights and the Rule of Law." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara, New York. 2005.

Paper. "The Solicitor General's Amicus Curiae Strategies in the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2005.

Paper. "Friends of the Supreme Court: Examining the Influence of Interest Groups in the U.S. Supreme Court's Free Expression Jurisprudence." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2004.

Paper. "U.S. Conflict Behavior and Supreme Court Decision Making: An Empirical Analysis of the Crisis Thesis." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Binghamton, New York. 2004. (with Daniel A. Norton).

Paper. "Interest Group Participation and Judicial Decision Making: Examining the Influence of Amicus Curiae Participation in the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. 2004.

Paper. "Friends of the Supreme Court: Amicus Curiae and Judicial Decision Making." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2003.

Paper. "Interest Group Participation as a Strategic Tool." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, Colorado. 2003. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. "The Strategic Use of Interest Groups: The Case of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Lower Federal Court Appointments." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia. 2002. (with Wendy L. Martinek).

Paper. "Organized Interests in the Supreme Court: Gauging the Effectiveness of Amicus Curiae Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. 2002.

Paper. “Amicus by the Numbers: Examining the Effectiveness of the Amicus Curiae Brief in the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia. 2001.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“The Future of the Supreme Court and Lower Federal Courts.” Presented at the Wesleyan Media Project Post-Election Conference, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. 2016.

“Friends and Interveners: Interest Group Litigation in a Comparative Context.” Presented at Binghamton University Department of Political Science, Vestal, New York. 2015.

“Reinvigorating Sociolegal Research – Approaches That Involve Undergraduates” (sponsored by the National Science Foundation). Arlington, Virginia. 2014.

“Lower Court Influence on U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Content.” Presented at the University of Texas at Dallas School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, Richardson, Texas. 2009.

“Interest Group Participation in the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the Symposium on the Role of Interveners in Public Interest Litigation, David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Canada. 2009.

“Workshop on the Identification and Integration of Law and Court Data” (sponsored by the National Science Foundation). University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina. 2009.

“Cognitive Dissonance on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Workshop on Law, Economics, and Politics, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas. 2009.

“Empirical Legal Studies.” Presented at the University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas. 2006.

INVITED COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Election 2016: What Happened? What is Likely to Happen.” Presented at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts. 2016.

“The Future of the Second Amendment.” Julian J. Rothbaum Distinguished Lecture in Public Affairs. Presented at East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma. 2013.

“The Supreme Court and the Future of the Second Amendment.” Presented at the Martin Colloquium Public Speaker Series, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. 2013.

“The Nomination of Elena Kagan.” Presented at the Denton Kiwanis Club, Denton, Texas. 2010.

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

RESEARCH

Law, Politics, and Society: democratic nature of the judiciary; executive-judicial relations; judicial behavior and decision making; legal argumentation and persuasion; legal consistency; psychology of

judging; public opinion; selection of judges; social movement litigation; strategic interactions; race, gender, and judges.

Interest Groups: effectiveness; goals; strategies.

American Politics: political institutions; interbranch relations; federalism.

TEACHING

Legal Studies: constitutional law; empirical legal studies; judicial process; judges and judging; law and social science; law and social activism; law and society.

American Politics: political institutions; interest groups.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Consultant, AARP Foundation Litigation, Washington, D.C. 2007-2008.

Consultant, The Constitution Project, Washington, D.C. 2003.

Trial preparation and deposition review, Cerrone v. Cahill, 84 F. Supp. 2d 330 (NDNY 2000), for Hinman, Straub, P.C., Albany, New York. 2001.

Data Analyst, Office of the Majority Counsel, Albany County Legislature, Albany, New York. 2000.

CLASSES TAUGHT

American Government: Laws and Institutions

American National Government and Politics

American Pluralism

American State and Local Government and Politics

Civil Rights and Liberties

Constitutional Law and Politics

Groups in the Political Process

Interest Group Politics (Graduate)

Introduction to Legal Studies

Introduction to Political Science

Judges and Judging

Judicial Behavior

Judicial Process and Behavior (Graduate)

Law and Social Activism

Law and Society
Minority Rights and the Courts
Picking a U.S. Supreme Court Justice
Pluralism, Prejudice, and Public Law
Proseminar in American Government and Politics (Graduate)
Proseminar in Public Law (Graduate)
The American Legal System
The Rise of the National Government
The U.S. Supreme Court (Undergraduate Honors)

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Vice President, Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs. 2018-present.
Board of Directors, Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs. 2014-present.
Chair, Five College Seminar in Legal Studies. 2015-present.
Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal*. 2010-present.
Editorial Advisory Board, *Law & Society Review*. 2015-2016.
Editorial Advisory Board, *Political Research Quarterly*. 2014-2016.
List Master, Law and Courts Discussion List, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2013-present.
Chair, Best Conference Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2016.
Member, Program Committee for 2019 Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, 2018-present.
Member, National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Program Advisory Panel. 2015, 2016, 2016.
Member, Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2016-2017.
Member, Dissertation Award Committee, Law and Society Association. 2015. 2017.
Member, Program Committee for 2016 Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association, 2015-2016.
Member, Awards Committee, Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs, 2016.
Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2014.
Chair, Neil Tate Award Committee for the most outstanding paper on judicial politics presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 2013.

Section Chair, Judicial Politics and Public Law, Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. 2013.

Chair, Westview Press Award Committee for the best paper delivered by a graduate student at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2012.

Judge, Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association. 2012.

Section Chair, Judicial Politics, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2012.

Member, Law and Courts Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2009, 2011.

Member, National Science Foundation Law and Social Science Program Advisory Panel for Dissertation Grants. 2009, 2010.

Panel Organizer, "Measurement and Method in the Study of Judicial Behavior" held at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 2007.

Consultant, Pollworker Institute, Washington, D.C. 2004-2006.

Reviewer: *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Review of Politics*, Cambridge University Press, Canada Foundation for Innovation, *Choice*, CQ Press, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, Edward Elgar Publishing, *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, *International Studies Quarterly*, Israel Science Foundation, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, *Judicature*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Policy*, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, *Law, Democracy, & Development*, *Law & Politics Book Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Midsouth Political Science Review*, National Science Foundation, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, Oxford University Press, *Perspectives on Politics*, Peter Lang, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Policy*, *Public Choice*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Routledge, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Focus*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Studies in Law, Politics, & Society*, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, University of Michigan Press, Wadsworth-Cengage, W.W. Norton & Company.

Select Media Appearances: *ABA Journal* (2013), *Abilene Reporter News* (2011), *Albany County Bar Association Newsletter* (2008), *Albany Times Union* (2006, 2010), *Austin American-Statesman* (2009), Bill Martinez Live (2016), BBC (2010), *Biloxi Sun-Herald* (2009), *Boston Herald* (2018), *Business Times* (Singapore) (2012), *Centre Daily Times* (2009), *Charlotte Observer* (2009), *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* (2009), CNN (2010, 2017), *Daily Hampshire Gazette* (2015, 2016, 2016, 2018), *Dallas Observer* (2015), *Denton Record-Chronicle* (2009, 2013), *The Environmental Forum* (2011), *Expresso* (Portugal) (2015), *Fort Mill Times* (2009), *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (2008, 2009), *Golf Magazine* (2007), *Houston Chronicle* (2009), *Kansas City Star* (2009), KCBS Radio (2010), KNTU Radio (2010, 2012), KPFK Radio (2017), KRLD Radio (2009), KSRO Radio (2010), *Lake Wylie Pilot* (2009), *Lexington Herald-Leader* (2009), *Macon Telegraph* (2009), McClatchy DC (2015), The McCuistion Program (2011), *Merced Sun Star* (2009), *Modesto Bee* (2009), *National Journal* (2011), *National Law Journal* (2008, 2012), National Post Radio (2017), *National Review* (2010), *New Scientist* (2011), *New York Times* (2010, 2015, 2018), PBS (2010), *Raleigh News & Observer* (2009), *Rock Hill Herald* (2009), *Roll Call* (2017), *San Angelo Standard Times* (2011), *San Antonio Express-News* (2009), *San Francisco Chronicle* (2015), *SCOTUSblog* (2016), *Slate* (2016, 2016), *Springfield Republican* (2016), *The Bellingham Herald* (2009), *The Island Packet* (2009), *The*

State (2009), *Tricity Herald* (2009), *Texas Tribune* (2016), *The Conversation* (2016), *USA Today* (2016), *Voice of America* (2015), *Wall Street Journal* (2015, 2015, 2017), *Washington Post* (2017, 2017, 2018), WBAP Radio (2012), WBUR Radio (2017), WHYI Radio (2010), WWLP Television (2016).

INTERNAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Director of Legal Studies, Department of Political Science. 2014-present.

Chair, Legal Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science. 2014-present.

Chair, Legal Studies Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2015-2016.

Chair, Chair Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2015.

Chair, Legal Studies Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2014-2015.

Member, Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science. 2017-present.

Member, Junior Year Writing Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2017-2018.

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science. 2016-2017.

Member, Lecturer Merit Committee (ex officio), Department of Political Science. 2014-present.

Member, Scholarship Committee, Department of Political Science. 2016-present.

Member, College Curriculum Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. 2015-present.

Member, Chief Undergraduate Advisor Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2016.

Panelist, "Managing Comprehensive Examinations." Department of Political Science. 2016.

Panelist, "Planning for the Market: Preparing a Dossier: Writing an Effective Cover Letter." Department of Political Science. 2016.

Panelist, "Advice on Publishing for Graduate Students." Department of Political Science. 2016.

Panelist, "Making Your Research Public." Public Engagement Project. 2015.

Panelist, "Creating a Convincing CV: Content and Format." Institute for Social Science Research. 2015.

Presenter, "Understanding the Content of Supreme Court Opinions." School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Four @ Four Event. 2014.

Presenter, "Text Analysis." Graduate Methods Workshop, Department of Political Science. 2014.

Panelist, "CV Building Blocks: Content and Format." Institute for Social Science Research. 2014.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Convener, American and Public Law Fields, Department of Political Science. 2011-2014.

Member, Advancement Committee, Department of Political Science. 2012-2014.

Member, American Politics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science. 2008-2014.

Member, Students Grants and Awards Committee, Department of Political Science. 2012-2014.

Member, University Graduate Council. 2011-2014.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science. 2007-2012.

Member, Space Committee, Department of Political Science. 2010-2012.

Member, Web Site Revision Committee, Department of Political Science. 2010-2012.

Member, Clinical Psychology Search Committee, Department of Psychology. 2011-2012.

Chair and Convener, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science. 2008-2011.

Mentor, Emerald Eagle Scholars Program. 2009-2010.

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Political Science. 2008-2009.

Chair and Convener, Judicial Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2008.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Hiring, Department of Political Science. 2008.

Election Judge, Department of Political Science. 2007-2008.

Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Political Science. 2007-2008.

Member, American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science. 2007.

Presenter, "Data Management in Stata." Applied Methods Summer Series, Department of Political Science. 2013.

Panelist, "Life-Work Balance." Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, Department of Political Science. 2013.

Panelist, "Preparing for Field Exams and the Prospectus." Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, Department of Political Science. 2012.

Panelist, "Publishing in Academic Journals." Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, Department of Political Science. 2011.

Panelist, "The Use of Webpages and Electronic Media." Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, Department of Political Science. 2011.

Panelist, "Designing a Curriculum Vitae." Graduate Student Professionalization Seminar, Department of Political Science. 2009.

Panelist, "Undergraduate Brown Bag Speaker Series." Department of Political Science. 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Founding Director, University of Houston Program for Empirical Legal Studies. 2005-2007.

Member, Public Law Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science. 2006-2008.

Member, American Politics Comprehensive Examination Committee, Department of Political Science. 2006-2008.

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science. 2006-2007.

Member, Technology Committee, Department of Political Science. 2005-2006.

Panelist, "Publishing in Political Science." Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Political Science. 2007.

Panelist, "Surviving Graduate School." Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Political Science. 2006, 2007.

Panelist, "Presenting Conference Papers: A Lecture Demonstration." Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Political Science. 2006.

Presenter, "Seminar on Data Management in Stata." Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Political Science. 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
-Law and Courts Section

Law and Society Association

Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request.