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Academic Appointment

American Bar Foundation – Chicago, Illinois
Visiting Scholar, 2016-present
Department of Political Science, North Central College – Naperville, Illinois
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2015-present

Education

Ph.D. Political Science; The George Washington University, 2015
Exam fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology
Dissertation: *The Politics of Civil Legal Assistance in the United States: Three Essays on the Development, Maintenance, and Delivery of Legal Services*. Paul Wahlbeck (Chair), Brandon Bartels, Sarah Binder, John Sides, Steven Tuch (Sociology)
M.A. Political Science; The George Washington University, 2011
B.A. Political Science, Environmental Science; Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 2008

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. “Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges’ Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence.” with Michael Zilis. *Journal of Law and Courts*.
2018. “Restraining the Court: Assessing Accounts of Congressional Attempts to Limit Supreme Court Authority.” with Michael Zilis. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 141-169.
2017. “Trial and Error: Lawyers and Nonlawyer Advocates.” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Law and Social Inquiry* 42(4): 1023-1057.
2015. “Legal Elites and Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court: Is the Supreme Court a ‘Political Institution?’” with Brandon Bartels and Chris Johnston. *Law and Society Review* 49(3): 761-794.
2014. “Stepping on Congress: Courts, Congress, and Inter-Institutional Politics” with Forrest Maltzman, Charles Shipan, and Michael Zilis. *Journal of Law and Courts* 2(2):219-240.

Law Review Articles

Forthcoming. “Studying the “New” Civil Judges.” with Anna Carpenter, Jessica Steinberg, and Colleen Shanahan. *Wisconsin Law Review*.
Forthcoming. “Measuring Clinics.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jeff Selbin. *Tulane Law Review*.
2016. “Can a Little Representation Be a Dangerous Thing?” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Hastings Law Review*. 67: 1367-1388.
2016. “Lawyers, Power, and Strategic Expertise” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Denver Law Review*. 93(2): 469-521.

Book chapters

2016. “Forecasting Opinion Assignment on the Supreme Court” with Paul Wahlbeck, Ryan Krog, and Phillip Wininger. In Artemus Ward and David Danelski Eds. *The U.S. Chief Justice*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
2013. “Does Religion Transcend Social Issues? The Effects of Religion on Congressional Voting” with Steven Tuch in William V. D’Antonio, Steven A. Tuch, and Josiah Baker *The Religious Factor: Religion Culture Wars, and Polarization*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

Other writing

- Forthcoming. "The American Bar Association." in *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. eds. Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward.
2016. "Review of *The Trouble with Lawyers* by Deborah L. Rhode." *Law and Politics Book Review*. 26(6): 117-120.
2016. "Is it a problem that judges no longer have experience working in Congress?" *Monkey Cage Blog, The Washington Post*. February 10.

Fellowships and Awards

- North Central College, Summer Professional Development Grant, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Fellowship Grant, 2015-16
- APSA Congressional Fellowship Program, 2015-2016 (Declined)
- The Economic Club of Washington Philip Dearborn Fellow, 2014-2015
- Nominated, Best Public Policy Poster, American Political Science Association, 2014
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant; "Assessing Assistance and Citizen Engagement" (SES 1324074), 2013-2016
- Mary Rickey Fellowship, 2013-2014
- Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Endowment Scholarship, 2013-2014
- Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment Scholarship, 2013-2014
- GW Political Science Department Graduate Research Grant, 2013
- Writing in the Discipline Workshop Grant, 2012-2013
- Summer Research Fellowship; The George Washington University, 2011, 2013
- Nominated, Best Poster Award; Midwest Political Science Association, 2011
- Teaching Fellowship; The George Washington University, 2009-2013
- National Council of Students; Phi Kappa Phi, 2009
- Emerging Scholar Award; Phi Kappa Phi, 2006

Working Projects

- Representation in Context: Party Power and Lawyer Expertise – a multi-publication project with Anna Carpenter (Tulsa Law) and Colleen Shanahan (Temple Law)
- The "New" Civil Judges – a multi-publication project with Anna Carpenter, Colleen Shanahan, and Jessica Steinberg (George Washington Law)
- "Branches in Conflict: How Legislative Threats Alter the Behavior of (Some) Supreme Court Justices" -- with Michael Zilis (under review)
- Individual Roots of Institutional Conflict: The Origins and Consequences of Congressional Assaults on the U.S. Supreme Court*. – with Michael Zilis (book project)
- "Seeing the Law from All Sides: Judges' Perspectives on Inter-branch Public Service Experiences" (under review)
- "A Compromised Institution: the Origin of the Legal Services Corporation"
- "Hesitation, Protraction, and (Eventual) Cooperation: Legal Services and State-Level Innovation"
- "(Dis)Empowerment? The Consequences of Seeking Out Civil Legal Services"

Conference Participation

Paper Presentations

2017. "Full Court Press – The Causes and Consequences of Executive Court Curbing" with Michael Zilis – American Political Science Association
2016. "Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges' Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence" with Michael Zilis – Midwest Political Science Association
2016. "Curbing their Enthusiasm: When Does Congress Decide to Sanction the Supreme Court?" with Michael Zilis – Southern Political Science Association
2015. "A Little Lawyering Can Be a Dangerous Thing" with Anna Carpenter and Colleen Shanahan –

UC Hastings Law School; Hastings/Stanford Access to Justice Conference

- 2015. “Lawyers, Power, and Strategic Expertise” with Anna Carpenter and Colleen Shanahan – Law and Society Association
- 2015. “The Symbol and the Noise: Do Bill Introductions Limit the Supreme Court’s Authority?” with Michael Zilis – Midwest Political Science Association
- 2014. “Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Assistance Matter for Democratic Governance?” – University College London’s Centre for Legal Studies: Conference on Access to Justice and Legal Services
- 2014. “Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Assistance Matter for Democratic Governance?” – Law and Society Association
- 2014. “Party Power and Lawyer Expertise: An Empirical and Theoretical Expansion of the Study of Civil Representation” with Anna Carpenter and Colleen Shanahan – Law and Society Association
- 2014. “Hesitation, Protraction, and (Eventual) Cooperation: State-Level Legal Services Innovation” -- Midwest Political Science Association
- 2013. “Representation Matters: A Study of Representation and Access to Justice” with Anna Carpenter and Colleen Shanahan – American University Poverty Law – Cases, Teaching, and Scholarship Conference
- 2013. “Legal Elites and Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court: Is the Supreme Court a ‘Political’ Institution?” with Brandon Bartels and Christopher Johnston – Law and Society Association
- 2013. “Forecasting Opinion Assignment on the Supreme Court” with Paul Wahlbeck, Ryan Krog, and Phillip Wininger – Midwest Political Science Association
- 2013. “Stepping on Congress: Courts, Congress, and Inter-Institutional Politics” with Forrest Maltzman, Charles Shipan, and Michael Zilis -- Midwest Political Science Association
- 2008. “Party, Region, Apprenticeship, and Co-sponsorship in the US Senate” – Illinois Political Science Association

Poster Presentations

- 2015. “A Million Monkeys at a Million Keyboards? Big Data and Salient Rulemakings” with Gabriel Michael, American Political Science Association
- 2014. “(Dis)Empowerment?: The Consequences of Seeking Out Civil Legal Services” – American Political Science Association
- 2013. “The Unlikely Persistence of the Legal Services Corporation: The Politics of Bureaucratic Control” – American Political Science Association
- 2010. “Uncertain Terms: Appellate Court Responsiveness and Retirements on the Supreme Court” – Midwest Political Science Association

Invited Talks and Presentations

- 2017. “The “New” Civil Judges” – University of Wisconsin Law Review Fall Symposium
- 2016. “Civic Learning in the Civil Legal Aid Office.” Fellows Research Advisory Committee, American Bar Foundation.
- 2016. “Civil Legal Services and Political Empowerment of the Poor.” American Bar Foundation Seminar Series.
- 2015. “Seeing the Law from All Sides: Judges’ Perspectives on Inter-branch Public Service Experiences.” Judicial Branch Committee of the Federal Judicial Conference, biannual meeting – invited speaker
- 2015. “Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop II” (University of Wisconsin Law-funded) – invited participant
- 2014. “Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop” (University of Wisconsin Law-funded) – invited participant
- 2013. “Does Religion Transcend Social Issue Voting?” Woman’s National Democratic Club – invited talk
- 2013. The Normative Implications of Empirical Research on Law and Courts Workshop at the George Washington University– invited participant

2012. "Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Aid Matter for Democratic Governance? A Research Proposal." National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference – invited poster presentation
2012. "Access to Civil Justice: Re-envisioning and Reinvigorating Research" Workshop (NSF and American Bar Foundation-funded) – invited participant
2012. "Why Legal Assistance Matters for Democratic Governance." Brookings Institution Governance Studies; Summer Brown Bag Series – invited talk to Governance Studies staff and interns

Research and Teaching Interests

American politics; Legislative politics; The separation of powers; Courts and judicial politics; Law and society; Political and civic engagement; Political behavior; Bureaucratic politics; Quantitative methodology

Courses Taught

(all undergraduate level)

Introduction to American Politics

Introduction to Law

Introduction to Political Science

Constitutional Law I: Separation of Powers

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties

Senior Seminar: Judges & Judging

Interdisciplinary Seminar: The Politics of Disaster – Political and Legal Dimensions of Natural Disasters

Instructor

US Policy and Politics, National Student Leadership Conference 2010-2015

Research Consultant

The Brookings Institution, Governance Studies, 2012

Research Assistance

Paul Wahlbeck (George Washington U.), 2012-2015; Brandon Bartels (George Washington U.) and Chris Bonneau (Pittsburgh U.) 2012-2013; Forrest Maltzman (George Washington U.) and Charles Shipan (U. Michigan) 2011-2013; Sarah Binder (Brookings Institution, George Washington U.) 2011-2013

Service

Alumni Association Board of Directors (SIUE), 2018-present

Institutional Review Board (NCC), 2017-present

General Education Revision Task Force (NCC), 2017

APSA Law and Courts Section C. Herman Pritchett Book Award Committee, 2017

Rall Undergraduate Research Symposium Co-Director (NCC), 2016-present

Mock Trial Educator-Coach (NCC), 2016-present

APSA Law and Courts Section Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, 2016

American Political Science Review, Political Research Quarterly, Law and Society Review, Journal of Law and Courts, Journal of Politics, reviewer

Pi Sigma Alpha; Undergraduate Conference, discussant 2014, 2015

Strategic Plan Working Group; Citizenship and Leadership, graduate representative (GWU), 2012

Political Science Graduate Student Caucus; Co-Chair (GWU Political Science), 2011-2013

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Law and Society Association

Women's Caucus for Political Science