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## Academic Appointment

Wesleyan University – Middletown, CT  
Assistant Professor of Government, July 2019 -  
American Bar Foundation – Chicago, Illinois  
Visiting Scholar, January 2016 - present  
North Central College – Naperville, Illinois  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2015 - present

## Education

The George Washington University – Washington, D.C.  
Ph.D., Political Science, 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, 2011  
Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville  
B.A., Political Science and Environmental Science, 2008

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. "The Conditional Effectiveness of Legislative Threats: How Court-curbing Alters the Behavior of (Some) Supreme Court Justices" with Michael Zilis. *Political Research Quarterly*.

- Discussed in *Pacific Standard* (online), "Who Would Win a Battle Between a Liberal Congress and a Conservative Supreme Court?" October 2, 2018

2018. "Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges' Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence." with Michael Zilis. *Journal of Law and Courts* 6(2): 333-353.

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*.

2018. "Measuring Law School Clinics." with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jeff Selbin. *Tulane Law Review*. 92(3): 547-586.

### *Law Review Articles, con't.*

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**

- Illinois Campus Compact; Election Engagement Grant, 2018
- National Science Foundation; "Access to Civil Justice: Integrating and Advancing Theory and Practice" (SES 1823791) with Rebecca Sandefur (University of Illinois, American Bar Foundation) and David Udell (Fordham Law School, National Center for Access to Justice), 2018-2019
- 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; "Accessing 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)
- Individual Roots of Institutional Conflict: The Origins and Consequences of Congressional Assaults on the U.S. Supreme Court*. – with Michael Zilis (book project)

*Working projects, con't.*

- Full Court Press: The Causes and Consequences of Executive Court Curbing – with Michael Zilis  
“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**

- American Political Science Association (2013, 2014, 2017)  
American University Poverty Law Conference (2013)  
Illinois Political Science Association (2008)  
Law and Society Association (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
Midwest Political Science Association (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)  
Southern Political Science Association (2016)  
UC Hastings Law School/Stanford Access to Justice Conference (2015)  
University College London Access to Justice Conference (2014, 2018)

### **Invited Talks and Presentations**

2018. “A Framework for Studying the State Civil Justice Landscape.” – Fellows of the American Bar Association  
2018. “Campaign Finance in a Post-*Citizens United* World.” – American Association of University Women, Naperville, IL Chapter  
2018. “A Crash Course in Empirical Methodologies for Clinical Law Professors” – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bellow Scholars Workshop, University of South Carolina School of Law  
2018. “The “New” Civil Judges” – University College London Centre for Empirical Legal Studies Access to Justice Conference  
2017. “The “New” Civil Judges” – *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  
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  
2015. “Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop II” – University of Wisconsin Law  
2014. “Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop” – University of Wisconsin Law  
2013. “Does Religion Transcend Social Issue Voting?” – Woman’s National Democratic Club, Washington, D.C.  
2013. “The Normative Implications of Empirical Research on Law and Courts Workshop” – George Washington University  
2012. “Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Aid Matter for Democratic Governance? A Research Proposal.” National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference  
2012. “Access to Civil Justice: Re-envisioning and Reinvigorating Research Workshop” – American Bar Foundation  
2012. “Why Legal Assistance Matters for Democratic Governance.” Brookings Institution Governance Studies; Summer Brown Bag Series

### **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

Public Opinion and Political Behavior

Constitutional Law I: Separation of Powers

Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties

Senior Seminar: Judges & Judging

Interdisciplinary Seminar: 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 Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Political Research Quarterly, Law and Social Inquiry, Law and Society Review, Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Politics, State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 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