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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Politics and Government
Illinois State University, 2014–present

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2010

Dissertation: The Departing Justice and US Supreme Court Nominations
Committee: Chris W. Bonneau, chair. George A. Krause. Kristin Kanthak. Charles R. Shipan

M.Ed. in Teaching and Curriculum, Penn State Harrisburg, 2005

B.S. in Engineering, Geneva College, 1996

Teaching Award

Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008

Recognized by the University of Pittsburgh Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization for excellence in graduate student teaching in the social sciences, based in part on letters of support from students

University Teaching Experience

Illinois State University, 2014–present

Instructor for: U.S. Congressional Politics (fall 2014)

University of Pittsburgh, 2007–2011, 2013

Instructor for: Religion & Politics (fall 2007, spring 2011). American Constitutional Law (fall 2008, summer 2009). Constitution and Civil Liberties (spring 2009). Media & Politics (fall 2010, spring 2013). Judicial Politics (spring 2013). Overall teaching effectiveness scores of 4.60, 4.37, 4.45, 4.58, 4.42, 4.57, 4.37, and 4.37 on a 1-to-5 scale (school mean of 3.99)

Publications

Judicial Politics

2010. Senator Opposition to Supreme Court Nominations: Reference Dependence on the Departing Justice. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35: 393–416

2013. Justice Has Served: US Supreme Court Justice Retirement Strategies. *Justice System Journal* 34: 208–227

Teaching

2011. Of Publishable Quality: Ideas for Political Science Seminar Papers. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44: 629–633

2013. Rookie Mistakes: Preemptive Comments on Graduate Student Empirical Research Manuscripts. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46: 142–146

Public Opinion

2011. You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry: List Experiment Misreporting. *Social Science Quarterly* 92: 552–562

2011. Safe, Legal, Rare...and Early: Gender and the Politics of Abortion. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 21: 83–96 First author, with David C. Barker

2011. Midpoint Misperceptions on 1-to-10 Scales. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 23: 205–213

2012. Intense Ambivalence: Report on the 2006 and 2008 ANES Abortion Attitudes Measures. *Improving Public Opinion Surveys: Interdisciplinary Innovation and the American National Election Studies*. Edited by John Aldrich and Kathleen M. McGraw. New York: Princeton University Press First author, with Heather Marie Rice

2012. Don't Know Much about Democracy: Reporting Survey Data with Non-Substantive Responses. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 45: 462–467 Second author, with J. Reilly

Research Awards

University of Pittsburgh Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2009–2010

Merit-based scholarship awarded to pursue completion of the dissertation

Winning Proposal, American National Election Studies Pilot Contest, 2006

Second author, with David C. Barker and Heather Marie Rice

Proposed “New Abortion Items” that appeared, with modifications, on the 2006 ANES Pilot Study

Winning Proposal, University of Pittsburgh Political Science Department Contest, 2006

For space on the University of Pittsburgh 2006 Cooperative Congressional Election Study module

Invited Presentations

US Supreme Court Nominations: The Memory of the Departing Justice
Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, January 28, 2010

Professional Service and Activities

Editorial assistant for Jon Hurwitz at Political Behavior, 2006–2007

Political science department TA/TF mentor, 2008–2009

Waiting for Ruth Bader Ginsburg to retire? Keep waiting. Monkey Cage blog post at the Washington Post. May 19, 2014.

Referee for American Sociological Review, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly, and Social Science Quarterly

Public School and Community College Teaching Experience

Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, 2010–2014

Teacher: Chemistry. Earth Science. Physics. Member: PA Cyber STEM Committee

Ambridge Area School District, 2002–2005

Teacher: Mathematics. Computer Applications. Criminal and Civil Law

Avonworth School District, 2001–2002

Long-term substitute teacher: Mathematics. Accounting. College in High School Statistics

Community College of Beaver County, 2001–2002

Instructor: College Algebra. Calculus. Probability and Statistics

Non-Teaching Employment

Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, 1996–2001

CAD Designer. Assistant Engineer I