

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. 2016-present

Thomas P. and M. Jean Lauth Public Affairs Professorship, University of Georgia. 2021-present

Affiliated Faculty, Criminal Justice Program, University of Georgia. 2013-

Courtesy Appointment, School of Law, University of Georgia. 2019-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. 2013-2016

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2009-2013

Education

Ph.D., Washington University in St. Louis (2009), Political Science

A.M., Washington University in St. Louis (2006), Political Science

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law (2004)

B.A., University of Florida (2001), Political Science (with honors)

Grants

External

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1626932. Principal Investigator. “How Social Security Administration Appeals Fare in the Federal Trial Courts.” Law and Social Sciences and Science of Organizations Programs. 2016-2020. \$243,297. (Co-Principal Investigators Scott H. Ainsworth and Michael S. Lynch). [project page]

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1626932. Principal Investigator. “Supplemental Funding: How Social Security Administration Appeals Fare in the Federal Trial Courts.” Law and Social Sciences Program. 2019-2021. \$45,986.

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1729077. Principal Investigator. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The People and Process of Federal Criminal Cases.” Law and Social Sciences Program. 2017-2018. \$17,615. Graduate Advisee: Ethan Boldt.

National Science Foundation Grant SES-0818751. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Placing Federal District Courts in the Judicial Hierarchy.” Law and Social Sciences. 2008-2010. \$11,154. Graduate Advisor: Andrew D. Martin.

Internal

Junior-Senior Research Incentive Grant, University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs, 2015-2016. \$4,000. (with Scott H. Ainsworth).

Faculty Research Grant in the Sciences. “Policy Making in the Federal District Courts.” University of Georgia Research Foundation. 2014-2015. \$7,000.

Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Annual Research Grant, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2012-2013 (\$3,600); 2011-2012 (\$5,000); 2010-2011 (\$2,500); 2009-2010 (\$4,000).

Publications

Books

Boyd, Christina L., Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. *Supreme Bias? Gender and Race in U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings*. Under contract with Stanford University Press (Summer 2022 expected completion).

Boyd, Christina L., Michael J. Nelson, Ian Ostrander, and Ethan D. Boldt. 2021. *The Politics of Federal Prosecution*. Oxford University Press.

Discussed in *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* (Feb 2021).

Articles

Boyd, Christina L., Tracey E. George, and Albert H. Yoon. N.D. “The Emerging Authority of Magistrate Judges within U.S. District Courts.” Accepted for publication at *Journal of Law and Courts*.

Boldt, Ethan D., Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and Matthew E. Baker. N.D. “The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions.” Accepted for publication at *Justice System Journal*.

Boyd, Christina L., Pauline T. Kim, and Margo Schlanger. 2020. “Mapping the Iceberg: The Impact of Data Sources on the Study of District Courts.” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 17(3): 466-492. [.pdf]

Boyd, Christina L. and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020 “Judicial Behavior in Disability Cases: Do Judge Sex and Race Matter?” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8: 834-844. [.pdf]

Boyd, Christina L., Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2018. “The Role of Nominee Gender and Race at U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Law & Society Review* 52: 871-901. [article and data (.zip)]

Discussed in *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* (Sept 2020); *New York Times: The Interpreter* (Sept 2020).

Boldt, Ethan D. and Christina L. Boyd. 2018. “The Political Responsiveness of Violent Crime Prosecution.” *Political Research Quarterly* 71: 936-948. [.pdf]

Discussed in *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* (Feb 2021).

Barnett, Kent, Christina L. Boyd, and Christopher J. Walker. 2018. “Administrative Law’s Political Dynamics.” *Vanderbilt Law Review* 71: 1463-1526. [SSRN]

Discussed in *New York Times* (July 2018); *E&E News* (July 2018); *Law and Liberty Blog* (April 2018).

- Barnett, Kent, Christina L. Boyd, and Christopher J. Walker. 2018. "The Politics of Selecting *Chevron* Deference." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 15: 597-619. [SSRN]
Results discussed in *The Regulatory Review* (June 2017); The Volokh Conspiracy (*The Washington Post*) (June 2017)
- Boyd, Christina L. and David A. Hoffman. 2017. "The Use and Reliability of Federal Nature of Suit Codes." *Michigan State Law Review* 2017: 997-1032.
Discussed in *ABA Journal* (August 2020); Empirical Legal Studies Blog (July 2017).
- Boyd, Christina L. and Michael J. Nelson. 2017. "The Effects of Trial Judge Gender and Public Opinion on Criminal Sentencing Decisions." *Vanderbilt Law Review* 70: 1819-1843.
- Boyd, Christina L. 2016. "Representation on the Courts? The Effects of Trial Judges' Sex and Race." *Political Research Quarterly* 69: 788-799. [.pdf]
Results discussed in *Business Insider* (June 2021); *Business Insider* (April 2021); *FiveThirtyEight* (January 2021); *Voice of America* (October 2020); London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy blog (September 2016).
Reprinted in Mallicoat, Stacy L. 2018. *Women, Gender, and Crime: A Text/Reader*. 3rd edition. Sage Publications.
Reprinted in Spohn, Cassia, Craig Hemmens, and Wesley S. McCann. 2018. *Courts: A Text/Reader*. 3rd edition. Sage Publications
- Boyd, Christina L. 2016. "The Comparative Outputs of Magistrate Judges." *Nevada Law Journal* 16:949-982. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. 2015. "The Hierarchical Influence of Courts of Appeals on District Courts." *Journal of Legal Studies* 44(1): 113-141. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. 2015. "Litigant Status and Trial Court Appeal Mobilization." *Law & Policy* 37(4): 294-323. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. 2015. "Opinion Writing in the Federal District Courts." *Justice System Journal* 36(3): 254-273. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L., Michael S. Lynch, and Anthony J. Madonna. 2015. "Nuclear Fallout: Investigating the Effect of Senate Procedural Reform on Judicial Nominations." *The Forum* 13(4): 623-641. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. 2015. "In Defense of Empirical Legal Studies." *Buffalo Law Review* 63: 363-377. [.pdf]
- Black, Ryan C., Christina L. Boyd, and Amanda C. Bryan. 2015. "Revisiting the Influence of Law Clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda-Setting Process." *Marquette Law Review* 98(1): 75-109. [.pdf]
Excerpted in *Marquette Lawyer*, Fall 2015; Research findings discussed in May 2015 "Academic highlight: The influence of the Supreme Court clerk" *Supreme Court of the United States Blog* (SCOTUS Blog).

- Boyd, Christina L. 2013. “She’ll Settle It?” *Journal of Law and Courts* 1(2): 193-219. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. and David A. Hoffman. 2013. “Litigating Toward Settlement.” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*. 29(4): 898-929. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. and Amanda Driscoll. 2013. “The Politics of Adjudicatory Oversight in Executive Branch Agencies.” *American Politics Research*. 41(4): 569-598. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. and Jacqueline Sievert. 2013. “Unaccountable Justice? The Decision Making of Magistrate Judges in the Federal District Courts.” *Justice System Journal* 34(3): 249-273. [.pdf]
- Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2013. “Selecting the Select Few: The Discuss List and the U.S. Supreme Court’s Agenda-Setting Process.” *Social Science Quarterly* 94(4): 1124-1144. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L., David A. Hoffman, Zoran Obradovic, and Kosta Ristovski. 2013. “Building a Taxonomy of Litigation: Clusters of Causes of Action in Federal Civil Complaints.” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 10(1): 253-287. [.pdf]
- Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2012. “The Role of Law Clerks in the U.S. Supreme Court’s Agenda-Setting Process.” *American Politics Research* 40: 147-173. [.pdf]
- Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2012. “US Supreme Court Agenda Setting and the Role of Litigant Status.” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*. 28(2): 286-312. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L., Lee Epstein, and Andrew D. Martin. 2010. “Untangling the Causal Effects of Sex on Judging.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 54(2): 389-411. [.pdf]
- Winner of the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Pi Sigma Alpha Award; Discussed in April 2009 Newsweek article (“Women: Truly the Fairer Sex”); May 2009 Washington Post op-ed (“When Women Rule, It Makes a Difference”); June 2009 New York Times article (“Debate on Whether Female Judges Decide Differently Arises Anew”); June 2009 Washington Post article (“Court Watch: Wise Women, Impacting the Courts?”); July 2009 National Journal Magazine article (“Do Gender And Race Mean Greater Empathy?”); August 2010 Associated Press article (“3 Women on High Court”); Interviewed about for “Who Should Be Next on the US Supreme Court?” on NPR affiliate program *To The Point* hosted by Warren Olney.*
- Boyd, Christina L. and David A. Hoffman. 2010. “Disputing Limited Liability.” *Northwestern University Law Review*. 104(3): 853-916. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. and James F. Spriggs, II. 2009. “An Examination of Strategic Anticipation of Appellate Court Preferences by Federal District Court Judges.” *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy*. 29: 37-80. [.pdf]
- Kim, Pauline, Margo Schlanger, Christina L. Boyd, and Andrew D. Martin. 2009. “How Should We Study District Judge Decision-Making?” *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy*. 29: 83-112. [.pdf]

Epstein, Lee, Andrew D. Martin, and Christina L. Boyd. 2007. "On the Effective Communication of the Results of Empirical Studies, Part II." *Vanderbilt Law Review*. 60: 798-846. [.pdf]

Book Chapters

- Boyd, Christina L. and Sarah G. Hunter. Forthcoming. "Designing and Executing Law and Courts Research for Drawing Causal Inferences." In *Concepts, Data, and Methods in Comparative Law and Politics*. Diana Kapiszewski and Matt Ingram, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Boyd, Christina L., and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. "Trial Courts in the United States." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.
doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.108.
- Boyd, Christina L. 2017. "Gatekeeping and Filtering in Trial Courts" in *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*. Lee Epstein and Stefanie A. Lindquist, eds. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. [.pdf]
- Boyd, Christina L. and Ethan D. Boldt. 2017. "U.S. District Courts." In *Routledge Handbook Judicial Behavior*. Robert M. Howard and Kirk A. Randazzo, eds. New York, NY: Routledge. [.pdf]

Short Pieces

- Boyd, Christina L., Michael J. Nelson, Ian Ostrander, and Ethan D. Boldt. 2021. "Biden Can't Instruct the New U.S. Attorneys on How to Prosecute the Capitol Rioters. But They'll Listen to his Signals." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage* February 1.
- Boyd, Christina L., Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand. 2020. "Senators Treat Female Supreme Court Nominees Differently. Here's the Evidence." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. September 29.
- Barnett, Kent, Christina L. Boyd, and Christopher J. Walker. 2018. "Judge Kavanaugh, Chevron Deference, and the Supreme Court." *The Regulatory Review*. September 3.
- Barnett, Kent, Christina L. Boyd, and Christopher J. Walker. 2018. "Chevron Patterns in the Circuit Courts." *Administrative & Regulatory Law News*. 43(4):4-6.
- Boyd, Christina L. September 2016. "Diverse federal trial judges are more likely to rule in favor of minorities and women in sex and racial discrimination cases." *London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy Blog*.
- Boldt, Ethan D. and Christina L. Boyd. 2016. "Federal Prosecutors as Strategic District Court Agenda Setters" *Law & Courts*. 26(2)(Summer): 7-9.
- Boyd, Christina L. 2015. "Foreword" in *Empirical Theories About Courts* by Keith O. Boyum and Lynn Mather (2nd edition, Quid Pro Books).
- Boyd, Christina L. 2012. "Introduction: Symposium on Studying U.S. Trial Courts in Political Science" *Law & Courts*. 22(2)(Summer): 4-7.

Boyd, Christina L. and Lee Epstein. May 3, 2009. "When Women Rule, It Makes a Difference." *Washington Post*. (Also published in *Chapel Hill Herald*, May 3, 2009; *The China Post*, May 4, 2009; *Dallas Morning News*, May 4, 2009; *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, May 5, 2009; *Miami Herald*, May 5, 2009; *Virginian-Pilot*, May 5, 2009; May 10, 2009; *San Mateo County Times*, May 10, 2009; *Contra Costa Times*, May 10, 2009; *Alameda Times-Star*, May 10, 2009; *Oakland Tribute*, May 10, 2009.)

Epstein, Lee, Christina L. Boyd, and Andrew D. Martin. 2008. "The Court(s) and the Election." *Miller-McCune Magazine*. 1(5).

Boyd, Christina L. 2008. "Sedition Act of 1918" & "National Prayer Breakfast" In *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*, ed. David L. Hudson, David A. Schultz, & John R. Vile. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

Honors & Awards

School of Public and International Affairs Excellence in Research Award, University of Georgia, 2020-2021.

Lauth Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2019-2020.

School of Public and International Affairs Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Georgia, 2019.

Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award, Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Georgia, 2018.

Lisa Hertel Memorial Political Science Teaching Award, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2012-2013.

2008 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for the best paper delivered at the 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association for "Untangling the Causal Effects of Sex on Judging."

Association of Women Faculty of Washington University 2007-2008 Graduate Student Award

Antoinette Dames Prize for Outstanding Graduate Level Class Paper, 2008. Department of Political Science, Washington University.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University (2008-2009)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2006)

Washington University Graduate Fellowship (2004-2008)

Center for Empirical Research in the Law, Graduate Student Associate (2006-2009)

Washington University Summer Research Grant (2004-2008)

Wake Forest Moot Court Board

Wake Forest Law Scholastic Honors List

Law Alumni Council Scholar (Wake Forest)

Florida Bright Future Scholar

University of Florida Dean's List

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Faculty Workshop. Michigan State University. April 2019.

What's Happening in Federal Court? Civil Justice Research Initiative Inaugural Symposium. Berkeley Law School. April 2018.

Judicial Process Colloquium. Duke Law School. March 2018.

Atlanta Symposium on Political Science. Keynote Speaker. Georgia State University. March 2018.

Empirical Legal Studies and Legal Analytics: Shall the Twain Meet? Michigan State University College of Law. March 2017.

Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium. Vanderbilt University School of Law. March 2017.

Faculty Workshop. Emory University School of Law. January 2016.

Workshop on Increasing Access to Federal Court Data. University of Pennsylvania Law School. October 2015.

Magistrate Judges and the Transformation of the Federal Judiciary. UNLV Boyd School of Law. September 2015.

Faculty Workshop. University of Georgia Law School. April 2015.

Faculty Workshop. Wake Forest Law School. February 2015.

Judicial Assistants or Junior Judges: The Hiring, Utilization, and Influence of Law Clerks Conference. Marquette University Law School. April 2014.

Research Workshop. Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, University at Buffalo. February 2013.

Faculty Workshop. Duke Law School. September 2012.

New Voices in Civil Justice Scholarship Workshop, Vanderbilt University. May 2012.

Empirical Studies Seminar Lecture. University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. March 2012.

Faculty Colloquium. Syracuse University College of Law. February 2012.

Princeton University Faculty Colloquium in Public Law. October 2010.

10th Annual Law & Business Conference, Vanderbilt University. November 2009.

Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2019, 2018, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007.

Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007.

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies. 2015, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006.

Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 2020, 2016, 2007.

Teaching Experience

University of Georgia

Supreme Court Politics: The Institution and Its Justices (undergraduate)
Judicial Politics (graduate)
Criminal Justice Administration (undergraduate)
Judicial Process (undergraduate)
Criminal Justice Internship Supervision (undergraduate)
Special Topics in Law & Judicial Politics: The Supreme Court (undergraduate)
Special Topics in Law, Courts, & Judicial (graduate)

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Constitutional Law (Institutional Powers and Constraints) (undergraduate)
Judicial Politics (undergraduate)
Judicial Process (graduate)
Supreme Court Seminar (undergraduate)
Empirical & Theoretical Perspectives on Litigation (graduate and law; co-taught with Lynn Mather)

Washington University in St. Louis, University College (Instructor)

Constitutional Law
Administrative Law & Politics

Teaching Assistant

The Supreme Court
Social Scientific Research for Lawyers
Law, Politics, & Society
Courts & Civil Liberties
National Security, Civil Liberties, & the Law
Legislation & Administrative Law (Wake Forest Law)

Discipline Service

APSA's Law and Courts section: Service Award (committee chair 2020)
APSA's Law and Courts section: Secretary (2017-2019)
National Science Foundation Advisory Panelist, Law & Science Program
APSA's Law and Courts section: Best Journal Article Award (committee chair 2017)
APSA's Law and Courts section: Executive Committee Member (2014-2016)
Editorial Board, *Journal of Law & Courts* (2019-)

Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal* (2014-)

American Law and Economics Association 2014 Annual Meeting Area Organizer (Courts, Evidence, Juries and Judges, and Judicial Decision-making)

Midwest Political Science Association 2013 Annual Conference Section Head (Law and Jurisprudence)

APSA's Law and Courts section: Best Journal Article Award (committee member 2012)

Discussant: Conference for Empirical Legal Studies (2008, 2010, 2012); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014; 2015; 2018); American Political Science Association (2018)

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science; American Law and Economics Review; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; European Journal of Political Economy; International Review of Law & Economics; Journal of Church and State; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy; Judicature; Justice System Journal; Law & Policy; Law & Social Inquiry; Law & Society Review; National Science Foundation; PLOS ONE; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Politics & Policy; Polity; Research & Politics; Sex Roles; Social Science Quarterly; Social Forces; Social Science Research

Department & University Service

Depart. of Political Science, Alston Chair Search Committee (2019-2020)

Depart. of Political Science, Methodology-American Politics Search Committee (2019-2020)

Depart. of Political Science, Junior American-Behavior Search Committee (2018-2019)

School of Public and International Affairs Dean Search Committee (2016-2017)

Program Review and Assessment Committee, SPIA Representative (2016-2018)

Department of Political Science, Graduate Committee (2016-)

Pi Sigma Alpha UGA chapter advisor (2015-2016)

Department of Political Science, Faculty Executive Committee (2014-2015; 2016-2017; 2017-2018; 2018-2019)

Criminal Justice Studies Program Executive Committee (2013-)

Public Law Field Examination Committee Chair (2011-2013)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2009-2012)

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair: Kristen Ng (2013 Ph.D.); Ethan Boldt (2019 Ph.D.); Adam Rutkowski (in progress); Matt Baker (in progress)

Ph.D. Dissertation Member: Joshua Meddaugh (2012 Ph.D.); Justin DePlato (2012 Ph.D.); Karen Jazayeri (2016 Ph.D.); Allison Trochesset (2018 Ph.D.); Gordon Ballingrud (2018 Ph.D.); Catherine Funk (2019 Ph.D.); Ted Rossier (2021 Ph.D.); Allison Vick (in progress)

Political Science Representative: New Teaching Assistant Orientation (Fall 2007)

American Politics Faculty Search Committee Graduate Representative (Fall 2006)

Graduate Student Mentor (2006-2008)

Relevant Professional Experience & Development

Research Supervisor for “The Litigation Process in Government-Initiated Employment Discrimination Suits” Under NSF grant held by Pauline Kim, Andrew Martin, & Margo Schlanger. (2007-2009)

Coordinator for *EEOC Litigation*, The Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse at Washington University School of Law. (2007-2009)

Research Assistant

Melanie J. Springer: Researching state legislative elections. (2006-2007)

James L. Gibson: Researching state judicial elections. (2006)

Lee Epstein: Researching Blackmun Papers (certiorari memoranda and docket sheets) at the Library of Congress. (2005) Under NSF grant held by Lee Epstein and Harold Spaeth.

Lee Epstein: Researching the politics of judicial appointments. (2005)

Social Science Computing Facility Statistical Consultant (2006-2007)

Professional Organization Membership

North Carolina Bar (inactive)

References

Available upon request