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Education

- Ph.D. in political science, Emory University, 2008.
 - Dissertation: Pensions, Perks, and Politics: Departures from the U.S. Courts of Appeals
 - Dissertation Committee: Thomas Walker (chair), Micheal Giles, Randall Strahan
- M.A. in political science, Emory University, 2005.
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, Southeast Missouri State University, 2001.
 - Major: political science [Minor: philosophy]

Academic Positions

- Professor, University of Georgia, July 2024 (promotion pending July 1)
- Associate Professor, University of Georgia, July 2013-present.
- Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, August 2007-June 2013.

Research and Teaching Interests

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| • Judicial politics | • Media |
| • State politics | • Public law |
| • American political institutions | • Legislative politics |
| • American political development | • Research methods/measurement |

Research and Publications

Book

- *Administering Justice: Placing the Chief Justice in American State Politics*. With Teena Wilhelm. 2023. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

Administering Justice examines the leadership role of chief justices in the American states, including how those duties require chief justices to be part of the broader state political environment. Vining and Wilhelm focus extensively on the power of chief justices as public spokespersons, legislative liaisons, and reform leaders. In contrast to much existing research on states' chief justices, theirs is primarily on their extrajudicial responsibilities rather than intracourt leadership. They analyze the reform agendas advanced by chief justices by assessing the content of State of the Judiciary remarks delivered over a period of sixty years. The authors also determine what factors influence the likelihood of success when chief justices request legislators to enact reforms. These analyses confirm that chief justices engage with state politics in meaningful ways and that reactions to their proposals are influenced by ideological congruence with other political elites and the scope of their requests. They also examine the chief justice position as an institution, provide a collective profile of its occupants, and examine growing diversity among court leaders. (from <https://www.press.umich.edu/12079561>)

Database (Website)

- The State of the Judiciary Archive. With Teena Wilhelm. 2023.
<http://www.stateofthefudiciary.com>

This website, hosted at www.stateofthefudiciary.com, is a searchable database of over 1,000 State of the Judiciary reports delivered by states' chief justices (and equivalent) from 1961 to 2023. The site hosts archival materials as well as data, scholarly research, and educational assignments related to state courts. This project was funded by a \$21,500 Learning Technologies Grant from the UGA Center for Teaching and Learning.

Peer-Reviewed Publications. (* denotes graduate student co-author)

- "Diversity of Judicial Leadership in the American States." With Teena Wilhelm, David A. Hughes, and Aidan González*. *Polity*, forthcoming.
- "Case Salience in the State Supreme Courts: A Research Update." With Teena Wilhelm and Alyson Hendricks-Benton*. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- "Chief Justice Selection Rules and Judicial Ideology." With Teena Wilhelm and David A. Hughes. 2023. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 23: 267-282.
- "The Politics of Interim Judicial Appointments." With Charles S. Bullock III and Ethan D. Boldt. 2023. *Journal of Law & Courts*. 11: 350-369.
- "Change and Continuity in Citizens' Evaluations of Supreme Court Nominees." With Rachel Bitecofer. 2023. *American Politics Research*. 51: 57-68.
- "Trailblazing Chief Justices in the American States." With Teena Wilhelm. 2023. *Judicature*. 106: 42-51.
- "Judicial Reform in the American States: The Chief Justice as Political Advocate." With Teena Wilhelm, Ethan D. Boldt*, and Bryan M. Black*. 2020. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 20: 135-56.
- "Succession, Opportunism, and Rebellion on State Supreme Courts: Decisions to Run for Chief Justice." With Teena Wilhelm and Emily Wanless. 2019. *Justice System Journal*. 40: 286-301.
- "The Chief Justice as Effective Administrative Leader: The Impact of Policy Scope and Interbranch Relations." With David A. Hughes and Teena Wilhelm. 2019. *Social Science Quarterly*. 100: 1358-68.
- "Examining State of the Judiciary Addresses: A Research Note." With Teena Wilhelm, Ethan Boldt*, and Allison Trochesset*. 2019. *Justice System Journal*. 40: 158-69.
- "The Politics of the U.S. Federal Judiciary's Requests for Institutional Reform." With David A. Hughes* and Teena Wilhelm. 2017. *Social Science Quarterly*. 98: 1277-95.
- "Confirmation Wars, Legislative Time, and Collateral Damage: The Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the U.S. Senate." With Anthony J. Madonna and James E. Monogan. 2016. *Political Research Quarterly*. 69: 746-59.
- "A Market-Based Model of State Supreme Court News: Lessons from Capital Cases." With Teena Wilhelm and Jack Collens*. 2015. *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*. 15: 3-23.
- "Deliberation Rules and Opinion Assignment Procedures in State Supreme Courts: A Replication." With David Hughes* and Teena Wilhelm. 2015. *Justice System Journal*. 36: 395-410.

- "Where One Sits Affects Where Others Stand: Bias, the Bar, and District Court Nominations." With Amy Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. 2014. *Judicature*. 98: 35-45.
- "An Economic Theory of Supreme Court News." With Phil Marcin*. 2014. *Political Communication*. 31: 94-111.
- "Minority Representation, the Electoral Connection, and the Confirmation Vote of Sonia Sotomayor." With Amy Steigerwalt and Tara W. Stricko. 2013. *Justice System Journal*. 34: 189-207.
- "Bias and the Bar: Evaluating the ABA Ratings of Federal Judicial Nominees." With Amy Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. 2012. *Political Research Quarterly*. 65: 827-840.
- "The Chief Justice as Advocate-in-Chief: Examining the Year-End Report on the Federal Judiciary." With Teena Wilhelm. 2012. *Judicature*. 95: 267-274.
- "The Causes and Consequences of Gubernatorial Endorsements: Evidence from State Supreme Court Elections." With Teena Wilhelm. 2011. *American Politics Research*. 39: 1072-1096.
- "Grassroots Mobilization in the Digital Age: Interest Group Response to Supreme Court Nominees." 2011. *Political Research Quarterly*. 64: 790-802.
- "Measuring Case Salience in State Courts of Last Resort." With Teena Wilhelm. 2011. *Political Research Quarterly*. 64: 559-572.
- "Patterns of High-Profile Newspaper Reporting on State Supreme Courts." With Teena Wilhelm, Sara Hiers*, and Phil Marcin*. 2010. *Justice System Journal*. 31: 125-141.
- "Explaining High-Profile Coverage of State Supreme Court Decisions." With Teena Wilhelm. 2010. *Social Science Quarterly*. 91: 704-723.
- "Judicial Departures and the Introduction of Qualified Retirement, 1892-1953." 2009. *Justice System Journal*. 30: 139-157.
- "Politics, Pragmatism, and Departures from the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1954-2004." 2009. *Social Science Quarterly*. 90: 834-853.
- "The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-making." With Micheal W. Giles and Bethany Blackstone*. 2008. *Journal of Politics* 70: 293-306.
- "Judicial Tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1790-1868: Frustration, Resignation, and Expiration on the Bench." With Susan Navarro Smelcer* and Christopher Zorn. 2006. *Studies in American Political Development*. 20: 1-13.
- "From Moderators to Leaders: Floor Participation by U.S. House Speakers 1789-1841." With Randall W. Strahan and Matthew L. Gunning*. 2006. *Social Science History*. 30: 51-74.

Book Chapters

- "A Case Study in Collaborative Research: Development of "Confirmation Wars, Legislative Time, and Collateral Damage." 2019. With James E. Monogan and Anthony J. Madonna. In *SAGE Research Methods Cases: Political Science & International Relations*. doi:10.4135/9781526466020
- "The Chief Justice as Administrative Leader: Explaining Agenda Size." 2016. With Teena Wilhelm. In David J. Danelski and Artemus Ward, eds. *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*. University of Michigan Press.
- "Explaining Intermedia Coverage of Supreme Court Decisions." 2014. With Phil Marcin*. In *Covering the United States Supreme Court in the Digital Age*, Richard Davis, ed. Cambridge University Press.

Reviews and Short Articles

- “Introducing the State of the Judiciary Archive.” With Teena Wilhelm. 2023. *Law & Courts* 33: 5-7.
- “A Nomination Battle over Neil Gorsuch Could Slow Down Trump’s Agenda.” With Anthony J. Madonna and James E. Monogan III. February 1, 2017. *The Conversation* Available online at <http://theconversation.com/a-nomination-battle-over-neil-gorsuch-could-slow-down-trumps-agenda-72031>.
- “If the Next President Wants to Put an Ideologue on the Supreme Court, They Will Have to Sacrifice Their Initial Domestic Policy Goals.” With Anthony J. Madonna and James E. Monogan. October 25, 2016. *LSE US Centre* Available online at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/10/25/if-the-next-president-wants-to-put-an-ideologue-on-the-supreme-court-they-will-have-to-sacrifice-their-initial-domestic-policy-goals/>.
- “Market Forces Determine Media Coverage of Death Penalty Decisions by State High Courts.” With Teena Wilhelm and Jack D. Collens*. February 20, 2015. *LSE US Centre* Available online at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/02/20/market-forces-determine-media-coverage-of-death-penalty-decisions-by-state-high-courts/>
- "Measurements of Salience in State Courts." With Teena Wilhelm. 2014. *Law & Courts* 24: 16-18.
- “Judicial Selection and Pre-confirmation Politics.” With Martha Ginn. 2011. *Law & Courts* 21: 22-25.
- Review of Amy L. Steigerwalt, *Battle Over the Bench: Senators, Interest Groups, and Lower Court Confirmations*. 2011. *Law and Politics Book Review* 21: 22-25.
- Review of James L. Gibson and Gregory A. Caldeira, *Citizens, Courts, and Confirmations: Positivity Theory and the Judgments of the American People*. 2009. *Law and Politics Book Review* 19: 759-62.
- “Discussing ‘Bias and the Bar’.” With Amy Steigerwalt. April 27, 2009. *Empirical Legal Studies* Available online at http://www.elsblog.org/the_empirical_legal_studi/2009/04/discussing-bias-and-the-bar.html.
- “Analyzing the A.B.A.’s Ratings of Judicial Nominees.” With Amy Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. April 21, 2009. *The New York Times*, p. A24.
- Review of Mitchell A. Sollenberger, *The President Shall Nominate: How Congress Trumps Executive Power*. 2008. *Law and Politics Book Review* 18: 668-72.
- “Ellsworth Court,” “Jay Court,” in *The Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties*. Paul Finkelman, ed. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- "EMILY's List," "Judicial Elections," "League of Conservation Voters," "Young Democrats of America," and "Young Republican Club," in *The Encyclopedia of American Parties and Elections*. Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst, eds., New York: Facts on File, 2006.
- "New York v. Ferber" in *The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*. David Schultz, ed. New York: Facts on File, 2005.

Conference Presentations

- “Ideological Congruence and Strategic Departures: Mapping the Present and Future of the Lower Federal Courts.” With Jake S. Truscott. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6, 2024.
- “Senate Position Taking on Supreme Court Nominees: Strategic Choice, Due Diligence, and Constituent Influence.” With Amy L. Steigerwalt. Presented at the

- Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 13, 2024.
- “Gender and the Judicial Agenda: A Test of Competing Theories.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California, September 2, 2023.
 - “Which Federal Judges Retire Strategically? Evidence from Historical and Contemporary Surveys.” With Alyson Hendricks-Benton*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 2023.
 - “Diversity and the Rules of Chief Justice Selection.” With Teena Wilhelm, David A. Hughes, and Aidan N. Gonzalez*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 2023.
 - “‘The Most Attractive Benefit’: Examining Motives for Federal Judicial Turnover.” With Alyson Hendricks-Benton*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 2022.
 - “The Impact of Gender on Chief Justice Leadership: A Test of Competing Theories.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 2022.
 - “Ideological Congruence and Judicial Departures from the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Jake Truscott*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2022.
 - “Case Salience in the State Supreme Courts: A Research Update.” With Teena Wilhelm and Alyson Hendricks*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2022.
 - “Chief Justice Selection and Judicial Ideology: An Update” With Teena Wilhelm and David Hughes. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas (hybrid meeting), January 2022.
 - “Diversity among the Chief Justices: Professional Experiences and Personal Characteristics.” With Teena Wilhelm. APSA Law & Courts Section Virtual Brownbag (virtual presentation), November 2021.
 - “Case Salience in the State Supreme Courts: An Update.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington (virtual meeting), October 2021.
 - “Political Influence in Interim Judicial Appointments.” With Charles Bullock III and Ethan D. Boldt. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (virtual meeting), January 2021.
 - “Revisiting Case Salience in State Courts of Last Resort.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2019.
 - “Polarization and Citizen Evaluation of the Gorsuch Nomination.” With Rachel Bitecofer and Quentin Kidd. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2018.
 - “Polarized Politics and Evaluation Criteria for Supreme Court Nominees: Lessons from the Gorsuch Nomination.” With Rachel Bitecofer and Quentin Kidd. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, March 2018.
 - “The Roles of Ideology and Campaign Donations in Interim Judicial Appointments.” With Charles S. Bullock III and Ethan Boldt*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2017.

- “The Chief Justice in State Politics: Success of the Judicial Agenda.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2017.
- “Women in State Judiciaries: The ‘Chief Justice Jill Robinson’ Effect.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2017.
- “The 2016 Election and the Federal Courts.” Presented at the Effects of the 2016 Election Conference, January 2017.
- “Confirmation Wars, Legislative Time, and Collateral Damage: The Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the U.S. Senate.” With Anthony J. Madonna and James E. Monogan. Presented at the Separation of Powers Conference, University of Georgia, February 2016.
- “Interbranch Politics and Federal Court Reform.” With Teena Wilhelm and David A. Hughes*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016.
- “Candidate Emergence and State Supreme Courts: Decisions to Run for Chief Justice.” With Emily Wanless and Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, Denver, Colorado, April 2015.
- “Placing the Chief Justice in State Politics: Creating the Judicial Agenda.” With Teena Wilhelm, Allison Trochesset*, and Ethan Boldt*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2015.
- “A Market-Based Model of State Supreme Court News: Lessons from Capital Cases.” With Teena Wilhelm and Jack D. Collens*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, May 2014.
- “Strategic Timing in the Appointments Process: Position Taking on Supreme Court Nominees.” With Amy Steigerwalt and Allison Trochesset*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 2014.
- “An Economic Theory of Supreme Court News.” With Phil Marcin*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.
- “The Chief Justice as Advocate-in-Chief.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, Florida, January 3-5, 2013.
- “The 2012 Election and the Federal Courts.” Presented at the Effects of the 2012 Election Conference, Athens, Georgia, November 30-December 1, 2012.
- “The U.S. Supreme Court and the Media Agenda.” With Philip J. Marcin*. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012. (meeting canceled due to hurricane)
- “Assessing the Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the U.S. Senate.” With Anthony J. Madonna and Jamie Monogan. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 30-September 2, 2012. (meeting canceled due to hurricane)
- “Bias, the Bar, and Nominees to Federal District Courts.” With Amy L. Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 12-15, 2012.
- “Strategic Timing in the Appointments Process: Position Taking on Supreme Court Nominees.” With Amy L. Steigerwalt and Allison Trochesset*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 12-14, 2012.

- “Assessing the Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the U.S. Senate.” With Anthony J. Madonna. Presented at the New Directions in the Study of Congress & the Presidency Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, May 24-26, 2011.
- “Assessing the Impact of Supreme Court Nominations on Presidential Success in the U.S. Senate.” With Anthony J. Madonna. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 30-April 3, 2011.
- “Interest Groups, Competing Frames, and Public Opinion of Supreme Court Nominees.” With K. Elizabeth Coggins*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 30-April 3, 2011.
- “The Politics of Judicial Administration: The Chief Justice as Policy Leader.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5-8, 2011.
- “The Supreme Court and the Mass Media Agenda.” With Phil Marcin*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5-8, 2011.
- “Competing Constituencies and the Senate Confirmation Vote of Sonia Sotomayor.” With Amy Steigerwalt and Tara Stricko. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.
- “Newspaper Coverage of State Supreme Court Death Penalty Decisions.” With Teena Wilhelm and Jack Collens*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.
- “Bias and the Bar Redux: District versus Circuit Nominations.” With Amy Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2010.
- “Case Salience in State Supreme Courts: Elite versus Public Visibility.” With Teena Wilhelm, Sara Hiers*, and Phil Marcin*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2010.
- “Judicial Ambition and State Supreme Courts.” With Emily Wanless* and Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2010.
- “Executive Strategy and Judicial Candidates: Endorsements in State Supreme Court Elections.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 2-5, 2009.
- “Institutional Legitimacy versus Individual Goals: Concurring Behavior on State Supreme Courts.” With Teena Wilhelm and Tara Stricko. Presented at the Ninth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, May 22-23, 2009. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- “Explaining Interest Group Positions on the Bush II Supreme Court Nominees: Evidence from Group Communications.” With K. Elizabeth Coggins*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.
- “Bias and the Bar: The ABA and Federal Judicial Nominations.” With Amy Steigerwalt and Susan Navarro Smelcer*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.
- “The Politics of Issue Saliency: A Predictive Model of Media Coverage in State Supreme Courts.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2009.

- “Salience in State Courts of Last Resort.” With Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2009.
- “Into the Breach: Interest Group Response to the Bush Supreme Court Nominees.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2008.
- “Departures from the U.S. Supreme Court, 1790-2006: Politics, Pragmatism, and Response to Institutional Reform.” With Susan Navarro Smelcer* and Christopher Zorn. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 2007.
- “A Competing Risks Model of Exits from the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1954-2004.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.
- “Leaving to Stay: Judicial Departures and the Introduction of Qualified Retirement.” To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3-7, 2007.
- “Supreme Court Justice Tenure and Response to Institutional Reform, 1801-1936.” With Susan K. Navarro* and Christopher Zorn. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 5-7, 2006.
- “Judicial Tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1790-1868: Frustration, Resignation, and Expiration on the Bench.” With Susan K. Navarro* and Christopher Zorn. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, November 3-6, 2005.
- “Judicial Tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1789-1868: Frustration, Resignation, and Expiration on the Bench.” With Susan K. Navarro* and Christopher Zorn. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2-5, 2005.
- “The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-making.” With Micheal W. Giles and Bethany R. Blackstone*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2005.
- “The Preferred Government of Jean-Jacques Rousseau.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Social Science Association, St. Louis, Missouri, November 10-14, 1999.

Other Conference Participation

- Discussant, panel “Outside Influences on the Courts,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 13, 2024.
- Co-chair, panel “Author Meets Critics: ‘Administering Justice’ by Richard L. Vining and Teena Wilhelm,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 12, 2024.
- Member, panel “Reporting on the Courts: A New Frontier?,” 32nd Annual Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, State Bar of Georgia and Georgia First Amendment Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 2023.
- Chair and discussant, panel “U.S. Supreme Court Agenda-Setting and Decision-Making,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida, January 13, 2023.
- Discussant, panel “Interest Groups and Judicial Politics,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 15-18, 2022.

- Chair, panel “Courts & Candidates,” SPIA Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, April 2021.
- Co-chair of Judicial Politics section, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association meeting (virtual due to Covid-19 pandemic), New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2021.
- Discussant, panel “Courts and the (New) Media,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 29-31, 2019.
- Chair and discussant, panel “Politics and Policy in State and Local Courts,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-9, 2016.
- Chair and discussant, panel “Judicial Elections,” 14th Annual Meeting on Georgia Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Athens, Georgia, February 21, 2014.
- Discussant, panel “Rules and Norms on the U.S. Supreme Court,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012.
- Discussant, panel “The Politics of Vacancies, Appointments, and the Confirmation of Judicial Branch Actors,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2012.
- Discussant, panel “External Influences in State Supreme Court Decision Making,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 30-April 2, 2011.
- Chair and discussant, panel “Corporate Speech and Citizen’s United,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5-8, 2011.
- Chair and discussant, panel “Judicial Careers,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010.
- Chair and discussant, panel “Selection, Tenure, and Independence,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2009.
- Discussant, panel “Opinions and Coalitions,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-6, 2008.
- Discussant, panel “Institutionalization of Courts from a Comparative Perspective: Legitimacy, Independence, and Authority,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2007.
- Discussant, panel “Opinions and Opinion Writing on the Courts,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3-7, 2007.
- Discussant, panel “Appointing and Retaining Judges,” Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2-5, 2005.

Invited talks

- 32nd Georgia Bar, Media, & Judiciary Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 2023.
- Georgia Symposium on Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Athens, Georgia, February 2014.
- Georgia Association of Law and Politics, Athens, Georgia, October 2013.
- American Constitution Society and Gate City Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2013.
- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, April 2013.
- American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2012.

- Federalist Society, Atlanta, Georgia. May 2009.

Funding and Grant activity

- Learning Technologies Grant, University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning, “Using Digital Archives as a Pedagogical Tool to Understand State Courts and Social Science Inquiry,” \$21,500 (funded)
- International Travel Support, Office of the Provost, UGA, 2022, \$1,000 (funded)
- University of Georgia SPIA Course Development Grant, 2021, \$2,500 (funded)
- National Science Foundation Workshop Grant, Separation of Powers Conference, 2015, \$20,000 (not funded)
- Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2007, \$500 (funded)
- Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Emory University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2005-2006.
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2004, \$10,845 (not funded)

Manuscript/Proposal Reviewer

- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *American Political Science Review*
- *American Politics Research*
- *American Review of Politics*
- *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*
- *Howard Journal of Communication*
- *International Journal of Press/Politics*
- *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*
- *Journal of Law and Courts*
- *Journal of Legal Studies*
- *Journal of Politics*
- *Judicature*
- *Justice System Journal*
- *Law & Social Inquiry*
- *Law and Society Review*
- National Science Foundation
- *Political Behavior*
- *Political Research Quarterly*
- *Politics and Religion*
- *Polity*
- Rowman & Littlefield
- *Social Science Quarterly*
- *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*
- *World Politics*

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
 - Law and Courts Section
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

Additional Training

- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2002.
 - Mathematics for Social Scientists II, MLE for Generalized Linear Models
- Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) Program, Emory University, Summer 2003; Departmental supplement Fall 2003-Spring 2004.

Courses Taught

- *Judicial Process and Behavior*, Fall 2020, Fall 2022.
- *The Supreme Court: Cases and Controversies*, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023.
- *Judicial Politics in the United States* (First Year Odyssey), Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.
- *Criminal Justice in the United States and United Kingdom*, Summer 2022, Summer 2023

- *Judicial Selection, Confirmation, and Retention* (First Year Odyssey), Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015.
- *Pre-Seminar in American Politics*, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2023.
- *Law, Politics, and the Supreme Court*, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.
- *American Government*, Spring 2009.
- *Pre-Seminar in Law and Courts* (graduate seminar), Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011.
- *Lobbying Internship*, Summer 2009.
- *Criminal Justice Internship*, Summer 2008, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Spring 2023.
- *Judicial Politics* (graduate seminar), Spring 2008, Fall 2010, Spring 2013, Spring 2015.
- *Judicial Politics II* (graduate seminar), Fall 2019.
- *Criminal Justice Administration*, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023.
- *American Legal Systems*, Spring 2007.
- *The Supreme Court and Conflict*, Spring 2006, Fall 2007, Spring 2010.
- Teaching associate, *Congressional Politics*, Spring 2004.
 - Co-taught advanced undergraduate course with Professor Randall W. Strahan
- Teaching assistant, *National Politics in the United States*, Fall 2003.
 - Assistant to Professor Alan Abramowitz; instructed weekly discussion sections

Professional Service and Experience

Professional Service

- Executive Committee, Law & Courts Section of APSA, 2022-present.
- Member, Lasting Contribution Award Committee, Law & Courts section of APSA, 2023.
- Co-chair of Judicial Politics section, 2021 Southern Political Science Association meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (virtual due to Covid-19 pandemic).
- Member, 2012 Best Conference Paper Committee, Law & Courts section of APSA.
- Executive Advisory Board, *Contemporary Readings in Law and Social Justice*.

University Service

- Co-Director, Study Away in Liverpool, UGA Center for the Study of Global Issues, Summer 2022-present.
- GLOBIS Program Leads Ad Hoc Committee, Fall 2022-present.
- University Council, 2017-2020.
- Faculty Affairs Committee, 2019-2022.
- University Facilities Committee, 2015-2022.
- Criminal Justice Studies Executive Committee, 2008-present.

Departmental Service

- Member, SPIA Curriculum Committee, 2023-2024.
- Member, Post-tenure Review Committee, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2020 (x2), Spring 2024.

- Member, Political Science Doctoral Student Teaching Award Committee, Spring 2023.
- Chair, Political Science Speakers Committee, Fall 2022.
- Member, Criminal Justice Speakers Committee, Fall 2022.
- Member, Comprehensive Exams Advisory Committee, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2022.
- Member, Search Committee, Criminal Justice Studies Program Director, Fall 2021.
- Member, SPIA Teaching Awards Committee, Fall 2020-Spring 2021, Spring 2023-Fall 2023.
- Member, Faculty Executive Committee, 2009-2010, 2012-2013, 2020-2021.
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2015, Fall 2019-Spring 2021.
- Member, Grade Appeals Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2021.
- Chair, New Voices in Political Science Speaker Series, Fall 2019.
- Co-organizer (with Michael Lynch), Separation of Powers Conference, UGA, February 2016.
- Undergraduate Coordinator, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.
- Member, Recruitment Committee, tenure-track Public Law search, 2012-2013.
- Member, Political Science Speaker Committee, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.
- Instructor, undergraduate students Directed Reading in American Courts, Spring 2022 (Humayra Bramblett, Whitney Johns)
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Judicial Politics, Summer 2013 (Dan Hoppe).
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Supreme Court and American Political Development, Spring 2012 (David Hughes and Anthony Kreis).
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Judicial Selection and Confirmations, Summer 2011 (Justin Norris, Rachel Snyder, Allison Trochesset).
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Criminal Justice and Judicial Behavior, Summer 2010 (Philip Marcin).
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Judicial Politics, Summer 2009 (Elizabeth Jabaley, Sara Hiers, Phil Marcin)
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in Constitutional Law, Spring 2009 (Emily Wanless)
- Instructor, graduate student Directed Reading in State Courts and Law, Fall 2008 (Sara Hiers, Erin Krinsky, Sabrina Riles).
- Political Science intern supervisor, Spring 2008, Summer 2009.
- President, Emory Graduate Political Science Organization, 2005-2006.
- Graduate student representative to graduate admissions committee, 2005.
- Graduate student representative to faculty search committee, American politics, race politics, 2004.

Graduate Student Committees

Committee Chair

- Austin Petrie (PhD expected Summer 2024)
- Jake S. Truscott (PhD 2023)
- Ted D. Rossier (PhD 2021)
- Bryan M. Black (PhD 2018)
- Anthony M. Kreis (PhD 2016)
- David A. Hughes (PhD 2016)
- Philip J. Marcin (PhD 2015)
- Daniel Rivkin (MA 2011)

Committee Member

- Alyson Hendricks-Benton (ABD)
- Jordan McKissick (PhD 2024)
- Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard (PhD 2023)
- Adam G. Rutkowski (PhD 2022)
- Christian M. Sullivan (MA 2020)
- Ethan D. Boldt (PhD 2019)
- Allison E. Trochesset (PhD 2018)
- Gordon D. Ballingrud (PhD 2018)
- Laine P. Shay (PhD 2018)
- Daniel J. Hoppe (MA 2018)
- Brian P. Levey (PhD 2013)
- James A. Kallerman (PhD 2013)
- John M. Newton (PhD 2012)
- Allison Ackermann (MA 2012)
- Erin J. Krinsky (MA 2009)
- Andrew W. Pierce (MA 2009)
- Sabrina Riles (MA 2009)