

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Education

PhD, Political Science, University of Arizona, 2005
MA, Political Science, University of Arizona, 2002
BA, History, Louisiana College, 1997

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, University of Georgia, 2012- present
 Director of UGA National Parks Program, 2022- present
 Director of Graduate Studies, 2019- 2023
 Undergraduate Director, 2016-2019
Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, 2005-2012

Publications

Book

2023. *Administering Justice: Placing the Chief Justice in American State Politics*.
Michigan University Press. (with Rich Vining)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming. "Redistricting and Party Loyalty in the State Supreme Courts." *Journal of Law and Courts* (with Garrett VandeKamp, Austin Petrie, and Karson Pennington)

2025. "Case Salience in the State Supreme Courts: A Research Update." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (with Rich Vining and Alyson Hendricks)

2024. "Diversity in Judicial Leadership in the American States." *Polity* 56 (3): 408-433 (with Rich Vining, David Hughes, and Aidan Gonzalez)

2023. "Updating PAJID Scores for State Supreme Court Justices (1970-2019)" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 23 (4): 463-470 (with David Hughes and Xuan Wang)

2023. "Chief Justice Selection Rules and Judicial Ideology." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 23 (3): 267-282 (with Rich Vining and David Hughes)

2023. "Trailblazing Chief Justices in the American States." *Judicature* 106 (3):42-51. (with Rich Vining)

2020. "Judicial Reform in the American States: The Chief Justice as Political Advocate." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 20(2): 135-156. (with Rich Vining, Ethan Boldt, and Bryan Black)

2020. "Ambition, Strategy, or Policy Change? Explaining Candidate Emergence in Judicial Elections" *Justice System Journal* 40(4): 286-301 (with Emily Wanless and Rich Vining)

2019. "Examining State of the Judiciary Addresses: A Research Note." *Justice System Journal*, 40 (2): 158-169. (with Rich Vining, Ethan Boldt, and Allison Trochesset)

2019. "The Chief Justice as Effective Administrative Leader: The Impact of Policy Scope and Interbranch Relations." *Social Science Quarterly*, 100 (4): 1358-1368. (with Rich Vining and David Hughes)

2017. The Politics of the U.S. Federal Judiciary's Requests for Institutional Reform." *Social Science Quarterly*, 98 (5) (with Rich Vining and David Hughes)

2015. "Deliberation Rules and Opinion Assignment Procedures in State Supreme Courts: A Replication." *Justice System Journal*, 36 (4): 395-410. (with Rich Vining and David Hughes)

2015. "A Market-Based Model of State Supreme Court News: Lessons from Capital Cases." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 15 (1) pp. 3-23. (with Rich Vining and Jack Collens).

2012. "The Politics of Judicial Administration: The Chief Justice as Policy Leader" *Judicature* 95 (6)(with Rich Vining)

2011. "Measuring Case Salience in State Courts of Last Resort." *Political Research Quarterly* 64 (3) pp. 559-572. (with Rich Vining).

2011. "Executive Strategy and Judicial Elections: Governor's Endorsements in State Supreme Court Elections." *American Politics Research* 39 (6) pp. 1072-1096. (with Rich Vining).

2011. "Case Visibility and the Electoral Connection in State Supreme Courts." *American Politics Research* 39 (3) pp. 557-581. (with Damon Cann).

2011. "Policy Reform via Courts, Legislatures and Citizens: The Case of Education Finance." 92 (4). Pp. 1074-1095. *Social Science Quarterly*. (with Damon Cann).

2010. "Patterns of Newspaper Reporting on State Supreme Courts." *Justice System*

Journal 31 (3) pp. 125-141. (with Rich Vining, Sara Hiers, and Phil Marcin).

2010. "Explaining High-Profile Coverage of State Supreme Court Decisions." *Social Science Quarterly* 91 (3) pp. 704-723. (with Rich Vining)

2009. "Strange Bedfellows: The Policy Consequences of Legislative-Judicial Relations in the American States." *American Politics Research* 37 (1) pp. 3-29.

2007. "Judicial Ideology and Legislative Outcomes in Education: The Policymaking Role of State Supreme Courts." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 32 (2): pp. 309-333.

2005. "The Ideology of State Supreme Court Chief Justices." *Judicature* 89 (2): pp. 78-86. (with Laura Langer).

Book Chapters

Forthcoming. "Redefining Reproductive Rights: Policy Evolution from Roe to Dobbs" in *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy* (eds. Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson)

2023. "The Power of the Purse: Budgets, Politics, and Growth in the Federal Judiciary." In Howard et al. eds. *Handbook of Law and Political Systems*. Elgar Press. (with Jake Truscott)

2016. "State Supreme Courts." In Schechter, Stephen et al. eds. *American Governance*. MacMillan Press.

2016. "State Supreme Court Justices." In Schechter, Stephen et al. eds. *American Governance*. MacMillan Press.

2016. "The Chief Justice as Administrative Leader: Explaining Agenda Size." In Dannelski, David J. and Artemus Ward, eds. *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

2012. "Direct Democracy and Education Finance Reform." In *Direct Democracy in the United States: Petitioners as a Reflection of Society*, Shauna Reilly and Ryan M. Yonk, eds. (Routledge Press) (with Damon Cann)

2008. "State Supreme Courts as Policymakers: Are they Loved?" in *Exploring Judicial Politics*, Mark Miller, ed. (Oxford University Press) (with Laura Langer)

Book Reviews

2016. *Choosing State Supreme Court Justices: Merit Selection and the Consequences of Institutional Reform*. By Greg Goelzhauser. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. *The Journal of Politics* 79(3): Jul 2017.

Under Review/ Working Papers

“Separation of Powers, Court Curbing, and Judicial Legitimacy in the American States” (with David Hughes)

“Gendered Policy Leadership in the State Supreme Courts.” (with Rich Vining and Levi Hudson)

“Political Experience and the Leadership Styles of State Chief Justices” (with Rich Vining and Levi Hudson)

Grants

Affordable Learning Georgia, Affordable Materials Grant, 2024. \$20000

SPIA Seed Grant. 2023. \$6000

Teaching in a Second Discipline Fellowship, UGA Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 2023.

SPIA study-Away Curriculum Development Grant, 2021. \$2000

SPIA Summer Online Course Development Grant, 2019. \$5000

Travel grant from the University of Georgia President’s Venture fund, 2008.

The University of Georgia Research Foundation New Faculty Research Grant, 2006. \$6000

NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2004. \$15000

Recognitions and Awards

APSA Law and Courts Teaching and Mentoring Award, 2024.

University of Georgia Teaching in a Second Discipline Fellowship, 2023.

University of Georgia Teaching Academy, 2022- present.

University of Georgia Senior Teaching Fellow, 2021-2022.

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Thomas P. Lauth Teaching Award, 2018.

School of Public and International Affairs Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2014.

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Susette M. Talarico Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007, 2011, and 2013.

State Politics and Policy Section award for Best paper on State Politics presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2009

University of Georgia’s J. Hatten Howard III Honors Teaching Award April 2008

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2004, 2008, 2009, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009 (2), 2010, 2022, 2023

Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2007, 2008, 2010 (2), 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Meeting of the State Politics and Policy Conference: 2003, 2009, 2016

Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association: 2003
Meeting of the Western Political Science Association: 2017
Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association: 2019, 2021
New Directions in Law and Society: A Graduate Student and Junior Scholar
Workshop Discussant, 2021
Junior Law and Politics Research Community Panel Discussant, 2022

Teaching Experience

Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties (graduate and undergraduate)
Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers (graduate and undergraduate)
Criminal Procedure (undergraduate)
American Political Development (graduate)
Introduction to American Politics (undergraduate)
Law and Politics of Public Land (undergraduate)
Introduction to Political Science Research (undergraduate)
Criminal Justice Internship supervision (undergraduate)
Political Science Internship supervision (undergraduate)
Judicial Process (undergraduate)

Supervision of student research

PhD Dissertation Chair:
Aidan Gonzalez (PhD expected 2026)
Karson Pennington (PhD expected 2025)
Alyson Hendricks- Benton (PhD expected 2025)
Mariliz Kastberg- Leonard (PhD 2023)
Allison Trochesett (PhD 2018)

PhD Dissertation Committee Member:

Karlee Taylor (PhD expected 2025)
Austin Petrie (PhD 2024)
Jake Truscott (PhD 2023)
Adam Rutkowski (PhD 2022)
David Hughes (2016)
Ethan Boldt (2018)
Bryan Black (2018)
John Newton (2012)
Brian Levey (2013)

MA Chair and Committee Member:

Erin Krinsky
Sabrina Riles
Daniel Hoppe
Martha Zoller
Liz Coggins

Service to Discipline

SPPQ Editor (with Rich Vining and Damon Cann), 2025- present
APSA Law and Courts Chairperson-Elect, 2024-2025.
APSA Law and Courts Best Graduate Paper Award Committee (Chair), 2023.
APSA Law and Courts Executive Committee, 2020-2022.
SPSA Manning Dauer Award Selection Committee (Chair), 2022.
APSA Law and Courts Best Graduate Paper Award Selection Committee, 2020.
SPSA State Politics Section (Chair), 2016.
APSA Law and Courts Teaching and Mentoring Award Selection Committee, 2014.
APSA Law and Courts Newsletter Editor Search Committee, 2013.
APSA Law and Courts Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee, 2011.

Reviewer:

Journals: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, American Politics Research, Political Research Quarterly, Justice System Journal, State and Local Government Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Behavior

Academic Publishers: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Michigan University Press, Routledge Press

University Service

UGA Teaching Academy Executive Committee, 2025- present
University Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, 2019-present
University Graduate Council, 2021-2022
University Executive Committee, 2019-2022
Moot Court Team Advisor, 2008- present
UGA Honors College Mentor, 2008-present
Office of Institutional Diversity Faculty Mentor, Fall 2008-present
University Council Member, 2017-2020
University Educational Affairs Committee Member, 2017- 2020

School Service

SPIA Graduate Committee, 2019-2023
Criminal Justice Studies Executive Committee Member, Fall 2007-present
SPIA Internship Coordinator search committee- Fall 2018
SPIA Council Representative, 2014-2015

Departmental Service

Instructor Search Committee (Chair), 2024 and 2025
Director of Graduate Studies, 2019-2023
Undergraduate Coordinator, 2016- 2019
Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, 2012- 2015
Faculty Executive Committee, 2008-2009; 2015- 2016; 2018-2019; 2023-2024; 2024-2025
Speakers Committee, 2010-2011
Alston Chair Search Committee, 2008- 2009