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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science

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University of Georgia

Dissertation: The Political Activities of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges

Committee: Christina L. Boyd (chair), Susan B. Haire, Richard L. Vining, & Teena Wilhelm

In three articles, my dissertation takes a novel look at federal appellate judges by examining the political activities and experiences they bring to the bench. **Article 1**, *Tracking and Explaining Politically Active U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges*, develops novel data and indicators of political activity from judicial questionnaires. The article then describes the variation in the political activities of federal appellate judges and examines which factors help explain when politically active judges are selected to the bench. **Article 2**, *The Differential Use of Political Language by Judicial Nominees*, theorizes and tests how factors such as political environment and a nominee's past career experiences influence the use of political language during the nomination process via automated, dictionary-based text analysis. **Article 3**, *The Effects of Prior Political Activities on Judicial Decision-Making* combines the novel political activity data and an original database of U.S. Courts of Appeals cases to examine whether the selection of more politically active judges affects judicial decision-making.

Field Exams:

American Politics (major field, pass with distinction)

Quantitative Methods (minor field)

B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*

2017

Augusta University

PUBLICATIONS

Rutkowski, Adam G. 2021. "Constitutional Interpretation Styles of U.S. Supreme Court Justices." *Forthcoming in Open Judicial Politics*. Rorie Spill-Solberg and Eric Waltenburg, eds.

Boyd, Christina L., and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020. "Judicial Behavior in Disability Cases: Do Judge Sex and Race Matter?" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8(4): 834-844.

Boyd, Christina L., and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020. "Trial Courts in the United States." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

Rutkowski, Adam G., Allison Vick, Martha H. Ginn, and Lance Y. Hunter. 2017. "Biggest Loser? Obama's Administrative Agencies and the Supreme Court." *Questions in Politics* 4(2017): 81-106.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Hitefield, Aaron A., Adam G. Rutkowski, and Ryan D. Williamson. "*Smith v. Allwright*: Examining External Reform and the Electoral Connection."

In this paper, we analyze how the elimination of the all-white primary in *Smith v. Allwright* changed the electoral fortunes and legislative behavior of southern members of Congress.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Supervisor/Project Manager 2019-2020
"How Social Security Administration Appeals Fare in the Federal Trial Courts." Under NSF grant SES-1626932 held by Christina L. Boyd, Scott H. Ainsworth, and Michael S. Lynch.

Research Assistant 2021
Stephen P. Nicholson. Researching direct democracy ballot measures. University of Georgia.

Research Assistant 2018
Christina L. Boyd: Researching disability case appeals at the federal trial courts. Under NSF grant SES-1626932 held by Christina L. Boyd, Scott H. Ainsworth, and Michael S. Lynch. University of Georgia.

Research Assistant 2016
Martha H. Ginn: Researching executive success at the Supreme Court. Augusta University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record Spring 2021
POLS 4700: Constitutional Law: Powers

Instructor of Record Fall 2019
POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration

Teaching Assistant Fall 2020
POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration
Instructor: Christina L. Boyd, Ph.D.

Courses Prepared to Teach

Intro to American Politics, Criminal Justice Administration, Judicial Process, Political Science Research Methods, Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties, Constitutional Law: Powers

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Liberty, Citizenship, and Rights Fellowship, American Founding Group, University of Georgia, 2017-2019

Augusta University Dean's List, 2013-2017

Gloria Story Dittus Scholarship, Augusta University, 2016

Kathryn Reese Pamplin Scholarship, Augusta University, 2013-2017

Member, Phi Kappa Phi

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. April 2021: "The Political Activities of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges."

Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. April 2021: "*Smith v. Allwright*: Examining External Reform and the Electoral Connection." (with Aaron A. Hitefield and Ryan D. Williamson).

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020: "Exploring President Trump's Nominees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Conference cancelled.

Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 2019: "The Effect of U.S. Supreme Court Justices' Constitutional Interpretation Styles of Fourth Amendment Cases."

Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2018: "The Effect of U.S. Supreme Court Justices' Constitutional Interpretation Styles in Fourth Amendment Cases."

Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2018: "Terrorism and Right Party Vote Share in Legislative Elections: A Cross-National Analysis" (with Lance Young Hunter, Joseph W. Robbins, Martha H. Ginn, and Aaron Hutton).

Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2016: "Biggest Loser: Obama's Administrative Agencies and the Supreme Court" (with Allison Vick, Martha H. Ginn, and Lance Y. Hunter).

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Georgia Political Science Association

RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Law and Courts

The Supreme Court and the Judicial Hierarchy

State and Federal Court Systems

The United States Courts of Appeals
Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

American Politics

American Politics Pre-Seminar
The U.S. Presidency
Legislative Process
American Political Development
U.S. Congressional Elections
Public Opinion

Methodology

Research Design
Introduction to Political Methodology
Linear Regression
Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Bayesian Inference
Rational Choice Theory
Data Analysis in R Using tidyverse

REFERENCES

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