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Education:

PhD, Political Science, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2023 (expected)

Dissertation: *Why Change What Works?: Explaining Changes to State Judicial Selection Methods and Judicial Codes of Conduct*

Dissertation Committee: Teena Wilhelm (Chair), Richard Vining, Michael Lynch

M.A., American Politics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2017
Minor Field: International Relations

B.A., Political Science. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2015

Research Interests:

American Political Institutions: State Judicial Elections, Judicial Politics,
Separation of Powers

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. 2015. “Efficiency Increased? The Effect of the Case Selections Act of 1988 on Abortion Case Processing Efficiency.” *Critique: a worldwide student journal of politics*. (Fall): 30–50.

Working Papers:

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “The Impact of State Judicial Misconduct on Judicial Selection and Conduct Codes”.

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “To Accept or Decline: Question Content and Acceptance of Abortion Case Petitions”.

Pennington, Karson, Austin Petrie, and Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard. "Short-Circuiting: How Trump-Appointees Disrupt the Status Quo in Immigration Decisions".

Academic Positions:

Teaching Experience:

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia

Courses:

Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2019)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia

Courses:

Introduction to American Politics (Online)
Teena Wilhelm (Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021)
Audrey Haynes (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2022)

Introduction to American Politics
Jeffrey Glas (Fall 2020)
Anthony Madonna (Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University

Courses:

Introduction to United States Foreign Policy (with Harry Targ, Fall 2016)
Women and the Law (with Patricia Boling, Spring 2016)
Introduction to American Politics (with Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Fall 2015)

Guest Lecture, University of Georgia, Department of Political Science

Courses:

Constitutional Law: Rights & Liberties (January 2022)

Research Experience:

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia

Susan Haire (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
Audrey Haynes (Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
Jason Anastasopoulos (Spring 2020)
Anthony Madonna (Fall 2018)
Teena Wilhelm and Richard Vining (Spring 2018)
Christina Boyd (Fall 2017, Summer 2018)

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University

Nadia E. Brown (November 2016 - January 2017)
Valeria Sinclair-Chapman and Laurel Weldon (March- May 2016)

Eric Waltenburg (Summer 2013, Fall 2013)

Professional Experience:

Educational Testing Service

AP American Government & Politics Invited Grader (June 2022)

Politics, Groups, and Identities

Editorial Assistant (Spring 2017)

Social Media Editor (Fall 2016–Spring 2017)

C-SPAN Archives

Archives Assistant (Summer 2015)

O’Keefe Communications, Inc.

Intern (Summer 2014)

Conference Presentations:

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “The Impact of State Judicial Misconduct on Judicial Selection and Conduct Codes”. Paper presented at panel at the 2022 American Political Science Association Conference, Ontario, Canada.

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “To Accept or Decline: Question Content and Acceptance of Abortion Case Petitions.” Paper presented at panel at the 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Pennington, Karson, Austin Petrie, and Mariliz Kastberg–Leonard. “Short-Circuiting: How Trump–Appointees Disrupt the Status Quo in Immigration Decisions.” Paper presented at panel at the 2021 Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “To Accept or Decline? Question Complexity of Abortion Case Petitions and their Likelihood of Acceptance.” Paper accepted for panel at the 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. (Cancelled because of COVID-19)

Kastberg–Leonard, Mariliz. “Efficiency Increased? The Effect of the Case Selections Act of 1988 on Abortion Case Processing Efficiency.” Paper presented at undergraduate poster session at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Awards and Grants:

University of Georgia, Department of Political Science

Graduate Scholarship 2018–2019 (Awarded: \$1,000)

Charles S. Bullock, III Graduate Scholarship 2017–2018 (Awarded: \$1,000)

Purdue University, Department of Political Science
Undergraduate Research Grant 2013-2014 (Awarded \$500)

Invited Workshop Participation:

American Political Science Association's (APSA) State Politics and Policy
Dissertation Workshop (2022)

Professional Service:

American Political Science Association Conference, Discussant (2022)
SPIA Undergraduate Conference, Discussant (2021)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Discussant (2020)
(Cancelled because of COVID-19)
Peer Mentor, Purdue University Department of Political Science, (2016-
2017)

Additional Methods Training:

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer
Program (2016)

Skills:

Quantitative Statistical Methods Software: STATA, R
LaTeX

Online Learning System Experience: Blackboard and Brightspace

References:

Available Upon Request