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**APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, August 2022-Present  
Administrative Conference of the United States, Co-Consultant, 2025-  
Federal Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee, August 2022- August 2024 (2022-2024 Term)  
    Co-Chair, Resources Subcommittee  
Associate Professor, Department of Government, Hamilton College, July 2019-July 2022  
    Chair, Jurisprudence, Law, and Justice Studies Minor, July 2018-July 2021  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Hamilton College, July 2012-2019

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Political Science, August 2012**

Vanderbilt University

Research Interests: American Politics, Executive-Judicial Relations, Government Transparency, Race and Politics

**M.A., Political Science, May 2010**

Vanderbilt University

**B.A., Political Science, December 2005, *summa cum laude***

Georgia State University

**AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

2023: National Science Foundation Grant #2245369. Principal Investigator. Supplemental Funding. Law and Sciences. (Co-Principal Investigator Tracey E. George).

2022: National Science Foundation Grant # 2222529. Co-Principal Investigator. Comparative Study of Demographic Variation in Judiciaries. Build and Broaden, Law and Sciences. (Principal Investigator Josephine Dawuni, Co-Principal Investigators Alice Kang, and Daniel Gomez Mazo).

2021: National Science Foundation Grant #2245369. Principal Investigator. The Right to Know: The Legal and Political Components of Government Transparency. Law and Sciences. (Co-Principal Investigator Tracey E. George).

2020: Christian A. Johnson Teaching Enhancement Award, Hamilton College

2020: Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award, Hamilton College

2018: APSA Pracademic Fellowship, National Archives, Office of Government Information Services (served Fall 2021)

2012: Rutgers University Center on the American Governor Grant

2012: Princeton University James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions Fellowship (*declined*)

## **EDITED VOLUMES**

*Oxford Explains: The American Presidency*, Oxford University Press, Editor, *Under Contract/In Progress*

## **ARTICLES (\*peer reviewed)**

“The Biden Presidency, The Federal Judiciary, and the Administrative State,” *Albany Government Law Review Journal*, (*forthcoming*)

“To Preserve, Release, and Litigate: Dimensions of Executive Branch Transparency” (with Tracey E. George). *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 53(2), 209-233. (2023)\*

“Government Transparency and Public Access.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 51(3):705-724. (2021)\*

“Gender, Diversity, and the U.S. Judiciary.” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, 41 (1):61-71. (2021)

“Adjudicating Executive Privilege: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege Claims in U.S. District Courts.” *Law and Society Review*, 53(3): 823-850. (2019) \*

“Race, Crime, and Emotions” (with Camille Burge). *Research & Politics* 5(3):1-9 2053168018795334. (2018)\*

Results Discussed on PsyPost.org (January 2019)

“Perceptions of Gender Bias in Public Attitudes towards the Decisions of Female Judges” (with Michael P. Fix). *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 70(6):1845-1886. (2017)

“Legislative “Allies” and Judicial Oversight of Executive Power.” *Justice System Journal*, 38 (2):116-134. (2017)\*

“Executive Power and Judicial Deference: Judicial Decision-Making on Executive Power Challenges in the American States.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(1):128-141. (2015)\*

“Judicial Deference and Executive Control over Administrative Agencies.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 14(2):142-164. (2014)\*

“The House as a Stepping Stone to the Senate: Why do so few African-American House Members Run?” (with Bruce Oppenheimer and Jennifer Selin). *American Journal of Political Science*, 56(2):387-399. (2012)\*

## **BOOK CHAPTERS (+undergraduate student, ±graduate student)**

“Peeking Behind the Curtain: The Federal Bureaucracy, Transparency, and Judicial Oversight” with Yao Yao± and Hannah Lee+ in *Divided Nation: Analyzing Policy, Behavior, and Institutional Challenges in Modern American Democracy*, eds. Jamie L. Carson and Ryan D. Williamson. DeGruyter. (2025)

“Delegation and Deference: Federal Judicial Decision-Making and Administrative Agencies” (with Jennifer Hickey± and Jaylin Small+) in *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*, eds. Michael P. Fix and Matthew Montgomery. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. (2024)

“Government Transparency and Judicial Deference: An Outcomes-Based Overview of Freedom of Information Act Litigation in the U.S. Supreme Court,” in *Research Handbook of Law and Political*

*Systems*, eds. Robert Howard, Kirk Randazzo, and Rebecca Reid. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. (2023)

“How Did the Civil War Amendments Change the U.S. Constitution?,” in *The U.S. Constitution in Five Minutes*, eds. David Klein and Joseph L. Smith. United Kingdom: Equinox. (2023)

“Degrees of Separation?: Judicial-Executive Relations in the U.S. and Latin America”, in *Research Handbook on Law and Courts*, eds. Susan Sterett and Lee Walker. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. (2019)

“Gubernatorial Institutional Authority and Conflict: Executive-Judicial Relations in the United States,” in *The American Governor: Power, Constraint, and Leadership in the States*, ed. David Redlawsk. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. (2015)

### **LEGAL NOTES AND OTHER WRITINGS (+undergraduate student, ±graduate student)**

“Biden and the Supreme Court” (with Hannah Lee+). *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency* 5<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Michael A. Genovese and Alison D. Howard (2025)

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Kathleen Abernethy± and Hannah Lee+), in *The USA and Canada* 2026 28th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge. (2025)

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Yao Yao±), in *The USA and Canada* 2025 27th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge. (2024)

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Sidney Shank± and Yao Yao±), in *The USA and Canada* 2024 26th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge. (2023)

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Karlee Taylor±), in *The USA and Canada* 2023 25th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge. (2022)

"The Deliberative Process Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act: *US Fish and Wildlife Service v. Sierra Club* (2021)." *Justice System Journal* 42(1):106-109. (2021)

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

National Science Foundation Grant #2245369 (with Tracey George)-*data cleaning in progress*

National Science Foundation Grant # 2222529. (with Principal Investigator Josephine Dawuni, Co-Principal Investigators Alice Kang, and Daniel Gomez Mazo)-*data collection in progress*

### **GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

[Resources Subcommittee Final Report and Recommendations](#) (co-authored). Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee, 2022-2024 Term, (May 2024).

### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

“[Why aren’t there more Black female judges on the federal bench?](#),” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, February 22, 2022

“[APSA Pracademic Fellowship: Office of Government Information Services](#)” *Political Science Today* 2 (2), 41-43 (2022)

[“Thinking About OGIS’s Work: An Academic Perspective,”](#) *The FOIA Ombudsman*, January 31, 2022.

**INVITED CONFERENCES/TALKS/SYMPOSIUMS (since 2020)**

“Judicial Oversight of Government Openness” (with Yao Yao)  
2025 PAIR Forum on American Institutional Renewal  
Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, May 2025

Diversity and the Supreme Court: An Examination of the Bench and Bar (Panel)  
The Emory Law School Supreme Court Advocacy Program  
Emory University Law School, Atlanta, GA, September 2024

“Executive Branch Transparency and Judicial Oversight” (with Yao Yao)  
Executive-Judicial Relations Conference  
Hoover Institute, Standford University, Palo Alto, CA June 2024

“Restraining the Administrative State: The Biden Administration, the Federal Judiciary, and the Administrative State”  
Presidential Power, the Administrative State, and American Democracy  
Harris School of Public Policy, Center for Effective Government  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, July 2024

“The Biden Administration and the Federal Judiciary”  
Democracy in the Balance: An Examination of Biden’s Presidency, the 2024 Election, and Presidential Greatness  
Presidency and Executive Politics Mini-Conference  
Harris School of Public Policy, Center for Effective Government  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2024

Keynote Speaker  
Atlanta Symposium on Political Science (ASOPS)  
Georgia State University Department of Political Science  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 2024

The Watergate State: Fifty Years of Executive Power, Illicit Speech, and the Legal Profession (panel)  
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, April 2023

Fresh Thinking on Government Transparency (Panel)  
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Law and Policy Division  
Virtual Sunshine Week Panel, March 2022

Women in Law: Perceptions and Misconceptions of Women in Law (Panel)  
Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice LLC  
Kansas City, MO (Virtual), November 2021

“The Politics of Public Access: Politicization and the Freedom of Information Act”  
Virtual American Executive Politics Workshop, December 2020

“The Politics of Public Access: Politicization and the Freedom of Information Act”  
University of California, San Diego (Virtual), December 2020

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2020)**

“Executive Branch Transparency and Judicial Oversight” (with Yao Yao)  
American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2025

“Executive Branch Transparency and Judicial Oversight” (with Yao Yao)  
Southern Political Science Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2025

“Intersectionality and the US Courts of Appeals,” with Susan Haire, Alyson Hendricks-Benton, Vanisha Kudumuri, and Karson Pennington  
American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA September 2024

“Bridging Law and Public Administration: Conversations in Engaged Public Governance” (roundtable)  
Public Management Research Conference  
University of Seattle, Seattle, Washington, June 2024

“Intersectionality and the US Courts of Appeals,” with Susan Haire, Alyson Hendricks-Benton, Vanisha Kudumuri, and Karson Pennington  
Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2024

“With Good Cause: Public Participation and Rulemaking,” with Susan M. Miller  
Midwest Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023

“With Good Cause: Public Participation and Rulemaking,” with Susan M. Miller  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2023

“The Right to Know”  
American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, September 2022

“The Right to Know”  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022

“The Right to Know”  
Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February 2020

### **COURSES**

The Freedom to Assemble  
American Political Process  
Criminal Justice Internship  
The American Presidency  
Courts and Judicial Process  
Courts and the Executive Branch (graduate course)  
Government Failure?: The American Administrative State  
The Politics of Equality (co-taught)  
Practicum: Crafting Criminal Justice Reform (co-taught)  
Higher Education Opportunity Programs (HEOP)-American Government Sequence  
Senior Thesis

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

Treasurer, APSA Presidency and Executive Politics Section, 2025-  
APSA Ralph J. Bunche Best Book Award Committee, 2025  
Member, American Political Science Association, Law & Courts Nominating Committee, 2024  
Co-Chair, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, 2023 Southern Political Science Association  
Meeting  
Presidency and Executive Politics Executive Committee, 2023-2025  
Midwest Political Science Association Executive Council, 2022-2025  
Member, [College-Community Partnership for Racial Justice](#), 2020-2022  
Organizer, Women of Color Law & Courts Email List, 2020-  
Co-Chair, Committee on Recruitment, Retention, and Equality, Law and Courts Section, 2020-2025  
Moderator, Law and Courts Listserv, 2020-2023  
Co-Chair, The Status of African-Americans in the South Committee, Southern Political Science  
Association, 2020, 2021  
Co-Chair, Judicial Politics Section, 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting  
Member, APSA Law and Courts Diversity Committee, 2020  
Chair, Law and Jurisprudence Section, 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting  
Member, APSA Law and Courts Service Award Committee, 2016-2017  
Member, APSA Law and Courts Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2015-2016  
Chair, Judicial Politics Section, 2016 Southern Political Science Association Meeting  
Panel Member, National Science Foundation, Grant Review  
Editorial Board: *Journal of Law of Courts* Reviewer: *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations*,  
*Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*,  
*Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Public  
Performance and Management Review*, *Politics Groups, and Identities*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*

## **REFERENCES**

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