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EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia, 2025 to present  Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2020 to 2025	
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2020  M.A., Political Science, University of Michigan, 2011  B.A., Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, Michigan State University, 2009	
EXTERNAL GRANTS	King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr (co-PIs). “Collaborative Proposal: Precedent-Altering Opinions and Collegiality on the U.S. Supreme Court.” National Science Foundation, Law and Science Program. March 2024-February 2025. Total award: \$159,476 (USC portion of award: \$74,803).	
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Armaly, Miles T., Jonathan M. King, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. Accepted. “An Ecclesiastical Court: Christian Nationalism and Perceptions of the U.S. Supreme Court.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> .  Scott, Jamil S., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2025. “You Better Shop Around: Litigant Characteristics and Support for Supreme Court Decisions.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> .  King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Ian Ostrander. 2025. “Anchoring or Expanding? Gender and Judicial Nominations.” <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 78(1): 135-150.  Armaly, Miles T. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2025. “Friendship is Rare: The Influence of Off-Bench Friendships on Support for the U.S. Supreme Court.” <i>American Politics Research</i> 53(2): 181-192.  Krewson, Christopher N., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Marcy Shieh. 2024. “Did You Hear about Clarence Thomas? Measuring Public Attention toward the Supreme Court.” <i>Research &amp; Politics</i> 11(2): 1-7.  King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2024. “A Matter of Opinion? How Unexpected Opinion Authors Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions.” <i>Journal of Law and Courts</i> 12(1): 144-164.	

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Nicholas W. Waterbury. 2022. “Confessions at the Supreme Court: Judicial Response to Solicitor General Error.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 10(1): 13-36.

Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. 2020. “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(2): 333-358.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. Forthcoming. “It’s Not What You Do, It’s the Way that You Do It: Increasing Women’s Presence at the Supreme Court.” *Yale Journal of Law and Humanities*.

Hassett, Abigail V., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2024. “‘A Matter of Great Importance’: Interest Groups, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” in *Open Judicial Politics Reader*, 3rd ed., eds. Jennifer Segal Diascro, Rorie L. Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg. Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative.

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2023. “Coding Made Easy? Coding Made Easy! Coding and Analyzing Text with Undergraduate Coders.” *Law and Courts Newsletter* 33(1): 5-15.

Lane, Elizabeth A., Jessica A. Schoenherr, Rachel A. Schutte, and Ryan C. Black. 2020. “Judicial Discretion and U.S. Supreme Court Agenda Setting” in *Open Judicial Politics Reader*, 1st ed., eds. Jennifer Segal Diascro, Rorie L. Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg. Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative.

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Ryan C. Black. 2019. “The Use of Precedent in U.S. Supreme Court Litigant Briefs” in *Research Handbook on Law and Courts*, eds. Susan Sterrett and Lee Demetrius Walker. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Ryan C. Black. 2019. “Friends with Benefits: How Amicus Curiae Briefs Affect Supreme Court Agenda Setting.” *International Review of Law and Economics* 58:43-53 [Symposium].

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2019. “‘A Matter of Great Importance’: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Arlen Specter Center for Public Service Research Fellowship*. Paper 1. Thomas Jefferson University.

IN PROGRESS

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. “‘You Reached Out to Me for Help’: Female Attorneys, Anti-Feminist Causes, and Their Effects on Symbolic Representation.” (*Invited to revise and resubmit*)

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Make It Simple: How Targeted Appeals Reduce Judicial Workloads and Win Votes.” (*Invited to revise and resubmit*)

Cota, Matthew T., Rachael B. Houston, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. "Beyond the Front Page: Supreme Court Media Coverage in the Digital Age." (*Under review*)

Drolc, Cody A., Alison Higgins Merrill, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. "Breaking the Legal Stalemate: How Membership Changes Shift Stakeholder Strategies at the U.S. Supreme Court."

Schoenherr, Jessica A. "Call and Response: Legal Entrepreneurship and Attorney Success at the U.S. Supreme Court."

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. "Identifying Racial and Ethnic Representation in the Supreme Court Bar."

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Ian Ostrander. "Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Judicial Nominations."

BOOK REVIEWS      Schoenherr, Jessica A. 2023. Review of *Persuading the Supreme Court: The Significance of Briefs in Judicial Decision-Making* by Morgan L.W. Hazelton and Rachael K. Hinkle. *Law and Politics Book Review* 33(6): 79-82.

Schoenherr, Jessica A. 2022. Review of *The Rights Paradox: How Group Attitudes Shape U.S. Supreme Court Legitimacy* by Michael A. Zilis. *Political Science Quarterly* 137(3): 605-607.

PUBLIC-FACING RESEARCH      King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2024. "Supreme Court Heads into Uncharted, Dangerous Territory as it Considers Trump Insurrection Case." *The Conversation*, <https://tinyurl.com/2xunsftp>

Grossmann, Matthew, Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2022. "Descriptive Representation in Supreme Court Nominations." *The Science of Politics Podcast*, <https://tinyurl.com/3e3438pk>

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

Yale Law School, October 2024

College of Charleston, October 2024

University of North Carolina, September 2024

Francis Marion University, September 2024

University of Georgia, February 2024

University of Kentucky, November 2023

Louisiana State University, February 2023

Indiana University, December 2022

Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts, June 2022

Michigan State University, April 2022

University of Minnesota, November 2021

Bowling Green State University, April 2021

Arlen Specter Center for Public Service at Thomas Jefferson University, November 2018

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2019-2020, 2022-2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2018-2019, 2021-2024

New Directions in Law and Society: 2022

Southern Political Science Association: 2017, 2021-2024

Visions in Methodology: 2019

AWARDS AND  
HONORS

Neal Tate Award for Best Paper Presented in Judicial Politics for “‘You Reached Out to Me for Help’: Female Attorneys, Anti-Feminist Causes, and Their Effects on Symbolic Representation,” Southern Political Science Association, 2024 (with Jonathan M. King and Katelyn E. Stauffer)

Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper for “Legal Entrepreneurship and Attorney Innovation at the U.S. Supreme Court,” Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2020

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2020

Best Graduate Student Paper for “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2019 (with Elizabeth A. Lane)

Silver Star Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2017

Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2017

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, 2013

SMALL GRANTS  
AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Research Grant, University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences, 2024

SEC Travel Grant, University of South Carolina, 2022-2023

Arlen Specter Research Fellowship, Arlen Specter Center for Public Service, 2018 (with Elizabeth A. Lane)

Presidential Fellow, Center for the Study of the Presidency, 2007-2008

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia (Instructor of Record)

- POLS 1101: American Government
- POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration
- POLS 4760: Supreme Court Politics

University of South Carolina (Instructor of Record)

- POLI 450: Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers
- POLI 451: Constitutional Law II: Rights and Liberties
- POLI 452: Judicial Process
- POLI 454/WGST 454: Women and the Law
- POLI 726: Seminar in Judicial Politics (graduate)

Michigan State University (Instructor of Record)

- PLS 320: Judicial Politics
- PLS 422: The Supreme Court, the Constitution, and Institutional Powers

ICPSR Summer Program (Teaching Assistant)

- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (with Tim McDaniel and Brian Pollins)

ADVISING

Dissertation Committee Member

- Gregory Nelson
- Matthew Fryman
- Abigail Hassett (2025)
- Kuan-Wu Chen (2024)
- Madison Shanks (2024)
- Rahul Hemrajani (2023)
- Yuhsien Sung (2023)

Magellan Scholar Faculty Mentor

- Kaitlyn McCue (Spring 2022)
  - \* Second place, DiscoverUSC 2022

Honors Thesis Advisor

- Anna Bishop (2025)
- Allison DeHart (2025)
- Alex Dillon (2025)
- Emmeline Basco (2023)
  - \* Second place, DiscoverUSC 2023

Honors Thesis Second Reader

- Paige McGrath (2024)
- Krishna Alexander (2023)
- Emma Dickson (2023)
- William Glover (2021)

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Discipline

- Section Chair: Judicial Politics Section, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (2024)
- Award Committee Member: Law and Courts Service Award (2024), Law and Courts Best Conference Paper Award (2022)
- Discussant: American Political Science Association (2021, 2022), Midwest Political Science Association (2021, 2024), Southern Political Science Association (2021-2024)
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of Law and Courts*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; Palgrave Macmillan; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; Rowman and Littlefield

University and College, University of South Carolina

- Member: Law and Society Minor Advisory Committee, Summer 2022 to Spring 2025
- Member: Excel Grant Review Committee, Spring 2023
- Member: Magellan Scholar Review Committee, Spring 2022

Department, University of South Carolina

- External Search Committee Member: Department Chair (2024), Associate Professor of Comparative Politics (2024), Associate Professor of American Politics (2024), Open Rank Professor of International Relations (2023), Assistant Professor of Political Theory (2021), Post-Doctoral Fellow in Founding Documents (2021)
- Member: Social Media Committee, Fall 2024 to Spring 2025
- Internal Search Committee Member: Department Chair, Spring 2024
- Director: Graduate Placement, Fall 2023 to Spring 2024
- Coordinator: Political Science Research Workshop, Fall 2021 to Summer 2023
- Member: Website Committee, Fall 2022 to Summer 2023
- Member: Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2020 to Spring 2021

OTHER  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

Editorial Intern, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2017-2018

Research Assistant, Matthew Grossmann, 2014-2015

Procurement Operations Analyst II, Hewlett-Packard, 2011-2014

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