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# Joseph Daniel Ura

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006

M.A. Political Science, George Washington University, 2002

B.A. Political Science, George Washington University, 2001 (*Cum Laude*)

## Additional Training

SEC Academic Leadership Development Program, 2017-2018

Institute on the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Duke University, 2004

## Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*September 2013-Present*

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*August 2007-August 2013*

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University  
*August 2006-June 2007*

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*August 2004-June 2006*

## Administrative Appointments

Associate Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*Effective September 1, 2017*

Administrative Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University  
*January 2016-August 2017*

Director of Undergraduate Programs, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*September 2013-August 2015*

Director of the American Politics Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*September 2013-August 2015*

## Publications

### *Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters*

15. Conway, Nicholas J., Soren Jordan, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2017. Courts and Issue Attention in Canada. *Social Science Quarterly* Forthcoming.

14. Acevedo, Delia, Carlie Fogleman, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2017. Peasants *and* Bankers: Education, Consumer Sentiment, and Presidential Approval. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* Forthcoming.
13. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Carla M. Flink. 2016. Experience Counts: The Chief Justice, Management Tenure, and Strategic Behavior on the U.S. Supreme Court. *Research and Politics* 3(2): DOI: 10.1177/2053168016644464.
12. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Carla M. Flink. 2016. Managing the Supreme Court: The Chief Justice, Management, and Consensus. *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 26(2): 185-196.
11. Hall, Matthew E.K. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2015. Judicial Majoritarianism. *Journal of Politics* 77(3): 818-832.
10. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2014. Backlash and Legitimation: Macro Political Responses to Supreme Court Decisions. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(1): 110-126.

*Media*

- “Monday Roundup” *SCOTUS Blog* June 24, 2013.
  - “How We Judge SCOTUS” *The Dish* June 21, 2013.
  - “Supreme Court Decisions in Favor of Gay Marriage Would Not Go ‘Too Far, Too Fast’ ” *Opinion Today* (blog operated by *Polling Report*) June 21, 2013.
9. Manzano, Sylvia and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. Desperately Seeking Sonia?: Latino Heterogeneity and Geographic Variation in Web Searches for Judge Sonia Sotomayor. *Political Communication* 30(1): 81-99.

*Media*

- “Different Latino Identities Can Complement Rather Than Compete with Each Other” *Strauss Institute: Did You Know?* May 7, 2013.
  - “The Sotomayor Nomination: Evidence of Panethnic Political Interest” *Latino Decisions* February 13, 2012.
8. Taylor-Robinson, Michelle M., and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. Public Opinion and Conflict in the Separation of Powers: Understanding the Honduran Coup of 2009 *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25(1): 105-127.
  7. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Christopher R. Ellis. 2012. Partisan Moods: Polarization and Party Preference Dynamics. *Journal of Politics* 74(1): 277-291.
  6. Ellis, Christopher R. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2011. United We Divide? Education, Income, and Heterogeneity in Mass Partisan Polarization. in Peter Enns and Christopher Wlezien eds. *Who Gets Represented?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 61-92.
  5. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2010. “An Appeal to the People”: Public Opinion and Congressional Support for the Supreme Court. *Journal of Politics* 72(4): 939-956.
  4. Sill, Kaitlyn L., Joseph Daniel Ura, and Stacia L. Haynie. 2010. Strategic Passing and Opinion Assignment on the Burger Court. *Justice System Journal* 31(2): 164-179.
  3. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2009. The Supreme Court and Issue Attention: The Case of Homosexuality. *Political Communication* 26(4): 430-446.

*Media*

- “High Court’s Election-Year Lineup Rich in High-Profile Cases” *Associated Press* November 30, 2015.

2. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Christopher R. Ellis. 2008. Income, Preferences, and the Dynamics of Policy Responsiveness. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 41(4): 785-794.

*Media*

“Rich and Poor Have Same Economic Views” *LiveScience.com* October 3, 2008.

1. Ellis, Christopher R., Joseph Daniel Ura, and Jenna Ashley-Robinson. 2006. The Dynamic Consequences of Nonvoting in American National Elections. *Political Research Quarterly* 59(2): 227-233.

*Editor Reviewed Articles and Chapters*

4. Merrill, Alison Higgins, Nicholas D. Conway, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2017. Confidence and Constraint: Public Opinion, Judicial Independence, and the Roberts Court. *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* Forthcoming.

*Media*

3. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Alison Higgins. Courts and Public Opinion. 2016. in *Oxford Handbook on American Law and the Judiciary*, Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist eds. New York: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

2. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2014. The Placement of Conflict: The Supreme Court and Issue Attention in the National Media. in *Covering the Court in the Digital Age*, Richard Davis ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 153-172.

1. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Erica M. Socker. 2011. The Behavioral Political Economy of Budget Deficits: How Starve the Beast Policies Feed the Machine. *The Forum* 9(2): Article 7.

*Media*

“Texas A&M Researchers Reject ‘Starving the Beast’ Theory” *The Eagle* (Bryan, TX) February 6, 2012.

“So-Called Tax Breaks Don’t Shrink Governments, They Swell Deficits” *The Globe and Mail* (Toronto, Canada) December 25, 2011.

“Vantage Point: Five Questions for Joseph Ura” *CQ Weekly* December 5, 2011.

“No, Starve the Beast Didn’t Win” *Ten Square Miles* (blog operated by *Washington Monthly*) August 3, 2011.

“Findings: A Daily Round-Up of Academic Studies” *National Affairs* August 1, 2011.

“Huckabee, Romney, and the Beast” *ThinkProgress* March 13, 2011.

“Starve the Beast Means Feed the Machine” *Marginal Revolution* March 11, 2011.

*Reviews, Essays, and Other Publications*

8. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2016. The Supreme Court After Scalia *Political Insight* (UK Political Studies Association blog; online). February 21.

<https://www.psa.ac.uk/insight-plus/blog/supreme-court-after-scalia>.

7. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2014. Review of *The Nature of Supreme Court Power* by Matthew E. K. Hall. *Law and Politics Book Review* 24(5): 216-220.

6. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2014. In the Long Run, the Supreme Court Leads Public Opinion on Controversial Issues *USApp: American Politics and Policy* (London School of Economics American politics blog; online). February 20.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2014/02/20/in-the-long-run-the-supreme-court-leads-public-opinion-on-controversial-issues/>

5. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2013. Supreme Court Decisions in Favor of Gay Marriage Would Not Go ‘Too Far, Too Fast.’ *Pacific Standard* (online) June 20.

<http://www.psmag.com/politics/supreme-court-tk-60537/>.

4. Ura, Joseph Daniel and Francisco I. Pedraza. 2012. Public Support for the Supreme Court: The Promise and Peril of *Arizona v. United States*. *Latino Decisions* (online) June 12.

<http://www.latinodecisions.com/blog/2012/06/12/public-support-for-the-supreme-court-the-promise-and-peril-of-arizona-v-united-states/>.

3. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. Evaluating the Death Penalty. in Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, Kenneth A. Shepsle, and Stephen Ansolabehere *American Government: Power and Purpose* 12 ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 138-139.

2. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. Test Bank for *The American Political System* by Ken Kollman. New York: W.W. Norton.

1. Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2011. Another Look at UT Productivity Report. *Texas Tribune* June 9.

<http://www.texastribune.org/texas-education/higher-education/guest-column-another-look-ut-productivity-report/>.

## **Works in Progress**

Latinos’ Knowledge of the Supreme Court (with Francisco Pedraza).

The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism (with Jim Rogers).

Competing Public Agency: Public Opinion, the Separation of Powers, and Judicial Self-Restraint (with Nick Conway and Alison Higgins).

Veto and Representation: Balancing Private Judgements and Position Taking in Legislative Voting.

Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections (with Christopher Ellis).

Signaling, Politicization, and the Solicitor General’s Influence on Supreme Court Justices (with Patrick Wohlfarth and Alexander Morin).

## **Grants**

### *Research*

Aziz, Sahar, Jessica Gottlieb, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2016. Experimental Research on Comparative Judicial Legitimacy. Seed Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (\$10,865).

Pedraza, Francisco. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2012. “*Arizona v. United States*: Latino Civic Engagement and Support for the Supreme Court.” Seed Grant, Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University (\$5,000).

Pedraza, Francisco. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2012. “*Arizona v. United States*: Latino Civic Engagement and Support for the Supreme Court.” Seed Grant, Program for Equity, Race, and Governance, Texas A&M University (\$3,000).

James R. Rogers and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2010. “The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism.” National Science Foundation (SES 1024016: \$89,074).

Joseph Daniel Ura. 2008. "Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited" Faculty Research Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (\$4,000).

#### *Academic Programs and Teaching*

Ura, Joseph Daniel, and Jennifer Mercieca. 2014. "Political Communication: Persuasion and Leadership in a Democracy." College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (\$45,000).

Wood, B. Dan, Jon R. Bond, Paul Kellstedt, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. "Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Polarization in the American Political System." College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (\$28,500).

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Maria Escobar-Lemmon. 2013. "Enhancing Mentoring and Peer Networks for Women and Parents in Political Science." ADVANCE Center, Texas A&M University (\$6,900).

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2013. "Visiting Scholar for an Undergraduate Programs in American Politics." Charles G. Koch Foundation (\$5,000).

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. "Visiting Scholar for an Undergraduate Research Seminar in Judicial Politics." Charles G. Koch Foundation (\$4,700).

#### *Competitive Travel Awards*

Hayek Fund For Scholars Travel Award, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. 2011.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. 2007.

Research and Economic Development Faculty Travel Grant, Louisiana State University. 2007.

National Science Foundation-EITM Institute Travel Grant. 2005.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School Travel Grant. 2004.

#### **Other Selected Fellowships and Awards**

Student Led Award for Teaching Excellence (Campus-Wide). 2010. Texas A&M University.

Honorable Mention, CQ Press Award for the Best Paper by a Graduate Student. 2006. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Student Undergraduate Teaching Award (Campus-Wide). 2005. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Earle Wallace Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching. 2004. Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Academic Year Grant. 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Summer Research Grant. 2003, 2004, 2005.

University Fellowship, George Washington University. 2001-2002.

Scottish Rite Foundation Memorial Graduate Fellowship. 2001-2002.

Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society. Inducted 2001.

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society. Inducted 2000.

Golden Key, National Academic Honor Society. Inducted 2000.

Caroline Arden Prize for the Outstanding Political Science Major, George Washington University. 2000.

National Merit Scholarship. 1998-2001.

Presidential Academic Scholarship, George Washington University. 1998-2001.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, State of Tennessee. 1998-2001.

## **Conference Participation**

### *Presentations*

The Evolution of the Supreme Court as an Issue in American National Politics (with Kathryn Haglin, Alison Higgins, and Soren Jordan). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2017).

Competing Public Agency: Public Opinion, the Separation of Powers, and Judicial Review (with Nick Conway and Alison Higgins). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2016).

"If we are wrong...the courts will correct it": Position-Taking, Judicial Review, and Legislative Voting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society: San Antonio, TX (March 2015).

Signals or Noise?: The Influence of Judicial Ideology and Public Opinion on Supreme Court Affirmances (with Alison Higgins). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2015).

One of These Things is Just Like Another: Analogies, Cognition, and Political Attitudes (with Kathryn Haglin). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (August 2014).

Following or Floating: Assessing Competing Claims about the Influence of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decisions (with Alison Higgins). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (August 2014).

Legislative Voting under Judicial Review: Policy, Position-Taking, and the Threat of a Judicial Veto. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2014).

Global Migration and the Legitimacy of Democratic Institutions: The Case of Latinos and the United States Supreme Court (with Francisco Pedraza). Paper presented at the Texas A&M Liberal Arts International Conference: Doha, Qatar (January 2014).

Peasants *and* Bankers: The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy Revisited (with Delia Acevedo and Carlie Fogleman). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2013).

Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (September 2012).

Vetoes and Representation: Balancing Private Judgements and Position Taking in Legislative Voting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2012).

The Public Administration of the Supreme Court: The Chief Justice, Management, and Consensus (with Carla Flink). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2012).

The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism [Revised] (with James Rogers). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2011).

Partisan Moods (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

The Macro Politics of the United States Supreme Court. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Deficits and Demand for Government: How Starve the Beast Policies Feed the Machine (with Erica Socker). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Income Inequality and the Asymmetric Nature of Mass Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Toronto, Ontario, Canada (August 2009).

Judicial Selection Institutions and the Politics of Judicial Authority. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

United We Divide? Heterogeneity in Mass Response to Elite Party Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA (August 2008).

The Institutionalization of State Courts of Last Resort (with Kathleen Bratton and Kaitlyn Sill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA (August 2008).

Asymmetries in Partisan Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2008).

The “Meeacro” Polity: Uniting Micro and Macro Political Analysis (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (August 2007).

Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited [Revised] (with Delia Goolsby). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Trust and the Dynamics of Supreme Court Institutionalization [Revised] (with Patrick Wolfarth). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited (with Delia Goolsby). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

Trust and the Dynamics of Supreme Court Institutionalization (with Patrick Wolfarth). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

The Supreme Court and Mass Opinion Development (with Kaitlyn Sill and Stacia Haynie). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

Strategic Passing and Opinion Assignment on the Burger Court (with Kaitlyn Sill and Stacia Haynie). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Philadelphia, PA (August 2006).

The Unusual Suspect: The Supreme Court and Media Agenda Setting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, GA (April 2006).

The Dynamics of Income and Representation: Reassessing the Political Origins of Inequality in the United States (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2006).

Measuring the Macro Judiciary. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: Atlanta, GA (January 2006).

The Supreme Court, the Media, and Public Opinion: The Case of Gay Rights. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Society: Tallahassee, FL (July 2005).

An Appeal to the People: Testing the Foundations of Modern Popular Constitutionalism. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2005).

Flipping the Flag: The Hidden Effects of Judicial Review. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2005).

Public Responsiveness to Supreme Court Decision-Making: A Macro Perspective. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (September 2004).

Dimensionality in Supreme Court Decision-Making: A Macro Perspective. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Society: Palo Alto, CA (July 2004).

Dimensions of the Congressional Gender Gap. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2004).

Judicial Review in the American Macro Polity. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association: Corpus Christi, TX (March 2004).

The Effects of Supreme Court Decisions on American Public Opinion. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2004).

A Congressional Gender Gap?: Gender and Ideology in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1971-1998. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2003).

*Service as Panel Chair, Discussant, and Organizer*

Panel chair and discussant, "Judicial Politics Roundtable," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2017).

Panel discussant, "Judicial Legitimacy," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2016).

Panel respondent, "Gender and Civic Belonging: What Makes Rights Work," Gender and Citizenship Conference, Department of Communication, Texas A&M University: College Station, TX (February 2016).



Panel discussant, "Formal Models of Political Institutions," Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society: San Antonio, TX (March 2015).

Miniconference organizer, "Partisanship and Polarization in American Political Behavior," American Politics Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (February 2015).

Panel chair and discussant, "Judicial Decisions and Their Impact," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2014).

Miniconference organizer, "Parties and Polarization in American Political Institutions," American Politics Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (February 2014).

Panel chair and discussant, "Public Opinion and the Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2012).

Panel chair and discussant, "The Text and the Context: Agenda Setting, Opinion Writing, and Public Opinion," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Seattle, WA (September 2011).

Panel discussant, "Judicial Activism, Regime Politics, and the U.S. Supreme Court," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2011).

Panel discussant, "Legal Complexities," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

Panel chair and discussant, "The Psychology of Partisanship," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

Panel discussant, "Changes to Judicial Institutions," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Panel chair and discussant, "Evaluation of Court Outputs and Electoral Consequences," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

Panel discussant, "Public Opinion and Abortion," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

Panel discussant, "Unpacking Court Dynamics," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2008).

Panel organizer, "*The Macro Polity* Five Years Later: New Directions in Macro Political Analysis," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (August 2007).

Panel discussant, "Courts and the Media," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Panel discussant, "Supreme Court Decision-Making," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

### **Invited Scholarly Presentations**

Pennsylvania State University, "If we are wrong...the courts will correct it": Legislative Voting, Position-Taking, and Judicial Review (November 2016)

Texas A&M University at Qatar, Liberal Arts Program, "Judicial Majoritarianism" (February 2015)

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government, "Latinos' Knowledge of the Supreme Court: Learning and the Legitimacy of Political Institutions" (November 2014)

University of Notre Dame, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, “Institutional Knowledge and Judicial Legitimacy: Latinos and the United States Supreme Court” (February 2014)

University of Texas, School of Law, Conference on Judicial Countermajoritarianism, “The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism” (March 2012)

University of Texas, School of Law, “The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism” (February 2011)

Cornell University, Department of Government, Conference on Inequality and Representation, “United We Divide? Education, Income, and Heterogeneity in Mass Partisan Polarization” (October 2008)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science, “Income, Preferences, and the Dynamics of Policy Responsiveness” (January 2007)

### **Public Lectures and Presentations**

“Justice in Transition: The Politics of a Supreme Court Vacancy in 2016.” Aggie Agora, Texas A&M University, April 2016.

“A Layman’s Document, Not a Lawyer’s Contract: The Constitution, the Supreme Court, and American Democracy.” Inaugural Marquee Lecture, Aggie Agora, Texas A&M University, September 2015.

“Can We Democratize the Constitution without Politicizing the Supreme Court?” Constitution Week Lecture, Evans Library, Texas A&M University (September 2015).

“Decision-making in the Domain of Losses.” Buttrill Ethics Roundtable on American Security Since 9/11, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University (November 2014).

“The Leadership of President George H. W. Bush.” George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX (February 2013).

“Mitt Romney Courts the Republican Party: What the Social Science of Dating Can Teach Us about Presidential Campaigns.” George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX (February 2012).

“The 2008 Presidential Election.” Freshman Leadership Organization, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (November 2008).

### **Teaching**

#### *Texas A&M Potomac Summer Institute*

Founding Instructor. The Potomac Summer Institute is an intensive, week-long undergraduate course on applied national politics that meets in Washington, DC. (Summer 2016, Summer 2017)

#### *Undergraduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M University*

American National Government and Politics (Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2009, Summer 2008, Fall 2007)

National Judicial Politics (Summer 2017, Fall 2015, Summer 2015, Summer 2014, Fall 2013, Summer 2013, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008)

Constitutional Rights and Liberties (Fall 2012, Spring 2010)

Foundations of Political Science (Spring 2017, Spring 2016)

Contemporary Political Problems (Summer 2016)  
Politics and Policy in the United States (Spring 2016)  
Capstone Research Seminar [Judicial Politics Focus] (Fall 2012)

*Graduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M*

Judicial Politics (Fall 2015, Fall 2010)  
American National Institutions (Fall 2013, Spring 2008)  
Teaching Political Science (Spring 2015, Spring 2014)  
Promseminar in American Politics (Fall 2016)  
Research Development Workshop (Summer 2016)  
Macro Politics (Summer 2009)

*Undergraduate Courses Taught at Louisiana State University*

National Judicial Politics (Spring 2007, Fall 2006)

*Undergraduate Courses Taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Constitutional and Judicial Politics (Fall 2005, Spring 2005)  
State and Local Politics (Summer 2006 [Online, Course Developer], Spring 2006, Fall 2004)  
American National Government and Politics (Spring 2005)

**Graduate Student Supervision**

*Doctoral Students*

Garret VandeKamp, Ph.D. 2019 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Chair  
Liana Gonzales, Ph.D. 2019 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Ken Meier, Chair)  
Alison Higgins, Ph.D. 2018 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Chair  
Kathryn Haglin, Ph.D. 2018 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Co-Chair (with Paul Kellstedt)  
Megan Dyer, Ph.D. 2017, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Cary Nederman, Chair)  
Nicholas Conway, Ph.D. 2016, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Jim Rogers, Chair) Originally placed as Assistant Professor of Political Science, San Francisco State University  
Peyton Wofford, Ph.D. 2016, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Cary Nederman, Chair) Originally placed as Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Stephen F. Austin University (TX)  
Miwa Nakajo, Ph.D. 2015, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member, (Paul Kellstedt, Chair) Originally placed as Assistant Professor, Waseda University (Japan)  
McKinzie Craig, Ph.D. 2012, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Jim Rogers, Chair) Originally placed as Assistant Professor, Marietta College (OH)

*Masters Students*

Carlie Fogleman, M.A. 2014, Texas A&M University (Thesis Committee Member) Originally placed as Program Specialist, Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Alexander Morin, M.A. 2010, Texas A&M University (Thesis Committee Member) Originally placed as Senior Research Analyst, The Corporate Executive Board.

## **Service**

### *University Service*

Co-Chair, Presidential Debate Site Bid Academic Planning Committee, Texas A&M University (2014-2015)

### *College Service*

Faculty Advisory Board, Melburn Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2016-2018)

Faculty Advisory Board, Aggie Agora, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2016-2018)

Strengthening Democracy Initiative Steering Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2013-2016) (*Chair, 2013-2014*)

Strategic Priorities Working Group, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2014)

### *Department Service*

American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2015)

Open Field Search Committee (Two Positions), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2015)

Post-Tenure Performance Review Committee (Elected), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2015)

Undergraduate Curriculum and Education Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2011-2013, 2016-2018)

Academic Program Review Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2013-2015)

Head's Advisory Committee (Elected), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2012-2013)

American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2011-2012)

Computer and Information Technology Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2010-2011)

American Politics Field Examination Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2008)

Graduate Education and Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University (2006-2007)

American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2003-2006)

### *External Service*

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2014-Present)

Harrell Rodgers Scholarship Selection Committee, Midwest Political Science Association (2017)

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2017)

C. Neal Tate Award (Best Paper on Law and Courts), Southern Political Science Association (2016)

Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2016)

Judicial Politics Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (2015)

American Political Behavior Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association (2015)

Selection Committee, C. Herman Pritchett Award (Best Book), Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2012)

Referee for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Polity*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, and the National Science Foundation.

### **Memberships**

American Political Science Association

    Law and Courts Section

    Society for Political Methodology

    Elections, Voting, and Public Opinion Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association