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## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Current Appointments*

Sidney W. Souers Professor of Government, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009-present.

Professor, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006-present.

Fellow, Center for Empirical Research in Law (School of Law & College of Art & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis), 2006-present.

*Previous Appointments*

Chair, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-2020.

Associate Chair, Dept. of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010-2011.

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2006.

Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2000-06.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science University of California, Davis, 2000-2003

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 1994-2000.

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 1994.

M.A., Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 1991.

B.A. Political Science, Westminster College, Fulton, MO, 1989.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Peer-Reviewed Books*

2006. *The Politics of Precedent on the U.S. Supreme Court*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (with Thomas G. Hansford).

2000. *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court: The Collegial Game*. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Forrest Maltzman and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

[Winner of the C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book published on law and courts, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2001]

[Winner of the Lasting Contribution Award for a book or article, 10 years or older, that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017]

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

2021. "Agenda Setting and Attention to Precedent in the U.S. Federal Courts." *Journal of Law and Courts* 9(2):233-260 (with J.B. Duck-Mayr and Thomas G. Hansford).

2019. "The Influence of Unique Information in Briefs on Supreme Court Opinion Content." *Justice System Journal* 40(2): 126-157 (with Morgan Hazelton and Rachael Hinkle).

2014. "The Influence of Congressional Preferences on Legislative Overrides of Supreme Court Decisions." *Law and Society Review* 48(4):921-945 (with Alicia Uribe and Thomas G. Hansford).

2013. "The Information Dynamics of Vertical *Stare Decisis*." *Journal of Politics* 75(4):894-906

(with Thomas G. Hansford and Anthony A. Stenger).

2013. "The Citation and Depreciation of U.S. Supreme Court Precedent." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 10(2):325-358 (with Ryan C. Black).

2009. "Courting the Public: The Influence of Decision Attributes on Individuals' Views of Court Opinions." *Journal of Politics* 71(3):909-925 (with John T. Scott and James R. Zink).

2007. "Network Analysis and the Law: Measuring the Legal Importance of Precedents at the U.S. Supreme Court." *Political Analysis* 15(3):324-346 (with James Fowler, Timothy Johnson, Paul Wahlbeck, and Sangick Jeon).

2006. "The Cold War on Ice: Friends, Rivals, and Enemies in Olympic Figure Skating Judging." *Perspectives on Politics* 5(1):17-29 (with John T. Scott and Brian R. Sala).

2006. "The Influence of Oral Arguments on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 100(1):99-113 (with Timothy R. Johnson and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

2005. "Passing and Strategic Voting on the Supreme Court." *Law and Society Review* 39(June):349-377 (with Timothy R. Johnson and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

2004. "Designing Tests of the Supreme Court and the Separation of Powers." *Political Research Quarterly* 57(June):197-208 (with Brian R. Sala).

2002. "The U.S. Supreme Court's Incorporation and Interpretation of Precedent." *Law and Society Review* 36(1):401-422 (with Thomas G. Hansford).

2002. "Ghostwriters on the Court? A Stylistic Analysis of U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Drafts." *American Politics Research* 30(March):166-192 (with Paul J. Wahlbeck and Lee Sigelman).

2001. "Explaining the Overruling of U.S. Supreme Court Precedent." *Journal of Politics* 63(August): 1091-1111 (with Thomas G. Hansford).

2000. "Measuring Legal Change: The Reliability and Validity of *Shepard's Citations*." *Political Research Quarterly* 53(June):327-341 (with Thomas G. Hansford).

1999. "The Politics of Dissents and Concurrences on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Politics Quarterly* 27(October):488-514 (with Forrest Maltzman and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

1999. "Bargaining on the U.S. Supreme Court: Justices' Responses to Majority Opinion Drafts." *Journal of Politics* 61(May): 485-506 (with Forrest Maltzman and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

1998. "Marshalling the Court: Bargaining and Accommodation on the Supreme Court." *American Journal of Political Science* 42(January):294-315 (with Forrest Maltzman and Paul J.

Wahlbeck).

[Excerpted in Walter F. Murphy, C. Herman Pritchett, and Lee Epstein. 2001. *Courts, Judges, and Politics* 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: McGraw-Hill.]

1997. "Explaining Federal Bureaucratic Compliance with Supreme Court Opinions." *Political Research Quarterly* 50(September):567-593.

1997. "Amicus Curiae and the Role of Information at the U.S. Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly* 50(June):365-386 (with Paul J. Wahlbeck).

1996. "The Supreme Court and Federal Administrative Agencies: A Resource-Based Theory and Analysis of Judicial Impact." *American Journal of Political Science* 40(November):1122-1151.

1995. "Calling it Quits: Strategic Retirement on the Federal Courts of Appeals, 1893-1991." *Political Research Quarterly* 48(September): 573-597 (with Paul J. Wahlbeck).

[Excerpted in Lee Epstein. 2013. *The Economics of Judicial Behavior*. Edward Elger Publishing.]

### Law Review Articles

2017. "The Long and Short of it: The Influence of Briefs on Outcomes in the Roberts Court." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 54:123-136 (with Morgan Hazelton and Rachael Hinkle) [Invited].

2011. "Explaining Plurality Opinions" *Georgetown Law Journal* 99(2): 515-570 (with David Stras).

2010. "The Most Important (and Best) Supreme Court Opinions and Justices." *Emory Law Journal* 60(2):409-502 (with Frank Cross).

2010. "Citations in the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Study of their Use and Significance." *University of Illinois Law Review* 2010(2): 489-576 (with Frank Cross, Timothy R. Johnson, and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

2009. "An Examination of Strategic Anticipation of Appellate Court Preferences by Federal District Court Judges." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 29:37-81 (with Christy Boyd) [Invited].

2008. "An Empirical Analysis of the Length of U.S. Supreme Court Opinions." *Houston Law Review* 45(3): 621-683 (with Ryan C. Black).

2007. "Supreme Court Oral Advocacy: Does it affect the Justices' Decisions." *Washington University Law Review* 85(3):457-527 (with Paul J. Wahlbeck and Timothy R. Johnson).

[Excerpted in Richard Seamon et al. 2013. *The Supreme Court Sourcebook*. Aspen Publishers.]

### Non-Refereed Articles/Chapters in Edited Books

2021. "We Compared the Supreme Court with other democracies high courts. More justices would improve its work." *The Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, 10 May (with Cliff Carrubba, Matt Gabel, Jay Krehbiel, and Sivaram Cheruvu).

2012. "The Origin and Development of Stare Decisis at the U.S. Supreme Court." In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*. ed. Kevin T. McGuire. New York: Routledge (with Timothy R. Johnson and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

2005. "A Letter from the Section Chair. *Law and Courts Newsletter* 15(3):1, 4.

2005. "A Letter from the Section Chair. *Law and Courts Newsletter* 15(2):1, 4.

2005. "A Letter from the Section Chair. *Law and Courts Newsletter* 15(1):1, 5-6.

2003. "The Attitudinal Model: An Explanation of Case Dispositions, Not Substantive Policy Outcomes." *Law and Courts Newsletter* 13(3):23-26.

1999. "Strategy and Judicial Choice: New Institutional Approaches to Supreme Court Decision-Making." In *Supreme Court Decision-Making: New Institutional Approaches*. ed. Cornell Clayton and Howard Gillman. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press (with Forrest Maltzman and Paul J. Wahlbeck).

## **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

How People Perceive the Ideology of their State Supreme Court and Why it Matters for the U.S. Supreme Court (with Reagan Dobbs, Thomas G. Hansford, and Ricardo Robles)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

*Consistency and Change in Appointing Judges to the Lower Federal Courts* (book project with Nick Waterbury, Josh Boston, and Patrick Rickert)

“The Curious Case of the Migrating Seat: Understanding the Role of Senate Norms in Confirming Judges on the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Nick Waterbury, Josh Boston, and Patrick Rickert)

“The Influence of an Opinion’s Legal Rationale on Support for the U.S. Supreme Court” (with Reagan Dobbs and Thomas G. Hansford)

“Changing Angler Attitudes Toward Catch and Release and Selective Harvest” (with Michael Allen, Nathan Monroe, and Greg Sass)

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Research Grant, National Science Foundation (SES-1155066): Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Role of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Legal Development: An Empirical Analysis," (Dissertation Advisor of Rachael K. Hinkle), \$12,400.

Research Grant, The Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis: “Legal Citations in the European Court of Justice” (with Matthew Gabel), 2007.

Research Grant, Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS 81-SCOTT): “Courting the Public: Judicial Behavior and Public Views of Court Decisions” (with John T. Scott and James R. Zink).

Research Grant, National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science, SES-0550451): Collaborative Research: The Establishment of Stare Decisis in the American Legal System,” \$102,344.

U.C. Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs, Faculty Research Grant, 2005-2006.

Research Grant, National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science): “Research Experience for Graduates,” \$6,250.

Research Grant, National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science, SES-9906811): “Collaborative Research: Documenting Collegial Interaction in Opinion Writing on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1969-1985 Terms,” \$49,961.

U. C. Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Junior Faculty Research Grant, 1998-99.

U.C. Davis Faculty Research Grants, 1994-95, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06.

U.C. Davis Program on Economy, Justice, and Society Grant, 1995-96.

U.C. Davis Washington Center Grant, 1995, 1997.

U.C. Davis Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Summer 1996.

U.C. Davis Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Grant, Summer 1995.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University, St. Louis, 1993-1994.

University Fellowship, Washington University, St. Louis, 1989-1990.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Lasting Contribution Award for a book or article, 10 years or older, that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017

Lifetime Alumni Achievement Award, Westminster College (Fulton, MO), 2014.

Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Washington University in St. Louis, 2009.

American Judicature Society Award for the best paper presented the previous year at an annual meeting, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2002.

C. Herman Pritchett Award for the best book published on law and courts, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2001.

Edward S. Corwin Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of Public Law, presented by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 1995.

Antoinette Dames Prize for the best graduate student paper, Washington University, St. Louis, 1990.

## **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS AT CONFERENCES**

American Political Science Association: 1992-1994, 1996-2011, 2013, 2021.

Midwest Political Science Association: 1993, 1995-2003, 2005-2011, 2013, 2015, 2021, 2022.

Southern Political Science Association: 1991, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2021.

Western Political Science Association: 1996, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2010.

Law and Society Association: 1997.

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies: 2006, 2007, 2009, 2015.

## **COURSES TAUGHT (Washington University in St. Louis)**

Topics in American Politics: Judicial Politics, graduate course.  
 American Political Institutions, graduate course  
 Comparative Judicial Politics: graduate course.  
 Constitutional Politics in the U.S.: undergraduate course.  
 Defendants' Rights: undergraduate course.  
 The Politics of the U.S. Supreme Court: undergraduate course.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Westminster College (Fulton, MO), 2014; Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking, Emory University, 2011; Westminster College (Fulton, MO), 2010; University of Rochester, 2010; University of California, Merced, 2009; University of Texas School of Business, 2009; Northwestern University School of Law, 2008; University of Pittsburgh, 2008, Texas A&M University, 2008; University of Texas School of Law School, 2006; Vanderbilt University Law School, 2006; Washington University in St. Louis 2006; New York University School of Law (Modeling Law Conference), 2005; University of California, San Diego, 2004; University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, 2003; Center for the Study of Law and Society, U.C. Berkeley, 2002; University of Arizona, 2001; Indiana University, Bloomington, 2001; State University of New York, Stony Brook, 2001; Scientific Study of Judicial Politics Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 1996; U.C. Conference on Research Initiatives in American Politics, 1999; U.C. Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Supreme Court Series, 1997; U.C. Davis Quantitative Social Science Symposium, 1997; U.C. Berkeley Law and Society Speaker Series, 1997; U.C. Davis Quantitative Analysis in Economics and Related Disciplines series, 1997; George Washington University, 1997; U.C. Davis Economy, Justice, and Society Speaker Series, 1996; State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1994; U.C. Davis, 1994.

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

### *Chair of Committee:*

<i>Name (Year)</i>	<i>First Position</i>	<i>Current Position</i>
J.B. Duck-Mayr (Exp. 2022)	Asst., University of Texas at Austin	Same
Josh Boston (2019)	Asst, Bowling Green State University	Same
Morgan Hazelton (2015)	Asst., Saint Louis University	Assoc., St. Louis U.
Alicia Uribe-McGuire (2014)	Asst., Univ. of IL, Urbana-Champaign	Same
Rachael K. Hinkle (2013)	Asst., Univ. of MD, Baltimore County	Assoc., U. at Buffalo
Ryan Black (2009)	Asst., Michigan State University	Full, Michigan St. U.
Ryan Owens (2008)	Asst., Harvard University	Full & the George C. and Carmella P. Edwards Professor of American Politics, U. of WI, Madison



Thomas Hansford (2001) Asst., University South Carolina Full, U. of CA, Merced

Member of Committee:

<i>Name (Year)</i>	<i>First Position</i>	<i>Current Position</i>
Nicholas Waterbury (Exp. 2022)	Assistant. Research Director, Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies, University of Illinois, Springfield	
Jay Krehbiel (2016)	Asst., West Virginia University	Asst., West VA
Michael Nelson (2014)	Asst., Pennsylvania State University	Assoc., & the Jeffrey L. Hyde and Sharon D. Hyde and Political Science Board of Visitors Early Career Professor in Political Science., Penn. State U.
Benjamin Bricker (2013)	Asst, SIU-Carbondale	Assoc, SIU, Carbondale
Michael Malecki (2010)	Senior Analyst, Yougov Crunch Cloud Analytics	Director of Statistics,
Christy Boyd (2009)	Asst., University at Buffalo	Assoc., U. of Georgia
Mike Rocca (2004)	Asst., University of New Mexico	Assoc., U. of New Mexico
Steven R. Routh (2001)	Asst., California State Univ., Stanislaus	Full, CA St., Stanislaus
David F. Damore (2000)	Asst., University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Full, U. of NV, Las Vegas
Stacy Gordon (1997)	Asst., University of Nevada, Reno Foundation for CA Community Colleges	Senior Director,

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2004-2005.

Member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Political Science, 2005-2010.

Panel Chair: APSA (2004, 2013, ); MPSA (2002, 2010, 2022); WPSA (2010); SPSA (2004, 2006).

Panel Discussant: SPSA (2015); CELS (2006, 2009, 2015); MPSA (1995, 19996, 2000, 2003, 2021); WPSA (2001, 2002); “Conference on Preferences, Choice, and Uncertainty: Analyzing Choice in Political and Social Settings,” University of California, Davis (2001).

Association Award and Service Committees: MPSA (2010); Law & Courts APSA (2009); Law & Courts APSA (2008); Law & Courts APSA (2002); Law & Courts APSA (1999); Law & Courts APSA (1997).

Member, Advisory Panel for the Law and Social Science Section of the National Science Foundation.

Book review of *Majority Rule or Minority Will: Adherence to Precedent on the U.S. Supreme*

*Court*. By Harold J. Spaeth and Jeffrey A. Segal. 1999. *Law and Politics Book Review* 9(December):563-565.

Book review of *American Constitutional Law* 5<sup>th</sup> ed. by Louis Fisher. *Law and Politics Book Review* 15(August):673-674.

Book review of *Environmental Change: Federal Courts and the EPA*. by Rosemary O'Leary. 1996. *Governance-An International Journal of Policy and Administration* 9(January):101-102.

Manuscript referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *Southeastern Political Review*, *American Politics Review*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Law and Society Review*, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*; *Journal of Law and Economics*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *University of Michigan Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *Princeton University Press*.

Proposal referee for *National Science Foundation's Law and Social Science Section* and *Political Science Section*.