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# Joseph Daniel Ura

## Current Position

Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Clemson University  
*Since July 2023*

## 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*)

## Prior Academic Appointments

Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*September 2020-June 2023*

Professor, Division of Arts and Sciences (Previously Liberal Arts Program), Texas A&M University at Qatar  
*September 2020-June 2023*

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in Qatar  
*January 2023-May 2023*

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
*September 2013-August 2020*

Associate Professor, Liberal Arts Program, Texas A&M University at Qatar  
*July 2019-August 2020*

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*

## Prior Administrative Appointments

Chair, Liberal Arts Program, Texas A&M University at Qatar  
*September 2020-October 2021*

Interim Library Director, Texas A&M University at Qatar  
*November 2020-September 2021*

Interim Chair, Liberal Arts Program, Texas A&M University at Qatar

*January 2020-August 2020*

Associate Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University

*September 2017-August 2019*

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*

#### *Administrative Professional Development*

Southeastern Conference Academic Leadership Development Fellow, Texas A&M University

*September 2017-August 2018*

Administrative Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University

*January 2016-August 2017*

#### **Publications**

##### *Peer Reviewed Articles, Notes, and Chapters*

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joseph Daniel Ura. *N.D* Reevaluating Ideological Asymmetries in Specific Support for the Supreme Court. *Research and Politics* Forthcoming.

Craig, McKinzie, and Joseph Daniel Ura. *N.D.* Policy, Position-Taking, and Congressional Voting under Judicial Review. *American Politics Research* Forthcoming.

Ellis, Christopher R. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2025. Partisan Polarization Mitigates Economic Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1952-2020: Implications for 2024. *Social Science Quarterly* <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.70034> (Online First).

Ura, Joseph Daniel, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2022. Greater Public Confidence in the US Supreme Court Predicts More Jurisdiction Stripping. *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(4): 831-839.

Pedraza, Francisco I. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2021. Latinos' Knowledge of the Supreme Court. *Journal of Law and Courts* 9(1): 27-48.

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2021. Ideology and Specific Support for the Supreme Court. *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 955-969.

Ellis, Christopher R. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2021. Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections. *Social Science Quarterly* 102(1): 83-89.

Rogers, James R. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2020. A Majoritarian Basis for Judicial Countermajoritarianism. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 32(3): 435-459.

Conway, Nicholas J., Soren Jordan, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2018. Courts and Issue Attention in Canada. *Social Science Quarterly* 99(4): 1324-1348.

Acevedo, Delia, Carlie Fogleman, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2017. Peasants and Bankers: Education, Consumer Sentiment, and Presidential Approval. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 47(2): 230-244.

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.

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.

Hall, Matthew E.K. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2015. Judicial Majoritarianism. *Journal of Politics* 77(3): 818-832.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2014. Backlash and Legitimation: Macro Political Responses to Supreme Court Decisions. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(1): 110-126.

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.

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.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Christopher R. Ellis. 2012. Partisan Moods: Polarization and Party Preference Dynamics. *Journal of Politics* 74(1): 277-291.

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.

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.

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.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2009. The Supreme Court and Issue Attention: The Case of Homosexuality. *Political Communication* 26(4): 430-446.

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.

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.

#### *Articles in Law Reviews*

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2022. Majoritarian Judicial Review: Deference and the Political Construction of Judicial Power. *George Mason Law Review* 29(2): 537-555.

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* 54: 209-228.

#### *Other Editor Reviewed Articles and Chapters*

Conway, Nicholas, D., Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2024. The Effect of Supreme Court Decisions on Public Opinion. in *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*, Michael P. Fix and Matthew D. Montgomery eds. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 356-377.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Alison Higgins Merrill. The Supreme Court and Public Opinion. 2017. in *Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*, Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 342-359.

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.

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.

## Reviews, Essays, and Other Publications

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2025. Has Support for the Supreme Court Become More Political? in Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, Kenneth A. Shepsle, Stephen Ansolabehere, and Hahrie Hahn *American Government: Power and Purpose* 18 ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 426-427.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2024. Review of *Making the Supreme Court: The Politics of Appointments, 1930-2020* by Charles M. Cameron and Jonathan P. Kastellec. *Congress & the Presidency*. 51(2): 227-228

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Matthew E.K. Hall. 2022. When the Supreme Court Loses Americans' Loyalty, Chaos—Even Violence—Can Follow. *The Conversation* (online). October 31.

Haglin, Kathryn, Soren Jordan, Alison Higgins Merrill, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2022. Americans Don't Trust the Supreme Court. That's Dangerous. *The Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post* political science blog; online). October 10.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Sean M. Theriault. 2021. Strong Political Institutions Can Uphold Democracy, Even If People Can't Agree on Politics. *The Conversation* February 3.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

## Works in Progress

### Book Project

Presidential Elections in Polarized Times: Polarization, Economic Performances, and Americans' Presidential Votes (with Christopher Ellis; Under contract with DeGruyter).

### Article Manuscripts

Conventional and Alternative Perspectives on Supreme Court Legitimacy: A Systematic Review of Experimental Evidence (with Kathryn Haglin, Soren Jordan, and Alison Merrill).

"Too Liberal, Too Conservative, or Just About Right?": The Changing Dynamics of Specific Support for the Supreme Court

Not Just *Dobbs*: The Origins of Declining Diffuse Support for the Supreme Court

## Grants

## *Research*

Ura, Sarah Kathleen, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2024. Leveraging Classroom Interactions to Reduce Gaps and Increase Equity in the STEM Pipeline. ADR Grant, College of Education, Clemson University (\$9,992).

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 Counter-majoritarianism." 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.

## **Teaching Awards**

Aggie Core Value Award for Integrity. 2022. Department of Student Affairs, Texas A&M University at Qatar.

Association of Former Students Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Liberal Arts. 2019. Texas A&M University.

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

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.

### **Student Fellowships and Awards**

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

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*

Conventional and Alternative Perspectives on Supreme Court Legitimacy: A Systematic Review of Experimental Evidence (with Kathryn Haglin, Soren Jordan, and Alison Merrill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2025).

Barrett, Not Dobbs: What Broke the Supreme Court's Legitimacy? (with Kathryn Haglin, Soren Jordan, and Alison Merrill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2024).

Too Liberal, Too Conservative or Just about Right?: The Dynamics of Subjective Ideological Evaluations of the United States Supreme Court (with Kathryn Haglin, Soren Jordan, and Alison Merrill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2023).

Polarization and Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2022).

Greater Public Confidence in the Supreme Court Predicts More Jurisdiction Stripping (with Patrick Wohlfarth). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: Austin, TX (January 2019).

Strategic Retirement and Public Support of the Supreme Court (with Max Allamong, Ben Beutel, and Daniel Fink). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: Austin, TX (January 2019).

Ideology and Public Support for the Supreme Court (with Kathryn Haglin, Soren Jordan, and Alison Merrill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA (August 2018).

Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2018).

The Evolution of the Supreme Court as an Issue in American National Politics (with Kathryn Haglin, Alison Higgins Merrill, 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 “Meecro” 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, "Advances in the Analysis of Compositional Variables," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2023).

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**

George Mason University Law School, "The People's Will and Majoritarian Judicial Review," Institute for Justice Conference on the Will of the People (September 2021)

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**

“The New Cold War with China.” Public interview of former U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, Al Maerifa Public Seminar Series, Texas A&M University at Qatar, March 2021.

“United States Presidential Election Forum.” Qatar-American Chamber of Commerce, Doha, Qatar, October 2020.

“Donald Trump is Recession-Proof: Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections.” Al Maerifa Public Seminar Series, Texas A&M University at Qatar, July 2020.

“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**

#### *Undergraduate Courses Taught at Clemson University*

American National Politics and Government (Fall 2025)

Law, Courts, and Politics (Fall 2023)

#### *Graduate Courses Taught at Clemson University*

Professional Development Workshop for Policy Studies (Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024)

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

American National Government and Politics (Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020)

State and Local Politics (Fall 2022, Fall 2019)

#### *Undergraduate Courses Taught at Georgetown University at Qatar*

Scope and Methods of Political Science (Spring 2023)

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

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. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQuHQ2zO2Ck> (Summer 2019, Summer 2018, Summer 2017, Summer 2016)

Foundations of Political Science (Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016)

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

National Judicial Politics (Summer 2018, 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)

Politics and Policy in the United States (Spring 2016)

Capstone Research Seminar [Judicial Politics Focus] (Fall 2012)

#### *Graduate Courses Taught at Texas A&M Univeristy*

Political Institutions (Spring 2018)

Proseminar on American Politics (Fall 2018, Fall 2016)

American National Institutions (Fall 2013, Spring 2008)

Judicial Politics (Fall 2015, Fall 2010)

Teaching Political Science (Spring 2015, Spring 2014)

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*

Khamani Williams, In-Progress, Doctoral Student, Policy Studies, Clemson University, Dissertation Committee Chair.

Sandra Chavez, In-Progress, Doctoral Student, Policy Studies, Clemson University, Dissertation Committee Chair.

Molly Honneker, In-Progress, Doctoral Student, Policy Studies, Clemson University, Dissertation Committee Chair.

Morgan Adams, Ph.D. 2021, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Paul Kellstedt, Chair). Originally placed as Polling Associate, 1892 LLC (Washington, DC)

Ana d'Abreu, Ph.D. 2020, School Psychology, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Sara Castro-Olivo, Chair). Originally placed as Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Orange County Children's Hospital (California)

Garret Vande Kamp, Ph.D. 2019, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Chair. Originally placed as Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia

Alison Higgins Merrill, Ph.D. 2018, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Chair. Originally placed as Assistant Professor of Political Science, Susquehanna University (Pennsylvania)

Kathryn Haglin, Ph.D. 2018, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Co-Chair (with Paul Kellstedt) Originally placed as Postdoctoral Fellow, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania

Megan Dyer, Ph.D. 2017, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Cary Nederman, Chair) Originally placed as Lecturer in Political Science, Texas A&M University

Nicholas Conway, Ph.D. 2016, Political Science, 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, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Cary Nederman, Chair) Originally placed as Lecturer in Political Science, Stephen F. Austin University (TX)

Miwa Nakajo, Ph.D. 2015, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member, (Paul Kellstedt, Chair). Originally placed as Assistant Professor of Political Science, Waseda University (Japan)

McKinzie Craig, Ph.D. 2012, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Dissertation Committee Member (Jim Rogers, Chair). Originally placed as Assistant Professor of Political Science, Marietta College (Ohio)

#### *Masters Students*

Benjamin Beutel, M.A. 2019, Political Science, Texas A&M University, Exam Committee Chair. Entered Ph.D. program in political communication, Manship School of Communications, Louisiana State University

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

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

#### **Service**

##### *University Service*

Committee on Academic Freedom Responsibility and Tenure (Elected), Texas A&M University (2023)

Promotion Advisory Reader, Office of the Provost, Texas A&M University (2021)

Public Policy Internship Program, Intern Training Presenter, Texas A&M University (2019)

Public Policy Internship Program Selection Interview Panel, Texas A&M University (2019, 2018, 2017)

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

##### *College Service*

Ad Hoc Faculty Grievance Committee, Texas A&M University at Qatar (2019-2020)

Chair, Liberal Arts Program Review Task Force, College of Liberal Arts and Qatar Branch Campus, Texas A&M University (2019)

Faculty Advisory Board, Melburn Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2016-2019)

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 (Chair), Division of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University at Qatar (2022)

American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2017)

Open Field Search Committee (Three Positions), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2017)

American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2016)

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 (2019, 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*

Next GenEd Planning Committee, Qatar Foundation (2021-2023)

Award Committee, Best Article Published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, Midwest Political Science Association (2023)

C. Neal Tate Award (Best Paper on Law and Courts), Southern Political Science Association (2021)

Judicial Politics Section Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2019)

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2014-2018)

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)