

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Teaching and Research Interests

Election law, constitutional law, civil liberties, criminal law, judicial politics, American government

Academic Appointments

2023-Present Chair, Department of Political Science, Legal, and Urban Studies, William Paterson University, Wayne, New Jersey

2019-Present Director of Legal and Forensic Studies, William Paterson University

2018-Present Associate Professor, William Paterson University

2013-2018 Assistant Professor, William Paterson University

2011-2013 Graduate Instructor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Education

2013 Ph.D. Political Science, Texas Tech University
Fields of Study: American and comparative politics
Minor: Political methodology
Dissertation: "Examining the Link between Dollars and Decisions: A Multi-State Study of Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decision Making."
(Committee: Mark McKenzie(Chair), Timothy Nokken, Cindy Rugeley)

2010 M.A. Political Science, Texas Tech University

2002 J.D., University of Houston

1999 B.A. (graduated with distinction) Political Science,
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Professional Experience

2002-2006 Licensed Attorney, State Bar of Texas
-Law Offices of Ryan J. Rebe, El Paso, Texas
-Trial and appellate lawyer at the state and federal levels

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses: *Election Law 4800, First Amendment Law 4800, Equal Protection Law 4800, The Supreme Court 4800, Judicial Politics 3990, Comparative Criminal Law 3990, Mock Trial 3990, Administrative Law 3850, Criminal Law 3740, International Law 3400, Civil Liberties 3250, Constitutional Law 3240, American Political Theory 3110, Forensic Studies 2510, American Judicial System 2260, Law in Everyday Life 1250, American Government 1200, Power, Justice & Freedom 1150, Introduction to Politics 1100*

Online Courses: *Criminal Law 3740, Mock Trial 3990, American Judicial System 2260, American Government 1200, Power, Justice & Freedom 1150*

Graduate Courses: *Administrative Law & Policy 6430, Comparative Criminal Law 5990*

Curriculum Development

2021 *Administrative Law & Policy 6430*
2019 *Criminal Law 3740*
2015 *Forensic Studies 2510*
2015 *Minor in Forensic Studies*

Study Abroad

2015, 2016 Cambridge University (England), WPU Summer Program at St. Edmund's College

Thesis Committees

2019 Honors Thesis Chair—Yongki Lu
Masters Thesis Committee – Yevgeniya Gutina
2018 Masters Thesis Chair – Kyle Flandrau
2017 Masters Thesis Chair – John Danubio
Masters Thesis Committee – Katherine Bennin
Masters Thesis Committee – Dom Caracappa
2016 Masters Thesis Committee – Jeremy Levine
Honors Thesis Chair – Nalani Wilson

Books

2025 Second edition: *The Partisan Court: The Era of Political Partisanship on the U.S. Supreme Court*. Lexington Books.
2021 First edition: *The Partisan Court: The Era of Political Partisanship on the U.S. Supreme Court*. Lexington Books.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2019 “Amici Curiae Campaign Contributions and Appellant Success in State Supreme Courts.” *New England Journal of Political Science* 11(1) (spring): 88-113.
2016 “Analyzing the Link between Dollars and Decisions: A Multi-State Study of Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decision Making.” *American Review of Politics* 35(1): 65-91.

- 2013 “Amicus Curiae and Dissenting Votes at the Texas Supreme Court.” *Justice System Journal* 34(2): 171-188.
- 2013 “Political Knowledge of Local Courts: Are Rural Voters More Informed than Urban Voters?” *Judicature* 96(4): 169-177 (with Mark McKenzie).
- 2012 “Reexamining the Wall of Separation: A Cross-National Study of Religious Pluralism and Democracy.” *Politics and Religion* 5(3): 655-670.

Book Chapters

- 2017 “Trial Court Campaign Rhetoric in a Post-*White* Environment: An Analysis of Candidate Websites in Contested Elections.” In *Judicial Elections in the 21st Century (Law, Courts and Politics)*, Chris Bonneau and Melinda G. Hall, eds. Routledge (with Mark McKenzie).
- 2016 “Independence or Accountability: The State of Judicial Selection in the States.” In *Readings on the American Judicial System*, Kendall-Hunt.

Service

Faculty Service Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2016-2017

University

Pre-law Advisor (Fall 2019-Present)
 Faculty Senate Representative, Department of Political Science (Fall 2018-Spring 2021)
 American Democracy Project Advisory Committee (Fall 2019-Spring 2021)
 UN Fellowship Committee (Spring 2021)
 Student Code of Conduct Committee, (Summer 2018)
 Faculty Senate Undergraduate Council (Fall 2015-Spring 2017)
 Faculty Senate UCC Review Panel for Expression (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

College

HSS Curriculum Committee (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)
 HSS Assessment Coordinator for Political Science and Legal Studies (Fall 2014-Spring 2021)
 Chair, Forensic Studies Minor Development Committee (Spring 2015-Fall 2020)
 College Awards Committee (Spring 2020)
 Abram Karch/Thomas Jefferson Lecture Series, Dept. of History (Spring 2014-Spring 2019)
 Criminal Justice Search Committee, Department of Sociology (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
 College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Fourth Annual Multidisciplinary Conference, (Fall 2015)
 HSS Curriculum Committee Representative for Political Science and Legal Studies (Spring 2015)
 College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Third Annual Multidisciplinary Conference, (Fall 2014)

Department

DAC Committee (Fall 2024-Present)
 Retention Committee Chair (Fall 2021-Present)
 Curriculum Committee Chair (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)
 Student Advisement (Fall 2015-Spring 2023)
 Assessment Coordinator (Fall 2014-Spring 2021)
 Spring Conference Committee Celebrating the 19th Amendment (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)
 Legal Studies Search Committee (Fall 2018–Spring 2019)

Department Awards Committee (Spring 2017)
Curriculum Committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)
Student Development Committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
American Politics Search Committee (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Advisor-Student Groups

Director, Phi Theta Sigma Honors Law Fraternity (Fall 2016-Present)
Faculty Advisor, Political Science Club (Fall 2023-2024)
W.E.B. Dubois Scholar Institute Mentor, Princeton University (Spring 2022-Fall 2022)
Faculty Advisor, Student Government Association (Fall 2014-Spring 2020)
Judge, American Mock Trial Association (Spring 2020 and 2021)
Faculty Advisor, Mock Trial Association (Fall 2016-Spring 2021)
Faculty Advisor, LSAT Study Group (Spring 2015-Fall 2017)
Faculty Advisor, The Law Society (Fall 2013-Spring 2017)

Student Trips

Washington D.C. (Fall 2018-2024, Spring 2016)
Philadelphia, PA (Spring 2024)
Boston, MA (Spring 2023, 2022)
Atlantic City, N.J. (Spring 2017-2019)
Lake Harmony, PA (Fall 2017)

Campus Presentations

Speaker, American Democracy Project's Constitution Day (Fall 2020)
Moderator, Conference on the 19th Amendment (Spring 2020)
Speaker, Honors College, Graduate School Workshop (Fall 2019)
Speaker, American Democracy Project's Constitution Day (Fall 2019)
Speaker, Department of Political Science Post-Election Panel (Spring 2017)
Speaker, Mock Trial Clinics (Fall 2014-Spring 2017)
Moderator, Abram Kartch/Thomas Jefferson Lecture Series (Spring 2014-Fall 2016)
Moderator, Department of Political Science Immigration Conference (Spring 2016)
Moderator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Fourth Annual Multidisciplinary Conference (Fall 2015)
Moderator, Law Society Panel Discussion (Fall 2015)
Presenter, University Research and Scholarship Day (Spring 2015)
Discussant, Law Society Panel Discussion (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
Presenter, HSS Faculty Research Forum (Fall 2014)
Moderator, American Democracy Project Constitution Day (Fall 2014)
Moderator, Political Science Honors Reception (Spring 2014)
Presenter, University Research and Scholarship Day (Spring 2014)

Professional

Reviewer:
Justice System Journal
American Politics Research

Invited Talks

The Frisch School, October 25, 2022

Davis, Saperstein & Salomon, P.C. Law Day Seminar, April 21, 2022

River Edge Library Lecture Series, September 26, 2016

Ramapo College Colloquium Series, April 16, 2014.

Conferences

“The Era of Political Partisanship on the United States Supreme Court.” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

“Buying Judges: Special Interest Contributions at the State Supreme Court Level.” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2016, Newport, Rhode Island.

“Sleepy Affairs or Partisan Slugfests? District Court Campaign Rhetoric in a Post-White Environment.” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2014, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Examining the Link between Dollars and Decisions.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014, Chicago, Illinois.

“Amicus Contributions and Appellant Success in State Supreme Courts.” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2013, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“The Roll of Amicus Participation in State Supreme Courts.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2013, Hollywood, California.

“The Excessive Influence of Campaign Contributors over Elected Judges.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Canceled due to Hurricane Isaac).

“Political Knowledge of Local Courts: Are Rural Voters More Informed than Urban Voters?” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012, Chicago, Illinois (with Mark McKenzie).

“Partisanship and Judicial Confirmations: A Comparison of Roll Call Voting at the Circuit and Supreme Court Levels.” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, January 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Case Salience and Strategic Decision Making at the Texas Supreme Court.” Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, April 2010, Houston, Texas.

Professional Training

2024 Phishing Webinar
2024 Workday Software
2024 Curriculog Software
2023 Faculty as Mentor
2023 Courseleaf Scheduling
2022 WP Online Course Development
2021 Quality Matters: Online Course Workshop
2020 Unconscious Bias
2020 Curriculum Development Workshop
2019 Campus Labs Assessment Software Workshop
2017 CHSS Assessment Workshop
2016 Safe Space Workshop
2015 DegreeWorks and Advisement
2014 Funding Your Research: Strategies for Obtaining Support
2013 Writing across the Curriculum Pedagogy and Critical Thinking Workshop
2012 EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston.
2010 ICPSR, University of Michigan.

References

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