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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. *Ohio State University, Department of Political Science*, 6/2009  
Major Field: American Politics; Minor Field: Research Methods

Dissertation: *State Success in State Supreme Courts: Judges, Litigants and State Solicitors*

J.D. *The University of Texas School of Law*, 5/2004

B.A. *Hendrix College*, 6/2001

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Political Science Program, University of Texas at Dallas, 2009-

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

American politics; judicial behavior; public law; state politics; research methods.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- *Member*, Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, 2004-2009
- *Member*, State Bar of Texas (inactive), 2004-
- *Member*, American Political Science Association, 2004-; Southern Political Science Association, 2007- ; Midwest Political Science Association, 2006-

## HONORS & OTHER RECOGNITIONS

- *Graduate Fellow*, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2007-2008.
- *Assistant Editor*, *Texas Law Review*, 2003-2004.
- *Member*, *Texas Law Review*, 2002-2003.
- *Dean's Achievement Award*, University of Texas School of Law, Social Science and the Law, 2004.

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- *APSA Travel Grant*, American Political Science Association, 2008.
- *Prestage-Cook Travel Grant*, Southern Political Science Association, 2008.
- *Dissertation Improvement Grant*, Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship, Ohio State University, 2008 (University-wide competition).
- *University Fellowship*, The Ohio State University, 2004-2005.

## **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

2011. "Experts Judging Experts: Agency Review on a Specialized Court." *Law and Social Inquiry* (forthcoming) (with Brett Curry).
2010. "Describing State Solicitors." *Judicature* 93: 238-246.
2009. "Expertise, Experience and Ideology on a Specialized Court: The Case of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit." *Law & Society Review* 43: 839-864 (with Brett Curry).
2009. "The Federalist Society's Impact on the Federal Judiciary." *Political Research Quarterly* 62: 366-378 (with Nancy Scherer).
2008. "Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places? Foreign Law and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court." *Politics and Policy* 36: 1094-1124 (with Brett Curry).

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Miller, Banks. "*Mississippi v. Johnson*." In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*, ed. David Schultz. New York: Facts on Files, Inc., 2005.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Understanding Subject Matter Expertise on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- "Experts Judging Experts: The Role of Expertise in Reviewing Agency Decision Making," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- "Experts in Crime: The Effect of an Exclusively Criminal Docket on Judicial Behavior," with Dino Christenson and Brett Curry. Presented at the 2009 Southern Political Science Association Conference.
- "State Solicitors in State Litigation." Presented at the 2008 American Political Science Conference.

“State Success in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the 2008 State Politics Conference.

“State Success in State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

“Reassessing the Voting Behavior of Minority and Female Judges on the Federal Bench,” with Nancy Scherer and Brett Curry. Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

“Decision Making on the Federal Circuit Court,” with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2008 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

“The Supreme Court, Foreign Law, and its Consequences for Public Support,” with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

“The Federalist Society’s Impact on the Federal Bench,” with Nancy Scherer. Presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

#### **WORKING PAPERS & PROJECTS**

“Experts in Crime,” with Dino Christenson and Brett Curry.

“Linking Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decisions.”

“Asylum Decision Making,” with Linda Keith and Jennifer Holmes.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- Program Committee, Political Science Program, UT Dallas 2009-2011
- Committee on Effective Teaching, EPPS, UT Dallas 2010-2011
- Moot Court Judging, UT Dallas, 2009-2010