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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, August 2022-Present
Federal Freedom of Information Act Advisory Committee, August 2022-Present (2022-2024 Term)
 Co-Chair, Resources Subcommittee
Associate Professor, Department of Government, Hamilton College, July 2019-July 2022
 Chair, Jurisprudence, Law, and Justice Studies Minor, July 2018-July 2021
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, Hamilton College, July 2012-2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2012

Vanderbilt University

Research Interests: American Politics, Executive-Judicial Relations, Government Transparency, Race and Politics

M.A., Political Science, May 2010

Vanderbilt University

B.A., Political Science, December 2005, *summa cum laude*

Georgia State University

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

2023: National Science Foundation Grant #2245369. Principal Investigator. Supplemental Funding. Law and Sciences. \$37,750. (Co-Principal Investigator Tracey E. George).

2022: National Science Foundation Grant # 2222529. Co-Principal Investigator. Comparative Study of Demographic Variation in Judiciaries. \$700,000. Build and Broaden, Law and Sciences. (Principal Investigator Josephine Dawuni, Co-Principal Investigators Alice Kang, and Daniel Gomez Mazo).

2021: National Science Foundation Grant #2245369. Principal Investigator. The Right to Know: The Legal and Political Components of Government Transparency. Law and Sciences. \$242, 810. (Co-Principal Investigator Tracey E. George).

2020: Christian A. Johnson Teaching Enhancement Award, Hamilton College

2020: Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award, Hamilton College

2018: APSA Pracademic Fellowship, National Archives, Office of Government Information Services (served Fall 2021)

2012: Rutgers University Center on the American Governor Grant

2012: Princeton University James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions Fellowship (*declined*)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

“To Preserve, Release, and Litigate: Dimensions of Executive Branch Transparency” (with Tracey E. George). *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 53(2), 209-233. (2023)

“Government Transparency and Public Access.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 51(3):705-724. (2021)

“Adjudicating Executive Privilege: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege Claims in U.S. District Courts.” *Law and Society Review*, 53(3): 823-850. (2019)

“Race, Crime, and Emotions” (with Camille Burge). *Research & Politics* 5(3):1-9 2053168018795334. (2018) Results Discussed on PsyPost.org (January 2019)

“Legislative “Allies” and Judicial Oversight of Executive Power.” *Justice System Journal*, 38 (2):116-134. (2017)

“Executive Power and Judicial Deference: Judicial Decision-Making on Executive Power Challenges in the American States.” *Political Research Quarterly*, 68(1):128-141. (2015)

“Judicial Deference and Executive Control over Administrative Agencies.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 14(2):142-164. (2014)

“The House as a Stepping Stone to the Senate: Why do so few African-American House Members Run?” (with Bruce Oppenheimer and Jennifer Selin). *American Journal of Political Science*, 56(2):387-399. (2012)

Law Reviews, Legal Notes

"The Deliberative Process Privilege and the Freedom of Information Act: *US Fish and Wildlife Service v. Sierra Club* (2021)." *Justice System Journal* 42(1):106-109. (2021)

“Perceptions of Gender Bias in Public Attitudes towards the Decisions of Female Judges” (with Michael P. Fix). *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 70(6):1845-1886. (2017)

Book Chapters

“Delegation and Deference: Federal Judicial Decision-Making and Administrative Agencies” (with Jennifer Hickey and Jaylin Small) in *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*, eds. Michael P. Fix and Matthew Montgomery. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, *forthcoming*

“Government Transparency and Judicial Deference: An Outcomes-Based Overview of Freedom of Information Act Litigation in the U.S. Supreme Court,” in *Research Handbook of Law and Political Systems*, eds. Robert Howard, Kirk Randazzo, and Rebecca Reid. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar (2023)

“How Did the Civil War Amendments Change the U.S. Constitution?,” in *The U.S. Constitution in Five Minutes*, eds. David Klein and Joseph L. Smith. United Kingdom: Equinox (2023)

“Degrees of Separation?: Judicial-Executive Relations in the U.S. and Latin America”, in *Research Handbook on Law and Courts*, eds. Susan Sterett and Lee Walker. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar. (2019)

“Gubernatorial Institutional Authority and Conflict: Executive-Judicial Relations in the United States,” in *The American Governor: Power, Constraint, and Leadership in the States*, ed. David Redlawsk. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. (2015)

Other Writings

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Sidney Shank and Yao Yao), in *The USA and Canada 2024* 26th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge (2023)

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Karlee Taylor), in *The USA and Canada 2023* 25th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge (2022)

“Gender, Diversity, and the U.S. Judiciary.” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, 41 (1):61-71. (2021)

Public Scholarship

“[APSA Pracademic Fellowship: Office of Government Information Services](#)”
Political Science Today 2 (2), 41-43 (2022)

“[Why aren’t there more Black female judges on the federal bench?](#),” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, February 22, 2022

“[Thinking About OGIS’s Work: An Academic Perspective.](#)” *The FOIA Ombudsman*, January 31, 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2014)

“Intersectionality and the US Courts of Appeals,” with Susan Haire, Alyson Hendricks-Benton, Vanisha Kudumuri, and Karson Pennington
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2024

“With Good Cause: Public Participation and Rulemaking,” with Susan M. Miller
Midwest Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023

“With Good Cause: Public Participation and Rulemaking,” with Susan M. Miller
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2023

“The Right to Know”
American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, September 2022

“The Right to Know”
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022

“The Right to Know”
Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February 2020

“Politicization and Government Transparency”
Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020

“Risky Business?: Agency Politicization, Public Participation, and Federal Rulemaking
(with Susan M. Miller)
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2018

“*La Puissance de Jurer*: Judicial Review, Deference, and Executive Power
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2018

“Nothing to Lose? Politicization and Federal Rulemaking” (with Susan Miller)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2017

“Perceptions of Gender Bias in Public Attitudes towards the Decisions of Female Judges” (with Michael P. Fix). Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2017

“Nothing to Lose? Political Appointees and the Use of the Good Cause Exemption” (with Susan Miller)
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016

“Government Transparency and Judicial Deference: Executive Privilege Claims in Federal Court”
Western Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015

“Judicial Oversight of Executive Power and the Role of Legislative Allies.”
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2015

“Government Transparency and Judicial Deference: Executive Privilege Claims in Federal Court”
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2014

“Government Transparency and Judicial Deference: Executive Privilege Claims in Federal Court”
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2014

INVITED CONFERENCES/TALKS/SYMPOSIUMS (since 2014)

The Watergate State: Fifty Years of Executive Power, Illicit Speech, and the Legal Profession
University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, April 2023

Fresh Thinking on Government Transparency (Panel)
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Law and Policy Division
Virtual Sunshine Week Panel, March 2022

Women in Law: Perceptions and Misconceptions of Women in Law (Panel)
Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice LLC
Kansas City, MO (Virtual), November 2021

The Politics of Public Access: Politicization and the Freedom of Information Act
Virtual American Executive Politics Workshop, December 2020

The Politics of Public Access: Politicization and the Freedom of Information Act
University of California, San Diego (Virtual), December 2020

“Risky Business?: Agency Politicization, Public Participation, and Federal Rulemaking”
(with Susan M. Miller), University of Georgia, Athens, GA, September 2018

“Risky Business?: Agency Politicization, Public Participation, and Federal Rulemaking”
(with Susan M. Miller)
New Developments in the Study of Executive Politics Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN,
June 2018

“Adjudicating Executive Privilege: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege
Claims in U.S. District Court,” Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA, April 2018

“Adjudicating Executive Privilege: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege
Claims in U.S. District Court,” University of Houston, Houston, TX, February 2018

“Adjudicating Executive Privilege: Federal Administrative Agencies and Deliberative Process Privilege
Claims in U.S. District Court,” University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, November 2017

Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium
Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, October 2016

“Rally Around Identity? Group Response to External Threat”
Zoukis Summer Research Institute, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, June 2016

“Rally Around Identity? Group Response to External Threat”
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 2016

“Keeping Secrets?: Executive Privilege Claims in Federal Court”
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 2016

“Keeping Secrets?: Executive Privilege Claims in Federal Court”
Rutgers University-Camden, Camden, NJ, December 2015

“With a Little Help from my Friends: Judicial Oversight of Executive Power and the Role of Legislative Allies.”
Conference on State Politics, Political Institutions, and the Executive University of Houston and Center for New Institutional Social Science at Washington University in St. Louis Washington University Center in D.C, Washington, D.C., August 27, 2014

COURSES

American Political Process
The American Presidency
Courts and Judicial Process
Government Failure?: The American Administrative State
The Politics of Equality (co-taught)
Practicum: Crafting Criminal Justice Reform (co-taught)
Higher Education Opportunity Programs (HEOP)-American Government Sequence
Senior Thesis

SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

Member, American Political Science Association Nominating Committee, 2024
Co-Chair, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, 2023 Southern Political Science Association Meeting
Presidency and Executive Politics Executive Committee, 2023-
Midwest Political Science Association Executive Council, 2022-
Member, [College-Community Partnership for Racial Justice](#), 2021-
Organizer, Women of Color Law & Courts Email List, 2020-
Co-Chair, Committee on Recruitment, Retention, and Equality, Law and Courts Section, 2020-present
Moderator, Law and Courts Listserv, 2020-
Co-Chair, The Status of African-Americans in the South Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2020, 2021
Co-Chair, Judicial Politics Section, 2021 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
Member, APSA Law and Courts Diversity Committee, 2020
Chair, Law and Jurisprudence Section, 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
Member, APSA Law and Courts Service Award Committee, 2016-2017
Member, APSA Law and Courts Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2015-2016
Chair, Judicial Politics Section, 2016 Southern Political Science Association Meeting
Panel Member, National Science Foundation, Grant Review
Editorial Board: *Journal of Law of Courts* Reviewer: *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations*, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*,

Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Law and Courts, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Public Performance and Management Review, Politics Groups, and Identities

RECENT MEDIA MENTIONS & INTERVIEWS

MuckRock, “[After a decade, FOIAonline is shutting down. What’s next for FOIA requesters?](#)” Albert Serna Jr., September 26, 2023.

The National Law Journal, “[Feinstein Absence, Blue Slips Complicate Judicial Nomination.](#)” Brad Kutner, April 14th, 2023.

Political Pro Greenwire, “[EPA shuts public records portal.](#)” Kevin Bogardus, February 13, 2023.

The National Law Journal, “ ‘[A Double-Edged Sword’: Why Young Judges Might Not Stick Around.](#)” Avalon Zoppo, February 3, 2023.

Capital B News Atlanta, “[How Black Voters Turned the Tide in Warnock’s Favor.](#)” Chauncey Alcorn, December 9, 2022.

Political Rewind, “[Walker under scrutiny for Texas residence; Meadows must testify in Fulton County.](#)” panelist, November 30, 2022.

FiveThirtyEight, “[What Happened to Stacey Abrams?](#)” Alex Samuels, October 31, 2022.

La Tribune de Genève, “[La bataille pour le contrôle de la justice fédérale américaine.](#)” Alexis Buisson, April 4, 2022.

NCPR, “[School officials say Stefanik spread misinformation and fueled confrontations over masks.](#)” Amy Feiereisel and Zach Hirsch, March 14, 2022.

Inside Sources, “[At State of the Union, Biden Can Be Proud of Court Appointments.](#)” Elizabeth Wydra, February 28, 2022.

U.S. News & World Reports, “[Biden Nears Supreme Court Pick.](#)” Lisa Hagen, February 25, 2022.

Politico, “[The résumé line Biden loves in judges.](#)” Myah Ward, January, 28, 2022.

NPR Weekend Edition, “[President Biden is replacing federal judges at a record-breaking pace.](#)” with Scott Simon, January 22, 2022.

Christian Science Monitor, “[Biden's Judicial Picks Diversify Bench.](#)” by Henry Gass, January 19, 2022.

REFERENCES

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