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**APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, August 2022-Present  
Federal Freedom of Information Act Committee, August 2022-Present (2022-2024 Term)  
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**

2022: Comparative Study of Demographic Variation in Judiciaries National Science Foundation Award (\$700,000) with Jarpa Dawuni (PI), Alice Kang, and Daniel Gomez Mazo

2021: The Right to Know: The Legal and Political Components of Government Transparency

National Science Foundation Award (\$242, 810) with Tracey George (Co-PI)

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

2020: Levitt Center Winter Research Grant, Faculty Advisor, 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***

“Government Transparency and Public Access.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. (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, and Other Writings***

“The Judicial System of the USA.” (with Karlee Taylor), In *The USA and Canada 2022* 24th edition, edited by Dominic Heaney. London: Routledge, *forthcoming*

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

“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***

“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, *forthcoming*

“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, *forthcoming*

“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)

### ***Public Scholarship and Writing***

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

“[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.

### **INVITED CONFERENCES/TALKS/SYMPOSIUMS (since 2014)**

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

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2014)**

“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 Juger*: 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

## **COURSES**

African-Americans, the Supreme Court, and Society

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 in Response to Black Lives Matter (co-taught)

Higher Education Opportunity Programs (HEOP)-American Government Sequence

Senior Thesis

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

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 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*

## **MEDIA MENTIONS & INTERVIEWS**

*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.

*Albany Times Union*, "[How GOP Chair Stefanik is Shaping the House Republican Message](#)," by Emilie Munson, December 23, 2021.

*Market Realist*, "[Biden is Appointing Record Numbers of Women and POC to Federal Courts](#)," by Dan Clarendon, December 15, 2021.

*FiveThirtyEight*, "[How Biden is Reshaping The Courts](#)," by Elena Mejía and Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux, December 7, 2021.

## **REFERENCES**

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