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### Education and Degrees

Ph.D. Political Science, University of South Carolina

J.D. University of Georgia School of Law

A.B. Political Science, University of Georgia  
Honors Program; Graduated with General Honors

Attended, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in  
Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 1999  
Studied: Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Mathematics for Social Science

### Academic Positions Held

Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University  
of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2021-Present  
Graduate Faculty Member, 2010-Present  
University Honors College Faculty Member, 2012-present  
Public Policy Core Faculty Member, 2010-present  
Women's and Gender Studies Faculty Affiliate, 2011-present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University  
of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2014-2021

Associate Chair and Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Political Science and Public  
Administration, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 2014-June 2016.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of  
North Carolina at Charlotte, 2008-2014

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte, 2006-2007

Associate Director, Honors Program, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2005.

Pre-law Coordinator & Mock Trial Director, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2002-2006

Instructional Staff, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer  
Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI, Summer 2000, 2001.

## Research

### Book

1. Bowie, Jennifer Barnes, Donald R. Songer, and **John Szmer**. 2014. [\*The View from the Bench and Chambers: Examining Judicial Process and Decision Making on the U. S. Courts of Appeals.\*](#) (University of Virginia Press Constitutionalism and Democracy series). (Nominated for the APSA C. Herman Pritchett Award for best book on law & courts) (Reviewed in the Law and Politics Book Review). (Authorship ordered alphabetically).

### Peer Reviewed Articles

20. **Szmer, John**, Erin B. Kaheny, and Tammy A. Sarver. Forthcoming. "I Haven't Come a Long Way, and I'm Not a Baby": Task Assignment and Gender Diversity of the Supreme Court Bar." *Social Science Quarterly*.
19. Moyer, Laura P., **John Szmer**, Susan B. Haire, and Robert K. Christensen. Forthcoming. "All Eyes Are on You": Gender, Race, and Opinion Writing on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Law and Society Review*.
18. Moyer, Laura, **John Szmer**, Susan B. Haire, and Robert K. Christensen. 2020. "[Diversity, Consensus, and Decision Making: Evidence from the U.S. Courts of Appeals.](#)" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8(4): 822-33.
17. Kaheny, Erin B., **John Szmer**, and Robert K. Christensen. 2020. "[Status Characteristics and Their Intersectionality: Majority Opinion Assignment in State Supreme Courts.](#)" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8(5): 894-917.
16. **Szmer, John**, Robert K. Christensen, and Samuel Grubbs. 2020. "[What Influences the Influence of U.S. Courts of Appeals Decisions?](#)" *European Journal of Law and Economics* 49(1): 55-81.
15. **Szmer, John**, Donald R. Songer, and Jennifer Barnes Bowie. 2016. "[Why Do the 'Haves' Win? Party Capability and the U.S. Courts of Appeals.](#)" *Journal of Law and Courts* 4(1): 65-102.
14. Kaheny, Erin B., **John Szmer**, Michael Hansen\*, and Kate Scheurer. 2015. "[High Court Recruitment of Female Clerks: A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Canada.](#)" *Justice System Journal* 36(4): 355-77. (Michael Hansen was a Ph.D. student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee when the manuscript was prepared).
13. **Szmer, John**, Robert K. Christensen, and Erin B. Kaheny. 2015. "[Gender, Race, and Dissensus on State Supreme Courts.](#)" *Social Science Quarterly* 96(2): 553-75.
12. **Szmer, John** and Martha Humphries Ginn. 2014. "[Examining the Effects of Information, Attorney Capability, and Amicus Participation on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making.](#)" *American Politics Research* 42(3): 441-71.
11. **Szmer, John**, Erin B. Kaheny, Tammy A. Sarver, and Mason DeCamillis\*. 2013. "[The](#)

- [Impact of Attorney Gender on Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals.](#)”  
*Journal of Women, Politics and Policy* 34(1): 72-100.  
(Mason DeCamillis was UNCC undergraduate student when the manuscript was prepared).
9. **Szmer, John**, Robert K. Christensen, and Ashlyn Kuersten. 2012. “[The Efficiency of Federal Appellate Decisions: An Examination of Published and Unpublished Opinions.](#)”  
*Justice System Journal* 33(3): 318-38.
  8. Christensen, Robert K., **John Szmer**, and Justin Stritch\*. 2012. “[Race and Gender Bias in Three Administrative Contexts: Impact on Work Assignments in State Supreme Courts.](#)”  
*Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 22(4): 625-48.  
(Justin Stritch was a University of Georgia Ph.D. student when the manuscript was prepared).
  7. Christensen, Robert K. and **John Szmer**. 2012. “[Examining the Efficiency of the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Pathologies and Prescriptions.](#)” *International Review of Law and Economics* 32(1): 30-37.
  6. Songer, Donald R., **John Szmer**, and Susan W. Johnson. 2011. “[Explaining Dissent on the Supreme Court of Canada.](#)” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(2): 389-409.
  5. Kaheny, Erin B., **John Szmer**, and Tammy A. Sarver. 2011. “[Women Lawyers before the Supreme Court of Canada.](#)” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(1): 83-109.
  4. **Szmer, John**, Erin B. Kaheny and Tammy A. Sarver. 2010. “[Have We Come a Long Way, Baby?: The Influence of Attorney Gender on Supreme Court Decision Making.](#)” *Politics and Gender* 6(1): 1-36.
  3. Sarver, Tammy A., Erin B. Kaheny, and **John Szmer**. 2008. “[The Attorney Gender Gap in U.S. Supreme Court Litigation.](#)” *Judicature* 91(5):238-250.
  2. **Szmer, John**, Susan W. Johnson, and Tammy A. Sarver. 2007. “[Does the Lawyer Matter? Influencing Outcomes on the Supreme Court of Canada.](#)” *Law and Society Review* 42(2):279-304.
  1. **Szmer, John** and Donald R. Songer. 2005. “[The Effects of Information on the Accuracy of Presidential Assessments of Supreme Court Nominee Preferences.](#)” *Political Research Quarterly* 58(1): 151-160.

*Peer Reviewed Pedagogical Research*

1. Kropf, Martha E., Samuel Grubbs, Beth Whitaker, and **John Szmer**. 2018. “[American Politics Course Redesigns: The Effect of Propensity Score Matching on Predicting Learning Outcomes.](#)” *Journal of Political Science Education*.

*Non-Peer Reviewed Publications*

2. Kreis, Anthony, John Szmer, and Robert K. Christensen. 2016. “Comparative Judicial Efficiency: Examining Case Disposition in Five Countries’ Courts of Last Resort.” In *Comparative Law and Economics*, Eds. Theodore Eisenberg and Giovanni B. Ramello. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

3. Szmer, John, Erin B. Kaheny, and Robert K. Christensen. 2014. "[Taking a Dip in the Supreme Court Clerk Pool: Gender-Based Discrepancies in Clerk Selection.](#)" *Marquette Law Review* 98(1): 261-87.
1. Szmer, John and Barry Edwards. 2011. "Future Directions in Data Analysis and Collection." *Law and Courts Newsletter* 21(3): 16-19.

*Under Review*

**Szmer, John** and Megan Bird\*. "When the Courtier Returns to Court: The Impact of U.S. Supreme Court Lawyers' Prior Appellate Clerkship Experience."  
(Megan Bird is a 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate at UNC-Charlotte).  
Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Law & Courts*

*Working Projects*

*Book*

**Szmer, John**, Erin B. Kaheny, Jason H. Windett, and Robert K. Christensen. *Courting Diversity: How Race and Gender Matter from Bar to Bench*. (Under Contract with Cambridge University Press).

*Article*

**Szmer, John**, Martha Humphries Ginn, and Richard Pacelle. "Can We Talk? The Solicitor General and Oral Amicus Arguments."

**Szmer, John**, Susan W. Johnson, and Robert K. Christensen. "The Supreme Court of Canada and Majority Opinion Assignment."

Douglas, James W., **John Szmer**, and Ringa Raudla. "Gubernatorial Tax and Revenue Proposals: Does the Election Cycle Matter?"

*Research Grant Activity*

*Funded*

National Science Foundation Law & Social Sciences Program Grant 1654614. "Collaborative Research: Judicial Diversity and Appellate Decision Making."  
Co-Principal Investigators Laura Moyer, Robert K. Christensen, and Susan B. Haire.  
Original Award: \$244,723 (UNC Charlotte: \$76,659)  
Supplemental Awards \$32,102 (UNC Charlotte: \$15,100)  
Total Award \$276,825: (UNC Charlotte \$91,759)

Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Race, Gender and Civilian Casualties in War," (\$9,000), Awarded December 2013 (Co-PI James Walsh)

Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Targeted Killings, Collateral Damage, and Terrorism: Evidence from Drone Strikes," (\$7,000), Awarded December 2010 (Co-PI James Walsh)

Faculty Research Grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Ignorance of the

Law is No Defense: Examining the Failure to Examine Unreported U.S. Courts of Appeals Cases,” Principal Investigator, (\$6,000), Awarded December 2008

*Applied, Not Funded*

Law School Admissions Counsel Research Grant Program, “Appellate Advocacy and Diversity.” Co-Principal Investigators (Christensen, Robert K, Susan B. Haire, and Laura Moyer).” Amount Requested: \$97,230. Rejected. December 2014.

National Science Foundation Law & Social Sciences Division Grant Submission, "Judicial Decision Making in the Intermediate Appellate Courts of Australia, Canada, England and the United States." Co-Principal Investigator (with Donald R. Songer and Susan W. Johnson). Amount Requested \$429,000. Not Competitive, encourage resubmission January 2011. Resubmitted January 2011, rated Competitive Mid Priority, Rejected. June 2011.

*Invited Talks and Conferences*

“Sound & Fury? The Kavanaugh Confirmation & the Implications for the U.S. Supreme Court”  
*Invited Presentation, 2018 University of South Carolina School of Law*

“Judicial Performance and the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Robert K. Christensen).  
(presented at Plenary Session Tribute Workshop, Empirical Legal Studies around the World: The Legacy of Theodore Eisenberg).  
*2016 Italian Society of Law and Economics Annual Conference, Torino, Italy*

Author Meets Critics Panel Discussing “The View from the Bench and Chambers”  
*2016 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR*

“Selection Practices”  
*2014 Symposium at Marquette University Law School: Judicial Assistants or Junior Judges: The Hiring, Utilization, and Influence of Law Clerks*

“Courting Diversity: The Impacts of Judge Diversity and Conflict on Swift, Impartial Justice.”  
(with Robert K. Christensen)  
*Invited Presentation, 2013 UNC Chapel Hill School of Government*

“Future Directions for Research on the U.S. Court of Appeals.”  
*2011 Symposium at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA*

"Examining the Efficiency of the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Pathologies and Prescriptions." (with Robert K. Christensen)  
*2009 IEL Conference: Efficiency and the Judiciary Law and Economics Perspectives, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy*

*Research Conference/Symposium Participation*

“The Supreme Court of Canada and Majority Opinion Authorship” (with Susan Johnson and Robert K. Christensen).  
*2020 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR*

“Diversity and Collective Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Laura Moyer, Susan B. Haire, and Robert K. Christensen).  
*2019 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX*

“Women Attorneys and Legal Mobilization in the U.S. Supreme Court” (with Erin B. Kaheny and Tammy A. Sarver).

2019 *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX*

“Dissent and Diversity across Appellate Courts” (with Erin B. Kaheny and Robert K. Christensen).

2018 *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA*

“Evaluating the ‘Obama Wave’: Transforming the U.S. Courts of Appeals?” (with seven co-authors).

2018 *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA*

“Diversity and the Assignment of the Majority Opinion on Collegial Courts” (with Erin B. Kaheny and Robert K. Christensen).

2018 *North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC*

“Gender, Race, and Majority Opinion Assignment: A Cross-court Perspective” (with Erin B. Kaheny and Robert K. Christensen).

2017 *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

“Judicial Diversity and Decision Making” (with Susan Haire).

2016 *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR*

“Linking Opinion Content to Judicial Diversity: A Textual Analysis of Appellate Decisions.” (with Laura P. Moyer, Susan B. Haire, John Szmer and Robert K. Christensen)

2015 *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA*

“The Effect of Judicial Diversity on Legal Content and Influence in the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Laura P. Moyer, Susan B. Haire, John Szmer and Robert K. Christensen)

2015 *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

“Attorney Gender and Appellate Decision Making” (with Erin B. Kaheny and Robert K. Christensen)

2015 *North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC*

“Civilian Casualties, Weapons Types, and Support for the Use of Force” (with James Walsh)

2014 *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC*

“Attorney Expertise at the Threshold (with Erin B. Kaheny and Shawn C. Fettig)

2014 *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

“Diversity, Stereotypes, and Attorneys (with Erin B. Kaheny and Robert K. Christensen)

2014 *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

“Diversity and Deliberation: An Administrative Focus on the Disposition of Justice” (with Robert K. Christensen and Erin B. Kaheny)

2013 *Southeastern Conference for Public Administration Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC*

“Gubernatorial Tax and Revenue Proposals: Does the Election Cycle Matter?” (presented by James W. Douglas, with Ringa Raudla)

2013 *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

“Can We Talk? The Solicitor General and Oral Amicus Arguments.” (with Martha Humphries Ginn and Richard L. Pacelle, Jr.)

*2013 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL*

“Why the ‘Haves’ Win? Examining Party Capability Theory.” (with Donald R. Songer and Jennifer Barnes Bowie)

*2013 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL*

"The Supreme Court and Its Reliance on Merits Briefs and Oral Arguments: Do Justices Treat Male Lawyers Differently than Female Lawyers?" (with Erin B. Kaheny and Tammy A. Sarver)

*2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

"The Supreme Court of Canada and Majority Opinion Authorship." (with Robert K. Christensen and Susan W. Johnson)

*2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

“The Effects of Solicitor General Oral Arguments as Amicus Curiae.” (with Martha Humphries Ginn)

*2012 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

“Majority Opinion Assignment in the State Supreme Courts.” (with Robert K. Christensen and Erin B. Kaheny)

*2011 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

“Race, Gender and Majority Opinion Assignment.” (with Donald R. Songer, Robert K. Christensen, Nicholas A. Mostardo, and Margarita Pate)

*2011 North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC*

“The Conditional Effects of Expertise on the Influence of Lawyers and Amici before the United States Supreme Court.” (with Martha Humphries Ginn)

*2011 North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC*

“Why Do the ‘Haves’ Come Out Ahead? Examining the Etiology of the Party Capability Advantage.”

*2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC*

"Opinion Assignment in the United States Courts of Appeals." (with Donald R. Songer, Robert K. Christensen, Nicholas A. Mostardo, and Margarita Pate)

*2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

"Diversity and Dissensus on State Supreme Courts: Toward a More Comprehensive Model of Individual, Intersectional, Group and Institutional Determinants." (with Robert K. Christensen)

*2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

“Conflict, Voice, and Critical Mass: Examining Gender Diversity and Dissensus in the Supreme Court of Canada.” (with Donald R. Songer, Robert K. Christensen, and Susan W. Johnson).

*2010 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.*

“Information, Attorney Expertise, Amicus Participation, and the Legal Model.” (with Martha Humphries Ginn)

*2010 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.*

"Examining the Efficiency of the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Pathologies and Prescriptions." (with Robert K. Christensen)

*2009 IEL Conference: Efficiency and the Judiciary Law and Economics Perspectives, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy*

"Experiential Diversity and Performance in Public Organizations: Efficiency Evidence from U.S. Appellate Judge Panels." (with Robert K. Christensen)

*2009 Bi-annual National Public Management Research Conference, Columbus, OH.*

"Gender Diversity, Conflict, and Judicial Efficiency in the U.S. Court of Appeals." (with Robert K. Christensen and Elizabeth Wemlinger)

*2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

"Congressional Polarization and Amici Participation." (with Eric Heberlig and Rorie Spill Solberg)

*2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

"Diversity, Conflict, and Judicial Efficiency in the U.S. Court of Appeals." (with Robert K. Christensen and Elizabeth Wemlinger)

*2009 North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Greensboro, NC*

"The Impact of Attorney Gender on Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals." (with Erin B. Kaheny, Tammy A. Sarver, and Mason DeCamillis)

*2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

"Have We Come a Long Way Baby? Women Attorneys before the United States Supreme Court." (with Erin B. Kaheny and Tammy A. Sarver)

*2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

"Lawyer and Justice Gender: Examining the Supreme Court of Canada." (with Erin B. Kaheny and Tammy A. Sarver)

*2007 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.*

"Repeat Players and Attorney Success before the Supreme Court of Canada." (with Susan W. Johnson)

*2002 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA.*

"The Role of Information in the Selection of Supreme Court Justices." (with Donald R. Songer)

*2002 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

"Re-Examining Party Capability Theory and Decision-Making on the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Courts of Appeals."

*2001 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.*

"Sound and Fury Signifying Nothing? Examining the Role of Litigants and Litigators in the Judicial Process."

*2000 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.*

"Sound and Fury Signifying Nothing? Examining the Role of Attorneys in the Judicial Process."

*2000 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*



“Re-examining Gerber and Park’s Cross-Judicial Analysis of Federal Appellate Decision-Making.”

*1999 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA.*

“Attorney Expertise and Success in the United States Courts of Appeals.” (with Donald R. Songer)

*1998 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA.*

## **Teaching and Instructional Activities**

### *Courses Taught*

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Senior Seminar: Judicial Politics

Constitutional Law and Policy

Civil Rights & Liberties

Gender and the Law

Judicial Process

Trial Process

Quantitative Methods I (Regression; Ph.D. & MA levels)

Categorical Data Analysis (Ph.D. & MA level)

Political Science Research Methods

Introduction to American Politics

Introduction to Public Policy

Citizenship

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Constitutional Law: Civil Rights & Liberties

Coach, Collegiate Mock Trial

Introduction to the Trial Process

Methodologies in the Liberal Arts and Science (Pre-law section)

University of South Carolina

Political Science Discipline (Research Methods)

Judicial Process

Constitutional Law: Powers of Government (Undergraduate/Graduate class)

Coach, Collegiate Mock Trial

### *Mentoring:*

Adviser for three-student team of undergraduates (Justin Smith, Hannah Lofthus, Josh Brunkhorst) researching the impact of attorney race and gender on jury decision making; they were awarded a \$2000 internal research grant, University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Received \$500 award from the UNCC Office of Summer Programs to mentor Elizabeth Wemlinger, of the Summer Doctoral Teaching Assistants in a pilot program. My role was to advise and mentor her as she developed and taught her first class.

### Thesis/Dissertation Committees:

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Chair, Honors Thesis

Megan Bird  
Connor Green  
Natasha Engineer  
Anna Lewis  
Diane Gromelski  
Madison Dejaegher  
Christopher Dotson  
Alex Crouch  
T'ajai Carrington  
Corey Noland (Co-Chair)  
Chair, Senior Thesis  
Hailee Kuvinka  
Olivia Pesterfield (Co-Chair)  
Josie Cambareri (Co-Chair)  
Member, Honors Thesis  
Gabrielle Rife  
Haylea Kirkland (in progress)  
Elizabeth Sloan  
  
Member, Dissertation Committees  
Elizabeth Wemlinger (Public Policy)  
Holly Whisman (Public Policy)  
Cicily Hampton (Public Policy)  
Mary Jo Shepherd (Public Policy)  
Eleonora Davalos Alvarez (Public Policy)  
Melissa Williams (Nursing Practice, Graduate Faculty Representative)  
Amy Carriker (Nursing Practice, Graduate Faculty Representative)  
  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Chair, Senior Thesis  
Robert Gordon  
  
University of South Carolina  
Chair, Honors Thesis  
Michael Harmon  
Kristina L. Cooper  
Lauren M. Vaughan  
Richard McCraw (Second Chair)

*Pedagogical Grants*

Pre-Proposal Grant: Large Course Redesign "Improving Student Learning While Reducing Instructional Costs." Awarded \$5,000 by UNCC Center for Teaching and Learning, April 2012 (with Martha Kropf, Beth Whitaker, David Swindell and Eric Heberlig).

Grant: Large Course Redesign "Improving Student Learning While Reducing Instructional Costs." Awarded \$20,000 by UNCC Center for Teaching and Learning, August 2012 (with Martha Kropf, Beth Whitaker, David Swindell and Eric Heberlig).

*Pedagogical Conferences*

Pereira, Malin, Janet Levy, and John Szmer. "Redesign of Honors Education at UNC Charlotte."  
*2014 North Carolina Honors Association Conference, Mount Olive, NC.*

Kropf, Martha E., Beth Elise Whitaker, and John Szmer. "Using Propensity Score Matching to Evaluate the Effectiveness of an American Politics Large-Course Redesign."  
*2014 American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Philadelphia, PA.*

### *Pedagogical Training*

Certificate, Instructional Development Project Workshop on College Teaching for Graduate Teaching Assistants.

## **Service**

### *Public/Community Service*

More than two dozen interviews and other media appearances.

August 19, 2016: Presentation to Accountability and Governance group, Sponsored by International House and the U.S. Department of State Office of International Visitors.

May 25 2016: Presentation to Visiting Lebanese Judges, Sponsored by International House and the U.S. Department of State Office of International Visitors.

May 2 & 9, 2016: Salon Presentations on the Mythology of the U.S. Founding, Presented at the Home of Lynwood & Lulie Mallard.

July 21 2015: Presentation to Accountability and Governance group, Sponsored by International House and the U.S. Department of State Office of International Visitors.

The Defender Association, Seattle, WA: pro bono; I assisted non-profit public interest law firm in the preparation of a study analyzing the effects of government resources on the decision to pursue the death penalty; part of ongoing death penalty litigation. 2009-2011

North Carolina Bar Candidate Committee Interviewer, 2007

### *Academic Service*

#### University

Chair, Levine Scholars Program Semifinalist Review Committee, Fall 2015-Present. (Member, Fall 2012-2014).

Chair, Levine Scholars Program Finalist Interview Committee, Spring 2020 (Member, Spring 2019).

Member, UNCC Faculty Council, Fall 2010-Spring 2012; Fall 2013-Spring 2014; Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Member, UNC Charlotte Honors Council, Fall 2012-Spring 2015.

Member, Honors College Task Force for the Redesign of Honors Education, Fall 2012-Spring 2015.

Member, Honors Council Redesign Subcommittee, Spring 2013-Fall 2014.

Member, Women + Girls Research Alliance (formerly known as Women's Summit) Research Subcommittee, Spring 2013-Spring 2015

Alternate, Faculty Employment Status Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

### College

Chair, CLAS Teaching Award Committee, Spring 2020

Department Diversity Liaison with CLAS, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Member, CLAS Faculty Council, Fall 2011-Spring 2013; Fall 2015-Spring 2017.

Member, Legal Studies Task Force, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Member, CLAS Honors Task Forces, Fall 2013-Spring 2015.

### Department

#### *Political Science & Public Administration*

Director, Political Science Honors Program, Fall 2012-Summer 2015.

Chair, Department Review Committee, Fall 2018-Present. (Member, Fall 2016-Spring 2018; Junior Member, Department Review Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Chair, Search Committee, Open-field Lecturer, Spring 2018.

Chair, Search Committee, Political Theory, Fall 2016.

Chair, Methods-Capstone Task Force, Fall 2021.

Coordinator, Political Science Brown Bag, Fall 2009-Spring 2012.

Adviser & Coach, UNCC Mock Trial Program, Fall 2012-Present.

Member, Department Executive Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2016.

Member, POLS Department Chair Search Committee, Fall 2018.

Member, Search Committees, Public Administration Assistant Professor (two

positions), Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

Member, Search Committee, American Politics Assistant Professor, Fall 2010.

Member, Department Honors Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2015.

Member, Political Science Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2009; Fall 2011-Spring 2012; Fall 2019-2020.

Member, Ex Officio, Political Science & Public Administration Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2016.

Member, Department Research Methods Task force, Fall 2013.

Member, Department Retirement Committee, Spring 2013.

Adviser, Pre-law Society, Fall 2006-Spring 2008.

Undergraduate Adviser, Political Science, Fall 2008-Spring 2009; Spring 2012-Spring 2016.

Interim Adviser, North Carolina Student Legislature, Fall 2006.

#### *Public Policy Ph.D. Program*

Chair, Public Policy Quantitative Methods Qualifier Committee, Fall 2012-Present (Member starting in Fall 2010).

Member, Public Policy Quantitative Methods Task Force, Fall 2013.

Member, Search Committee, Public Policy Assistant Professor, Spring 2012.

#### *Women's & Gender Studies Program*

Member, Women's & Gender Studies Curriculum Committee, Spring 2015

#### Professional Service

Alternate, APSA Law & Courts Executive Board  
Fall 2020-2021

[National Science Foundation, Advisory Council, Law & Science Dissertation Grant Program](#)  
Fall 2020-present.

National Science Foundation Panelist, 4 panels.

Chair, 2016 C. Neal Tate Best Paper in Judicial Politics Award Committee.  
*2016 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

Member, Teaching & Mentoring Award Committee  
2020, American Political Science Association Law & Courts Section

Member, Brenno Galli Best Paper Award for a Junior Scholar Committee.  
*2016 Italian Society of Law and Economics Annual Meeting, Torino, Italy*

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Public Opinion and the U.S. Supreme Court.”  
*2014 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “The American Judiciary.”  
*2013 North Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC*

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Examining Policy and Doctrine on the U.S. Supreme Court.”  
*2013 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL*

Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Gender Diversity on the Bench."  
*2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL*

Chair, panel on “Judicial Elections.”  
*2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

Discussant, Panel on Novel Data, Novel Measures: Comparative Decision Making.  
*2019 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX*

Discussant, Conference within a Conference: Intersections in Judicial Politics  
Panel on Fantastic Data and Where to Find Them: Judicial Politics Meets Text Analysis  
*2018 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

Discussant, Panel on Decision Making on Appeals Courts  
*2018 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

Discussant, Panel on State Courts: Institutions and Behavior  
*2017 State Politics and Policy Conference, St. Louis, Mo*

Discussant, Panel on “Message in a Bottle: Judicial Politics in State Supreme Court.”  
*2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA*

Discussant, panel on “Diffusion of Precedent.”  
*2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*

Discussant, panel on “Citizens’ Preferences and Electoral Outcomes.”  
*2001 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.*

Peer-Reviewer for the following:

*National Science Foundation*

*Israel Science Foundation*

*University of Virginia Press*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*American Political Science Review*

*Journal of Politics*

*Political Research Quarterly*

*Public Administration Review*

*Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*

*Social Science Quarterly*

*American Politics Research*  
*Law & Society Review*  
*Journal of Law & Courts*  
*Politics & Gender*  
*Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*  
*European Journal of Law and Economics*  
*Journal of Legal Studies*  
*Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*  
*Judicature*  
*Justice System Journal*  
*Social Forces*  
*Social Science Journal*  
*Social Science Research*

## **Recognition and Awards**

Project Mosaic Social Science Faculty Research Mentor-Mentee Award, 2015-16  
Leadership UNC Charlotte invitee

UNC Charlotte Chancellor's Special Recognition letter, multiple students identified me as the one person who made the most significant positive contribution to their education. 2012-13; 2013-14; 2014-15; 2016-17 (13 students); 2017-18 (6 students); 2018-2019 (3 students); 2019-2020 (6 students).

CONNECT Mentoring Program, Ottawa, Canada, July 2012 (\$400 award)

Recipient, UNCC CLAS Junior Faculty Development Award, Fall 2011

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2010 (\$250)

Chair's Award for Best Dissertation in Political Science, University of South Carolina 2006

Recipient, M. Glenn Abernathy Memorial Fellowship, 1999

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (Law & Courts; Political Methodology; Women & Politics)

Association of Canadian Studies in the United States

Midwest Political Science Association

North Carolina Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association