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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, *Auburn University at Montgomery*, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, August 2016 to present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Georgia, 2016 (with distinction)
Dissertation: *An Information-Based Theory of Judicial Accountability and Social Welfare*

B.S., Political Science and History, University of Montevallo, 2011 (*summa cum laude*)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“The Politics of the U.S. Federal Judiciary’s Requests for Institutional Reform.” 2017. *Social Science Quarterly*. With Richard L. Vining, Jr. and Teena Wilhelm.

“Deliberation Rules and Opinion Assignment Procedures in State Supreme Courts: A Replication.” 2015. *Justice System Journal*, 36 (4): 395–410. With Teena Wilhelm and Richard L. Vining, Jr.

“The Voting Behavior of President Obama’s Appointees on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 2013. *Judicature*, 97 (3): 137-143. With Susan Haire and Barry Edwards.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Alabama: Race, Realignment, and One-Party Politics.” 2018. In *New Politics of the Old South: An Introduction to Southern Politics*, Sixth Edition. Edited by Charles S. Bullock, III and Mark J. Rozell. Rowman and Littlefield.

BOOK REVIEW

“Review: *The Behavior of Federal Judges: A Theoretical and Empirical Study of Rational Choice*. (By Lee Epstein, William M. Landes, and Richard A. Posner.)” 2014. *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 76 (2).

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award (2017): A \$500 travel grant for untenured university faculty to attend the association’s annual meeting.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant (2015): A \$300 travel grant for graduate students to attend the association’s annual meeting.

University of Georgia Travel Grant (2015 & 2014): Travel awards of \$250 each for graduate students to attend academic conferences to present research relating to the student’s dissertation.

University of Georgia Department of Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award (2014)

Reed Graduate Fellowship (2011): A research position including a \$5,000 grant for a University of Georgia graduate student admitted into the Department of Political Science.

Peter Mekis Scholarship (2011): A \$1,500 scholarship for a University of Georgia graduate student who conducts research in the field of political theory.

- RESEARCH INTERESTS** Public Law: Judicial Politics, State Courts, Principal-Agency, Democratic Theory, Separation of Powers, Judicial Review and Independence, Formal and Empirical Spatial Models of Ideology and Policy, Constitutional Law
- TEACHING EXPERIENCE** Auburn University at Montgomery
- *POLS 2020: Introduction to American Government*. Fall 2017.
 - *POLS 3010: Research Design and Methodology*. Fall 2017.
 - *POLS 2020: Introduction to American Government*. Spring 2017.
 - *PUAD 6080: Graduate Seminar in Quantitative Decision-Making*. Spring 2017.
 - *POLS 2020: Introduction to American Government*. Fall 2016.
 - *POLS 4600: Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties*. Fall 2016.
- University of Georgia
- *POLS 1105H: Honors Introduction to American Government*. Spring 2016.
 - *POLS 1105H: Honors Introduction to American Government*. Fall 2015.
 - *GRSC 7770: Graduate Teaching Assistant Seminar*. Fall 2014.
- OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE** University of Georgia
- Guest Lecturer, *POLS 4700: Constitutional Law (Powers)*, taught by Teena Wilhelm. Spring 2015.
 - Teaching Assistant, *POLS 4600: Legislative Process*, taught by Charles S. Bullock, III. Spring 2014.
 - Guest Lecturer, *POLS 4780: Special Topics in Law and Judicial Process*, taught by Richard L. Vining, Jr. Spring 2014.
 - Guest Lecturer, *POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration*, taught by Richard L. Vining, Jr. Spring 2014.
 - Guest Lecturer, *POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration*, taught by Richard L. Vining, Jr. Spring 2013.
 - Teaching Assistant, *POLS 4660: Southern Politics*, taught by Charles S. Bullock, III. Fall 2013.
- University of Michigan's Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
- Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Game Theory*, taught by Scott Ainsworth. Summer 2015 (Session 1).
 - Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Game Theory*, taught by Scott Ainsworth. Summer 2014 (Session 1).
- RESEARCH POSITIONS** Graduate Resident at the University of Georgia at Oxford Program and Associate Member with Keble College, University of Oxford, Summer 2014 & Spring 2015 (Hilary Term).
- Research Assistant to Keith L. Dougherty: Tracking the Development of the First U.S. Political Parties through Thomas Jefferson's Correspondence (1787–1803). University of Georgia, Summer 2013 (with Brittany Leach).
- Research Assistant to Susan B. Haire: Phase III, U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals Database (2003–2010). University of Georgia, Spring 2013 (with Barry Edwards and Phil Marcin).
- Research Assistant to Robert Grafstein: Treating Global Political Parties as Economic Assets and Investments. University of Georgia, Fall 2012.

Research Assistant to Richard L. Vining, Jr.: Measuring the Newsworthiness of U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making; Examining the American Bar Association's Ratings of U.S. District Court Nominees; Gathering the Proceedings of the Federal Judicial Conferences of the United States. University of Georgia, Fall 2011–Spring 2013.

**PAPERS
UNDER
REVIEW**

“The Chief Justice as Effective Administrative Leader: The Roles of Policy Scope and Interbranch Relations.” With Richard L. Vining, Jr. and Teena Wilhelm. Invited to revise and resubmit.

“Disentangling Voter Stimuli in Judicial Elections: Mass Media and Political Campaigns as Competing Information Cues.”

“Press Coverage and Judicial Election Competition.”

“The Political-Economy of State Supreme Court Retirements.”

**CONFERENCE
PAPERS**

“The Political Economy of State Supreme Court Retirements.” Presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.”

“Presidential Leadership Strategy and Legislative Relations in International Agreement-Making.” With Kiki Caruson. Presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.”

“Judicial Polarization on State Supreme Courts.” With Christopher Hare and Ryan Bakker. Presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Judicial Visibility and Accountability on State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“The Medium is Not the Message: Judicial Accountability, Visibility, and Posturing.” Presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Public Choice Society.

“Interbranch Politics and Federal Court Reform.” With Richard L. Vining, Jr. and Teena Wilhelm. Presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“An Information-Based Theory of Judicial Choice with an Application to State Supreme Courts.” Presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“Judicial Visibility as a Form of Accountability” Presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Constraint at the Ideological Extremes: Testing Attitudes and Legal Regimes.” With Gordon Ballingrud. Presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Judicial Visibility, Information Asymmetries, and Voter Welfare: Do Electorally Accountable Judiciaries Promote Voter Welfare?” Presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“Are Amicus Briefs Still a Reliable Signaling Device?: An Examination of Certiorari Decisions and Amicus Citations at the U.S. Supreme Court.” With Daniel J. Hoppe. Presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“An Economic Analysis of State Supreme Court Retirements.” Presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“U.S. Supreme Court Doctrine and the Role of the Chief Justice.” Presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Civil Liberties and the Determinants of Local Newspaper Coverage of State Supreme Courts.” With Sara Hiers. Presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

“Presidential Leadership Strategy and Legislative Relations in International Agreement-Making.” With Kiki Caruson.

“Judicial Visibility and Pandering on State Supreme Courts.”

“Descriptive Representation on Alabama’s Courts.” With Rania Marwan.

JOURNAL REFEREE

American Journal of Political Science

Journal of Law and Courts

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Panel Chair, “Initiatives, Referenda, and Money in State Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2017.

Panel Discussant, “Spatial Models of Politics.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2017.

Panel Discussant, “Political Representation.” Annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, 2016.

Panel Discussant, “State Politics and Policy: Electoral Rules and Voting Behavior.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2015.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

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REFERENCES

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