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Permanent Academic Appointments

Stanford University

Professor of Political Science, 2025—present
Senior Fellow (courtesy), Hoover Institution, 2025—present

University of Chicago

David and Mary Winton Green Professor, Department of Political Science
and the College, 2024—2025
Core Faculty, PhD in Political Economy, 2024—2025

Emory University

Charles Howard Candler Professor of Political Science, 2018—2024
Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Political Science, 2013—2018
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2011—2015
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2008—2011
Affiliated Faculty, Emory Law School, 2008—2024

Visiting Academic Appointments

Stanford University

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 2022—2023

Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse School of Economics

Visiting Scholar, Summer 2016

Princeton University

Visiting Senior Research Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2015—2016

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D., Politics, 2008

Dissertation: The Politics of Judicial Independence

Winner, Carl Albert Award for Best Dissertation, Legislative Studies Section, APSA

M.A., Politics, 2005

Rutgers University

B.A., Political Science, 2003 (*High Honors*)

Publications

Books

Clark, Tom S., Adam N. Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2025. *Deadly Force: Police Shootings in Urban America*. Princeton University Press.

Friedman, Barry, Margaret H. Lemos, Andrew D. Martin, Tom S. Clark, Allison O. Larsen, and Anna Harvey. 2020. *Judicial Decision-Making: A Coursebook*. West Academic.

Clark, Tom S. 2019. *The Supreme Court: An Analytic History of Constitutional Decision Making*. New York: Cambridge University Press; Series in Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions.

Clark, Tom S. 2011. *The Limits of Judicial Independence*. New York: Cambridge University Press; Series in Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions.

- Winner, William H. Riker Award for best book in political economy

Peer-Reviewed Articles

England, Sam. and Tom S. Clark. "Minority Will? A Model of Influential Dissenting Opinions," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (forthcoming)

Clark, Tom S. 2024. "A Political-Economic Model of Police Administration," *Journal of Politics* 86(4):1462-1478

Schiff, Kaylyn Jackson, Tom S. Clark, Adam N. Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Anna Gunderson, and Eric Dobbie. 2024. "Police Shootings Statistics and Public Support for Police Reforms," *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 11(3):288-299

Clark, Tom S., Elisha Cohen, Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, Anna Gunderson, and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. 2023. "Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?" *Journal of Politics* 85(3):826-842

Winner, *Joseph Bernd Award, SPSA*

Clark, Tom S., B. Pablo Montagnes, and Jörg Spenkuch. 2022. "Politics from the Bench? Ideology and Strategic Voting in the Supreme Court of the United States," *Journal of Public Economics* 214(October):104726

Beim, Deborah, Tom S. Clark, and Benjamin E. Lauderdale. 2021. "Republican-Majority Appellate Panels Increase Execution Rates for Capital Defendants," *Journal of Politics* 83(3):1163-1167 (formerly titled, The Effects of Panel Assignment on the US Court of Appeals in Death Penalty Cases)

Clark, Tom S., and John W. Patty. 2021. "Why Are Pandemics Ideological?," *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 2(1):103-141

Gunderson, Anna, Elisha Cohen, Kaylyn Jackson, Tom S. Clark, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2020. "Does Military Aid to Police Decrease Crime? Counterevidence from the Federal 1033 Program and Local Police Jurisdictions in the United States." *Nature: Human Behavior* 5:194-204

- Covered by ABC News, The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post, Georgia Public Broadcasting, NewsTalk ZB, WWLTV New Orleans, Eurasia Review

Cohen, Elisha, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Paul Zachary, Tom S. Clark, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens. 2019. "Do Officer-Involved Shootings Reduce Citizen Contact with Government?" *Journal of Politics* 81(3):1111-1123

Clark, Tom S., Benjamin Engst, and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2019. "Estimating the Effect of Leisure on Judicial Performance," *Journal of Legal Studies* 47(2):349-390

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Tom S. Clark, and Amy Semet. 2018. "Judicial Elections, Public Opinion, and Decisions on Lower Salience Issues," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 15(4):672-707

Clark, Tom S., Jeffrey K. Staton, Yu Wang, and Eugene Agichtein. 2018. "Using Twitter to Study Public Discourse in the Wake of Judicial Decisions: Public Reactions to the Supreme Court's Same-Sex Marriage Cases," *Journal of Law & Courts* 6(1):93-126

- Beim, Deborah, Tom S. Clark, and John W. Patty. 2017. "Why Do Courts Delay?," *Journal of Law & Courts* 5(2):199-241
- Callander, Steven, and Tom S. Clark. 2017. "Precedent and Doctrine in a Complicated World," *American Political Science Review* 111(1):184-203
- Lauderdale, Benjamin E., and Tom S. Clark. 2016. "Estimating Vote-Specific Preferences from Roll-Call Data using Conditional Autoregressive Priors," *Journal of Politics* 78(4):1153-1169
- Clark, Tom S. 2016. "Scope and Precedent: Judicial Rule-Making Under Uncertainty," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 28(3) 353-384
- Clark, Tom S., and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2015. "An Informational Model of Constitutional Jurisdiction," *Journal of Politics* 77(3):589-607
- Clark, Tom S., and Drew A. Linzer. 2015. "Should I Use Fixed or Random Effects?," *Political Science Research and Methods* 3(2):399-408
- Clark, Tom S., and Jonathan P. Kastellec. 2015. "Source Cues and Public Support for the Supreme Court," *American Politics Research* 43(3) 504-535
Winner, 2014 Neal Tate Award, SPSA
- Clark, Tom S., Jeffrey R. Lax, and Douglas R. Rice. 2015. "Measuring the Political Salience of Supreme Court Cases," *Journal of Law & Courts* 3(1):37-65
- Lauderdale, Benjamin E., and Tom S. Clark 2014. "Scaling Politically Meaningful Dimensions Using Texts and Votes," *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3):754-771
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Tom S. Clark, and Jason P. Kelly. 2014 "Judicial Selection and Death Penalty Decisions," *American Political Science Review* 108(1):23-39
- Clark, Tom S., and Jonathan P. Kastellec. 2013. "The Supreme Court and Percolation in the Lower Courts: An Optimal Stopping Model," *Journal of Politics* 75(1):150-168
- Lauderdale, Benjamin E., and Tom S. Clark. 2012. "The Supreme Court's Many Median Justices," *American Political Science Review* 106(4):847-866
Winner, 2013 Best Journal Article Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA
- Carrubba, Clifford J., and Tom S. Clark. 2012. "Rule Creation in a Political Hierarchy," *American Political Science Review* 106(3):622-643
- Clark, Tom S., and Benjamin E. Lauderdale. 2012. "The Genealogy of Law," *Political Analysis* 20(3):329-350
- Clark, Tom S., and Clifford J. Carrubba. 2012. "A Theory of Opinion Writing in a Political Hierarchy," *Journal of Politics* 74(2):584-603
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Tom S. Clark, and Jee-Kwang Park. 2012. "Judicial Independence and Retention Elections," *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization* 28(2):211-234
- Clark, Tom S., and Benjamin Lauderdale. 2010. "Locating Supreme Court Opinions in Doctrine Space," *American Journal of Political Science* 54(4):871-890
Winner, 2011 Best Journal Article Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA
- Clark, Tom S., and Aaron B. Strauss. 2010. "The Implications of High Court Docket Control for Resource Allocation and Legal Efficiency," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 22(2):247-268

Clark, Tom S. 2009. "The Separation of Powers, Court-curbing and Judicial Legitimacy," *American Journal of Political Science* 53(4):971-989

Caldarone, Richard P., Brandice Canes-Wrone, and Tom S. Clark. 2009. "Partisan Labels and Democratic Accountability: An Analysis of State Supreme Court Abortion Decisions," *Journal of Politics* 71(2):560-573

Clark, Tom S. 2009. "A Principal-Agent Theory of En Banc Review," *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization* 25(1):55-79

- **Reprinted in**, *The Economics of Judicial Behavior*, (Lee Epstein, ed.), Vol. 1 & 2 in Edward Elgars series on Economic Approaches to Law (Richard A. Posner & Francesco Parisi, ed.) Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK. 2013

Clark, Tom S. 2009. "Measuring Ideological Polarization on the United States Supreme Court," *Political Research Quarterly* 62(1):146-157

Clark, Tom S. 2006. "Judicial Decision-Making During Wartime," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 3(3):397-419

Peer-Reviewed Proceedings

Wang, Yu, Tom Clark, Jeffrey Staton and Eugene Agichtein. 2014. "Towards Tracking Political Sentiment through Microblog Data," *Proceedings of the Joint Workshop on Social Dynamics and Personal Attributes in Social Media*, p. 88-93, Association for Computational Linguistics

White Papers

Friedman, Barry, Jessica W. Gilloly, Maria Ponomarenko, Karen L. Amendola, Tom S. Clark, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens, "Police Militarization: A 1033 Program Analysis."

Law Reviews and Book Chapters

Clark, Tom S., and Georg Vanberg. 2023. "Courts: A historical political economy perspective," in *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, Jeffrey Jenkins and Jared Rubin (eds.) Oxford University Press.

Clark, Tom S. 2017. "The Politics of Judicial Review," in *The Oxford Handbook of the Law and Judiciary*, Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist (eds.). Oxford University Press

Cameron, Charles M., and Tom S. Clark. 2016. "The Chief Justice and Procedural Power," in *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, David J Danelski and Artemus Ward (eds.). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press

Clark, Tom S., and Jennifer Gandhi. 2015. "Institutions Across the Subfields," in *The Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*, Jennifer Gandhi and Rubén Ruiz-Rufino (eds.). New York: Routledge

Clark, Tom S. 2012. "Bargaining and Opinion Writing US Supreme Court," in *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, Kevin McGuire (ed.). New York: Routledge

Clark, Tom S. 2011. "The Public and Judicial Independence," in *The Politics of Judicial Independence: Courts, Politics, and the Public*, Bruce Peabody (ed.). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, and Tom S. Clark. 2009. "Judicial Independence and Nonpartisan Elections," *Wisconsin Law Review* 2009(1):21-65

Heumann, Milton, Brian Pinaire and Thomas Clark. 2005. "Beyond the Sentence," *Criminal Law Bulletin* 41(1):24-46

Book Reviews and Other Publications

Nanamaker, Bethany, and Tom S. Clark. 2016. "Judicial Review in State Courts," in *American Governance*, Stephen L. Schechter, Thomas A. Birkland, Mark A. Graber, Donald S. Lutz, John J. Patrick, and Thomas S. Vontz (eds.). Macmillan.

Clark, Tom S. 2016. "Judicial Independence," in *American Governance*, Stephen L. Schechter, Thomas A. Birkland, Mark A. Graber, Donald S. Lutz, John J. Patrick, and Thomas S. Vontz (eds.). Macmillan.

Clark, Tom S. 2015. "Judicial Independence", in *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Robert A. Scott and Stephen M. Kosslyn (eds.). Sage Publishers

Clark, Tom S., and Drew A. Linzer. 2012. "Deciding Between Fixed and Random Effects," *APSA - Comparative Politics Newsletter* 22(2):9-10

Clark, Tom S. 2012. "Review of *American Politicians Confront the Court*, by Stephen M. Engel (Cambridge University Press, 2011)," *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(4):177-180

Clark, Tom S. 2011. "Review of *Merely Judgment: Ignoring, Evading, and Trumping the Supreme Court*, by Martin Sweet (University of Virginia Press, 2010)," *Perspectives on Politics* 9(3):727-729

Clark, Tom S., and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2011. "Judicial Independence as a Big Topic: Some Cross-Sub-Field Observations," *Law and Courts: The Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section* 21(2):10-16

Clark, Tom S. 2009. "Review of *Law's Allure: How Law Shapes, Constrains, Kills and Saves Politics*, by Gordon Silverstein (Cambridge University Press, 2009)," *Law and Politics Book Review* 19(8):651-655

Clark, Tom S. 2005. "A Note on the Moore Cases and Judicial," *Justice System Journal* 26(3):355-361

Contributor, *The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court* (David Schultze, ed.) New York: Facts on File, Inc. (2005)

Contributor, *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties* (David Schultze and John Vile, eds.) New York: M.E. Sharpe (2004)

Working Papers & Research in Progress

Working Papers

Stacking the Charges: Prosecutorial Discretion in Criminal Charging Decisions

A Model of Criminal Justice Discretion

Case Selection and Adjudication: A Dynamic Theory (paper, with John W. Patty)

Research in Progress

Managing Intractable Problems (paper, with John W. Patty)

The Impact of Municipal Insurance on Police Performance

Grants

Institute for Humane Studies, Discourse Initiative Research Grant, \$10,000 (2022)

National Science Foundation, Police Use of Force and Democratic Health, SES - 1946768, \$400,291 (2020)

Charles Koch Foundation, Assessing the Effects of Police Militarization, \$181,965 (2019)

University Research Council, Emory University, \$20,000 (2017)
Program to Enhance Scholarship and Research, Emory College, \$6,500 (2017)
National Science Foundation, Scaling Supreme Court Opinions, SES-0961058, \$71,436 (2010)
National Science Foundation, A Workshop on Collegial Court Decision Making, SES-0909235, \$18,740 (2009)
Emory College Instrumentation, Bridge, Instruction, and Seed (IBIS) Funding Program, grant to support research, \$1,500 (2009)
James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, grant to support dissertation research at the National Archives and Library of Congress, Washington, DC (2006)
Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Grant-in-Aid (grant awarded to support dissertation research at the LBJ Library, Austin, TX) (declined) (2005)

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

Joseph Bernd Award, awarded for the best paper published in the *Journal of Politics*, SPSA (2023)
Best Conference Paper Award (honorable mention), Law & Courts Section, APSA (2017)
Neal Tate Award, Southern Political Science Association (2014)
Best Journal Article Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA (2013)
William H. Riker Award, awarded for best book on political economy, Political Economy Section, APSA (2012)
Best Journal Article Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA (2011)
Best Conference Paper Award (honorable mention), Law & Courts Section, APSA (2011)
Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association (2009)
Carl Albert Award, Best Dissertation in Legislative Studies, Legislative Studies Section, APSA (2009)
Best Conference Paper Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA (2009)
CQ Press Award, for best paper by a graduate student, Law & Courts Section, APSA (2008)
American Judicature Society Award (honorable mention), for best conference paper, Law & Courts Section, APSA (2008)
Porter Ogden Jacobus Honorific Fellowship, the highest honorific fellowship awarded by The Graduate School of Princeton University (2007-2008)
University Fellowship, Princeton University (2003-2008)
James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions Fellowship, Princeton University (2003-2005)
Alpheus Thomas Mason Fellowship, Princeton University (2003-04)
Henry Rutgers Scholar, Rutgers College, Rutgers University (2002)
Phi Beta Kappa, Rutgers College, Rutgers University, (2003)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Rutgers University, (2002)
Golden Key Honor Society, Rutgers College, Rutgers University, (2001)

Media and Popular Press

“Cook County state’s attorney has backtracked on felony data transparency” Opinion Column, The Chicago Tribune, June 3, 2025

“When the courts can’t save us, who can?” Opinion column, The Hill, March 21, 2025

“Where do police departments get their military-style gear? Here’s what we don’t know.” Blog post, The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, July 20, 2020 (with Michael Leo Owens and Adam Glynn)

“Courts can be undermined in these 3 ways. This is how to protect them.” Blog post, The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, February 27, 2017 (with Jeffrey K. Staton)

“How Liberal is Merrick Garland?” Blog post, The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, March 18, 2016 (with Sanford Gordon and Micheal Giles)

“President Obama is trolling Chuck Grassley, and it’s Mitch McConnell’s fault” Blog post, Mischief of Faction, Vox.com, March 3, 2016 (with John W. Patty)

“Why is Obama considering conservatives for Scalia’s supreme court seat?” Op-Ed, The Guardian, February 25, 2016 (with John W. Patty)

“Why Obama should pick a conservative Supreme Court nominee” Blog post, Mischief of Faction, Vox.com, February 25, 2016 (with John W. Patty)

“The game theory behind Mitch McConnell’s Supreme Court strategy” Blog post, Mischief of Faction, Vox.com, February 23, 2016 (with John W. Patty)

“Not replacing Scalia will make it hard for conservatives. Here’s why.” Blog post, The Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post, February 23, 2016 (with John W. Patty)

“Why progressives might not want President Obama to name the next justice” Blog post, Mischief of Faction, Vox.com, February 22, 2016

“Partisan cues have a significant influence on the public’s support for the Supreme Court” Blog post, LSE daily blog on American Politics and Policy, June 16, 2015 (with Jonathan P. Kastellec)

“Was the nuclear option about filling the courts or filling the courts with Democrats?” Guest commentary, The Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post, November 23, 2013 (with Sandy Gordon)

“Heard through the Marble” Guest commentary, TheMonkeyCage.com, March 28, 2013

“Supreme Partisans?” Guest commentary, “Up for Discussion” Zócalo Public Square

“The Dimensions of Law and the Same-Sex Marriage Cases” Guest commentary, TheMonkeyCage.com, December 10, 2012 (with Benjamin Lauderdale)

“Public Opinion and the Supreme Court: How can the Administration best defend ACA, and how can its opponents best attack it, beyond the confines of legal briefs and oral argument in the courtroom?” Guest commentary, TheMonkeyCage.com, March 23, 2012

Media Appearances

Guest, “Morning News,” *NewsTalk ZB*, December 7, 2020

Guest, *Not Another Political Podcast*, October 21, 2020

Guest, *Politics, Politics, Politics!*, July 22, 2020

Guest, *New Day Weekend*, CNN, February 1, 2020

Guest, *New Day Weekend*, CNN, January 25, 2020

Guest, *Closer Look with Rose Scott*, *National Public Radio*, July 10, 2018

Invited Talks

Law & Economics Workshop

Criminal Law Workshop

New York University Law School (scheduled, October 2025)

American Politics Research Seminar

Department of Political Science

University of California-Berkeley (scheduled, October 2025)

Challenges in Open Data
Criminal Justice Open Data Summit
Princeton University (August 2025)

Judicial Law-Making and Political Economy: How They Interact and Influence Each Another
3rd Annual Political Economy & Access to Justice Judicial Education Seminar
New Orleans, LA (March 2025)

“Deadly Force: Police Shootings in Urban America”
American Politics & Public Policy Workshop
Department of Political Science
Yale University (December 2024)

“When, Where, and Who Do the Police Shoot?”
Understanding Politics Series
Department of Political Science
University of California-Merced (March 2023)

“When, Where, and Who Do the Police Shoot?”
Department of Political Science
University of California-Davis (February 2023)

“Case Selection and Adjudication: A Dynamic Theory”
Political Economic Theory Lunch
Graduate School of Business
Stanford University (November 2022)

“When, Where, and Who Do the Police Shoot?”
American Politics Research Seminar
Department of Political Science
University of California-Berkeley (November 2022)

“When, Where, and Who Do the Police Shoot?”
American Politics Workshop
Department of Political Science
Stanford University (October 2022)

“Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?”
Department of Political Science
University of Rochester (October 2021)

“Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?”
Bray Social Science Seminar
California Institute of Technology (April 2021)

“Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?”
Department of Political Science
Yale University (February 2021)

“Are Police Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?”
Department of Political Science
University of California-San Diego (November 2020)

“Does Police Militarization Decrease Crime?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
The Benefits (and Costs) of Policing Symposium
The Policing Project, New York University School of Law (October 2018)

“Policing, Race, and Democracy”
Department of Political Science
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (February 2018)

“Can Computers Replace Judges?”
Keynote Address
Bicentennial Conference of the Council of State
Bogotá, Colombia (November 2017)

“Policing, Race, and Democracy”
Department of Political Science
Yale University (October 2017)

“The Supreme Court: An Analytic History of Constitutional Decision Making”
American Politics Research Group
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (January 2017)

“Using Twitter to Study Public Discourse in the Wake of Judicial Decisions: Public Reactions to the Supreme Court’s Same-Sex Marriage Cases”
Judicial Behavior Workshop
University of Chicago Law School (November 2016)

American Politics Workshop
Department of Political Science
University of Pennsylvania (March 2016)

“Constitutional Conflicts”
American Politics Workshop
Department of Political Science
University of Chicago (November 2015)

“Sequential Adjudication”
Department of Political Science
University of Georgia (April 2015)

“Testing Theories of Judicial Bargaining Using Case-Specific Ideal Points”
Department of Political Science
Yale University (October 2014)

“Understanding the Cleavages of Judicial Decision Making: Multidimensionality on the US Supreme Court”
Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics
NYU School of Law (December 2013)

“Testing Theories of Judicial Bargaining Using Case-Specific Ideal Points”
Public Law Colloquium
Princeton University (October 2013)

“Political Rule-Making in a Judiciary”
Department of Political Science
University of Michigan (February 2013)

“Judicial Selection and Responsiveness to Public Independence”
School of Law
Washington University—St. Louis (December 2012)

“Law Making in the Judicial Hierarchy”
Department of Political Science
Stanford University (October 2012)

“Political Criticism of the US Supreme Court”
Supreme Court of Mexico (September 2012)

“The Limits of Judicial Independence”
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales sede México (September 2012)

“Judicial Selection in an Era of New-Style Judicial Campaigns”
Berkeley Law
University of California - Berkeley (December 2011)

“Law-Making in the Judicial Hierarchy”
Center for Political Economy
Washington University-St. Louis (April 2011)

“Mechanisms of Judicial Selection and Judicial Independence”
American Politics Workshop
University of Virginia (February 2011)

“Measuring Supreme Court Doctrine”
Department of Political Science
University of Rochester (December 2010)

“Judicial Review of Acts of Congress”
Constitutional Theory and Law Colloquium
New York University School of Law (November 2010)

“Rule Creation in a Political Hierarchy”
Political Economy Seminar
Graduate School of Business
Stanford University (October 2010)

“Rule Creation in a Political Hierarchy”
American Politics Workshop
University of California-Berkeley (September 2010)

“Measuring the Development of Legal Doctrine”
Florida State University (April 2010)

“The Limits of Judicial Independence”
Dreher Colloquium on American Political Institutions
The Ohio State University (March 2010)

“The Limits of Judicial Independence”
American Society and Politics Workshop
Columbia University (February 2010)

“Measuring Case Space: Empirically Estimating Legal Doctrine”
Political Science Research Workshop
University of South Carolina (February 2010)

“Scaling Supreme Court Opinions”
Law and Political Economy Colloquium
Northwestern Law School (October 2009)

“Locating Supreme Court Opinions in ‘Doctrine Space”
American Politics Workshop
Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago (May 2009)

“Judicial Selection Methods and Judicial Independence”
Law, Economics, & Politics Seminar
University of Texas-Austin Law School (February 2009)

Conferences and Workshops

2025

“Stacking the Charges: Prosecutorial Discretion in Criminal Charging Decisions”
American Political Science Association
Vancouver, British Columbia (scheduled, September)

“Stacking the Charges: Prosecutorial Discretion in Criminal Charging Decisions”
3rd IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy
San Sebastián, Spain (May)

“A Model of Criminal Justice Discretion”
Midwest Political Science Association
Chicago, IL (April)

2024

Conference on the 2024 Presidential Election and the Future of American Politics
Department of Political Science
University of Chicago (December)

Creating the Field of IOE
Society of Institutional & Organizational Economics
Chicago, IL (June)

“Minority Will” (paper, with Sam England) Political Economy and Public Law Conference
University of Florida School of Law, Gainesville, FL (February)

2023

“Police Shootings in American Cities” (paper, with Adam Glynn, Michael Leo Owens, and Eric Dobbie)
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (August)

“Making the Supreme Court” (author meets critic roundtable)
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA (August)

2022

“The Effect of Information about Police Shootings of Civilians on Public Support for Police Reform” (paper, with Kaylyn Jackson, Anna Gunderson, Eric Dobbie, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
American Political Science Association, Montreal, QC (September)

2020

Invited Discussant, Structural Political Economy Conference
Caltech, Los Angeles, CA (April)

“A Model of Police Administration” (paper)
Public Choice Society, Newport Beach, CA (March)

2019

“Are Police Officers Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
Princeton Policing Conference, Princeton, NJ (November)

“Are Police Officers Racially Biased in the Decision to Shoot?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August)

Invited Discussant, Political Economy of Public Law Conference
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (June)

2018

“Do Officer-Involved Shootings Reduce Citizen Contact with Government?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Paul Zachary, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
PIPE Race & Law Symposium, Bedrosian Center on Governance
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (October)

“How Consistently Are Death Penalty Appeals Decided?” (paper, with Deborah Beim and Ben Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (September)

“Does Police Militarization Decrease Crime?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (September)

“Politics from the Bench? Ideology and Strategic Voting in the U.S. Supreme Court” (paper, with Jörg Spenkuch and Pablo Montagnes)
IX IBEO - Political Economy, Sardinia, Italy (June)

“Politics from the Bench? Ideology and Strategic Voting in the U.S. Supreme Court” (paper, with Jörg Spenkuch and Pablo Montagnes)
Political Economy and Public Law Conference
University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (June)

“How Consistently Are Death Penalty Appeals Decided?” (paper, with Deborah Beim and Ben Lauderdale)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Does Police Militarization Decrease Crime?” (paper, with Elisha Cohen, Anna Gunderson, Kaylyn Jackson, Adam Glynn, and Michael Leo Owens)
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January)

2017

“How Do Judicial Elections Affect Decisions in Low Salience Issues?” (paper, with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Amy Semet)
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (September)

“Random Assignment to Death” (paper, with Deborah Beim and Benjamin Lauderdale)
European Political Science Association, Milan, Italy (June)

“How Do Judicial Elections Affect Decisions in Low Salience Issues?” (paper, with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Amy Semet)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

2016

“Random Assignment to Death” (paper, with Deborah Beim and Benjamin Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (scheduled, September)

Invited Discussant, Political Economy of Public Law Conference
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (June)

“Leadership and Problem Solving” (paper, with Deborah Beim and John Patty)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Sequential Adjudication” (paper, with Deborah Beim and John Patty)
Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico (January)

2015

“Precedent and Doctrine in a Complicated World” (paper, with Steven Callander)
Fifth Annual Law and Economic Theory Conference
Fuqua School of Business, Duke University (December)

“Random Assignment to Death” (paper, with Deborah Beim and Benjamin Lauderdale)
Philadelphia Region American Politics Conference
University of Pennsylvania and Temple University (September)

“Sequential Adjudication” (paper, with Deborah Beim and John Patty)
Political Economy Workshop
Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Toulouse School of Economics (June)

“Estimating Vote-Specific Preferences from Roll-Call Data using Conditional Autoregressive Priors” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
Conference on Ideal Point Models
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA (May)

“Sequential Adjudication” (paper, with Deborah Beim and John Patty)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Sequential Adjudication” (paper, with Deborah Beim and John Patty)
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January)

2014

“Court-O-Meter” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton, Eugene Agichtein, and Yu Wang)
Second Annual Atlanta Computational Social Science Workshop
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA (November)

Plenary Session: Analyzing Text Data
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley (November)

Text Analysis Conference (invited participant)
University of Mannheim, Germany (October)

“Court-O-Meter” (paper, with Eugene Agichtein, Jeffrey Staton, and Yu Wang)
European Consortium of Political Research, Glasgow, Scotland (September)

“Precedent and Doctrine in a Complicated World” (paper, with Steve Callander)
International Society for New Institutional Economics, Duke University (June)

“Optimal Dockets” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton)
Joint Sessions Workshops—European Consortium of Political Research
Salamanca, Spain (April)

“Court-O-Meter” (paper, with Eugene Agichtein, Jeffrey Staton, and Yu Wang)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Learning about Judicial Doctrine” (paper, with Steve Callander)
Public Choice, Charleston, SC (March)

“Learning about Judicial Doctrine” (paper, with Steve Callander) (invited participant)
Conference on Judiciary Hierarchy
Penn State University (March)

“Optimal Dockets” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton)
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January)

2013

“Optimal Dockets” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton)
European Consortium on Political Research, Bordeaux, France (September)

“Case-Specific Preference Estimation for the US Supreme Court” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August)

“Case-Specific Preference Estimation for the US Supreme Court” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
European Political Science Association, Barcelona, Spain (June)

“Optimal Dockets” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton) (invited participant)
Political Economy of Public Law (PEPL) Conference, St. Louis, MO (June)

“Optimal Dockets” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton) (invited participant)
NYU-LSE Political Economy Conference, New York, NY (May)

“Competing Constitutional Concerns: Arbitrating State Power and Protecting Individual Rights on High Courts” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Public Opinion and the Supreme Court” (paper, with Jonathan Kastellec)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“The Judiciary and the Quality of Democracy in Comparative Perspective”
Joint Sessions Workshops—European Consortium of Political Research
Mainz, Germany (March)

“Competing Constitutional Concerns: Arbitrating State Power and Protecting Individual Rights on High Courts” (paper, with Jeffrey Staton)
Public Choice Society, New Orleans, LA (March)

“Partisanship and Public Opinion on the Supreme Court”
Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL (January)

2012

“Scaling Politically Meaningful Dimensions Using Texts and Votes” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Stanford Law School (November)

“Judicial Selection and Death Penalty Decisions” (paper, with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Jason P. Kelly)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Stanford Law School (November)

“Scaling Meaningful Political Dimensions: Using Latent Dirichlet Allocation to Substantively Identify Many-Dimensional Item Response Models” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (September - conference cancelled)

“Judicial Selection and Death Penalty Decisions” (paper, with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Jason P. Kelly)
American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (September - conference cancelled)

“Scope and Precedent: A Model of Judicial Policy-Making Under Uncertainty” (paper)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

2011

“The Genealogy of Law” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA (September)

“There are Many Median Justices on the Supreme Court” (with Benjamin Lauderdale)
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Princeton, NJ (July)

“The Multidimensional Preferences of Supreme Court Justices” (with Benjamin Lauderdale)
European Political Science Association, Dublin, Ireland (June)

“On the Saliency of Supreme Court Cases” (paper, with Jeffrey Lax)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“A Theory of Opinion Writing in the Judicial Hierarchy” (paper, with Clifford Carrubba)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Public Opinion and the Supreme Court” (paper, with Jonathan Kastellec)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

2010

“The Supreme Court and Lower Court Conflict: An Optimal Model of the Certiorari Process” (paper, with John Kastellec)
American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August)

“Conflict Resolution on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Optimal Stopping Model of Inter-circuit Conflicts” (paper, with John Kastellec)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“A Theory of Law Creation in a Judicial Hierarchy” (paper, with Cliff Carrubba)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Liberty, Justice, and Wealth Distribution” (invited participant)
Liberty Fund Colloquium
Las Vegas, NV (April)

“An Optimal Stopping Model of Inter-Circuit Conflict” (paper, with John Kastellec)
Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (January)

“Position-Taking as Democratic Representation” (paper)
Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (January)

2009

“Locating Supreme Court Opinions in Doctrine Space” (paper)
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies
University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (November)

“Workshop on the Identification and Integration of Law and Court Data” (invited participant)
NSF-funded mini-conference
University of South Carolina (November)

“Pay to Play? Judicial Promotion and Ideological Extremism” (paper, with Cliff Carrubba)
American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario (August)

“Modeling Legal Rules” (conference organizer and host, with Cliff Carrubba)
NSF-funded mini-conference (SES-0909235)
Emory University, Atlanta, GA (July)

“An Empirical Analysis of the Evolution of Common Law” (paper)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

“Estimating the Content of Supreme Court Opinions” (paper, with Ben Lauderdale)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)
Winner, Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association

2008

“Locating Supreme Court Opinions in ‘Doctrine Space’” (paper, with Benjamin Lauderdale)
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August)
Winner, 2009 Best Conference Paper Award, Law & Courts Section, APSA

“Determinants of Congressional Court-Curbing” (paper)
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April)

Mini-Conference on Textual Analysis and the Study of Judicial Behavior (invited participant)
Emory University, Atlanta, GA (February)

2007

“Congressional Hostility and Judicial Review” (paper)
American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August)
Winner, Best Paper 2008, CQ Press Award
Honorable mention, Best Paper 2008, American Judicature Society Award

“A Theory of Institutional Hostility and Judicial Independence” (paper)
Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL (April)

“The Macropolitics of the Supreme Court” (paper, with Charles M. Cameron)

- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, New York, NY (October)
- American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL (August)
- Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL (April)

2006

“Judicial Review of Acts of Congress, 1789-2006” (paper, with Keith E. Whittington)

- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Austin, TX (October)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April)

“Institutional Hostility and the Separation of Powers” (paper)

- Modeling Law Locally Conference, NYU Law School, Center for Law, Economics, and Organization, New York, NY (October) (invited participant)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (August)

“Nonpartisan Elections and Democratic Accountability: An Analysis of State Supreme Court Abortion Decisions” (paper, with Richard Caldarone and Brandice Canes-Wrone)
American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (August)

“A Principal-Agent Theory of En Banc Review” (paper)

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April)
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (January)

2005

“Judicial Decision-Making During Wartime” (paper)

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (August)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April)
- Jacob Landynski Memorial Conference on Constitutionalism and Social Justice, New York, NY (February)

2004

“A Vacancy Crisis?: George Bush’s Judicial Nominees and Constitutional Reform” (paper)
Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

2003

“Beyond the Sentence: Public Perceptions of Collateral Consequences for Felony Offenders” (paper; with Brian Pinaire and Milton Heumann)
2003 Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Academic Service

Professional Associations

Co-Organizer, Political Economy and Public Law (PEPL) Conference, The University of Chicago Law School, June 2025

Award Committee Member, *2020 Emerging Scholar Award, Society for Political Methodology*

Co-Chair, 2017 Political Economy Section Program Committee, *American Political Science Association*

Member, 2016 Neal Tate Award Committee, *Southern Political Science Association*

Chair, 2015 Best Journal Article Award Committee, *Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association*

Conference Proposal Referee, *2014 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies*

Award Committee Member, *2014 Edward S. Corwin Award, American Political Science Association*

Program Committee Member, *2014 International Society of New Institutional Economics Conference*

Executive Committee, *Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2011-2013*

Professionals Committee Member, *Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2010-2012*

Award Committee Member, *2010 Carl Albert Award for Best Dissertation, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association*

Conference panel chair, *American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Law & Society Association*

Conference panel discussant, *American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Political Economy of Public Law Conference*

Editorial and Referee

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Law & Courts*, January 2021—

Field Editor, Methods and Formal Theory, *Journal of Politics*, January 2019-December 2020

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2014—present

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Politics*, 2014—2019

Editorial Board member, *Law, Courts and Politics Series, Routledge Press*

Associate Editor, *Research & Politics*, 2013—2018

Article manuscript reviewer, *American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Journal of Law, Economics & Organization, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Science Research & Methods, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Law & Economics, Public Choice, Sociological Methods & Research, Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Journal of Law & Courts, Law & Social Inquiry, Political Behavior, Justice System Journal, Stanford Law Review, Law & Policy, Justice Quarterly, Research & Politics*

Book manuscript or proposal reviewer, *Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, Oxford University Press, University of Virginia Press, SUNY Press, Routledge, Temple University Press*

Grant proposal reviewer, *National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*

University of Chicago

Departmental

Governing Board, Ph.D. Program in Political Economy, 2024-2025

Political Methodology Search Committee, 2024-2025

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2024-2025

University

Social Science Inquiry Instructor Search Committee, 2024-2025

Emory University

Departmental

American politics faculty search chair, Fall 2019

Director of Graduate Studies, 2016-2019

Director of Graduate Admissions and Placement, 2013-2015

Director, Political Institutions and Methodology Working Group, 2013-2015

Political philosophy committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

American political institutions faculty search chair, Fall 2014

Quantitative methods junior faculty search committee, Fall 2012

Organizer, Colloquium on Political Institutions and Methodology, 2011-2013

Acting Director, Center for the Study of Law, Politics & Economics, 2011-2012

Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2009-2019

Pi Sigma Alpha undergraduate research conference (discussant), April 2010

Pi Sigma Alpha induction speaker, November 2009

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2008-2009

Graduate curriculum development (institutional analysis), Fall 2008

University

Emory College Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2021-2022

Co-Chair, University Research Council, 2018-2022

Committee Member, Program to Enhance Research and Scholarship, 2017-2022

Committee Member, Committee on Academic Standards, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Participant, School of Law Alumni Reunion Panel, *Polar Opposites: The Challenges of Governance in a Time of Political Polarization*, September 2012

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity instructor, Summer 2010

Committee on Academic Standards, Fall 2010

Faculty Advisor to the Emory College Honor Council, Fall 2010-Spring 2013

Princeton University

Leader, Senior Thesis Writing Group, Department of Politics, University, 2006-2007

Committee Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2003-2004; 2004-2005; 2005-2006

Governmental

Expert testimony to West Virginia State Commission on Judicial Reform (September 21, 2009)

Miscellaneous

Pi Sigma Alpha induction speaker, Rutgers University, May 2010

Graduate Advising

Current Advisees

Sam England, Eric Dobbie

Past Advisees (alphabetical order, with initial placements)

Leeann Bass (post-doc, Princeton University), Elisha Cohen (post-doc, New York University; assistant professor, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign), Benjamin Engst (post-doc, University of Mannheim), Stephanie Dean (lecturer, Georgia State), Anna Gunderson (assistant professor, Louisiana State University), Maggie MacDonald (post-doc, New York University; assistant professor, University of Kentucky), Ashley Moraguez (assistant professor, UNC-Asheville), Jonathan Nash (Emory Law), Amna Salam (post-doc, Vanderbilt University; assistant professor, UC-San Diego), Kaylyn Jackson Schiff (post-doc Yale University; assistant professor, Perdue University), Josh Strayhorn (assistant professor, University of Colorado-Boulder), Jimmy Szewczyk (Senior Analyst, YouGov), Claire Wofford (assistant professor, College of Charleston)

Professional Memberships

Member, American Political Science Association

Law and Courts Section Member

Political Methodology Section Member

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, Southern Political Science Association

Member, European Political Science Association

Miscellaneous

Languages: French (fluent), Spanish (fluent), German (conversational), Italian (elementary), Russian (rudimentary)

Erdős number: 4

September 4, 2025