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Academic Appointments

Wesleyan University – Middletown, CT

Assistant Professor of Government, July 2019 –

American Bar Foundation – Chicago, Illinois

Affiliated Scholar, May 2019 –

Visiting Scholar, January 2016 – May 2019

SoDA Labs at Monash University – Melbourne, Australia

Affiliated Scholar, 2020 –

Law of Law Center at the University of Utah's Eccles School of Business

Non-resident Scholar, 2020 – 2023

North Central College – Naperville, Illinois

Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2015 – June 2019

Education

The George Washington University – Washington, D.C.

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Exam fields: American politics, Quantitative methodology

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. "Perceptions of administrative policymaking authority: evidence from interviews in three state court systems," *Oñati Socio-Legal Series: Empirical Research with Judicial Officers and Courts: Methods and Practices*.

2023. "Public campaign financing's effects on judicial legitimacy: evidence from a survey experiment," with Tiger Bjornlund (Wesleyan '24). *Research & Politics* 10(2): 1-7.

2022. "COVID-19 Housing Policy: State and Federal Eviction Moratoria and Supportive Measures in the United States During the Pandemic" with Emily Benfer, Peter Hepburn, Valerie Nazzaro (Wesleyan), Anne Kat Alexander, Danya Keene, and Matthew Desmond. *Housing Policy Debate*.

2019. "The Conditional Effectiveness of Legislative Threats: How Court-curbing Alters the Behavior of (Some) Supreme Court Justices" with Michael Zilis. *Political Research Quarterly*, 72(3) 570-583.

- Discussed in *Pacific Standard* (online), "Who Would Win a Battle Between a Liberal Congress and a Conservative Supreme Court?" October 2, 2018

2018. "Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges' Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence." with Michael Zilis. *Journal of Law and Courts* 6(2): 333-353.

2018. “Restraining the Court: Assessing Accounts of Congressional Attempts to Limit Supreme Court Authority.” with Michael Zilis. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 141-169.
2017. “Trial and Error: Lawyers and Nonlawyer Advocates.” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Law and Social Inquiry* 42(4): 1023-1057.
2015. “Legal Elites and Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court: Is the Supreme Court a ‘Political’ Institution?” with Brandon Bartels and Chris Johnston. *Law and Society Review* 49(3): 761-794.
2014. “Stepping on Congress: Courts, Congress, and Inter-Institutional Politics” with Forrest Maltzman, Charles Shipan, and Michael Zilis. *Journal of Law and Courts* 2(2):219-240.

Law Review Articles

- Forthcoming. “Lawyerless law development,” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Stanford Law Review Online*.
2022. “The Democratic Illegitimacy of Assembly-line Litigation,” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Harvard Law Review Forum* (online)
- 2022a. “The Field of State Civil Courts.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Columbia Law Review* 122(5): 1165-1182. (Symposium foreword)
- 2022b. “The Institutional Mismatch of State Civil Courts.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Columbia Law Review* 122(5): 1471-1538.
2022. “Judges in Lawyerless Courts” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Georgetown Law Journal* 110(3): 509-567.
2021. “Judges and the Deregulation of the Lawyer’s Monopoly.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Fordham Law Review* 89: 1315-1349.
2020. “COVID, Crisis, and Courts.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *Texas Law Review* (Online)
2018. “Studying the “New” Civil Judges.” with Anna Carpenter, Jessica Steinberg, and Colleen Shanahan. *Wisconsin Law Review*. 2018(2): 249-286.
2018. “Measuring Law School Clinics.” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jeff Selbin. *Tulane Law Review*. 92(3): 547-586.
2016. “Can a Little Representation Be a Dangerous Thing?” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Hastings Law Review*. 67: 1367-1388.
2016. “Lawyers, Power, and Strategic Expertise” with Colleen Shanahan and Anna Carpenter. *Denver Law Review*. 93(2): 469-521.

Other writing

2022. “Assessing state eviction prevention policies in response to covid-19,” with Emily Benfer, Peter Hepburn, Valerie Nazzaro (Wesleyan), Anne Kat Alexander, Danya Keene, and Matthew Desmond, *Eviction Lab Updates* (blog post)
2022. “America’s Lawyerless Courts,” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. *American Bar Association Law Practice Magazine* (online)
2021. “Solving civil justice issues in the classroom,” with Kathryn Campbell, Ariel Deutsch, Leila Patsalides, and Harriet Winterlich (all Wesleyan undergraduates), *American Bar Association Journal* (online)
2019. “The American Bar Association.” in *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. eds. Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
2019. “When the Supreme Court is under siege from Congress, the Chief Justice strikes down fewer laws.” with Michael A. Zilis, *United States Politics and Policy Blog, London School of Economics*. May 1.
2016. “Review of *The Trouble with Lawyers* by Deborah L. Rhode.” *Law and Politics Book Review*. 26(6): 117-120.
2016. “Is it a problem that judges no longer have experience working in Congress?” *Monkey Cage Blog, The Washington Post*. February 10.
2016. “Forecasting Opinion Assignment on the Supreme Court” with Paul Wahlbeck, Ryan Krog, and Phillip Wininger. In Artemus Ward and David Danelski Eds. *The U.S. Chief Justice*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
2013. “Does Religion Transcend Social Issues? The Effects of Religion on Congressional Voting” with Steven Tuch in William V. D’Antonio, Steven A. Tuch, and Josiah Baker, *The Religious Factor: Religion Culture Wars, and Polarization*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- Carol A. Baker ’81 Memorial Prize (Wesleyan). 2023.
- Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, Service Award. 2023.
- Monash University (Australia), Research Support Grant, “Exploring the Relationship between Age of Parenthood and Civil Justice Problem Incidence,” with Catrina Denvir, Meredith Edelman, and Jess Mant. 2022.
- American Association of University Women, American Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, July 2022 – June 2023.
- National Science Foundation, “Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts, with Abby Matthews (University at Buffalo) and Monica Lineberger (U Wisconsin – Whitewater) (SES2147840), 2021-2022.

Pew Charitable Trusts: “COVID-19 court orders archive.” (a grant supporting the development of a public-facing archive of the documents collected during the RAPID grant’s administration) 2021-22

National Science Foundation: “RAPID: Procedural changes in state courts during COVID-19” (SES 2028981), 2020-2021

American Political Science Association Centennial Fund: “Women on Track: Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship” with Abby Matthews (University at Buffalo) and Monica Lineberger (U Wisconsin – Whitewater), 2020-2021.

Illinois Campus Compact; Election Engagement Grant, 2018

National Science Foundation; “Access to Civil Justice: Integrating and Advancing Theory and Practice” (SES 1823791) with Rebecca Sandefur (University of Illinois, American Bar Foundation) and David Udell (Fordham Law School, National Center for Access to Justice), 2018-2019

North Central College, Summer Professional Development Grant, 2016, 2017, 2018

Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, Fellowship Grant, 2015-16

APSA Congressional Fellowship Program, 2015-2016 (Declined)

The Economic Club of Washington Philip Dearborn Fellow, 2014-2015

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant; “Accessing Assistance and Citizen Engagement” (SES 1324074), 2013-2016

Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Endowment (scholarship), Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment (scholarship), and Mary Rickey Fellowship, 2013-2014

GW Political Science Department Graduate Research Grant, 2013

Writing in the Discipline Workshop Grant, 2012-2013

Summer Research Fellowship; The George Washington University, 2011, 2013

Teaching Fellowship; The George Washington University, 2009-2013

Emerging Scholar Award; Phi Kappa Phi, 2006

Working Projects (selected)

Disrupting the Courts: The Civil Legal System and the COVID-19 Pandemic, University Press of Kansas (under advance contract)

America’s Lawyerless Courts, a book project with Anna Carpenter, Colleen Shanahan, and Jessica Steinberg

“Perceptions of administrative policymaking authority: evidence from centralized and decentralized state

court systems,” *Oñati Socio-legal Series* (preparing for resubmission)

“Civil legal problems and the military: a demand side account,” with Zach Zarnow (National Center for State Courts), Valerie Nazzaro (Wesleyan), and Catrina Denvir (Monash University)

Law reform in the public’s mind – a multi-publication project leveraging machine learning techniques to investigate legal consciousness, legal knowledge, and the public’s ideas for legal change in the United Kingdom with Catrina Denvir and Guy Aglionby (Cambridge University)

Legal profession and legal services reform in Utah: a multi-year, mixed-method investigation of state access to justice innovations – with Anna Carpenter

“Full Court Press: The Causes and Consequences of Executive Court Curbing” with Michael Zilis

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association (2013, 2014, 2017)

American University Poverty Law Conference (2013)

Illinois Political Science Association (2008)

Law and Society Association (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

Midwest Political Science Association (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021)

Northeastern Political Science Association (2021)

Onati Institute Workshop on Empirical Sociolegal Studies (2022)

Southern Political Science Association (2016, 2020, 2023)

UC Hastings Law School/Stanford Access to Justice Conference (2015)

University College London Access to Justice Conference (2014, 2018)

Invited Talks and Presentations

2023. “Insights from the pandemic: what covid-19 taught us about court system operations.” – American Association for University Women, Shoreline and Lower Connecticut Valley Annual Joint Meeting, Keynote.

2022. “A vision for the future of state civil courts” – NYU Center on Civil Justice

2022. “In-person hearings during the pandemic.” – Covid and the Courts; National Center for State Courts/Loyola-Marymount Law School’s Civil Justice Program

2022. “Disrupting the Courts: The American Legal System and the Covid-19 Pandemic.” – The International Access to Justice and Legal Services Forum; Victoria Law Foundation/UC-Irvine (virtual)

2022. “Lawyer reactions to liberalization of the legal market” with Anna Carpenter. Access to justice, regulatory reform, and just solutions; Arizona State University.

2022. Invited panelist. Diagnosis of technological implementation tools in Mexican Judiciaries; México Evalua (virtual)

2021. Invited panelist. ICTs, justice, and the pandemic: what we have learned and how to face future challenges; Faculty of Law Universidad Adolfo Ibanez (virtual)

2021. “Judges in Lawyerless Courts” with Colleen Shanahan, Anna Carpenter, and Jessica Steinberg. Columbia Law School Faculty Workshop Series

2020. “Goodnight, Status Quo: State court innovation during the covid-19 pandemic.” University of Connecticut Political Science Dept. Colloquium (virtual)
2020. “Studying law as a social phenomenon: How state courts are responding to the covid-19 pandemic.” University of Sao Paulo – Riberão Preto School of Law (virtual)
2020. “State efforts to reform legal services regulation” with Lucy Ricca (Stanford) and Anna Carpenter. Poverty Law Conference; Berkeley Law School (canceled due to COVID-19).
2020. *Individual Roots of Institutional Conflict: The Origins and Consequences of Congressional Assaults on the U.S. Supreme Court* with Michael Zilis. University of Connecticut Political Science Colloquium (canceled due to COVID-19)
2019. “Empirical methods and access to justice.” Bellow Scholars Workshop; Columbia Law School
2018. A Framework for Studying the State Civil Justice Landscape.” Fellows of the American Bar Association
2018. Campaign Finance in a Post-*Citizens United* World.” American Association of University Women, Naperville, IL Chapter
2018. “A Crash Course in Empirical Methodologies for Clinical Law Professors.” 11th Annual Bellow Scholars Workshop; University of South Carolina School of Law
2018. “The “New” Civil Judges” with Anna Carpenter. University College London Centre for Empirical Legal Studies Access to Justice Conference
2017. “The “New” Civil Judges” with Anna Carpenter, Colleen Shanahan and Jessica Steinberg. *Wisconsin Law Review* Fall Symposium
2016. “Civic Learning in the Civil Legal Aid Office.” Fellows Research Advisory Committee; American Bar Foundation
2016. “Civil Legal Services and Political Empowerment of the Poor.” American Bar Foundation
2015. “Seeing the Law from All Sides: Judges’ Perspectives on Inter-branch Public Service Experiences.” Judicial Branch Committee of the Federal Judicial Conference, Biannual Meeting
2015. Invited participant. Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop II. University of Wisconsin Law School
2014. Invited participant. Access to Justice Empirical Methods Workshop. University of Wisconsin Law School
2013. “Does Religion Transcend Social Issue Voting?” Woman’s National Democratic Club, Washington, D.C.
2013. Invited participant. The Normative Implications of Empirical Research on Law and Courts Workshop; George Washington University

2012. “Beyond Remedy: Does Civil Legal Aid Matter for Democratic Governance? A Research Proposal.” National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference
2012. Invited participant. Access to Civil Justice: Re-envisioning and Reinvigorating Research Workshop; American Bar Foundation
2012. “Why Legal Assistance Matters for Democratic Governance.” Brookings Institution Governance Studies; Summer Brown Bag Series

Research and Teaching Interests

American politics; The separation of powers; Access to justice; Courts and judicial politics; Law and society; Political and civic engagement; Political behavior; Bureaucratic politics; Quantitative methodology

Courses Taught

Introductory

Introduction to American Politics (Wesleyan: FA 2019, SP 2020, FA 2020, FA 2021, scheduled FA 2023)
 Introduction to Law (NCC)
 Introduction to Political Science (NCC)

Survey level

Public Opinion and Political Behavior (NCC)
 Judicial Politics and Process (Wesleyan: FA 2021)
 Constitutional Law I: Separation of Powers (Wesleyan: FA 2019, SP 2021, SP 2022, scheduled FA 2023)
 Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties (Wesleyan: FA 2020, scheduled SP 2024)

Seminars

Judicial Decision-making (Wesleyan: SP 2020, SP 2022)
 Political and Legal Dimensions of Natural Disasters (NCC)
 Access to Civil Justice (Wesleyan: SP 2021, scheduled SP 2024)

Service

Mentor, American Bar Foundation/JPB Access to Justice Scholars Program, 2023-2025
 APSA Law and Courts Section Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2022
 Editorial Board – *Law and Social Inquiry*, 2021-2023
 Editorial Advisory Board – *Law and Society Review* 2019-2022
 Alumni Association Board of Directors (SIUE), 2018-2021
 APSA Law and Courts Section C. Herman Pritchett Book Award Committee, 2017
 APSA Law and Courts Section Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, 2016
American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Judicature, Political Research Quarterly, Law and Social Inquiry, Law and Society Review, Journal of Law and Courts, Journal of Politics, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, ad-hoc reviewer
 Pi Sigma Alpha; Undergraduate Conference, discussant 2014, 2015