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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The Ohio State University (Political Science), August 2005.  
Major Field: American Politics—Judicial and Legislative Politics  
Minor Field: Political Psychology

M.A. The Ohio State University (Political Science), May 2003.  
Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Summer 2002.

B.A. The University of Missouri-Columbia (Political Science and History), May 2000.  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Ph.D. Dissertation: *The Courts, Congress, and the Politics of Federal Jurisdiction*  
Dissertation Committee: Lawrence Baum (Chair), Elliot Slotnick, and Herbert Weisberg  
Date Defended: August 10, 2005

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of Political Science. Georgia Southern University, 2006-present.  
Associate Director of Justice Studies. Georgia Southern University, 2008-present.

### **BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS**

*Decision Making by the Modern Supreme Court: Creating the Living Law and Maintaining the Constitutional Shield* (under contract, Cambridge University Press, coauthored with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall).

### **PUBLICATIONS IN REFERRED JOURNALS**

- “Expertise, Experience, and Ideology on Specialized Courts: The Case of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit” (with Banks Miller). Forthcoming, *Law and Society Review*.
- “Does Descriptive Race Representation Enhance Institutional Legitimacy? The Case of the U.S. Courts” (with Nancy Scherer). Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.

- “Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places? Foreign Law and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court” (coauthored with Banks Miller). *Politics & Policy* 36 (December 2008): 1094-1124.
- “‘An Informal and Limited Alliance’: The President and the Supreme Court” (coauthored with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall). *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 38 (June 2008): 223-247.
- “Keepers of the Covenant or Platonic Guardians? Decision Making on the United States Supreme Court” (coauthored with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall). *American Politics Research* 35 (September 2007): 694-725.
- “Institutions, Interests, and Judicial Outcomes: The Politics of Federal Diversity Jurisdiction.” *Political Research Quarterly* 60 (September 2007): 454-467.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES**

- Curry, Brett. (2008). “Antonin Scalia.” In *CQ Press Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*.
- Curry, Brett. (2008). “*Goldman v. Weinberger*.” In *CQ Press Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*.
- Curry, Brett. (2008). “*Lee v. Weisman*.” In *CQ Press Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*.
- Curry, Brett. 2007. “Nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.” In *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, ed. Robert Dewhirst. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- Curry, Brett W. 2009. Review of *Champion of Civil Rights: Judge John Minor Wisdom*. Joel William Friedman. *Law and Politics Book Review* 19: 366-370.
- Curry, Brett W. 2008. Review of *Friendships Across Ages: Johnson & Boswell; Holmes & Laski*. Jeffrey O’Connell and Thomas E. O’Connell. *Law and Politics Book Review* 18: 514-516.
- Curry, Brett W. 2007. Review of *Architect of Justice: Felix S. Cohen and the Founding of American Legal Pluralism*. Dalia Tsuk Mitchell. *Law and Politics Book Review* 17: 764-767.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

- “Experts in Crime: The Effect of an Exclusively Criminal Docket on Judicial Behavior” (with Banks Miller and Dino Christenson). In preparation for journal submission.
- “Experts Judging Experts: The Role of Expertise in Reviewing Agency Decision Making” (with Banks Miller). In preparation for journal submission.
- “An Interpretative Soliloquy or a Continuing Colloquy? Decision Making on the Modern Supreme Court” (with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall). In preparation for journal submission.

- “The Impact of a Judge’s Race on Public Support for A Judicial Decision: Experiments on First Amendment and Search and Seizure Cases” (with Nancy Scherer).
- “Conflict on the Supreme Court and Its Consequences for Public Support” (with Kathleen M. McGraw and Stephanie Maruska). Revise and resubmit, *Political Psychology*.
- “Reassessing the Voting Behavior of Minority and Female Judges on the Federal Bench” (with Nancy Scherer and Banks Miller).
- “Court-Stripping and Reapportionment: Symbolic Politics or Self-Preservation?”
- “What Impact Does Gender Diversity on the Federal Bench Have on Citizens’ Support for the Judiciary?” (with Nancy Scherer)
- “Strategic or Sincere? Understanding Supreme Court Decisionmaking” (with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Impact of a Judge’s Race on Public Support for a Judicial Decision.” with Nancy Scherer. 2009. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Experts in Crime: The Effect of an Exclusively Criminal Docket on Judicial Behavior.” with Banks Miller and Dino Christenson. 2009. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Reassessing the Voting Behavior of Minority and Female Judges on the Federal Bench.” with Nancy Scherer and Banks Miller. 2008. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Effect of Ideology in Decision Making on Specialized Courts: The Case of the Federal Circuit Court.” with Banks Miller. 2008. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Navigating Separation of Powers: The Supreme Court and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.” with Richard Pacelle, Bryan Marshall, and Jason Lawrence. 2008. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “A Vital National Seminar and a Super Legislature: Decision Making on the Modern Supreme Court.” with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Judges and Gender: Descriptive Representation’s Consequences for Judicial Legitimacy.” with Nancy Scherer. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Creating the Living Law and Maintaining the Constitutional Shield: Decision Making by the Modern Supreme Court.” with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany.

- “Descriptive Race Representation and Public Support for the U.S. Courts.” with Nancy Scherer. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany.
- “Of Opportunities and Constraints: Decision Making on the Supreme Court.” with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Is Race Relevant? Descriptive Representation and Support for the Courts.” with Nancy Scherer. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Supreme Court, Foreign Law, and its Consequences for Public Support.” with Banks Miller. 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “What Impact Does Gender Diversity on the Federal Bench Have on Citizens’ Support for the Judiciary?” with Nancy Scherer. 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Strategic or Sincere? The Supreme Court Deals with Economic Issues,” with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall. 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Strategic or Sincere? Understanding Supreme Court Decisionmaking,” with Richard Pacelle and Bryan Marshall. 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “What Impact Does Racial and Gender Diversity on the Federal Bench Have on Citizens’ Support for the Judiciary?” with Nancy Scherer. 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Institutions, Interests, and Judicial Outcomes: The Politics of Federal Diversity Jurisdiction.” 2005. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Moving Up: Assessing House Member Success in U.S. Senate Elections.” 2004. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

- Judicial Politics
- Constitutional Law
- Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
- Law and Society
- Introduction to American Government
- Legislative Politics
- Research Methods

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### Georgia Southern University

- *Criminal Procedure*, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
- *Scope and Methods in Political Science (Honors)*, Spring 2008
- *Honors Seminar*—Fall 2007 (team taught with Krista Wiegand)-current
- *Constitutional Law I*, Fall 2007, Fall 2009
- *Constitutional Law II*, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2009
- *Judicial Process*, Fall 2006, Summer 2007, Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Summer 2009
- *American Government*, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2008

### The Ohio State University

- *Introduction to American Politics*, Fall 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2006
- *Techniques of Political Analysis*, Fall 2005
- *The American Constitution and Government Powers*, Spring 2006, Spring 2005, Winter 2004
- *The Courts and Civil Liberties*, Fall 2003 and Summer 2003

### **COURSES ASSISTED**

- *Judicial Politics*, Spring 2003 and Spring 2002, Professor Elliot Slotnick
- *American Political Parties*, Winter 2003 and Fall 2001, Professor Paul Beck
- *Introduction to American Politics*, Fall 2002, Professor Alan Wiseman

### **PROFESSIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Member, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Search Committee, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.
- 1906 Scholars Interview Panel, December 5, 2008.
- Scholar's Day Interview Panel, March 1, 2008.
- Associate Director of Justice Studies. Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, 2008-present.
- Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2-5, 2008. "Supreme Court Processes and Theories."
- Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2-5, 2008. "Decision Making Under Threat: War, Terrorism, Extremism."
- Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 3-6, 2008. "Separation of Powers."
- Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 3-6, 2008. "Separation of Powers."
- Member, Justice Studies Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2007.
- Member, Public Administration Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2007.

- Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 12-15, 2007. “Judicial Decision Making During Times of War.”
- Discussant, Georgia Political Science Association Meeting, November 16-18, 2006. “Local Issues in Politics.”
- Member, Justice Studies Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2006.
- Member, Public Administration Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, Fall 2006.
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Committee, Graduate Student Representative. January 2004-June 2005.
- Graduate Student Representative, The Ohio State University’s Public Service Announcement, 2004.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- The Courts and Congress
- Public Opinion and the Courts
- Interest Groups and the Judiciary
- Judicial Decision making
- Impact of Judicial Decisions

### **TEACHING ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Fellow, The Ohio State University, 2003-2004. Selected to participate in a university-wide mentorship program with faculty from liberal arts colleges. Mentor Institution: John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio.
- Completed Political Science 795, “Teaching Political Science,” Winter 2003.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- Faculty Research Grant, Georgia Southern University, \$7,238, July 2008 – July 2009.
- Grant for Professional Travel, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Georgia Southern University, \$1,248, April 2007.
- ORSSP Request for Proposal Development Assistance, Georgia Southern University, \$1,000, January 2007.
- Graduate Faculty Designation, Georgia Southern University (2006-present).
- Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation of the 2004-2005 Academic Year. Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, September 2005.
- Research Fellowship, Program for Enhancement in Graduate Studies (PEGS). The Ohio State University, Multiple Quarters (\$10,000).
- University Fellowship, The Graduate School, The Ohio State University, 2000-2001, 2004-2005.

- Nominee, The Ohio State University's Graduate Associate Teaching Award, 2003-2004 Academic Year.
- Departmental Teaching Commendation, The Ohio State University, Summer 2003, Autumn 2003, Winter 2004, Spring 2005.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF) Law and Social Science Program, Division of Social and Economic Sciences, 2008.
- Reviewer, *Journal of Politics* (2007, 2008)
- Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly* (2009)
- Reviewer, *American Politics Research* (2007, 2008)
- Reviewer, *Justice System Journal* (2008)
- Compensated Reviewer, *American Democracy Now* (Ch. 14, "The Judiciary," for McGraw-Hill Company), Spring 2008.
- Compensated Reviewer, *American Democracy Now* (Ch. 5, "Civil Rights," for McGraw-Hill Company), Summer 2008.
- Compensated Reviewer, proposed constitutional law textbook (for Prentice Hall), Spring 2007.
- American Political Science Association (Law and Courts and Legislative Studies Section Memberships)
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Center for Law, Policy, and Social Sciences (Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University), 2000-2006.