

# CHRISTINE C. BIRD, JD, PHD

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Interest Groups and Elite Political Behavior, Agenda Setting, Institutions, Law and Courts, Executive and Bureaucratic Politics, Interest Group Mobilization, Public Policy and the Law

## APPOINTMENTS

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science 2023-present  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Oklahoma State University

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science 2021-2023  
Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy  
University at Albany, SUNY

**Affiliated Faculty**, The Policy Agendas Project 2021-present

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Government**, The University of Texas at Austin 2022  
Dissertation: The Gatekeeping Role of the Office of the Solicitor General at the Certiorari Stage  
Committee: H.W. Perry (Co-Chair), Sean Theriault (Co-Chair), Bryan Jones, Rhonda Evans  
Other Training ICPSR Summer Program 2019 (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
IQMR Summer Program 2018 (Syracuse University)

**MA in Government**, The University of Texas at Austin 2018  
Thesis: The Disability Rights Movement

**JD**, Oklahoma City University School of Law 2016  
Certificate in Public Law  
Law Review Board of Editors Executive Editor

**BA** in Political Science, University of Oklahoma (with Distinction) 2013

## PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARSHIP

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“The Heat is On: Does Civil Litigation Affect Policing Practices?” (with Brooke N. Shannon) 2024. Forthcoming at *Political Research Quarterly*.

“Going Nuclear: Federalist Society Affiliated Judicial Nominees’ Prospects and a New Era of Confirmation Politics” (with Zac A. McGee) 2023. *American Politics Research* 51:37-56  
DOI:10.1177/1532673X221109534

“Looking Forward: The Federalist Society in the Circuit Courts and the Future of Legal Counter-Mobilization” 2023. (with Zac A. McGee) 2023. *Polity* 55(2) DOI:10.1086/724189

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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“*Whole Woman’s Health v. Jackson* on Delegated Enforcement of Abortion Restrictions” (with Julie Novkov) in *Major Decisions and Developments of the U.S. Supreme Court 2022* edited by Morgan Marietta

## RESEARCH AGENDA IN PROGRESS

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"From Ads to Action: The Influence of Interest Group Supreme Court Confirmation Advertisements on Political Engagement" (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh) *Invited to Revise and Resubmit*

"The FedSoc Senators: Senator Voting Behavior on Federalist Society Judicial Nominees" (with Jonathan King and Zac A. McGee) *Under Review*

"The Gatekeeping Role of the Office of the Solicitor General at the Certiorari Stage" *Book Manuscript*

"May it Please the President: The Chief Gatekeeper: the Office of the Solicitor General" *In Preparation for Submission*(Dissertation Chapter)

"The Textual Complexity of Office of the Solicitor General's Certiorari Briefs" *In Preparation for Submission*(Dissertation Chapter)

"Staying Out of It: External Actors the Supreme Court's Agenda" (with Bethany Blackstone) *In Preparation for Submission*

"Negative Cues: Democratic Senator Voting Behavior on Federalist Society Judicial Nominees" (with Jonathan King and Zac A. McGee) *In Progress*

"Political Salience, Media Response, and the Court of Last Resort: Australia and the United States" (with Rhonda Evans) *In Progress*

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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"Affiliation with the Federalist Society helps federal judges get confirmed" *3Streams Blog at Medium* July 13, 2022

"Politics, Identity, and the US Supreme Court." *New Books Political Science Podcast*

## TEACHING

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TEACHING INTERESTS: American Political Institutions, Interest Groups, Elites, Law and Society, Constitutional Law, Discrimination Law, Southern Politics

### Oklahoma State University:

- Judicial Politics and Process
- Law and Public Policy
- Administrative Law

### University at Albany:

*Award: Professor Martin Edelman Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching 2022*

- Constitutional Law I (Capstone and Writing Seminar) (Sp22, Fa22) (20 Enrolled) (Evaluations 5/5)
- The American Supreme Court (Fa21, Sp22, Fa22) (50 Enrolled) (Evaluations 5/5)
- Anti-Discrimination Law (Sp22) (50 Enrolled)(Evaluations 5/5)

### University of Texas

*Award: Department of Government Outstanding Teaching Award 2019*

*Instructor of Record*

- Introduction to American Government and Texas Politics (210 Enrolled)(Evaluations 4.4/5)

- Introduction to American Government and Texas Politics (70 Enrolled) (Evaluations 4.8/5)

*Teaching Assistant*

- American Elections (Online) (1500 Enrolled)(for Sean Theriault and Bethany Albertson)
- Introduction to American Government and Texas Politics (Online) (2000 Enrolled)(for Sean Theriault and Bethany Albertson)
- Civil Liberties (For Gary Jacobsohn)
- Separation of Powers (For HW Perry)

**RESEARCH AND LAB EXPERIENCE**

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THE LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH LAB (LAPP), Founder, Focused on Undergraduate Research and Professional Development 2021-Present

POLICY AGENDAS PROJECT, Faculty Research Fellow, 2021-Present

POLICY AGENDAS PROJECT, Graduate Research Fellow, 2017-2021

EDWARD A. CLARK CENTER FOR AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STUDIES, Graduate Research Assistant, 2017-2021

HW PERRY, Graduate Research Assistant, 2017-2020

JEFF TULIS, Graduate Research Assistant, 2017-2020

CHICKASAW NATION LIBRARY, OCU Law, Research Assistant, 2014-2016

**INVITED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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NSF REU, Mobilization and Political Economy (MPE) Summer Research Program, University of Pittsburgh, Invited Talk on Text as Data, June 2024

Conference on U.S. Supreme Court Nominations and Confirmations: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, University of Georgia, February 2024

Oregon State University Department of Political Science Invited Talk Fall 2023

Utica University Department of Political Science Invited Talk Fall 2022

Law and Society NSF Workshop UMass-Amherst Fall 2022

NSF Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts Workshop June 2022

NSF Facilitating Empirical Studies on Constitutional Courts from a Comparative Perspective Conference April 2018

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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APSA: 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, Discussant for Law and Courts Section

MPSA: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020\*, 2019, 2018, Discussant for Law and Courts Section

SPSA: 2024, 2021, 2019, 2018, Discussant for Law and Courts and Presidency Sections

LSA: 2022

CAP: 2020, 2019, 2018

SPP: 2023

UT Graduate Conference in Public Law: 2024, 2017

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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APSA Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars, 2024 (\$2000)

Oklahoma State University College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 2025, (\$1200)

UAlbany-SUNY Professor Martin Edelman Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2022 (\$1500)

UT British Empire Studies Fellowship, Summer 2022 (\$1000)

UT Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Fall 2021 (\$15,000) *declined*

UT Dissertation Fellowship, Summer 2021 (\$6,000)

UT Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2021 (\$15,000)

UT-Austin Department of Government Outstanding Teaching Award, Spring 2019

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2019, 2022 (\$250)

UT Dept. of Government ICPSR Fellowship, 2019 (\$1,500)

J.J. Pickle ICPSR Fellowship, 2019 (\$1,100)

Edward A. Clark Center Professional Development Fellowship, 2019 (\$1,100)

Edward A. Clark Center International Travel Grant, 2018-2019 (\$4000 total)

Texas Politics Project Research Grant, 2018 (\$1,100)

UT Department of Government and IQMR Fellowship, 2018 (\$2000)

National Science Foundation Facilitating Empirical Studies on Constitutional Courts from a Comparative Perspective Conference Travel Grant, 2018 (\$500)

Southern Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2018 (\$300)

UT Graduate School Professional Development Award, 2018-2019 (\$1,150 total)

UT Austin Dept. of Government Recruitment Fellowship, 2016-2021 (\$2200 per semester)

Oklahoma City University Service to the Law School Award, 2016 (2 from graduating class)

Executive Editor, Law Review Board of Editors, 2015-2016

Law Review Member, 2014-2016

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award, Oklahoma City University School of Law, 2014-2016

Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society (Top 20% of Class Invited), 2014-2016

Dean's Pro Bono Service Fellowship, School of Law, 2014 (\$1000)

Merit Scholarship, 2013-2016 (Tuition and Fees, OCU Law)

College of Arts and Science Leadership Scholars Executive Committee, University of Oklahoma, 2011-2013

President's Community Scholars, University of Oklahoma, 2010-2013

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Reviewer: American Political Science Review, Political Research Quarterly; American Politics Research; Journal of Law and Courts; Research and Politics; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Social Science Quarterly; Polity

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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Oklahoma State:

- Methods Committee, 2023-present
- Search Committee- American Politics, Fall 2023
- Pre-law Major Option Curriculum Redesign, Spring 2024

University of Texas:

- Co-President, Graduate Student Organization, 2017-2019
- Co-Organizer, Graduate Conference in Public Law, 2017-2018
- Co-Founder, Women in Political Science Working Group, UT-Austin
- Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship, 2017, 2018

Oklahoma City University

- President, Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law, 2014-2015

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Southern Political Science Association (Since 2018)

Midwest Political Science Association (Since 2018)

American Political Science Association (Since 2016)

Law and Society Association (Since 2022)

Oklahoma Bar Association, OBA#32733 (Since 2016)

## **SKILLS**

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R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Google Suite, Qualtrics

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

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The Oklahoma Supreme Court, Chief Justice Tom Colbert, Judicial Clerk (2015-2016)

Private Civil Rights Litigation Firm, Licensed Legal Intern (2014-2015)

United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Litigation Intern (2014-2015)

## **REFERENCES**

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H.W. PERRY, JR.

Associate Professor of Law and Government

University Distinguished Teaching Professor

The University of Texas at Austin

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