

# CHRISTINE C. BIRD, JD, PHD

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Elite Political Behavior, Agenda Setting, Institutions, Law and Courts, Bureaucratic and Administrative 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

**Associate Director**, The Policy Agendas Project 2025-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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1. “CSI (Courts, Science, and Information) How Judges Use Forensic Science in Opinions and How It Impacts Prosecution” (with Tebah Browne and Eve Ringsmuth), Forthcoming *Journal of Law and Courts*
2. “The FedSoc Senators: Senator Voting Behavior on Federalist Society Judicial Nominees” (with Jonathan King and Zac A. McGee) 2025, *Journal of Law and Courts*
3. “Ad-Dressing the Bench: The Impact of Interest Group Ads on Partisan Perceptions of Supreme Court Confirmations” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh) 2025, Forthcoming, *Interest Groups and Advocacy*
4. “From Ads to Action: The Influence of Interest Group Supreme Court Confirmation Advertisements on Political Engagement” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh) 2024. *Political Research Quarterly* DOI:10.1177/1065912924180248

- Winner of the 2024 SPSA Neal Tate Best Paper in Judicial Politics Award

5. “The Heat is On: Does Civil Litigation Affect Policing Practices?” (with Brooke N. Shannon). 2024. *Political Research Quarterly* DOI:10.1177/10659129241266824.
6. “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
7. “Looking Forward: The Federalist Society in the Circuit Courts and the Future of Legal Counter-Mobilization” (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

“Rural Representation in Amicus Briefs in Women’s Healthcare Cases” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh) 2026, forthcoming in *Rural Politics: No Longer Flyover Country* edited by Karen Kedrowski and Leah Murray, Routledge University Press

## RESEARCH AGENDA IN PROGRESS

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“I Want It That Way: Policy Venues, Intense Publics, and Political Engagement in Reproductive Health Policy” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh), Revise and Resubmit, *Policy Studies Journal*

“Invisible Armor: How Gendered Violence Reshapes Political Behavior in Local Office” (with Rebekah Herrick, Sofia Cooignon, & Sue Thomas), Revise and Resubmit, *Urban Affairs Review*

“The Federalist Society Affiliated Organizational Network” (with Zac A. McGee) Grant Proposal Under Review with NSF, \$300,000

“Trust Me Maybe: The Role of Venue, Policy Alignment, and Knowledge in Shaping Institutional Trust” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh), Under Review

“The Strong, Not So Silent Type: The Impact of Partisan and Gendered Digital Divides on Political Engagement” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh), Under Review

“All The King’s Men: How Government Attorneys Shape Access to the U.S. Supreme Court” Book Manuscript in Progress

“Legislative Divisiveness and the Supreme Court’s Policy Agenda” (with Robin Taboni) In Progress

“The Federalist Society’s Policy Agenda” (with Zac A. McGee) In Progress

“Media Attention, Case Risk, and the Solicitor General’s Certiorari Strategy” (with Grace Higgins, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Dino Christenson, and Sahar Abi-Hassan), In Progress

“Judicial Effectiveness Scores” in Progress

“How Effective Legislators Engage Court Curbing Legislation” (with Zac McGee), In Progress

“Judicial Behavior and the Legislative Effectiveness of Court Curbing Bill Sponsors” (with Zac McGee), In Progress

“How Shared Educational Ties Drive Voting Behavior in Judicial Nominations” (with Ryan DeTamble and Zac McGee), In Progress

“Risky Police Business: When Discretionary Street-Level Behavior Generates Legal Liability” (With Brooke N. Shannon and Joshua Baldwin), In Progress

“Interest Groups and Rural Representation in Amicus Filings” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh, In Progress

“The Role of Courts in Sterilization and Reproductive Health Movements in Comparative Perspective” (with Liana Woskie and Kimberly N. Turner) In Progress

“Political Salience, Media Response, and the Court of Last Resort: New Zealand” (with Rhonda Evans and Sierra Rowe) In Progress

“Political Salience, Media Response, and the Court of Last Resort: Australia” (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,

### **Oklahoma State University:**

- Judicial Politics and Process (Fa23, Fa24, Fa25, Fa26)
- Intro to Law and Courts (Fa26)
- Law and Public Policy (Fa23, Fa24)
- Administrative Law (Sp24)
- Sports, Law, and Politics (Sp25, Sp26)

### **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, Director, Focused on Empirical Legal Research and Professional Development 2021-Present

POLICY AGENDAS PROJECT, Associate Director, 2025-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, Faculty Research Fellow, 2021-Present

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 TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS**

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University of Houston, Department of Political Science, Representation and Judicial Legitimacy Conference Spring 2026

University of Georgia, Department of Political Science, Spring 2025

University at Albany, SUNY Lunch and Learn, "Supreme Court 2023 Term Roundup), Invited Panelist, July 2024

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, Fall 2023

University of Florida, Department of Political Science, Fall 2023

Oklahoma State University, Fall 2022

University of Mississippi, Fall 2022

Miami University, Fall 2022

Albert University, Fall 2022

Furman University, Fall 2022

Bradley University, Fall 2022

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: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, Discussant for Law and Courts Section

MPSA: 2026, 2025, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020\*, 2019, 2018, Discussant for Law and Courts Section

SPSA: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2021, 2019, 2018, Discussant for Law and Courts, Presidency, and Interest Groups and Parties Sections

LSA: 2022

CAP: 2026, 2020, 2019, 2018

SPP: 2023

ISA RC09 2025 Seoul, South Korea; 2024 Austin, Texas

UT Graduate Conference in Public Law: 2024, 2017

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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TCU AddRan Cluster for Human-Centered AI Research Grant, 2026, “The Gender of Authority: Justice–Attorney Interactions in Supreme Court Oral Argument.” (with Christine Bird and Marcy Shieh) (\$500)

APSA Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Faculty, 2025, (\$2000)

SPSA 2024 Neal Tate Best Paper in Judicial Politics (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh) for “From Ads to Action: The Influence of Interest Group Supreme Court Confirmation Advertisements on Political Engagement” (Co-Winner)

Oklahoma State University College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award, 2025, (\$6000)

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, American Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly; Political Behavior; American Politics Research; Journal of Law and Courts; Policy Studies Journal; Research and Politics; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Social Science Quarterly; Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis; Polity; New Political Science

APSA Law and Courts Section Teaching and Mentoring Service Award Committee

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

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Oklahoma State:

- Wentz Undergraduate Research Award Reviewer
- AURCA Undergraduate Research Mentor
- Access Committee, 2025-present
- Graduate Committee, 2024-present
- Methods Committee, 2023-present
- Search Committee- American Politics, Fall 2023
- Pre-law Major Option Curriculum Redesign, Spring 2024
- Research Supervision
- Chair, Masters Thesis Committee, Kait Pinkerton
- Reader, Masters Thesis Committee, Hamdela Halidu Ghanda

- Reader, Masters Thesis Committee, Tallie Tynes
- Reader, Honors Thesis Committee, Emmalie Green (English)

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

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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)

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## SKILLS

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

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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)

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## REFERENCES

H.W. PERRY, JR.

Associate Professor of Law and Government

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