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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

1. "Invisible Armor: How Gendered Violence Reshapes Political Behavior in Local Office" (with Rebekah Herrick, Sofia Cooignon, & Sue Thomas), 2026, Forthcoming, *Urban Affairs Review*
2. "CSI (Courts, Science, and Information) How Judges Use Forensic Science in Opinions and How It Impacts Prosecution" (with Tebah Browne and Eve Ringsmuth), 2026, Forthcoming *Journal of Law and Courts*
3. "The FedSoc Senators: Senator Voting Behavior on Federalist Society Judicial Nominees" (with Jonathan King and Zac A. McGee) 2025, *Journal of Law and Courts*
4. "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*
5. "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
- 6. “The Heat is On: Does Civil Litigation Affect Policing Practices?” (with Brooke N. Shannon). 2024. *Political Research Quarterly* DOI:10.1177/10659129241266824.
- 7. “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
- 8. “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

1. “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
2. “*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

- “I Want It That Way: Policy Venues, Intense Publics, and Political Engagement in Reproductive Health Policy” (with Rachael Houston and Marcy Shieh), Revise and Resubmitted, *Policy Studies Journal*
- “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
- “The Prestige Penalty: Educational Elitism and Success in Judicial Nominations” (with Ryan DeTamble and Zac A. McGee), Under Review
- “Government Gray: How the Office of the Solicitor General Gatekeeps the Supreme Court’s Agenda” Book Manuscript
- “Legislative Divisiveness and the Supreme Court’s Policy Agenda” (with Robin Taboni) 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
- “Institutional Leverage: Tracing the Solicitor General’s Footprint in Supreme Court Petitions” (With Grace Higgins, Sahar Abi-Hassan, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, and Dino Christenson), In Progress
- “The Federalist Society’s Policy Agenda” (with Zac A. McGee) In Progress
- “Judicial Effectiveness Scores” in Progress
- “How Effective Legislators Engage Court Curbing Legislation” (with Zac A. McGee), In Progress
- “Judicial Behavior and the Legislative Effectiveness of Court Curbing Bill Sponsors” (with Zac A. McGee), In Progress

“How Shared Educational Ties Drive Voting Behavior in Judicial Nominations” (with Ryan DeTamble and Zac A. 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

“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

“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

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, Sp27)
- 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

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

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

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: 2027, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2021, 2019, 2018, Discussant for Law and Courts, Presidency, and Interest Groups and Parties Sections

CAP: 2026, 2020, 2019, 2018

ISA RC09 2026, Mexico City, Mexico; 2025 Seoul, South Korea; 2024 Austin, Texas

PPE Society 2026 (London, UK), 2026 (New Orleans, LA)

SPP: 2023

LSA: 2022

UT Graduate Conference in Public Law: 2024, 2017

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

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; Interest Groups and Advocacy; 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

MPSA Women's Caucus Executive Committee and Communications Director

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Oklahoma State:

- Wentz Undergraduate Research Award Reviewer
- AURCA Undergraduate Research Mentor
- Politics, Philosophy, and Economy (PPE) Committee Member and Fellow, 2026-present
- Access Committee, 2025-present
- Graduate Committee, 2024-2026
- Methods Committee, 2023-2026
- Search Committee- American Politics, Fall 2023

- Search Committee- Judicial Politics, Fall 2026
- Pre-law Major Option Curriculum Redesign, Spring 2024
- Research Supervision
 - Chair, Masters Thesis Committee, Tallie Tynes, 2027
 - Co-Chair, Masters Thesis Committee, Isabella Doyle, 2027
 - Chair, Masters Thesis Committee, Kait Pinkerton, 2026
 - Reader, Masters Thesis Committee, Hamdela Halidu Ghandu, 2026
 - Reader, Honors Thesis Committee, Emmalie Green (English), 2025

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

Politics, Philosophy, and Economy Society (Since 2026)

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

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Google Suite, Qualtrics

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)

REFERENCES

H.W. PERRY, JR.

Associate Professor of Law and Government

University Distinguished Teaching Professor

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