

Curriculum Vitae

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Ph.D.
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois
Department of Political Science, December, 2001

J.D.
EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, Georgia,
June, 1987

B.A.
LAFAYETTE COLLEGE, Easton, Pennsylvania
Department of Government and Law, June, 1984

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
2006-present

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
2004-2006

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
2001-2004

Non-Academic

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES, New York, New York

Associate - Litigation Department

1987-1994

Specialized areas of practice included Constitutional Law, Intellectual Property and Appellate Practice. Authored winning briefs in landmark Supreme Court tax case, *Newark Morning Ledger v. U.S.*, 507 U.S. 546 (1993).

DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON, Atlanta, Ga.

Associate - Litigation Department

Summer, 1997

Assisted in the defense of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in defamation action concerning news reports on the bombing of Olympic Centennial Park during the 1996 Summer Olympic games.

DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON, Washington, D.C.

Summer Associate, 1986

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Scoring Points: Politicians, Political Activists and the Lower Federal Court Appointment Process, Stanford University Press, 2005.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Sounding The Fire Alarm: The Role of Interest Groups in the Lower Federal Court Confirmation Process,” with Brandon Bartels and Amy Steigerwalt, *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming October 2008.

“The Federalist Society’s Impact on the Federal Judiciary,” *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming 2008.

“Blacks on the Bench,” *Political Science Quarterly* 119:655-672, 2005.

“The Judicial Confirmation Process: Mobilizing Elites, Mobilizing Masses,” *Judicature* 86: 240-50, 2003.

“The Impact of Divided Government on Judicial Ideology,” *Law and Society Review* 35: 191-218, 2001.

“Are Bill Clinton’s Judicial Nominees ‘Old’ Democrats or ‘New’ Democrats?”
Judicature 84: 151-54, 2000.

Other Published Articles

“The Judicial Confirmation Process,” in *Judicial Politics*, Elliot Slotnick, ed.,
Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2006.

“Why has the Lower Court Appointment Process Become so Politicized and What can
we do About it?” *JURIST*, an on-line journal of the University of Pittsburgh Law School,
jurist.law.pitt.edu/forum/symposium-jc/scherer.php, 2004.

Works Submitted for Publication

“Descriptive Race Representation and Public Support for the U.S. Courts: Solving the
Issue of Causation,” with Brett Curry, submitted to *Journal of Politics*, 2008.

Works in Progress

“Does Gender Diversity on the Bench Impact Citizens’ Perceptions of Justice?” with
Brett Curry.

“Compliance and Jurisprudential Regimes: The Case of Search and Seizure
Decisionmaking,” with Wendy Martinek..

PROFESSIONAL

Professional and Honorary Organizations

New York State Bar Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest
Political Science Association, Law & Society Association

Honors and Awards

Edwin S. Corwin Award, American Political Science Association, best dissertation of
2001-2002 in the area of Public Law, 2002

“Making a Point: The Politicization of Lower Federal Court Appointments in the
Modern Political Era.”

Morton Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2001

Andrew Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2000-2001

Congressional Quarterly Press Award, best graduate paper of 1996-1997, given by the

Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association, 1997

“Reexamining the Politics of Crime in the Federal Courts: Are Bill Clinton’s
Judicial Nominees ‘Old’ Democrats or ‘New’ Democrats?”

Honors Graduate, Emory University School of Law, 1987

American Jurisprudence Award in Torts, Emory University School of Law, 1986

Selected Conference Presentations

“Does Gender Diversity on the Bench Impact Citizens’ Perceptions of Justice?” with
Brett Curry. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual
Conference, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“Descriptive Race Representation and Public Support for the U.S. Courts,” with Brett
Curry. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Berlin,
Germany, 2007.

“Sounding The Fire Alarm: The Role of Interest Groups in the Lower Federal Court
Confirmation Process.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association
Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2007.

“Compliance and Jurisprudential Regimes: The Case of Search and Seizure
Decisionmaking,” with Wendy Martinek and Sara Benesh. Paper presented at the
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2006.

“Does Diversity on the Bench Impact Citizens’ Perceptions of Justice?” with Brett Curry.
Paper presented at the Midwest Political Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL,
April 2006.

“The Federalist Society: Debating Club or Right Wing Cabal?” with Banks Miller. Paper
presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL,
April 2006.

“The Politics of Judicial Confirmations: How do Interest Groups Decide Which
Nominees to Challenge?” Paper presented at Law and Society Association Annual
Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2005.

“The Transformation of the Lower Court Appointment Process: From Patronage to Policy.” Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, August 2005.

“Lower Court Selection as a Campaign Issue.” Paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, August 2004.

Chair and Discussant for panel entitled “Judicial Recruitment and the Judicial Career.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2004.
Chair and Discussant for panel entitled “Picking Federal Judges.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.

“Tracking Trouble: What Makes a Court of Appeals Nomination Objectionable to Interest Groups?” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

“Political Uses of Lower Federal Court Appointments: Mobilizing Elites, Mobilizing Masses.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, August 2002.

“Blacks on the Bench: More Judges, Less Legitimacy.” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2002.

“Race, Party Politics and Judicial Ideology.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2001

“The Impact of Divided Government on Judicial Ideology.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2000, Washington, D.C.

“The Battle Between the Republican Senate Majority and President Bill Clinton Over ‘Judicial Activism.’” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, May 1999.

“Reexamining the Politics of Crime in the Federal Courts.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, August 1998.

TEACHING

Teaching Specialization: Judicial Politics, Constitutional Law, American Politics

Courses taught: Judicial Process; Law, Courts and Politics; Politics of Crime; Gender and Law; Civil Liberties; and Constitutional Law

SERVICE

Professional Service

Editorial Board, Law and Courts Newsletter, an organized section of the American Political Science Association, 2007-2010.

American Judicature Society Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2006

CQ Press Award Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2003

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Law and Society Review*, *Judicature*, National Science Foundation

College Service

Committee on Extramural Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships, Wellesley College, 2007

Pre-Law Advisor, Wellesley College, 2006-present

Public Outreach

Interviewed by the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *CQ Weekly*, *Legal Affairs*, *Hearst Newspapers*