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## Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan, 2019-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Yale University, 2013-2019

## Education

Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, September 2013  
Dissertation: Finding Law: Learning in the Judicial Hierarchy  
Committee: Charles Cameron, Brandice Canes-Wrone, Jonathan Kstellec, and Adam Meirowitz  
M.A., Politics, Princeton University, November 2010  
Fields: American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics  
B.A. (with honors), Political Science, Columbia University, May 2008

## Research

### *Peer-reviewed articles*

"Setting the Supreme Court's Policy Agenda." 2024. With Kelly Rader. *Journal of Law and Courts* 12(2).  
"Republican-Majority Appellate Panels Increase Execution Rates for Capital Defendants." 2021. With Tom Clark and Ben Lauderdale. *Journal of Politics* 83(3).  
"Legal Uniformity in American Courts." 2019. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 16(3). With Kelly Rader.  
"Why Do Courts Delay?" 2017. *Journal of Law and Courts* 5(2). With Tom Clark and John Patty. Honorable mention of the APSA Law & Courts Section's 2016 Best Conference Paper Award.  
"Learning in the Judicial Hierarchy." 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(2). Honorable mention of the APSA Law & Courts Section's 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award.  
"Signaling and Counter-Signaling in the Judicial Hierarchy: An Empirical Analysis of En Banc Review." 2016. *American Journal of Political Science* 60(2). With Alexander V. Hirsch and Jonathan P. Kstellec. Honorable mention of the APSA Law & Courts Section's 2016 Best Journal Article Award.  
"The Interplay of Ideological Diversity, Dissents, and Discretionary Review in the Judicial Hierarchy: Evidence from Death Penalty Cases." 2014. *Journal of Politics* 76(4). With Jonathan P. Kstellec.

“Whistleblowing and Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy.” 2014. *American Journal of Political Science* 58(4). With Alexander V. Hirsch and Jonathan P. Kastellec. Winner of the APSA Law & Courts Section’s 2013 Best Conference Paper Award.

“Shaping Supreme Court Policy Through Appointments: The Impact of a New Justice.” 2009. *Minnesota Review* 93(5): 1820-1871. With Charles M. Cameron and Jee-Kwang Park.

### *Selected other writing*

Book review of *The Judicial Tug of War: How Lawyers, Politicians, and Ideological Incentives Shape the American Judiciary* by Adam Bonica and Maya Sen. *Political Science Quarterly* 137(1), Spring 2022.

“Models of the Judiciary.” 2020. In *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations* (Vol. 2, pp. 277-288).

### *Working papers and works in progress*

“Lawyering and Dimension Selection,” with Sepehr Shahshahani. Invited to revise-and-resubmit at the Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization.

“Procrastination and Ideology in U.S. District Courts,” with Ben McGraw.

“The Influence of Dissenting Opinions,” with Adam Rauh.

## Teaching

**Undergraduate:** Game Theory; Courts, Judges, and Controversies

**Graduate:** Collective Action and Choice; Math Camp; Game Theory; Judicial Politics

## Departmental & University Service

Executive Committee (2023-2024)

Diversity Ally Committee (2021-2023)

Search committee for junior professor in American politics (2018, 2016)

Search committee for junior professor of Race, Ethnicity, and Migration (2018)

Graduate admissions committee (2016 – diversity representative)

American Politics general exam committee (2017, 2014)

Leitner Political Economy Workshop co-organizer (2017, 2016)

Senior theses: Monica Hanratty (2018), Tresa Joseph (2018), Jacob Fender (2018), Tony Nguyen (2016), Robbie Flatow (2016), Omar McKenzie (2014), Nia Holston (2013)

Award committee for the Percival Wood Clement Prize for the best senior essay in support of the Constitution and first ten Amendments (2016, 2014)

Award committee for the Frank M. Patterson Prize for the best senior essay on the American political system (2016, 2014)

Freshman and sophomore advising for Silliman College (2018, 2017, 2014)

Research and Writing papers (for second-year graduate students): Armando Perez-Gea (2017), Ian Crichton (2014)

Co-organized conference (sponsored by the Center for the Study of American Politics) for leading graduate students of judicial politics (2016)

## Professional Service

Best Graduate Student Paper Award committee (APSA Law and Courts Section) 2017

C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book (APSA Law and Courts Section) 2016