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Academic Positions

University of Louisville, Department of Political Science
Professor, July 2023 – present.
Director of Graduate Studies, August 2022-present.
Associate Professor, July 2015-June 2023.
Assistant Professor, July 2013-June 2015.

Louisiana State University, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, Fall 2008-Spring 2013

Education

Ph.D., Political Science (University of Georgia, May 2008). First field: Law & Courts. Second field: American Politics.

Master of Public Administration (University of Georgia, May 2004)

B.A., English; B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture and Society (Emory University, May 2000). Summa cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

Research Interests

Judicial decision making; U.S. Courts of Appeals; the politics of gender, sexuality, and race; the use of precedent by attorneys and judges; automated content analysis of legal texts; discrimination in the legal profession; quantitative methods

Research Awards

2019. *Outstanding Scholarship, Research, & Creative Activity in the Social Sciences*.
University of Louisville College of Arts & Sciences

Publications and Works in Press

External Grants (funded)

1. **Moyer, Laura** (Principal Investigator), Susan Haire, John Szmer, and Robert Christensen. "Collaborative Research: Judicial Diversity and Appellate Decision Making." National Science Foundation Grant (SES #1655159). Law and Social Sciences Program. May 2017- May 2019. (**Total: \$105,707**).
2. **Moyer, Laura** (Principal Investigator), Susan Haire, John Szmer, and Robert Christensen. "Supplemental Funding: Collaborative Research: Judicial Diversity and Appellate Decision Making." (NSF - SES #1655159 - 01). Law and Social Sciences Program. May 2019 - May 2021. (**Total: \$17,002**).

Internal Grant Proposals (funded)

1. **Moyer, Laura. 2022.** "'You Don't Look Like a Lawyer': The Impact of the Misattribution Microaggression on Women Attorneys' Feelings of Career Belonging and Political Ambition." University of Louisville College of Arts & Sciences Research and Creative Activity Grant Award. (**Total: \$2,000.**)

External Grant Proposals (unfunded)

1. Christensen, Robert, Susan Haire, **Laura Moyer**, and John Szmer. "Appellate Advocacy and Diversity." Submitted August 2014 to LSAC Research Grant Program. Amount requested: \$97,230

Books

1. Haire, Susan and **Laura Moyer**. 2015. *Diversity Matters: Judicial Policymaking in the U.S. Courts of Appeals*. University of Virginia Press.

*Reviewed by Erin Kaheny in *Law and Politics Book Review*, 2016, vol. 26(2). Available at: <http://www.lpbr.net/2016/10/diversity-matters-judicial-policy.html>

*Reviewed by Kyung Park. *Political Science Quarterly* 131, no. 4 (2016): 877-879.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Szmer, John, **Laura Moyer**, Susan Haire, and Robert Christensen. Forthcoming. "Who Shapes the Law? Gender and Racial Bias in Judicial Citations." [**Accepted July 25, 2023, American Political Science Review**]
2. **Moyer, Laura**, Rorie Spill Solberg, and Allison Harris. 2022. "Better Too Much Than Not Enough: Women of Color on the Federal Bench." *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* 43(3): 363-375. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2022.2070830>

*Covered by Yale News (5/31/22)

<https://news.yale.edu/2022/05/31/experience-desired-nonwhite-women-face-different-standard-judgeships>

3. **Moyer, Laura**, John Szmer, Susan Haire, and Robert Christensen. 2021. "'All Eyes Are on You': Gender, Race, and Opinion Writing on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Law & Society Review* 55(3): 452-472
<https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12559>

*Covered by the Law & Society Association blog (8/10/21):
<https://www.lawandsociety.org/2021/08/10/lasr-publishes-all-eyes-are-on-you/>

*Featured in Washington Post Monkey Cage blog (10/27/21):
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/10/27/sotomayor-said-people-color-feel-pressure-prove-themselves-every-day-shes-right-our-research-finds/>
4. **Moyer, Laura**. 2021. "She Blinded Me with Science: The Use of Science Frames in Abortion Litigation Before the Supreme Court." *Justice System Journal* 43(2): 153-173. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2021.1927266>
5. **Moyer, Laura**, John Szmer, Susan Haire, and Robert Christensen. 2020. "Diversity, Consensus, and Decision Making: Evidence from the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Politics, Groups & Identities* 8(4): 822-833.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2020.1782950>
6. Boddery, Scott, **Laura Moyer**, and Jeffrey Yates.* (*alphabetical order) 2019. "Naming Names: The Impact of Supreme Court Opinion Attribution on Citizen Assessment of Policy Outcomes." *Law & Society Review* 53(2): 353-385.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12401>
7. Collins, Todd, Tao Dumas, and **Laura Moyer**.* (*alphabetical order.) 2018. "Tipping the Scales of Justice? Perceptions of Unfair Treatment in the Courtroom." *Justice System Journal* 39(4): 303-321.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2018.1483215>
8. **Moyer, Laura** and Ellen Key. 2018. "Political Opportunism, Position Taking, and Court-Curbing Legislation." *Justice System Journal* 39(2): 155-170.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2017.1420503>
9. Collins, Todd, Tao Dumas, and **Laura Moyer**.* (*alphabetical order.) 2017. "Intersecting Disadvantages: Race, Gender, and Age Discrimination among Attorneys." *Social Science Quarterly* 98(5): 1642-1658.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12376>
10. Collins, Todd, Tao Dumas, and **Laura Moyer**.* (*alphabetical order) 2017. "Being part of the 'Home Team': Perceptions of Professional Interactions with

- Outsider Attorneys." *Journal of Law and Courts* 5 (1): 141-171.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/690047>
11. **Moyer, Laura** and Susan Haire. 2015. "Trailblazers and Those That Followed: Personal Experiences, Gender, and Judicial Empathy." *Law & Society Review* 49(3): 665-689. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12150>
 12. Abouharb, M. Rodwan, **Laura Moyer**, and Megan Schmidt. 2013. "De Facto Judicial Independence and Physical Integrity Rights." *Journal of Human Rights* 12: 367-398. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2013.812461>
 13. Haire, Susan, **Laura Moyer**, and Shawn Treier. 2013. "Diversity, Deliberations, and Judicial Opinion Writing." *Journal of Law and Courts* 1(2): 303-330.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/670724>
 14. **Moyer, Laura**, Todd Collins, and Susan Haire. 2013. "The Value of Precedent: Attorney Briefs and Judicial Opinions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal* 34(1): 62-84. DOI: 10.1080/0098261X.2013.10768029
 15. **Moyer, Laura**. 2013. "Rethinking Critical Mass in the Federal Appellate Courts." *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* 34(1): 49-71.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2013.747885>
 16. **Moyer, Laura** and Holley Tankersley. 2012. "Judicial Innovation and Sexual Harassment Doctrine in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(4): 784-798. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912911411097>
 17. **Moyer, Laura**. 2012. "The Role of Case Complexity in Judicial Decision Making." *Law and Policy* 34(3): 291-312. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9930.2012.00362.x>
 18. Fleischmann, Arnold and **Laura Moyer**. 2009. "Competing Social Movements and Local Political Culture: Voting on Ballot Propositions to Ban Same-Sex Marriage." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(1): 134-149.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1540-6237.2008.00607.x>
 19. Collins, Todd and **Laura Moyer**. 2008. "Gender, Race, and Intersectionality on the Federal Appellate Bench." *Political Research Quarterly* 61(2): 219-227.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912907306467>
 20. **Moyer, Laura**. "Retrospective: Twenty-five Years of Scholarship on Judicial Administration in *The Justice System Journal*." 2004. *The Justice System Journal* 25(3): 253-282. DOI: 10.1080/0098261X.2004.10767723

Datasets

1. Szmer, John, **Laura Moyer**, Susan Haire, and Robert Christensen. 2023. "Replication Data for 'Who Shapes the Law: Gender and Racial Bias in Judicial

Citations," <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NWO52N> , Harvard Dataverse, DRAFT VERSION, UNF:6:artj7zJkvLVojtl1sZUigw== [fileUNF]

2. **Moyer, Laura;** Haire, Susan; Szmer, John; Robert Christensen. 2021, "Multi-User Database on the U.S. Courts of Appeals (2009-2016)", <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ZDKTM7>, Harvard Dataverse (August 13, 2021).
3. **Moyer, Laura;** Christensen, Robert; Szmer, John; Haire, Susan. 2021, "Circuit Rules", <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/SJEK4X>, Harvard Dataverse, V1

Invited submissions (peer-reviewed)

1. Haire, Susan B. and **Laura Moyer**. 2019. "Gender, Law, and Judging." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.106>

Book Chapters and Selections

1. **Moyer, Laura**, Rorie Spill Solberg, and Allison Harris. 2023. "Better Too Much Than Not Enough: Women of Color on the Federal Bench." In *Women of Color Political Elites in the U.S. - Intersectional Political Experiences*. Nadia E. Brown, Christopher J. Clark and Anna Mitchell Mahoney, eds. Routledge. [Also published in *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* 2022] <https://www.routledge.com/Women-of-Color-Political-Elites-in-the-US-Intersectional-Political-Experiences/Brown-Clark-Mahoney/p/book/9781032442396>
2. **Moyer, Laura**. 2023. "Does the Equal Protection Clause Cover Gender?" Essay in edited volume, *The Constitution in Five Minutes*. David Klein and Joseph Smith, editors. Equinox eBooks Publishing, United Kingdom. <https://www.equinoxpub.com/home/u-s-constitution-5-min/> [Accepted 2022.]
3. **Moyer, Laura**. 2019. "Gender on the International Bench." Book chapter in edited volume, *Research Handbook on Law and Courts*, Susan Sterret and Lee Demetrius Walker, eds. Edwin Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781788113205>
4. **Moyer, Laura**, Megan Balcom, and Alyson Hendricks. 2019. "Opposition to Abortion, Then and Now: How Amicus Briefs Use Policy Frames in Abortion." *Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative*. <https://open.oregonstate.edu/open-judicial-politics/chapter/opposition-to-abortion-then-and-now-how-amicus-briefs-use-policy-frames-in-abortion-litigation/>
5. **Moyer, Laura** and Matthew Thornton. 2014. "What the Justices Think of the Press." Book chapter in edited volume (Richard Davis, editor), *Covering the Court in the Digital Age*. Cambridge University Press.
 - Reviewed by Michael Zilis in *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2016). DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1537592716002322>

6. "What You Can Do" and "You Decide." 2008. Daniel M. Shea, Joanne Green, and Christopher Smith, eds. *Living Democracy*, 2/E. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education. With Holley Tankersley. [textbook]
7. "Strategies for Service Learning." 2007. Daniel M. Shea, Joanne Green, and Christopher Smith, eds. *Living Democracy*, 1/E, instructor's manual. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education. With Holley Tankersley. [textbook]

Law Review Articles

1. **Moyer, Laura**, Scott Boddery, Jeff Yates, and Lindsay Caudill. Forthcoming, **2023-24**. "Supreme Court Legitimacy Under Threat? The Role of Cues in How the Public Responds to Supreme Court Decisions." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender*.
2. **Moyer, Laura**. 2021. "Assessing President Obama's Appointment of Women to the Federal Appellate Courts." *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 10(3): 433-455. *Special issue: United States Committee on the Judiciary: Oversight, Scrutiny, and Process*. <https://doi.org/10.2478/bjals-2021-0008>
3. Haire, Susan B. and **Laura Moyer**. 2008. "Advocacy through Briefs in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Southern Illinois Law Review* 32: 593.

Book Reviews

1. Moyer, Laura. 2022. "Reimagining the Judiciary: Women's Representation on High Courts Worldwide." By Maria C. Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie J. Hoekstra, Alice J. Kang, and Miki Caul Kittilson." *Law & Politics Book Review*.
2. Moyer, Laura. 2022. "A Legacy of Fearlessness: 'Justice Justice, Thou Shalt Pursue': A Life's Work Fighting for a More Perfect Union." By Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Amanda L. Tyler." *Contexts* 21(1): 64-65.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/15365042221083014>
3. Moyer, Laura. 2020. "Lighting the Way: Federal Courts, Civil Rights, and Public Policy, by Douglas Rice." *Perspectives on Politics* 18(4): 1219 - 1220.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592720002601>
4. Moyer, Laura. 2005. "The Rise of Judicial Management in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1955-2000, By Steven Harmon Wilson." *Justice System Journal* 26(2): 239-242.

Manuscripts under Review and Working Papers

Bodderly, Scott, Damon Cann, **Laura Moyer**, and Jeff Yates*. (*alphabetical order)
“The Role of Cable News Hosts in Public Support for Supreme Court Decisions.”
[**R&R 2023**, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*]

Dumas, Tao and **Laura Moyer**. “‘You Don’t Look Like a Lawyer’: The Impact of the Misattribution Microaggression on Women Attorneys’ Feelings of Career Belonging and Political Ambition.” [2023 LSA conference paper; recipient of 2022 UofL College of Arts & Science Research and Creative Activity Award]

Laura Moyer, “Rethinking Legitimacy as a Basis for Promoting Gender Diversity on the Bench.” [2023 MPSA conference paper]

Holmes, Lisa, Rorie Spill Solberg, and **Moyer, Laura**. “Going Up? The Role of Elevation Prospects in District Court Confirmations.” [2023 APSA conference paper]

Moyer, Laura, John Szmer, Bryce Dietrich, Robert Christensen, and Susan Haire. “Gender and Appellate Oral Arguments.” [finalizing data cleanup]

“Nested Diversities.” With Rob Christensen, John Szmer, Susan Haire, and **Laura Moyer** [preparing for submission to ARPA]

“Evaluating the ‘Obama Wave’: Has the Increase in Judicial Diversity Transformed the U.S. Courts of Appeals?” With Rob Christensen, Susan Haire, Alyson Hendricks, Samuel LaVergne, and John Szmer. [preparing for submission]

“The Effect of Abortion Attitudes on Support for the Rule of Law after Dobbs.” [Data collection in progress.]

Media and public engagement

1. University of Louisville NAACP chapter. Panel discussion on judicial elections. February 22, 2023.
2. Interview with Dakota Shrek, WDRB. Kentucky judicial elections. September 21, 2022.
3. Interview with Erik Ortiz, NBC (national desk). Kentucky judicial elections. September 27, 2022 and October 13, 2022.
4. “The Kentucky Roots of Marriage Equality in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.” *Louisville Political Review*. July 10, 2022. <https://loupolitical.org/2022/07/10/the-kentucky-roots-of-marriage-equality-in-obergefell-v-hodges/>

5. Interview with Grid News. March 21, 2022. "How race and gender influence Supreme Court confirmation hearings, according to social science." By Maggie Severns and Matt Stiles.
<https://www.grid.news/story/politics/2022/03/21/how-race-and-gender-influence-supreme-court-confirmation-hearings-according-to-social-science/>
6. Research on diversifying the federal judiciary cited in Congressional testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. March 25, 2021.
7. Public panel with UofL Political Science faculty and alumni on the life and legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. September 30, 2020.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gF7GvAbuwl>
8. Research cited in *Politico* op-ed. March 18, 2020.
<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2020/03/18/john-roberts-political-supreme-court-opinions-135769>
9. Research cited in *USA Today* op-ed. December 7, 2018.
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/12/07/political-attacks-judges-unsigned-opinions-turn-down-heat-column/2207443002/>
10. Interview with Mark Hebert, on UofL Today Radio. August 15, 2018.
11. Live interview, WHAS Channel 11. July 10, 2018. Morning newscast. Link at: <https://www.whas11.com/video/news/local/seen-on-tv/interview-laura-talks-brett-kavanaugh/417-8184461>
12. Live interview, WHAS Channel 11. July 10, 2018. Evening newscast. Link at: <https://www.whas11.com/video/news/interview-senate-america-weighing-in-on-scotus-nominee/417-8185050>
13. Interview, Bloomberg BNA. October 12, 2017. "McConnell Plans Conservative Judicial Strategy Among Health, Tax Battles." By Nancy Ognanovich.
<https://www.bna.com/mcconnell-plans-conservative-n73014470821/>
14. Interviewed and cited in Social Science Research Network policy memo prepared for Utah legislators and activists. "The Benefits Judicial Diversity Brings." July 2017. (Drafted by James Curry and Tabitha Benney, University of Utah)
15. Interview with Mark Hebert on UofL Today Radio. "Trump's judicial nominees." March 29, 2017.
16. "The Supreme Court, not just three female justices, spoke loudly on women's reproductive rights." June 29, 2016. *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/06/29/the->

[supreme-court-not-just-three-female-justices-spoke-loudly-on-womens-reproductive-rights/](https://www.law360.com/articles/851614/how-obama-s-push-for-diversity-is-reshaping-the-courts)

17. Interview, *Law360*. October 16, 2016. "How Obama's Push for Diversity is Reshaping the Courts." By Ed Beeson.
<https://www.law360.com/articles/851614/how-obama-s-push-for-diversity-is-reshaping-the-courts>

Conference Papers, Posters, and Invited Talks

July 2023 – present (University of Louisville)

Dumas, Tao and **Laura Moyer**. "'You Don't Look Like a Lawyer.'" Baldy Center for Law and Policy Distinguished Speaker Series. University of Buffalo School of Law. November 2023.

Moyer, Laura. Invited presentation, Symposium on Judicial Decision Making. Washington University in St. Louis. September 28-30, 2023.

Holmes, Lisa, Rorie Spill Solberg, and **Laura Moyer**. "Going Up? The Role of Elevation Prospects in District Court Confirmations." Paper presented at the 2023 American Political Science Association conference. August 31 – September 3, 2023.

Spring 2016 – June 2023 (University of Louisville)

Moyer, Laura and Tao Dumas. "'You Don't Look Like a Lawyer': Assessing The Impact of the Misattribution Microaggression on Women Attorneys' Feelings of Career Belonging and Political Ambition." Paper presented at the 2023 Law & Society Association Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico. June 1-4, 2023.

Moyer, Laura. "Rethinking Legitimacy as a Basis for Promoting Gender Diversity on the Bench." Paper presented at the 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2023.

Moyer, Laura. Symposium of the *Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity*: "Democracy in Disrepair: Examining the Continued Legitimacy of the Supreme Court." Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center at Touro University. March 15, 2023.

Moyer, Laura, Allison Harris, and Rorie Spill Solberg. "Race, Gender, and Nominations to the U.S. Federal Courts." Presented to the Global Law & Society Association Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. July 13-16, 2022.

"Despite Our Differences: the Influence of Panel Heterogeneity on Deliberative Intensity and Legal Innovation." With Robert Christenson, Susan Haire, and

John Szmer. Presented at the 2022 Southern Political Science Association Meeting. January 2022.

“Disposition Times in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Exploring the Role of Multiple Diversities in Nested Institutions.” With Rob Christenson, Susan Haire, and John Szmer. Presented at the 2021 Southern Political Science Association Meeting. January 2021.

“Diversity and Deliberation on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Rob Christenson, Susan Haire, and John Szmer. Paper accepted for presentation at symposium, *Public Administration Review (PAR) Symposium on Beyond Representative Bureaucracy: Race, Gender, and Social Equity*. George Washington University. May 27-28, 2020. [Symposium cancelled due to pandemic]

“Judicial Capacity and Performance.” With Rob Christenson, Susan Haire, and John Szmer. Paper accepted for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2020. [Conference cancelled due to pandemic.]

“Female Firsts: Assessing President Obama’s Appointments to the Federal Appellate Courts.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association. January 11, 2020.

Invited lecture. “Judges Who Look like America’: President Obama’s Appointments to the Federal Judiciary.” *Meet the Professor Lecture Series*, University of Louisville. March 7, 2019.

“Diversity, Conflict, and Decision Making: Evidence from the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Invited conference. *Diversity in the Judiciary: Does it Matter for Democratic Inclusion, Representation or Inequalities?* February 8, 2019. Arizona State University.

“Diversity and Collective Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association. January 2019.
**Nominated for Neal Tate Award for best paper on judicial politics.

“Evaluating the ‘Obama Wave’: Has the Increase in Judicial Diversity Transformed the U.S. Courts of Appeals?” With Rob Christenson, Susan Haire, Alyson Hendricks, Samuel LaVergne, and John Szmer. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association. August 2018.

“The Influence of Amicus Curiae on Abortion Doctrine in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2018.

“Amicus Curiae Influence on Supreme Court Abortion Decisions.” With Megan Balcom (UofL undergraduate/alumna). Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2017.

“Tipping the Scales of Justice? Perceptions of Unfair Treatment in the Courtroom.” With Todd Collins and Tao Dumas. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2017.

“The Impact of Gender on How Courts Function: Lessons from the U.S. for International Courts and Tribunals.” PluriCourts – iCourts workshop on Gender on the International Bench. University of Oslo. March 23-24, 2017.

“Changing the Frame: Amicus Curiae Influence on Supreme Court Abortion Decisions.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

“President Trump: Challenges and Opportunities.” McConnell Center. January 23, 2017.

“The Supreme Court and Its Future.” Janus Forum Constitution Day Conference. Miami University of Ohio. September 22, 2016.

“Judicial Diversity and Opinion Language in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Susan B. Haire. Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2016.

“Why’s Everybody Always Picking on Me? Court Curbing Legislation and the Ninth Circuit.” With Ellen Key. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2016.

“Intersecting Disadvantages: Race, Gender, and Age Discrimination Among Attorneys.” Invited talk. University of Kentucky Research Series. Lexington, KY. February 11, 2016.

“Diversity at Bar: Do Demographic Traits Influence Attorneys’ Perceptions of Disadvantage in their Working Relationships?” With Tao Dumas and Todd Collins. Paper presented at American Political Science Association meeting. San Francisco. September 2015.

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 (University of Louisville)

“The Effect of Judicial Diversity on Legal Content and Influence in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Susan Haire, John Szmer, and Rob Christensen. Law & Society Association. Seattle, WA. May 2015.

The “Home Court” Advantage: Attorney Workgroups and Interactions with Outsiders.” With Todd Collins and Tao Dumas. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2015.

"The Effect of Judicial Diversity on Legal Content and Influence in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." With Susan Haire, John Szmer, and Rob Christensen. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2015.

"Religious Freedom and Gay Rights: Explaining the Controversy in Indiana." Panel discussion of Indiana RFRA controversy. Department of Political Science, University of Louisville. April 9, 2015.

Authors-Meet-Critics Panel on Haire and Moyer's *Diversity Matters* and Corley et al.'s *Puzzle of Unanimity*. Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2015.

"The Supreme Court and the Digital Age." Roundtable. American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. August 28-31, 2014.

"Trailblazers and Those That Followed: Personal Experiences, Gender Cohorts, and Judicial Empathy." Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 2014.

"Intersectionality and Judicial Behavior on the Courts of Appeals." With Todd Collins and Kerry Jones. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 11-14, 2013.

"Justices, Journalists, and the Public: Is the Supreme Court a Representative Body?" Roundtable. Southern Political Science Association. Orlando. January 3-5, 2013.

Fall 2004 – Spring 2013 (Louisiana State University and University of Georgia)

"Justices, Journalists, and the Public: Is the Supreme Court a Representative Body?" Roundtable. American Political Science Association. New Orleans. August 30 – September 2, 2012.

"Justification in the Face of Threats: Why Opinion Authors Bolster Their Decisions." With Susan B. Haire and Shawn Treier. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 12-15, 2012.

"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Southern District Court Judges' Use of Precedent." With Jerel Williams. Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans. January 2012.

"Direct Legislation Type and State Supreme Court Review: the Case of Oregon." With Brian M. Harward. Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans. January 6-8, 2011.

"Islam and (in) the West." Panel discussion sponsored by International Studies. LSU. October 27, 2010.

“The Development of Sexual Harassment Policy in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Gender Equality Short Course - American Political Science Association annual conference. Washington, D.C. September 1, 2010.

“Judicial Independence and Gay Rights in the American States.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. With Matthew Castello. Chicago. April 22-25, 2010.

“Developing the Law of Sexual Harassment: A Network Analysis of Precedents in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Kathleen Bratton and Holley Tankersley. Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 22-25, 2010.

“Policy Diffusion and Sex Discrimination Doctrine in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Holley Tankersley. Southern Political Science Association annual conference. Atlanta. January 7-10, 2010.

“The Value of Precedent: Attorney Briefs and Judicial Opinions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 2-5, 2009.

“A Fragile Compromise? How Case Characteristics Affect Appellate Panels’ Ability to Achieve Consensus.” Southern Political Science Association annual conference. New Orleans. January 8-10, 2009.

“Gender Diversification in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Testing the Critical Mass Hypothesis.” American Political Science Association annual conference. Boston. September 1, 2008.

“Advocacy through Briefs in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” With Susan B. Haire. Paper accepted for presentation at the Seventh Circuit Symposium. Carbondale, IL. February 22-23, 2008.

“Gender Composition on the U.S. Courts of Appeals: How Changing Composition Affects Legal Outcomes.” Women’s Caucus pre-conference proceedings at the American Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. August 28, 2007.

“Gender, Race, and Intersectionality on the Federal Appellate Bench.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 12-15, 2007. With Todd Collins.

“Elections to Ban Same-Sex Marriage in the American States.” Invited talk, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University. Oxford. November 23, 2006. With Arnold Fleischmann.

“Revisiting Gender Effects in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1977-2001.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 20-23, 2006. With Susan Haire.

“Analyzing the 2004 Referendum Votes on Same-Sex Marriage.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 20-23, 2006. With Arnold Fleischmann.

“A Window of Opportunity: Gender-Salient Voting During Periods of High Discretion on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Southern Political Science Association annual conference. Atlanta. January 5-7, 2006. With Vicky Wilkins.

“A Window of Opportunity: Gender Effects in ADA Appeals.” Midwest Political Science Association annual conference. Chicago. April 9, 2005. With Vicky Wilkins.

“Gay Marriage? Civil Rights and Constitutional Wrongs: Will Gay Marriage Bans Ultimately Fail?” Invited lecture, Women’s Studies Speaker Series. Athens, GA. October 8, 2004.

“Representation in the Hidden Judiciary: Women as Federal Administrative Law Judges.” Southeastern Women Studies Association annual conference. Savannah. March 26, 2004.

Other Funding Received (2004-2012)

Humanities & Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship recipient. Summer 2012. Louisiana State University.

Performance Review grant from College of Humanities and Social Science (\$6000). Summer 2011. Louisiana State University.

LSU Council on Research Summer Stipend Award (\$5000). July 2010. Louisiana State University.

LSU ASPIRE (Arts & Sciences Program in Research) mentor travel funding. Spring 2010. Louisiana State University.

SPIA Dean’s Award for Social Science Dissertation Research Grant. (\$1000), 2007-08. University of Georgia.

Scholarship of Engagement Grant for University Engagement (SEGUE) grant co-recipient, University of Georgia. For incorporating service learning into existing courses. 2005-06.

Bringing Theory to Practice mini-grant co-recipient, Charles Englehard Foundation. Funds used for interdisciplinary workshop on assessment and evaluation of service learning courses. 2004-05. University of Georgia

Teaching Interests

Constitutional law; civil rights and liberties; the politics of gender, race, and sexual orientation; judicial politics; research methods; service learning

Teaching Awards

APSA Law and Courts Section Teaching & Mentoring Award (co-winner), 2023.

UofL Faculty Favorites nominee, 2013-14, 2015-16. 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22.

Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award, Louisiana State University. 2012.

Nicholson Award for Outstanding Faculty Member, Louisiana State University. 2011.

Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award. University of Georgia. 2007.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. 2004.

Courses Taught

University of Louisville

POLS 312 *Constitutional Law: Powers of Government*
POLS 313 *Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties & Civil Rights*
POLS 314 *Judicial Politics*
HON 436/446 *Gender, Sexuality, and the Law (Honors)*
POLS 316 *Gender, Sexuality, and the Law* (cross-listed as WGST 316)
POLS 390 *Political Science Research*
POLS 407 *Topics in Law and Jurisprudence*
POLS 629 *Seminar on American Politics*
POLS 510 *Internship*

Louisiana State University

POLI 4021 *American Constitution & Civil Liberties*
POLI 4023 *Judicial Politics*
POLI 4000 *Gender, Sexual Orientation, and the Law*
HNRS 3033 *Honors Social Science Seminar: Courts & Social Movements*
POLI 7920 *Graduate Seminar in Public Law*
POLI 4996 *Directed reading sexual orientation & the law*
POLI 7900 *Graduate Seminar in American Politics*
POLI 7999 *Graduate readings course, Judicial Politics*

University of Georgia

Instructor of record

POLS 4750 *Gender, Law, and Politics*

POLS 1105 *Honors Introduction to American Government*
GRSC 7770 *Teaching Political Science*

Teaching assistant

INTL 4540 *Comparative Social Movements*, SPIA at Oxford study abroad program, Oxford University, UK
POLS 4640 *Urban Politics in the US and UK*, SPIA at Oxford study abroad program, Oxford University, UK
POLS 1101 *Introduction to American Government*

Graduate and undergraduate student research supervision

Spring 2016 - present (University of Louisville)

Undergraduate research mentor, Lindsay Caudill (**Summer/Fall 2023**)

Undergraduate research mentor, MPSA poster session, Moyo Olayemi (Fall 2022-**Spring 2023**).

Undergraduate research mentor, MPSA poster session, Krasimir Staykov (Fall 2022- **Spring 2023**).

Undergraduate research mentor, Nurhan Kaisi (Fall 2022).

Independent study on race, segregation, and education, Mya Todd (Fall 2021-
Spring 2022).

Committee member, undergraduate honors thesis, Alexandra Michalek (Fall 2020-Spring 2021).

Thesis director, undergraduate honors thesis in Political Science, Molly Baldock (Fall 2020-Spring 2021).

Committee member, undergraduate honors thesis, Sabrina Collins (Fall 2020-
Spring 2021).

Independent study on comparative constitutional law, Zay Yah Oo. Fall 2019.

Director, undergraduate research for Grawemeyer Scholars Program, Sabrina Collins. 2018-2019.

Advisor, Master's Directed Research Project (Political Science), Alyson Hendricks. 2018-2019.

Committee member, undergraduate honors thesis in Political Science, Sarah Carey (Fall 2018).

Committee member, Adam Lyons, M.A. thesis in political science (Spring 2018-Fall 2018).

Director, undergraduate honors thesis in Political Science, Alyson Hendricks. 2016-2017.

Co-mentor for undergraduate summer research student (Erica Fields), SROP. Summer 2016.

Advisor, Master's Directed Research Project (Political Science), Alan Cunningham. 2015-2016.

Advisor, Master's Directed Research Project (WGST), Mallie Feltner, 2015-2016.

Director, undergraduate honors thesis in Political Science, Adria Neal. 2015-2016.

Committee member, undergraduate honors thesis in Political Science, Amanda Allen. 2015-2016.

Committee member, M.A. thesis (Political Science), Peter Hill. 2015-2016.

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 (University of Louisville)

Advisor, Master's Directed Research Project (Political Science), Ryan Allison. 2013-2014.

Fall 2008 – Spring 2013 (Louisiana State University)

ASPIRE mentor for undergraduate research. (Kerry Jones) Louisiana State University. Spring 2013.

ASPIRE mentor for undergraduate research. (Rosalie Haug). Louisiana State University. Summer-Fall 2012.

McNair Scholars mentor for thesis work. (Jerel Williams). Louisiana State University. Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

McNair Scholars mentor for undergraduate summer research. (Jerel Williams.) Louisiana State University. Summer 2010.

ASPIRE mentor for undergraduate research. (Matthew Castello.) Louisiana State University. Spring 2010.

Committee member for Tao Dumas. Department of Political Science. Louisiana State University. Fall 2009 – Fall 2011.

Committee member for Jonathan LeBlanc. Department of Political Science. Louisiana State University. Fall 2011 - Spring 2013.

Professional Service

Spring 2016 - present (University of Louisville)

SPSA Nominations Committee. (Effective **April 2023 - present**).

Director of Graduate Studies. M.A. in Political Science. (Effective **August 2022 - present**).

Committee member, UofL Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee (**2021-2023**)

Chair/discussant, SPSA Panel on Politics of Gender, Parenthood, and Reproduction. January 2021.

Chair, Department of Political Science Personnel Committee (2020 - 2021). Co-chair (2021-22).

Founding member, ad hoc committee on gender and racial equity during COVID. Fall 2020.

Co-Chair, SPSA Women and Politics Section 2021.

Executive Committee for APSA Law and Courts Section. 2020 - 2022.

Editorial board, *Journal of Law and Courts*. (APSA section journal). (Summer 2019 - 2021.)

APSA Law and Courts Section, Neal Tate Award Committee. (Fall 2019)

APSA Law and Courts Section, Teaching and Mentoring Awards Committee. (Spring 2019)

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on revising internships, bylaws, and personnel policy, Department of Political Science. Fall 2018 - Fall 2019.

National Science Foundation Advisory Panel. [Dates redacted as requested by NSF confidentiality policy.]

APSA Law and Courts Section Nominating Committee (Spring 2018.)

Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, APSA Law & Courts section. (Spring 2017)

Panelist, "Self-Promotion: Problems and Solutions." Southern Political Science Association. SPSA Women professional development panel. January 2017.

Reviewer, Cambridge University Press. (Spring 2016.)

APSA Law and Courts Section, Teaching and Mentoring Awards Committee.
(Spring 2016)

Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal* (January 2016 – present)

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015 (University of Louisville)

JOP 2015 Best Paper Award Committee. Southern Political Science Association.

Discussant, “Public Opinion and Institutional Influences on the Circuit Courts.”
Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2014.

Affiliate, Women’s and Gender Studies Department. University of Louisville.
2014 – present.

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science. University of
Louisville. 2014 – 2016.

Member, Honors Committee, Department of Political Science. University of
Louisville. 2014 – 2016.

Member, ad hoc committee convened by Dean Leonard on collaborations
between Brandeis Law School and the College of Arts & Sciences. University of
Louisville. 2014.

Discussant, “Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Midwest Political
Science Association annual conference. April 4-7, 2014.

Fall 2008 – Spring 2013 (Louisiana State University)

Discussant, “Gender and the Courts.” Midwest Political Science Association
annual conference. April 11-14, 2013.

Panel chair, “Gender and Race in Judging.” Midwest Political Science
Association annual conference. April 12-15, 2012.

Chair and discussant. “Trial Courts.” Southern Political Science Association
annual conference. January 12-14, 2012.

Committee on Academic Planning and Program Evaluation (CAPPE). Louisiana
State University. Fall 2011-present.

Teaching and Mentoring Awards Committee. Law and Courts Section of the
APSA. Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Assessment committee member. Department of Political Science. Louisiana State University. Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Ad hoc committee member. Department of Political Science. Louisiana State University. Fall 2009-Spring 2010.

Panel chair and discussant. Southern Political Science Association meeting. January 8-10, 2009. New Orleans.

Roundtable participant, "Getting and Keeping a Job." Sponsored by the Committee to Improve the Status of Women in the Profession. Southern Political Science Association meeting. January 8-10, 2009. New Orleans.

Committee on Academic Affairs, Department of Political Science. Louisiana State University. Fall 2008- Spring 2009.

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review* (2014-present), *American Journal of Political Science* (2008-present), *Journal of Politics* (2010-present), *American Politics Research* (2007-present), *Policy Studies Journal* (2014 - present), *Sociological Forum* (2017 - present), *Journal of Law and Courts* (2016 - present), *Law and Society Review* (2013 - present), *Justice System Journal* (2008-present), *Judicature* (2013 - 2015), *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* (2010-present)

Other Positions Held (2000 - 2007)

Research Assistant for Dr. Trey Hood, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia. National Science Foundation grant: "Texas Supreme Court Project." Spring-Fall 2007.

Research Assistant for Dr. Susan Haire, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia. National Science Foundation grant: "Multi-user database of U.S. Courts of Appeals decisions, 1997-2003." Summer 2004-Summer 2005.

Editorial Assistant for Dr. Susette Talarico, *Justice System Journal*. Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. Spring 2004.

Grant Research Consultant. Waldorf School of Atlanta, Decatur, GA. Summer 2003.

Lead Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia. Fall 2003-Spring 2004.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia. Fall 2002-Spring 2004.

Communications Officer, Atlanta Union Mission, Atlanta. December 2000-April 2002.

Public Relations and Development Coordinator, Atlanta Union Mission, Atlanta.
June 2000 to December 2000.

Related Presentations (2003 – 2007)

"Cognitive Mistakes and Political Discourse." American Political Science Association Annual Teaching and Learning Conference. Charlotte. February 9-11, 2007. With Bedriye A. Kolemen.

"Civic Engagement Through Local Policy Projects: Using Service Learning in an Introduction to American Government Course." Poster presentation, Service Learning Symposium and Showcase, University of Georgia. Athens, GA. April 26, 2006.

"Fighting Apathy: A Course Plan for Civic Education Service Learning." American Political Science Association Annual Teaching and Learning Conference. Washington, D.C. February 18-20, 2006. With Holley Tankersley.

"Strategies for the First Weeks of Class," Invited speaker, University Orientation for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, Office of Instructional Support and Development. Athens, GA. August 16, 2005.

"Strategies for Institutionalizing Campus-Wide Support for Service Learning," Invited speaker, Annual Public Service and Outreach Conference on Service Learning. University of Georgia. Athens, GA. January 27, 2005.

"The Role of Service Learning in Increasing Student Engagement," Roundtable Discussant, American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) General Education and Assessment Conference. Atlanta, GA. February 18, 2005.

"Leading a Discussion Section," Invited speaker, University Orientation for New Graduate Teaching Assistants, Office of Instructional Support and Development. Athens, GA. August 17, 2004.

"Women in Higher Education: Parity at the University of Georgia." Georgia Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, Athens, GA. April 5, 2003.

"Women in Higher Education: Are We There Yet?" UGA Women's Studies Student Symposium, Athens, GA. March 27, 2003.