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Academic Employment

University of Florida, Levin College of Law (Gainesville)

Associate Professor (2023 – present)

Pennsylvania State University Law School (University Park)

Associate Professor (2022 – 2023)

Assistant Professor (2018 – 2022)

Education

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Politics (2018): Dissertation: *Essays on Supreme Court Agenda-Setting*

YALE LAW SCHOOL

JD (2010) Yale Law Review, director

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

MA Economics (2004)

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

BA University Scholars (2003)

Publications

Federal Court Question Jurisdiction, Notre Dame L. REV. (forthcoming)

A Theory of Corporate Fiduciary Duties, 49 BYU L. REV. 101 (2024)

The Civil Rights Cases and Black Constitutional Politics, 65 ARIZ. L. REV. 579 (2023) (with Sean Beienburg)

The Active Vices, 74 ALA. L. REV. 917 (2023)

The Origins of Supreme Court Question Selection, 122 COLUM. L. REV. 793 (2022) (winner of AALS Federal Courts section award for Best Untenured Article on Federal Jurisdiction)

Judges Breaking the Law: An Empirical Study of Financially Interested Judges Deciding Cases, 99 N.C. L. REV. 1 (2020) (with John Newby Parton)

The Supreme Court's (Surprising?) Indifference to Public Opinion, 74 POL. RES. Q. 18 (2020) (with Logan Strother) (Winner of the American Political Science Association's Law & Courts Section 2020 Best Conference Paper Award)

The Supreme Court's Political Docket: How Ideology and the Chief Justice Control the Court's Agenda and Shape Law, 50 CONN. L. REV. 581 (2018)

Why Does the Supreme Court Uphold So Many Laws?, 2018 U. ILL. L. REV. 1001 (with Keith Whittington)

Shorter and Invited Pieces

A Response to Two Self-Regulatory Horror Stories, FL. L. REV. FORUM (2023) (forthcoming)

The Supreme Court, Question-selection, Legitimacy, and Reform: Three Theorems and One Suggestion, 67 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 625 (2023) (forthcoming)

Supreme Court of the United States in ELGAR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COMP. L. (2023)

Under Review

THE LEAST RESPONSIVE BRANCH: SUPREME COURT JUSTICES DO NOT RESPOND TO PUBLIC OPINION (book manuscript with Logan Strother) (R&R at Oxford U.P.)

Should Like Cases Be Decided Alike?, (with Richard Jordan) (a formal model of Aristotle's foundational principle in moral and legal theory) (R&R at Journal of Legal Studies)

Social Learning Behind Closed Doors: Evidence from Sequential Voting in the US Supreme Court (with Gabriel López-Moctezuma) (showing causal effect of learning in Supreme Court voting) (R&R at the Journal of Politics, a top-3 peer reviewed political science journal)

Working Papers

Don't Hate the Player; Hate the Game: Omnicare Turns 20

Federal Court Question Jurisdiction

A Structural Model of Supreme Court Agenda-Setting Votes

Can Academics Effectively Monitor Judges?: Evidence from a Field Experiment (with Dane Thorley)

Shedding Light on the Shadow Docket Reveals the Roberts Court's Active Vices (with Logan Strother)

All Contracts Are Inefficient (a formal model of contracting that shows parties fail to maximize joint or social surplus when negotiating)

Works-in-Progress

A Great Client Knows the Judge: Causal Effects of Financial Links Between Judges and Parties (with Dane Thorley)

Prediction as Inference (with Logan Strother)

Jurisdiction and Discretion . . . and Nondelegation

Nondelegation and Presentment

Professional Service

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, and *Journal of Law & Courts*

Professional Experience

HAYNES AND BOONE

Litigation Associate (2010 - 2012), Dallas, TX

CHAMBERS OF JUDGE MICHAEL McCONNELL

Extern (summer 2009), Salt Lake City, UT

KEEFE, BRUYETTE, & WOODS

Associate – Equity Research (2005 - 2007), Atlanta, GA

Bar Admissions

Texas (Inactive), Northern District of Texas