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Current Employment

University of Florida, Levin College of Law (Gainesville, FL)
Associate Professor (2023 – present)

Education

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PhD 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)

Teaching

Courses Taught: Federal Courts, Empirical Methods, Supreme Court Agenda Setting,
Corporations, Advanced Corporations, Law & Accounting/Finance

Other Interests: Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Remedies

Publications

Federal Courts

A History of Vacatur: From Traditional Remedy to Modern Lawmaking, 135 YALE L.J. (forthcoming)

May Federal Courts Answer Questions When Not Deciding Cases?, 100 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 583 (2025)

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

Other Topics

Should Like Cases Be Decided Alike?, A Formal Analysis of Formal Equality, 54 J. LEGAL STUD. 83
(2025) (with Richard Jordan)

A Theory of Corporate Fiduciary Duties, 49 BYU L. REV. 1013 (2024)

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

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)

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

Shorter and Invited Pieces

The Little-Known Rule Change That Made the Supreme Court So Powerful, THE ATLANTIC (2023)

What About the Bar?, 74 FL. L. REV. FORUM 50 (2023)

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

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

Works-in-Progress

THE LEAST RESPONSIVE BRANCH: SUPREME COURT JUSTICES DO NOT RESPOND TO PUBLIC OPINION (book manuscript with Logan Strother)

Unmoved by the Masses: The Supreme Court's Rejection of Public Sentiment (with Logan Strother)

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)

How the Supreme Court Became Supreme (and Maybe Made Congress Dysfunctional)

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

A Structural Model of Supreme Court Agenda-Setting Votes

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

Out of Step?: Attitudinal Drift as a Possible Link between the Supreme Court and the People (with Logan Strother)

Prediction as Inference (with Logan Strother and Jake Trescott)

Professional Service

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

Professional Experience

Pennsylvania State University Law School (University Park, PA)

Associate Professor (2022 – 2023)

Assistant Professor (2018 – 2022)

HAYNES AND BOONE

Litigation Associate (2010 - 2012), Dallas, TX

KEEFE, BRUYETTE, & WOODS

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

Bar Admissions

Texas (Inactive), Northern District of Texas