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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
2016-present Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
2008-2021 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
2003-2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
1999-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Grand Valley State University.

EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D. The University of Texas at Austin.
Dissertation: *Judicial Procedures as Instruments of Political Control*. H. W. Perry, Jr.,
Chair.
- 1988 B.A. University of Wisconsin at Madison. Graduated with distinction.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

The U.S. Constitution in Five Minutes. (co-edited with Davide Klein). Forthcoming 2023.
Equinox Press. <https://www.equinoxpub.com/home/u-s-constitution-5-min/>

"The Foundation of Text Analysis: Corpus Planning and Construction" (co-authored with
Shane Gleason). 2022. *Law & Courts Newsletter*. Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 5-11.

"Group Identification and Support for the supreme Court: Evidence from Evangelical
Protestants." (co-authored with Christopher Kromphardt and Anderson Starling). *Journal for
the Scientific Study of Religion*. Vol. 58, No. 4 (Dec. 2019), pp. 854-873.

"Gender, ideology, and Dominance in Supreme Court Oral Arguments." (co-authored with
Dana J. Patton) *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*. April 2020, pp. 1-23.

"Lawyer, Interrupted: Gender Bias in Oral Arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court." (co-authored
with Dana J. Patton) *Journal of Law and Courts*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (Fall 2017), pp. 337-361.

"Getting Personal in Supreme Court Opinions." *Washington University Journal of Law and
Policy*, Vol. 54 (Fall 2017), pp. 195-207.

"Rules, Standards, and Lower Court Decisions." (co-Authored with James A. Todd). *The
Journal of Law and Courts*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (Fall 2015), pp. 257-275

“Law, Fact, and the Threat of Reversal from Above.” 42 *American Politics Research* (2014): 226-256.

“Barack Obama’s ‘Fight’ to End Poverty: Rhetoric and Reality.” (co-Authored with Richard Fording) 93 *Social Science Quarterly* (2012): 1161–1184.

“The Rhetoric of Restraint and the Ideology of Activism.” (Co-Authored with Stefanie A. Lindquist and Frank B. Cross) 24 *Constitutional Commentary* (2007): 103-125

“Presidents, Justices, and Deference to Administrative Action.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organizations* 23 (2007): 346-364.

“Issue Preferences and Evaluations of the U.S. Supreme Court.” (Co-authored with Marc Hetherington). *Public Opinion Quarterly* 71(2007):40-66

“Does Chevron Matter?” (Co-authored with Herbert Kritzer and Mark Richards). *Law and Policy*. 28(2006) 444-469.

“Patterns and Consequences of Judicial Reversals: Theoretical Considerations and Data from a District Court.” *Justice System Journal*. 27(2006) 28-46.

“Judicial Procedures as Instruments of Political Control: Congress’ Strategic Use of Citizen Suits.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 31(2006):283-305.

“Congress Opens the Courthouse Doors: Statutory Changes to Judicial Review Under the Clean Air Act.” *Political Research Quarterly* 58(2005)139-149.

“The Strategy of Judging: Evidence from Administrative Law.” (Co-authored with Emerson H. Tiller). *Journal of Legal Studies* 31(2002): 61-82.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Invited to participate in conference on “Political Economy of the American Judiciary.” Sept. 22-23, 2016. Northwestern University Law School. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Invited presentation in the Northwestern University Law School Law and Political Economy Colloquium Series. “The Constraining Effect of Law: Connecting Judicial Opinion Language to Outcomes.” March 5, Chicago, IL.
- 2005 Invited to participate in conference on “Law and Positive Political Theory: Legal Doctrine, Judicial Hierarchies, and Political Control.” April 29-30. Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 “The Strategy of Judging: Evidence from Administrative Law.” Conference on the Economics of Courts. November 5 and 6. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1996 “Congressional Management of Judicial Policy Making: The Case of Environmental Policy.” Conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics. November 15-16. Washington University in St. Louis.

OTHER CONFERENCES

- 2018 "Gender, Ideology, and Dominance in Supreme Court Oral Arguments." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2018. San Francisco, CA.
- 2017 "Gender Discrimination in Supreme Court Oral Arguments." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 6-9. Chicago, IL
- 2016 "Naming and Shaming on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 7-10 . Chicago, IL
- 2015 "The Impact of the Tea Party Movement on Minority Political Interests in the U.S. Congress." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2015. San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 "When Elephants Drink Tea: Examining the Distinctiveness of Tea Party Republicans in the U.S. Congress, 2009-2014 (updated with another year's worth of data)." (co-authored with Hong Min Park and Richard Fording) Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 16-19. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "When Elephants Drink Tea: Examining the Distinctiveness of Tea Party Republicans in the U.S. Congress, 2009-2014." (co-authored with Hong Min Park and Richard Fording) Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 3-6. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "Group Membership, subjective Ideological Disagreement, and Support for the Supreme Court." (co-authored with Chris Kromphardt and Anderson Starling) Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 3-6. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "Life Cycle of the Circuit Split." (co-authored with A.K. Shauku) Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 9-11, New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 "Word Clouds as Research and Teaching Tools." (co-authored with Daniel Klein) Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 9-11, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 "Investigating Strategic Framing of Court Opinions by Circuit court Panels." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL, January 3-5.
- 2012 "Searching for Strategy in Court Opinions." Presented at the 2012 Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15.
- 2012 "The Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal and Two Search and Seizure Regimes." Presented at the 2012 Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15 (with James Todd).
- 2010 "Charting the Evolution of Administrative Law: Using Computer-Assisted Content Analysis to Measure the Content of Judicial Opinions Over Time." Presented at the 2010 Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 21-25, 2010
- 2009 "Text, Intent and Policy Preference as Influences on the Supreme Court: Computer-Aided Content Analysis of Legal Texts. (co-authored with Robert Howard). Presented at the annual convention of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada.

- 2008 "The Next Frontier in Legal Analysis: Computer-Aided Content Analysis of Legal Texts" (co-authored with Robert Howard). Presented at the annual convention of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2006 "Rhetoric versus Reality: Exploring the Ideological Dimensions of Judicial Activism on the U.S. Supreme Court." (co-Authored with Stefanie Lindquist). Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2005 "Getting Acquainted: Presidents, Justices and Deference to Administrative Action." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois
- 2004 "Distributing Power by Deciding Cases: Evaluating the Supreme Court's Administrative Law Decisions." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2004 "Patterns and Consequences of Judicial Reversals." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois
- 2002 "Deciding the Supreme Court's Administrative Law Cases: Does *Chevron* Matter?" (co-Authored with Bert Kritzer and Mark Richards). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- 2001 "An Exploratory Study of Manipulation of Judicial Procedures by the 104th-106th Congresses." Presented at the annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 "Delayed Reaction: Issue Preferences and Evaluations of the U.S. Supreme Court" (co-Authored with Marc Hetherington). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 1998 "Judicial Procedures as Instruments of Political Control: An Empirical Test of Congressional Management of the Federal Courts." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.
- 1998 "Judicial Procedures as Instruments of Political Control: Citizen Suits in Environmental Statutes." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- 1997 "Congressional Control of Judicial Policy-Making Through the Clean Air Act." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- 1996 "The Strategy of Judging: An Empirical Assessment." (Co-authored with Emerson H. Tiller.) Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- 1996 "Congressional Control of the Circuit Courts: Mapping Out a Principal-Agent Model." Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Choice Society. Houston, TX.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

- 2016 "Civil Rights Act of 1964" in *American Governance*. Stephen Schecter, ed. Macmillan Reference USA: Farmington Hills, MI.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2006 Review of *Balance of Forces: Separation of Powers Law in the Administrative State* (by Harold H. Bruff). Published in Law and Politics Book Review, an electronic publication of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.
- 2006 Review of *Congress and the Constitution* (edited by Neal Devins and Keith Whittington). Published in Law and Politics Book Review, an electronic publication of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.
- 2000 Review of David Friedman's *Law's Order: What Economics Has to Do With Law and Why It Matters*. Published in Law and Politics Book Review, an electronic publication of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ROLES

- 2016-present Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama.
- 2008-2011, 2013-2014 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
- 2009-2012 Assessment Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
- 2009-2012 Member and Chair (2011-2012) of Bama Grad Expo organizing committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama
- 2003-2016 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama
- 2003-2014 Pre-Law Advisor, University of Alabama
- 2003-2007 Committee for formation of Department of Political Science Leadership Board
- 2002-2003 Director of Political Science Department's Internship Program, Grand Valley State University
- 1999-2003 Chapter Advisor, Grand Valley State University Chapter of *Pi Sigma Alpha*
- 2001-2003 Political Science and International Relations Representative on the Social Science Division Personnel Committee (Grand Valley State University)

COURSES TAUGHT

American Constitutional Foundations
American Constitutional Law I: Institutional Powers and Federalism
American Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Liberties
American Government and Politics
Equal Opportunity and the Law
Judicial Politics and Process
Congress and the Presidency
Judicial Politics (Graduate)
Administrative Regulation (Graduate)

PREVIOUS TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

University of Texas at Austin

- 1995-97 Research Assistant. Gathered and analyzed quantitative data for Professors Emerson H. Tiller and Frank Cross (College of Business Administration) and Scot Powe (Law School).

1992-96 Teaching Assistant: Constitutional Law, Introductory American Politics, Civil Liberties, and American Political Thought.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

1995 Statistical Computing Consultant. Assisted students with statistical projects at ICPSR Summer program.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1988-89 Peace Corps Volunteer, Central African Republic.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1997-98 College of Liberal Arts Dissertation Fellowship

1996-97 Professional Development Awards, given by the Office of Graduate Studies for travel to academic conferences, received in 1996 and 1997.

1992-96 Department of Government Teaching Assistantships, awarded initially in 1992 and renewed in separate competitions each year through 1996.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Southern Political Science Association.
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Organization
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Professor H. W. Perry, Jr., Department of Government and School of Law, UT-Austin

Professor Frank Cross, Department of Management Science and Information Systems, Red
McCombs School of Business, UT-Austin

Professor James Enelow, Department of Government, UT-Austin

Professor Brian E. Roberts, Department of Government, UT-Austin

Professor Emerson H. Tiller, School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.