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Education

Ph.D. Political Science. Michigan State University. August 2019.

Major Field: American Politics, Minor Field: Research Methodology

Dissertation: “Measuring Legal Quality on the U.S. Supreme Court”

Committee: Ryan C. Black (chair), Corwin Smidt, Ian Ostrander, and Eric Juenke

M.A. Political Science. Michigan State University. December 2015.

B.A. Political Science, Pre-Law (with High Honors). Michigan State University. May 2012.

Additional Training

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program

2014: Regression III, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I

2015: Maximum Likelihood Estimation II, Scaling & Dimensional Analysis

Research & Teaching Interests

Research: American politics, judicial politics, the Supreme Court, separation of powers

Teaching: American government, judicial politics/process, Constitutional law, research design, research methods

Publications

Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. Conditionally accepted.

Lane, Elizabeth, Jessica A. Schoenherr, Rachel A. Schutte, and Ryan C. Black. Forthcoming. “Judicial Discretion and U.S. Supreme Court Agenda Setting” in *Open Judicial Politics Reader*, eds. Jennifer Segal Diascro, Rorie L. Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg. Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative.

Lane, Elizabeth A., and Ryan C. Black. 2017. “Agenda Setting and Case Selection of the United States Supreme Court.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

External Funding

Lane, Elizabeth A. (Co-PI) and Ryan C. Black (PI). “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Measuring Legal Quality on the U.S. Supreme Court” (Award Number: 1728975, Award Amount: \$31,000). Law and Social Sciences Division, National Science Foundation. August 2017 - August 2019.

White Paper

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “A Matter of Great Importance’: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” Arlen Specter Center for Public Research Fellowship. Paper 1. Thomas Jefferson University.

Working Papers

“Does Law Constrain or Policy Prevail? The Effect of Litigant Case Strength on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making” (in preparation for submission)

“The Impact of Case Strength on the Supreme Court Judicial Decision Making Process” (in preparation for submission)

“Quality versus Quantity: Amicus Curiae Brief Influence and Decision Making on the United States Supreme Court” in preparation for submission)

“Judicial Workload: A Separation of Powers Approach to the Supreme Court’s Shrinking Docket” (in preparation for submission)

“Court Curbing and Subjective Public Perceptions of Supreme Court *Politicalness*,” with Miles T. Armaly (in preparation for submission)

“You Better Shop Around: How Litigant Characteristics Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions,” with Jamil S. Scott and Jessica A. Schoneherr (draft written, collecting additional data)

“A Winning Strategy: Attorneys’ Use of Brief Citations to Appeal to Members of the Winning Coalition,” with Jessica A. Schoenherr (draft written, collecting additional data)

Conference Presentations

“Does Law Constrain or Policy Prevail? U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

“You Better Shop Around: How Litigant Characteristics Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

- “Does Law Constrain or Policy Prevail? U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making,” Presented at the Emory Conference on Institutions and Lawmaking, February 28-March 1, 2019, Atlanta, GA.
- “A Matter of Great Importance: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” with Jessica A. Schoenherr. Scheduled for the Arlen Specter Center for Public Service Knowledge Exchange. November 30, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Legal Quality on the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association, October 25-26, 2018, East Lansing, MI.
- “Legal Quality on the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30 - September 2, 2018, Boston, MA.
- “A Winning Strategy: Attorneys’ Use of Brief Citations to Appeal to Members of the Winning Coalition,” with Jessica A. Schoenherr. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- “Who’s to Blame? A Dynamic Analysis of the Court’s Diminishing Docket, 1971-2014.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2017, Chicago, IL.
- “Grandstanding or Polarization? Senate Behavior in Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” with Jessica A. Schoenherr and Miles T. Armaly. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association. January 12-14, New Orleans, LA.
- “Measuring Mass Perceptions of Politicalness toward the Supreme Court,” with Miles T. Armaly. Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association. January 7-9, San Juan, PR.
- “Interest Groups and the Supreme Court: The Impact of Justices’ Speeches on Amicus Curiae Success.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 3-5, 2013, Orlando, FL.

Other Research Experience

- Project Supervisor, Understanding Supreme Court Decision-Making Through Conference Note Transcription, Law and Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation. Ryan C. Black, Michigan State University, 2016-Present
- Research Assistant, Social Science Data Analytics, Higher Education Analytics Research Michael Colaresi, Michigan State University, 2014 - 2016
- Research Assistant, Christian Houle, Michigan State University, Fall, 2013

Teaching

Instructor

Course Instructor, Politics of the U.S. Supreme Court, Fall 2019
Course Instructor, Constitutional Law, Fall 2018
Course Instructor, Constitutional Law, Fall 2018
Course Instructor, Constitutional Law, Spring 2018
Section Instructor, Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2016 (with Ryan C. Black)

Course Assistant

Judicial Process, Summer 2019 (with Rachael Schutte)
Judicial Process, Summer 2018 (with Rachael Schutte)
Intro to American Government, Summer 2018 (with Rachael Schutte)
Constitutional Law, Spring 2017 (with Matthew Zalewski)
Comparative Judicial Systems, Fall 2014 (with Reginald Sheehan)
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, Fall 2014 (with Christian Houle)
Judicial Process, Spring 2014 (with Ryan C. Black)

Awards

Best Graduate Student Paper for “Legal Quality on the United States Supreme Court”
Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2019.

Best Graduate Student Paper for “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2019 (with Jessica Schoneherr).

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, May, 2019.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, Spring 2019.

Best Graduate Student Paper for “Legal Quality on the United States Supreme Court”
Michigan Political Science Association, 2018.

Arlen Specter Center for Public Policy Fellowship, with Jessica A. Schoenherr, December 2017 - December 2018.

Dissertation Research Award, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, May 2017.

Kenneth E. Corey Research Enrichment Award. College of Social Science, Michigan State University, May 2016.

Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association,
January 2016.

Summer Merit Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University,
May 2018, May 2015 & May 2014.