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Employment

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University. Fall 2019 - present.

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.

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

Research

Publications

Lane, Elizabeth A. "A Separation-of-Powers Approach to the Supreme Court's Shrinking Caseload." *Journal of Law and Courts*. *Forthcoming*.

Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. "The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." *Journal of Law and Courts* 8.2 (2020): 333-358.

Lane, Elizabeth A., Jessica A. Schoenherr, Rachel A. Schutte, and Ryan C. Black. 2019. "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. February 2019. "A Matter of Great Importance': Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings." Arlen Specter Center for Public Service Research Fellowship. Paper 1. Thomas Jefferson University.

Book Review

Lane, Elizabeth A. 2020. Review of *The President and the Supreme Court: Going Public on Judicial Decisions from Washington to Trump* by Paul M. Collins, Jr. and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha. *Law and Politics Book Review* 30(9): 141-148 (October)

Working Papers

"Politicized Battles: How Vacancies and Partisanship Influence Support for the Supreme Court," with Miles T. Armaly (under review)

"You Better Shop Around: How Litigant Characteristics Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions," with Jamil S. Scott and Jessica A. Schoneherr (in preparation for submission)

"Where are the Women? Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court," with Jessica A. Schoneherr (in preparation for submission)

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

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

"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

- “Where are the Women? Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 9-13, 2020, Virtual.
- “Quality versus Quantity: Amicus Curiae Brief Influence and Decision Making on the United States Supreme Court,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association. January 8-12, 2020. San Juan, PR.
- “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.

Invited Talks

“Where are the Women? Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court,” Presented at the University of Houston Department of Political Science Brownbag, October 28, 2020. Virtual.

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, Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties, Fall 2018, 2019, 2020; Spring 2018, 2019, 2021

Course Instructor, Constitutional Law: Rights of the Criminally Accused, Fall 2020; Spring 2021

Course Instructor, Honors Directed Research, Spring 2021

Course Instructor, Readings Course, Spring 2020

Course Instructor, Politics of the U.S. Supreme Court, Fall 2019; Spring 2020

Section Instructor, Introduction to Political Science (with Ryan C. Black), Fall 2016

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.

Service Activities

Professional

Panel Discussant: SPSA 2019, 2020, 2021

Poster Discussant: MPSA 2018

Law and Courts Best Journal Article Award selection committee member, 2020

Reviewer: AJPS, PRQ, JLC, Law and Courts Book Review

Departmental

Research Committee, 2019-present

Pre-Law Society Faculty Advisor, 2020-present