

# Sara Catherine Benesh

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Michigan State University, 1999.  
Master of Arts, Political Science, Michigan State University, 1997.  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English, *cum laude*, Saint Norbert College, 1995.

## EMPLOYMENT

Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 2019 – present.  
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 2006 – present.  
Boden Visiting Professor of Law, Marquette University, Fall 2007.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 2001 – 2006.  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Orleans, 1999 – 2001.  
Instructor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 1997 – 1999.

## AWARDS

2007. Houghton Mifflin Award for “Best Journal Article on Law and Courts Written by a Political Scientist and Published During the Previous Calendar Year,” for “Understanding Public Confidence in American Courts” in the *Journal of Politics*. Law and Courts Section, APSA.

2022. UWM Faculty Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award. University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

## BOOKS

Segal, Jeffrey A., Harold J. Spaeth, and Sara C. Benesh. 2005. *The Supreme Court in the American Legal System*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. *The U.S. Court of Appeals and the Law of Confessions: Perspectives on the Hierarchy of Justice*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing.

*Subject of the “Authors Meet the Critics” Roundtable at the 2006 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.*

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

\*Graduate student coauthor

\*Benesh, Sara C., Zachary Wallander, and David A. Armstrong. 2020. "Advisors to Elites: Untangling Their Effect." *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(1):51-73.

Benesh, Sara C. 2017. "The Use of Observational Data (e.g., The Spaeth Database) To Study Law and the Judiciary." In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*. Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

\*Fettig, Shawn C. and Sara C. Benesh. 2016. "Be Careful With My Court: Legitimacy, Public Opinion, and the Chief Justices." In *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, Artemus Ward and David Danelski, Editors. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

\*Benesh, Sara C., Jennifer K. Luse, Amanda Schaeffer and Nicole Simmons. 2014. "Supreme Court Monitoring Via GVRs." *Justice System Journal* 35(2):162-177.

\*Jennifer K. Luse, Geoffrey McGovern, Wendy L. Martinek, and Sara C. Benesh. 2009. "Such Inferior Courts . . .?: Compliance by Circuits with Jurisprudential Regimes." *American Politics Research* 37: 75-106.

Kaheny, Erin, Susan Haire, and Sara C. Benesh. 2008. "Change Over Tenure: Voting, Variance, and Decision Making on The U.S. Courts of Appeals." *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(3): 490-503.

Benesh, Sara C. and Harold J. Spaeth. 2007. "The Constraint of Law: A Study of Supreme Court Dissensus." *American Politics Research* 35:755-768.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "Understanding Public Confidence in American Courts." *Journal of Politics*, 68(3):697-707.

*Recipient of the Houghton Mifflin Award for the best journal article published in Law & Courts by a political scientist in 2006 from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.*

Benesh, Sara C., Saul Brenner, and Harold J. Spaeth. 2002. "Aggressive Grants by Affirm-Minded Justices." *American Politics Research* (formerly *American Politics Quarterly*) 30(3):219-234.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2002. "State Court Decision Making in Confession Cases." *Justice System Journal* 23(1):109-133.

Benesh, Sara C. and Malia Reddick. 2002. "Overruled: An Event History Analysis of Lower Court Reaction to Supreme Court Alterations of Precedent." *Journal of Politics* 64(2):534-550.

Benesh, Sara C. 2001. "The Key to a Successful Prospectus: Consult An Advisor, Early and Often." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 34(4):853-854.

Benesh, Sara C. and Susan Howell. 2001. "Confidence in the Courts: A Comparison of Users and Non-Users." *Behavioral Sciences & the Law* 19:199-214.

Reddick, Malia and Sara C. Benesh. 2000. "Norm Violation by the Lower Courts in the Treatment of Supreme Court Precedent." *Justice System Journal* 21:117-142.

Benesh, Sara C., Reggie S. Sheehan, and Harold J. Spaeth. 1999. "Equity in Opinion Assignment on the United States Supreme Court." *Jurimetrics* 39:377-389.

## OTHER ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

\*Graduate student coauthor

Benesh, Sara C. 2021. "How can we tell what the Constitution means?" In *The U.S. Constitution in Five Minutes*. David Klein and Joseph Smith, eds. London: Equinox.

\*Wallander, Zachary and Sara C. Benesh. 2014. "Law Clerks as Advisors: Evidence from the Blackmun Papers." *Marquette Law Review* 98(1):43-73.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "APSA Recap and Thoughts for the Future." *Law and Courts* 23(3):5-8.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "Judicial Elections: Directions in the Study of Institutional Legitimacy," *Judicature* 96(4): 204-208.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2012. "Lower Court Compliance with Precedent." In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, Kevin T. McGuire, Editor. New York: Routledge.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2012. "The Wisconsin Judiciary." In *Wisconsin Government and Politics*, Tenth Edition. Thomas Holbrook, Editor. Boston: McGraw Hill.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2010. "Context and Compliance: A Comparison of State Supreme Courts and the Circuits." *Marquette Law Review* 93(2):795-824.

Benesh, Sara C. 2009. "Who Am I? Why Am I Here?" *Law and Courts* 19(3): 7-9.

Benesh, Sara C. and Jason Czarnecki. 2009. "The Ideology of Legal Interpretation." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 29:113-132.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2008. "The Wisconsin Judiciary." In *Wisconsin Government and Politics*, Ninth Edition. Thomas Holbrook, Editor. Boston: McGraw Hill.

Benesh, Sara C. 2008. "Supreme Court Monitoring via GVRs." *Southern Illinois Law Review* 32: 659-681.

Kaheny, Erin, Sara C. Benesh, and Susan H. Haire. 2008. "Career Stage and Decisional Variance: A Comparative Analysis of Seventh, Eighth, and Fourth Circuit Judges." *Southern Illinois Law Review*, 509-525.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "The Contribution of 'Extra' Judges." *University of Arizona Law Review*, 48(2):301-315.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "Becoming an Intelligent User of the Spaeth Databases." *Law and Courts* 16(1):15-21.

Benesh, Sara C. 2003. "Harold J. Spaeth: The Supreme Court Computer." In *The Pioneers of Judicial Behavior*. Nancy Maveety, Editor. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Benesh, Sara C. 2001. "The Hierarchy of Justice and Nonpublication." *Law and Courts* 11(3):5-7.

Benesh, Sara C. and Christopher J. W. Zorn. 1998. "Data Transformations for the Analysis of Judicial Voting: Part I, The Supreme Court Judicial Database." 8 *Law and Courts* 9-12 (Summer).

## INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Benesh, Sara C. 2021. Test Banks and PowerPoint Slides for *Constitutional Law for a Changing America: A Short Course*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. Lee Epstein, Kevin T. McGuire, and Thomas G. Walker, eds. New York: CQ Press.

## DATA CODEBOOKS

Benesh, Sara C. and Harold J. Spaeth. 2003. *The Supreme Court Justice-Centered Judicial Databases: The Warren, Burger, and Rehnquist Courts*. Available on-line <http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/juri/sctdata.htm>.

## DATA COLLECTION

Harold J. Spaeth, Lee Epstein, Andrew D. Martin, Jeffrey A. Segal, Theodore J. Ruger, and Sara C. Benesh. 2017. *Supreme Court Database*, Version 2015 Release 03. URL: <http://Supremecourtdatabase.org>.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Benesh, Sara C. 2016. "Book Review: *Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change* (by Paul Collins and Lori Ringhand)." *Law and Society Review* 50(4): 1048-1051.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "Book Review: *The Behavior of Federal Judges: A Theoretical & Empirical Study of Rational Choice* (by Lee Epstein, William M. Landes and Richard A. Posner)." *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 23(7):312-315.

Benesh, Sara C. 2007. "Book Review: *Before the Next Attack* (by Bruce Ackerman)." *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 17(2):150-152.

Benesh, Sara C. 2003. "Book Review: *Making Law in the U.S. Courts of Appeals* (by David E. Klein)." *The Law and Politics Book Review* 13(2).

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "Book Review: *In Defense of a Political Court* (by Terri Jennings Peretti)." *American Political Science Review* 96(1):214-215.

Benesh, Sara C. 2000. "Book Review: *Legalizing Gender Inequality: Courts, Markets, and Unequal Pay for Women in America* (by Robert L. Nelson and William P. Bridges)." *The Law and Politics Book Review* 10:111-114.

Benesh, Sara C. 2000. "Book Review: *The Activist Advocate: Policy Making in State Supreme Courts* (by Charles S. Lopeman)." *The Justice System Journal* 21:354-357.

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

*Advancing Research and Creativity*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Office of Research, "Justice Visibility and Public Support for the U.S. Supreme Court." \$12,500. 2022.

*Research Assistance Fund*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Office of Research, "Surveys on Legitimacy." \$5000. 2021-2022.

*Support for Undergraduate Research Fellows*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Office of Undergraduate Research, "Cataloging the Shadow Docket." \$3000. 2021-2022.

*Towards an Antiracist Campus: Action Grants 2020*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Office of Research, “Healing, Restoration, and Self-Care for Students of Color at UWM.” \$9454.90. 2020-2021.

*Research Growth Initiative*, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Graduate School, “Supreme Court Monitoring of Lower Courts in Cases Not Formally Decided.” \$73,261. 2006-2007.

National Science Foundation, SBR-9911054. “Collaborative Research – Individual-Level Analysis of Supreme Court Justices: A Modification of the United States Supreme Court Judicial Databases.” Co-Principal Investigator. (With Harold J. Spaeth). Total \$98,078. 2000-2001.

*Faculty Initiative for Technology in Teaching Award*. University of New Orleans, 2000-2001.

*Edward Artinian Travel Award*. Southern Political Science Association, 2000.

Summer Research Stipend. “Modeling the Relationship Between the Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals.” University of New Orleans, 1999-2000.

## GRADUATE EDUCATION

Chair, 5 Dissertation Committees

- Jennifer Luse Jacobson, successfully defended August 2010; Assistant Professor, Kutztown University.
- Kimberly Johnson Rice, successfully defended April 2012; Data Science Manager, FedExGround.
- Zachary Wallander, successfully defended May 2014; Lead Data Scientist, Northwestern Mutual.
- Shawn Fettig, successfully defended November 2015; Researcher, Seattle Health Department.
- Taraleigh Davis, in progress.

Committee Member, 9 Dissertation Committees

- Kate Scheurer, successfully defended May 2007.
- Christopher Parker (SUNY Stony Brook), successfully defended August 2011. Assistant Professor, U of Rhode Island.
- Dave Helpap, successfully defended June 2012. Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay.
- Clayton Clouse, successfully defended April 2013, Data Science, FedEx Dataworks
- Joe Cera, successfully defended May 2013. Head of Data Science, GMR Marketing.
- Sky Ammann, successfully defended April 2014. Director of Product Insights, Workiva.
- Timothy Lynch, successfully defended April 2014. Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas.
- Michael Bednarzcuk, successfully defended August 2018. Professor, Randall University.
- Carisa Bergner, in progress.

Directed 5 Masters Theses (Chris Dobbertean, successfully defended December 2002; Kerry Kreinitz, successfully defended December 2003; Jennifer Luse, successfully defended May 2005; Zachary Wallander, successfully defended May 2010; Benjamin Edelstein, successfully defended May 2018).

Member, 4 Masters Thesis Committees (Andrea Schreiber, successfully defended May 2006; Joe Cera, successfully defended May 2007; Matt Luttig, successfully defended May 2010; Carisa Bergner, successfully defended May 2014).

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS (LAST 5 YEARS)**

Benesh, Sara C., Taraleigh Davis, Elizabeth Willis. 2022. "The Shadow Docket." Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Benesh, Sara C. and Benjamin Edelstein. 2020. "Recusal as Remedy: Disincentivizing Donors." Was to have been presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19)

Benesh, Sara C., Sky Ammann, and Wendy L. Martinek. 2019. "When is Knowing Loving? Justice Visibility and Public Support for the U.S. Supreme Court," Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019.

Armstrong, David, Sara C. Benesh, and Wendy L. Martinek. 2019. "Specific Support for the U.S. Supreme Court Over Time," Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 2019.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2018. "Deciding When and How to Engage: Supreme Court Justice Choices over Public Appearances," Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018.

## **OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (LAST 5 YEARS)**

Chair and Discussant, "Rights, Rhetoric, and Legitimacy," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Discussant, "Conservatism and the Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Panelist, "Authors Meet the Critics: Gibson and Nelson's Black and Blue," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

Round Table Participant, "CAREER: Teaching, Service, and Engagement," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

Chair, "Experiments and Judicial Legitimacy," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January, 2019.

Discussant, "Race in Judging and Public Opinion on Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018.

## **INVITED CONFERENCES**

*U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Annual Conference*, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, WI, May 2019.

*SPSA Conference Within a Conference*. January 2019.

*The U.S. Judicial System in a Trump Presidency*, Center for American Political Responsiveness, Penn State University, March 2017.

*Political Economy of the American Judiciary Conference*, Northwestern Pritzker Law School, October 2016.

*SPSA Conference-within-a- Conference.* January 2015.

*Judicial Assistants or Junior Judges,* Marquette University Law School. April 2014.

*Judicial Collegiality: Positive Theories and Political Analysis,* Center for Law and Politics, University of Southern California Law School. November 2011.

*Marquette Criminal Appeals Conference,* Marquette University Law School, June 2009.

*Empirical Research on Decision Making in Federal Courts,* Washington University Law School, April 2008.

*Seventh Circuit Conference.* Southern Illinois Law School, February 22 – 23, 2008. (Cancelled due to weather. Papers were published in the *Southern Illinois Law Review*, Volume 32.)

*Ninth Circuit Conference.* University of Arizona Law School, September 30 – October 1, 2005.

*Judicial Selection and a Republican Form of Government.* Sponsored by The Johnson Foundation and the American Bar Association. Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, WI, March 28-30, 2003.

*Arleen Carlson Symposium on American Politics: The Judiciary in America.* University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science, February 20-23, 2003.

*Ideal Point Estimation Conference.* Washington University in St. Louis, September 20-22, 2002. Sponsored by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy and the Department of Political Science.

*Midwest Law and Society Retreat.* University of Wisconsin – Madison, September 2002.

## INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Interviewed by *Christian Science Monitor* regarding Supreme Court.

Joined Professor Tim Johnson on The Morning Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, to discuss the Supreme Court term, July 14, 2022.

Guest on *Deep Dive with Shawn C. Fettig* podcast, July 4, 2022. Bonus Episode: Welcome to Gilead (We Had a Good Run). Available online at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/bonus-episode-welcome-to-gilead-we-had-a-good-run/id1622716226?i=1000568824545>.

Interviewed for *Urban Milwaukee*, June 26, 2022, on Wisconsin's abortion statute.

Interviewed by the Associated Press, June 26, 2022, on Wisconsin's abortion statute.

Appeared on WISN-12 News at 4 Live to discuss the Court's *Dobbs* decision and its impact on Wisconsin, June 24, 2022.

Guest on *Deep Dive with Shawn C. Fettig* podcast, May 29, 2022. Premier Episode: Everything Is Made Up (and is Roe in Danger with this Supreme Court?). Available online here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/everything-is-made-up-and-is-roe-in-danger-with/id1622716226?i=1000564432156>.

Interviewed for WUWM's Lake Effect, November 8, 2021, on SCOTUS abortion cases.

Interviewed for PBS Newshour, Tuesday, September 21, 2021 regarding Missouri's abortion statute and the Eight Circuit's en banc hearing.

Interviewed by Radio Milwaukee for December 1, 2021 story on *Roe v. Wade* and WI abortion laws.

Interviewed by *Milwaukee Magazine* for their July 2021 issue's story on self-care (re: Self-Care Club at UWM).

Benesh, Sara C. "The Constitution and Freedom (during a pandemic)." Constitution Day Lecture, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh American Democracy Project, September 16, 2021.

Edelstein, Benjamin, and Sara C. Benesh. "Recusal as Remedy: Disincentivizing Donors." Milwaukee Area Political Science Seminars, November 13, 2020.

Guest on Tatter podcast with Michael Sargent. Episode 61: Legitimate Authority. Available online at <https://tatter.fireside.fm/61>.

Interviewed by Chuck Quirnbach for WUWM on Wisconsin State Supreme Court and presidential primary results. Clip broadcast by NPR. April 13, 2020.

Quoted in "Wisconsin Voters Overcome Pandemic to Knock Conservative Off High Court, April 13, 2020, Joe Kelly, Courthouse News Service.

Quoted in "After Chaotic Back-and-Forth, Wisconsin Voters Head to Polls," April 7, 2020, Joe Kelly, Courthouse News Service.

Quoted in "Court Hopefuls Push Through Coronavirus to Election Day," Associated Press, April 3, 2020.

Quoted in "As Roberts enters fray, legacy of judicial independence at stake," *Christian Science Monitor*, January 15, 2020.

Interviewed on Wisconsin Public Radio, Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Quoted in "The High Court's Political Turn," Lisa Hagen, US News & World Report, October 11, 2019.

Quoted in "What will Roberts do? Anti-abortion laws put Chief Justice in the spotlight, and on the spot," Lisa Belkin, Yahoo! News, May 23 2019.

"Trump Judges or Obama Judges: Panelist," Seventh Circuit Conference, May 6, 2019.

Quoted in "Why Chief Justice Roberts is moving to the center of the court," Henry Gass, Christian Science Monitor, March 26, 2019.

Quoted in "The Future of Abortion in America is in Chief Justice John Roberts' Hands," Rosemary Westwood, Pacific Standard, Feb 25, 2019.

Quoted in "John Roberts, Leader of Supreme Court's Conservative Majority, Fights Perception That it is Partisan, Adam Liptak, *New York Times*, December 23, 2018.

"When is Knowing Loving? Justice Visibility and Public Support for the U.S. Supreme Court," Milwaukee Area Political Science Symposium, Marquette University, December 2018.

Quoted in "No, 5-4 Supreme Court rulings are not on the rise," John Kruzal, PunditFact, Oct 12, 2018.



Quoted in, "Abortion, executive power among issues where Kavanaugh could have most impact," Stephen Loiaconi, Sinclair Broadcast Group, Oct 8, 2018.

Quoted in, "The Supreme Court's legitimacy crisis is here," Zack Beauchamp, Vox, Oct 6, 2018.

Quoted in, "Brett Kavanaugh and the Supreme Court's looming legitimacy crisis," Zack Beauchamp, Vox, Sept 24, 2018.

Quoted in "Principled or 'posturing'? Sen. Collins' SCOTUS nominee demands draw skepticism," Stephen Loiaconi, Sinclair Broadcast Group, July 2, 2018

Career Day, Wauwatosa West High School, Junior Achievement, February 1, 2018.

"Presidential Rhetoric and Court Legitimacy," The U.S. Judicial System in a Trump Presidency, Center for American Political Responsiveness, Penn State, March 18, 2017.

"Job Fair: Being a Professor," Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Port Washington, WI. Fall 2016.

"Supreme Court Appearances and Legitimacy," American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Political Science, October 24, 2016.

"Panel Discussion: Future Directions," Political Economy of the American Judiciary, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, September 23, 2016.

Discussed Rebecca Bradley on *Central Time* on Wisconsin Public Radio with Rob Ferrett, later quoted in the article, "Political Scientist: Bradley's Controversial Comments Could Sway Undecided Voters: Maelstrom Over Supreme Court Justice's Anti-Gay, Anti-Abortion Columns Continues" by Scottie Lee Meyers, Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 3:00pm. Published online: <http://www.wpr.org/political-scientist-bradleys-controversial-comments-could-sway-undecided-voters>.

Quoted in "High Court's Election Year Line-Up Rich in High-Profile Cases," by Mark Sherman, Associated Press, November 30, 2015, published online: <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/db7339832c5d44bb8b70f751d3cc58aa/high-court-election-year-lineup-rich-high-profile-cases>.

Quoted in "Rebecca Bradley's Star Rises Among Conservative Judiciary," Bruce Vielmetti, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, June 27, 2015, A3.

"Independence, Accountability, and Legitimacy: The Selection of State Judges," Keynote Speaker, League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, June 7, 2013.

"Electing Justice: Independence, Accountability and Legitimacy in State Supreme Court Elections," League of Women Voters, Plover, WI, March 2, 2013.

"Judicial Independence and Elections," WFHR Public Radio Interview with Carl Hilke, Plover, WI, February 28, 2013.

"Applying to Graduate School," Pi Sigma Alpha Meeting, October 11, 2012.

"Learning from the Blackmun Papers." Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Quarterly Meeting, Brookfield, WI, November 16, 2011.

"Courts as Legitimizers." Northwestern University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, April 21, 2011.

- “Circuit Court Legitimacy: Thoughts Toward a Theory.” Northwestern University School of Law, Workshop on Judicial Behavior, October 27, 2010.
- “Such Inferior Courts: Compliance by Circuits with Jurisprudential Regimes.” Marquette University Law School Faculty Workshop, December 2007.
- Guest, The Kathleen Dunn Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, Monday, April 23, 2007.
- “Legal and Political Influences on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Fordham University Department of Political Science, April 2006.
- “Ideology or Interpretative Philosophy: Testing the Legal and Attitudinal Models on the Seventh Circuit.” Marquette University Law School Visiting Faculty Workshop Series, April 2006.
- Guest Blogger, The Empirical Legal Studies Blog, [www.elsblog.org](http://www.elsblog.org), March 13-17, 2006.
- “On Presenting at Conferences.” Featured Speaker, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, March 2006.
- “On Choosing a Dissertation Topic.” Featured Speaker, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, February 2006.
- “Graduate School Planning Workshop.” Featured Speaker, St. Norbert College Career Services, De Pere, WI. October 13, 2005.
- “Constitutional Interpretation in Times of Crisis.” Featured Speaker and co-Organizer, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Observance of Constitution Day. September 14, 2005.
- “O’Connor’s Replacement.” Interview with Arizona Metro Source. A Division of Westwood One. July 19, 2005.
- “The End of Term Cases; Chief Justice’s Retirement?” Interview with Ben Merens, *Weekday Programming with Ben Merens*, The Ideas Network, Wisconsin Public Radio. Aired June 29, 2005.
- “The Death Penalty in Wisconsin.” Interview with Dave Edwards, *At Ten with Dave Edwards*, WUWM, Milwaukee Public Radio. Aired January 14, 2003.
- “UWM Political Scientist on Death (Penalty) Watch.” Interview with Terry Higgins, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee News Services and Publications. Available online at [http://www.uwm.edu/News/PR/02.11/death\\_penalty.html](http://www.uwm.edu/News/PR/02.11/death_penalty.html).
- “The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties.” Featured Speaker, Wauwatosa West High School, AP United States Government and Politics Class. January, 2003.
- “The State of the Discipline – Research on the Lower Federal Courts.” Featured Speaker, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, February 21, 2003.
- “The U.S. Court of Appeals and the Law of Confessions: Perspectives on the Hierarchy of Justice.” Featured Speaker, *Law and Legal Institutions Brown Bag*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2002.
- “Civil Liberties in the Aftermath of 9/11.” Featured Speaker, *American Association of University Women*, Waukesha, WI, October 2002.

“Studying the Courts: An Alternative to Law School.” Featured Speaker, *Forms of Inquiry: A Faculty Lecture Series*. Honors Program, University of New Orleans, 2000.

## TEACHING

### *Undergraduate*

- American Government (Honors and Regular Sections)
- American Judicial Process
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (online and face-to-face)
- Seminar in American Politics (online; subtitles “Civil Liberties Since 9/11,” and “Obscenity and the First Amendment”)
- Problems in Law Studies (online; subtitles “Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis,” “Obscenity and the First Amendment,” “Law & Politics,” “The Separation of Church and State,” and “Campaign Finance”)
- Methods of Political Research (Undergraduate Statistics)
- Obscenity and the First Amendment (Freshman Seminar and Honors Seminar)
- The Supreme Court  
*Course evaluated for UWM Faculty Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award*
- Political Science Capstone Course
- Law & Society (online and face-to-face)
- Judicial Behavior (Directed reading)
- Law Through Popular Culture

### *Graduate*

- Graduate Seminar in Judicial Politics
- Seminar on Judicial Process and Behavior (Subtitle: “Legitimacy”)
- Comparative Judicial Politics (Directed Reading)
- Judicial Behavior (Directed Reading)
- Political Science Research Techniques (Graduate Statistics)
- Scope and Methods of Political Analysis III (Advanced Graduate Statistics)

### *Law School*

- Law & Politics

## OTHER POTENTIAL COURSES

- Constitutional Law
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Women and the Law
- Ethnicity, Religion, and Race in American Politics
- Constitutional Interpretation
- American Political Institutions (Graduate Seminar)
- Empirical Analysis for Law Students
- Social Science for Law Students

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

#### *Department of Political Science*

- Department Chair, August 2019 – present.
- Webmaster, Department of Political Science, 2017 – present.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Summer 2018 – Summer 2019.
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2001 – 2002, 2014 – present.
- Member, Graduate Committee, 2004 – 2009; 2019-present.
- Faculty Sponsor, ACLU Chapter, 2013 – present.
- Faculty Sponsor, UWM Mock Trial, 2006 – present.
- Member, Online Funds Committee, 2012 – 2015.
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2010 – 2013.
- Member, Search Committee, American Institutions, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.
- Member, Search Committee, U.S. Latino Politics, Fall 2010.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Recruitments, Spring 2010.
- Member, Sabbatical Review Committee, Fall 2009.
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2006 – 2008.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002 – 2004.
- Chair, Public Law Search Committee, 2003.
- Member, Blue Ribbon Committee on Undergraduate Evaluation, 2003.
- Member, Women’s Studies/Political Science Search Committee, 2001.

#### *Teaching-Related Service*

- Directing independent study students for Mock Trial (Fall 2021 (12); Spring 2022 (5))
- Directed 29 internships (Fall 2001 – Spring 2008, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Summer 2017 Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Summer 2020).
- Directed 36 capstone papers (Fall 2001 – Spring 2007).
- Directed 5 independent study courses (Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2006, Spring 2013 (Honors)).
- Member, American Politics Preliminary Examination Committee, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008 (Chair), Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010 (Chair), Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012 (Chair), Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- Directed two UROP students (Fall 2006, Spring 2007).
- Directed one SURF student (Fall 2021, Spring 2022).
- Directed ULEAP students (Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010).
- High Honors Committee (Spring 2009, Spring 2015).

#### *University Service*

- Member, L&S APGC, Fall 2021 – present.
- Member, Divisional Committee, Social Sciences, Fall 2020 – present.
- Member, Promotion to Full Workgroup, UWM, Spring 2020 – present.
- Member, Scholarship Committee, College of Letters and Science, 2018 – present.
- Member, NonAcademic Student Misconduct Committee, August 2014 – present.
- Member, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, 2021.
- Member, Admissions and Records Policy Committee, November 2014 – 2017.
- Member, Subcommittee on Graduate Fellowships, August 2011 – 2014; 2020 – present.

- Selection Committee Member and Administrator, Bonfiglio Scholarship Award, 2006 – present.
- Assisted in organizing Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2012.
- Organizer, Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2011.
- Participant, Planning for Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2010.
- Organizer and Presenter, Constitution Day at UWM, September 2005.
- Organizer, Constitution Day at UWM, September 2006, September 2011.
- Member, UWM Children’s Center Advisory Board, 2006 – 2008.
- Member, UWM Children’s Center Finance Committee, 2006 – 2008.

### **American Political Science Association**

- Member, Edward Corwin Prize Selection Committee, 2015.

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

- Member, Travel Scholarship Award Committee, 2022.
- Member, Nominations Committee, 2006-2007.

### **Law and Courts Section, APSA**

- Nominations Committee, Law and Courts Section, APSA, 2021-2022.
- Treasurer, Law and Courts Section, APSA, 2016 – 2018.
- Law and Courts Service Award Committee, Member, 2014.
- Division Chair for American Political Science Association Meeting in 2013.
- Organized Panel for the 2007 SPSA, “Operationalizing Law”
- Search Committee, Editor for *Law & Courts*, 2006-2007.
- Member, Nominations Committee, 2005-2006.
- Chair, McGraw Hill Award Committee, 2004-2005.
- Member, Law and Courts Graduate Student Travel Awards Selection Committee, 2004-2005.
- Member, Executive Committee, 2003-2005.
- Member, Wadsworth Publishing Award Committee, 2002-2003.
- Member, Nominations Committee, 1999-2000.
- Panelist, Law and Courts Section-Sponsored Short Course: *Professional Development for New Political Scientists*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2000.

### **Other Service**

- Member, Resource Implementation for Data Intensive Research (RIDIR) Panel, Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate, National Science Foundation (Spring 2016).
- Editorial Advisor, *Judicature*, 2011 – 2014.
- Member, Law and Social Science Panel, National Science Foundation (Fall 2007, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011).
- Editorial Board Member, *Justice System Journal*, 2005-2014.
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2007-2009.
- Editorial Board Member, *Law and Courts Newsletter*, 2005-2007.
- Editorial Board Member, *American Politics Research*, 2002-2008.
- Co-Editor, *Empirical Legal Studies Blog*, 2006-2011.
- Board of Advisors, Law and Courts Legal Scholarship Network Abstracting Journal, SSRN

- Manuscript reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *American Review of Politics*, *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement*, *Law and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Law and Society Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Policy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Judicature*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Westview Press, RAND Corporation, Publius, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, University of Virginia Press.
- Grant reviewer for *National Science Foundation*.
- External reviewer for three tenure cases.

## NOTABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE

President of the Board, Saukville Food Pantry, August 2019 – present.

Meal Site Ambassador, Saukville Food Pantry, April 2018 – present. Secured community groups to prepare bimonthly meals for needy persons in Ozaukee County. Present on-site for assistance in serving.

President, Port Washington High School Music Boosters, May 2019 – May 2022.

Secretary, Port Washington High School Music Boosters, April 2018 – May 2019.

Vice Present, Thomas Jefferson Middle School Music Boosters, September 2017 – May 2022.

Scholastic and Used Book Sale Co-Coordinator, Dunwiddie Elementary School, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2016. Coordinated Scholastic sale. Collected donated books for used book sale, set up and ran sale. Net profit to the school: Scholastic, approximately \$2000; used sales, approximately \$600.

Head Coach, Volleyball, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A Team, January 2018 – March 2018.

Catechist, St. Joseph Parish, Grafton, WI 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2017-2018.

Member, Community First, 2015. Organized in support of the referendum for the Port Washington-Saukville School District: Wrote editorials, knocked doors, created and distributed signs and other literature, met with voters.

Assistant Coach, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, St. Joseph Parish School, Fall 2017.

Assistant Catechist, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, St. Joseph Parish, 2016 – 2017.

Volleyball Co-Coordinator, St. Joseph Parish School, 2015 – 2017. Coordinated the season for boys and girls volleyball, 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Recruited players and coaches, scheduled games and practices, ran a tournament.

Head Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, St. Joseph Parish School, Fall 2016.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Law and Courts Section, APSA
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association