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PRIMARY TEACHING FIELDS

Judicial Process
Constitutional Law
Comparative Legal Systems
American National Government

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Supreme Court Decision-making
U.S. Courts of Appeals
Comparative Judicial Politics
Judicial Impact on Lower Courts

EDUCATION

PhD

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina February, 1990
Dissertation: "Supreme Court Litigation: An Analysis of the Warren,
Burger, and Rehnquist Courts, 1953-1989"
Fields: American Government (major)
Public Administration (minor)
Comparative Politics (minor)

MA

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina May, 1986
Thesis: "Political Conflict in City Councils: An Empirical Analysis"

BA

University of South Carolina-Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina December, 1982

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AGENDA

COURTS AND POLITICS IN A CROSS NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE. Book length manuscript. (with
Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer).

COMPARATIVE HIGH COURT LITIGATION: IMPACT OF PARTY CAPABILITY THEORY ON
DECISION MAKING. Book length manuscript . (with Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and
Kirk Randazzo.

SUPREME COURT AND THE COUNTERMAJORITARIAN DIFFICULTY: THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC

OPINION ON DECISION MAKING. Book length manuscript (with William Myers and Rachel Schutte)

“Australia High Court and Public Opinion: A Comparative Analysis on Conditional Response Theory.: revise and resubmit Law and Society Review. (with William Myers).

BOOKS

JUDICIALIATION OF POLITICS: THE INTERPLAY OF INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE, LEGAL DOCTRINE, AND POLITICS ON THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA (with Rebecca Wood and Kirk Randazzo). Carolina Academic Press. 2012.

STRATEGIC BEHAVIOR AND POLICY CHOICE ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT (with Thomas H. Hammond and Chris Bonneau). 2005. Stanford University Press.

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS. University of Michigan Press. September, 2000. (with Donald Songer and Susan Haire).

THE POLITICS OF JUDICIAL PROCESS. Kendall-Hunt Publishing, 2009. Edited volume. (with William Myers.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Do the Haves Come Out Ahead Over Time? Applying Galanter’s Framework to Decisions of the US Courts of Appeals” with Donald Songer and Susan Haire. *Inside the Judicial Process*, edited by Jennifer Segal Diascro and Gregg Ivers. Fall, 2006.

“A Court of Appeals in a Rational Choice Model of Supreme Court Decision-Making” (with Thomas H. Hammond and Chris Bonneau). In *Institutional Games and the U.S. Supreme Court*, edited by Jon R. Bond, Roy B. Flemming, and James R. Rogers. University of Virginia Press. July 2006.

“The U.S. Supreme Court and Public Opinion”. *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Edited by Samuel Best and Benjamin Radcliff. Greenwood Press. 2005.

“Legislating the Links: PGA Tour Inc. v Martin. In CREATING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE, edited by Gregg Ivers and Kevin McGuire. University of Virginia Press. October 2004.

“Do the Haves Come Out Ahead Over Time? Applying Galanter’s Framework to Decisions of the US Courts of Appeals, 1925-1988”, with (Donald Songer and Susan Haire). In *Litigation: Do The Haves Still Come Out Ahead?* Edited by Herbert Kritzer and Susan Silbey. Stanford University Press. 2003.

“Appellate Courts” in LEGAL SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD, ABC-CLIO Publishing, Bert Kritzer, editor. (with Kirk Randazzo). June, 2002

“New South Wales Legal System” in LEGAL SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD, ABC-CLIO Publishing, Bert Kritzer, editor. (with Joy Willis) June, 2002.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“Explaining Litigant Outcomes in the High Court of Australia”. Australian Journal of Political Science with Kirk Randazzo. June, 2012.

“Impact of the Australia High Court on Elite Opinion.” Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, with William Myers, April, 2012.

“Coordinated Voting In Sequential and Simultaneous Elections: Some Experimental Evidence” Experimental Economics with Shugato Dasgupta, Kirk Randazzo and Ken Williams. (Summer 2007).

“Circuit Breaker: Deciphering Courts of Appeals Decisions Using the U.S. Courts of Appeals Data Base,” Judicature (with Tracey George) (March-April 2000)

“Equity in Supreme Court Opinion Assignment.” Jurimetrics. (with Harold Spaeth and Sarah Benesh) (Spring 2000)

“Do The Haves Come Out Ahead? Applying Galanter’s Framework to Decision Making In the United States Courts of Appeals.” Law and Society Review. (with Donald Songer and Susan Haire) (Volume 33, n.4, 1999)

"Public Opinion, the Attitudinal Model and Supreme Court Decision-making: A Micro-Analytic Perspective," Journal of Politics (February, 1996) (with William Mishler).

“Solicitor General, Presidential Appointment, and the Role of the Federal Government in Supreme Court Decision making,” Southeastern Political Review, (March, 1996).

"Popular Influence On Supreme Court Decision-making: A Response," American Political Science Review (September, 1994) (with William Mishler).

"The Supreme Court as a Countermajoritarian Institution?: The Impact of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decisions," (March, 1993) American Political Science Review (with William Mishler).

Portions reprinted in Lee Epstein and Thomas G. Walker, *Constitutional Law for a Changing America*, (Congressional Quarterly, 1994); Portions also reprinted in Janet Johnson, H.T. Reynolds, and Richard Joslyn, *Political Science Research Methods* (Congressional Quarterly Press), 2nd through 4th ed.

"Interest Group Invincibility in the Courts: Amicus participation in the Supreme Court," (June, 1993) Political Research Quarterly (with Donald Songer).

"Ideology, Status, and the Differential Success of Direct Parties Before the Supreme Court," American Political Science Review (June, 1992) (with William Mishler and Donald Songer).

"Supreme Court Decisionmaking: The Impact of Court Composition on State and Local Government Litigation," Journal of Politics (November, 1992) (with Richard Kearney).

"Who Wins On Appeal? An Analysis of Litigation Outcomes in the Courts of Appeals" American Journal of Political Science (February, 1992) (with Donald Songer).

"Federal Agencies and The Supreme Court: An Analysis of Litigation Outcomes, 1953-1988," American Politics Quarterly (October, 1992).

"Governmental Litigants, Underdogs, and Civil Liberties: A Reassessment of a Trend in Supreme Court Decision making," Western Political Quarterly (March, 1992).

"Administrative Agencies and The Court: A Reexamination of the Impact of Agency Type on Decisional Outcomes," Western Political Quarterly (December, 1990).

"Supreme Court Impact on Compliance and Outcomes: Miranda and New York Times in the United States Courts of Appeals," Western Political Quarterly (June, 1990) (with Donald Songer).

"Nonpublication in the Eleventh Circuit: An Empirical Analysis," Florida State University Law Review, (Spring, 1989) (with Donald Songer and Danna Smith).

BOOK REVIEWS

POPULAR JUSTICE: PRESIDENTIAL PRESTIGE AND EXECUTIVE SUCCESS IN THE SUPREME COURT. By Jeff Yates. Reviewed for Justices System Journal. 2003

SHAPING AMERICA: THE POLITICS OF SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS. By George L. Watson and John A. Stookey. Reviewed for the Law and Politics Book Review. (1996).

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LAWYER: INSIDE THE MEESE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT by Douglas Kmiec. Reviewed for the Law and Politics Book Review. (November, 1992).

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

"Justice's Public Speeches and Interest Groups: Does it Matter Who is in the Audience?" 2012 American Political Science Meeting. With Elizabeth Lane.

"How the Supreme Court Balances Diffuse versus Specific Support." 2012 American Political Science Meeting. New Orleans. With William Myers

"Comparative Analysis of Judicial Review in Parliamentary and Presidential Systems." XXII World Congress of Political Science. Madrid, Spain. 2012. With William Myers

"State Supreme Court Selection Methods from the Perspective of the United States Supreme Court." 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago. With William Myers.

"The Australia High Court's Legitimizing Effect on Elite Opinion," 2010 American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, D.C. with William Myers.

"Backlash or Acceptance? A Cross-Sectional and Multi-level Test of Native Title on Public Opinion." 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago. With William Myers.

"The Australian High Court and Attitudes Towards Aborigines: A Test of Court Influence on Australian Public Opinion." 2009 American Political Science Conference. Toronto. With William Myers.

- “Litigant Success in the Australia High Court.” 2008 American Political Science Conference. Boston. With Kirk Randazzo.
- “Winners and Losers: Appellate Court Outcomes in Comparative Perspective. 2005 American Political Science Conference. Washington D.C. with Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and C. Neal Tate.
- “The Influence of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decision Making, Revisited.” Paper presented at 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL with Mark Hurwitz and William Mishler.
- “Regime Support and Appellate Courts.” 2002 American Political Science Conference. Boston, MA. with Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and C. Neal Tate.
- “Sequential Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2002. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL with Kirk Randazzo, Kenneth C. Williams and Steve Haptonstahl.
- “A Court of Appeals in a Rational Choice Model of Supreme Court Decision Making.” Invited Paper for the Institutional Games and the Supreme Court Conference hosted by Texas A&M University, November 1-4, 2001.
- “Measuring Judges Ideology on the United States Courts of Appeals.” with Kirk Randazzo. 2001 American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco.
- “Winners and Losers: A Comparative Analysis of Appellate Courts and Litigation Outcomes.” with Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and Neal Tate. 2001 American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco.
- “Sequential Voting in Collegial Courts: Some Experimental Evidence.” with Kenneth Williams. 2001 American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco.
- “Success in the Australian High Court: Resource Inequalities and Outcomes.” with Joy Willis 1999 Southern Political Science Association meeting, Savannah.
- “Vote Fluidity in the United States Supreme Court.” with Kirk Randazzo 1999 American Political Science Association meeting, Atlanta.
- “A Formal Model of Supreme Court Decision Making.” with Tom Hammond and Chris Bonneau 1999 American Political Science Association meeting, Atlanta.
- “A Longitudinal View of Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals.” with Mark Hurwitz and Malia Reddick 1998 Southern Political Science Association meeting, Atlanta.
- “Contextual Influences on Litigant Success in the United States Courts of Appeals, 1925-1988.” with Malia Reddick 1998 American Political Science Association meeting, Boston.
- “Environmental Influences on Participation in the United States Courts of Appeals.” with Mark Hurwitz 1998 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- “The Impact of Supreme Court Decision Making Trends on Lower Courts. Invitation to participate in the 1996 Conference for the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, Washington University-St. Louis.

- "The Supreme Court and Public Opinion: The MOST Majoritarian Institution?," with William Mishler 1995 American Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Courts and the Allocation of Values: A Cross National Analysis of Appellate Court Outcomes," with Stacia Haynie and Donald Songer 1994 American Political Science Association meeting, New York, New York.
- "A Comparative Analysis of Resource Inequalities and Litigation Outcomes," with Stacia Haynie and Donald Songer 1994 Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Examining the Influence of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decision-making: A Micro-analytic Perspective," with William Mishler 1993 Southern Political Science Association meeting, Savannah, Georgia.
- "Federal Agencies in the United States Courts of Appeals," 1992 Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia (co-authored).
- "The Supreme Court and Federalism," with Richard Kearney 1992 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Direct Parties Before the Court: Time Series Models of Ideological Change in Supreme Court Decisions, 1953-1988," with William Mishler 1991 Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, Florida.
- "The Supreme Court and the Executive Branch: Support for the Solicitor General as a Direct Party," 1991 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- "Blind Justice? Ideology, Resources, and the Differential Success of Direct Parties Before the Supreme Court," with William Mishler 1990 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "Disadvantaged Litigants in the Court: An Analysis of Gender and Race Related Litigation," 1990 Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "The Impact of Amicus Curiae on Supreme Court Decisions on the Merits." with Donald Songer 1990 meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California.
- "States and the Supreme Court: The Impact on Federalism." with Richard Kearney 1990 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Supreme Court Litigation: An Analysis of Direct Parties Before the Court." 1989 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Memphis, Tennessee.
- "Federal Agencies Before the Supreme Court: A Longitudinal Analysis," 1989 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "Parties Before the United States Courts of Appeals in the 1980's," with Donald Songer 1989 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair and Discussant. American Political Science Conference. Chicago. 2004.

Participant in Comparative Judicial Politics Short Course. Discussant. 2001 American Political Science Association meeting.

Panel Chair, 2001 Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Participant in the 2000 Conference for the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, The Ohio State University.

Panel Chair and discussant, 2000 American Political Science Association meeting, Washington, D.C.

Professional Development Short Course, Discussant, 2000 American Political Science Association meeting, Washington, D.C.

Panel Chair, 2000 American Political Science Association meeting, Washington, D.C.

Panel Chair, 2000 Midwest Political Science meeting, Chicago.

Panel Chair, 1999 Law and Society meeting, Chicago.

Discussant, 1999 Western Political Science Association meeting, Seattle.

Organized the hosting of the 1998 meeting of the Conference for the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, Michigan State University.

Discussant, 1998 Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago.

Chair and Discussant, 1998 Western Political Science Association meeting, Los Angeles.

Discussant, 1997 meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C.

Participant, 1996 Conference for the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, Washington University-St.Louis

The United States Courts of Appeals Data Set: A Workshop. 1996 meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California.

Roundtable Discussant, 1994 meeting of the Research Committee for Comparative Judicial Research of International Political Science Association. Florence, Italy.

Panel Chair, 1995 annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, Dallas, Texas.

Discussant, 1993 American Political Science Association meeting, Washington, D.C.

GRANTS

National Science Foundation Grant, Collaborative Research: Extending a Multi-Country Database and Program of Research \$600,000. 2003-2007. (with Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and C. Neal Tate)

National Science Foundation Grant, Sequential Voting in Collegial Courts: An Experimental Design \$150,000. 2003-2005. (with Ken Williams)

National Science Foundation grant, 'Collaborative Research: Fitting More Pieces in the Puzzle of Judicial Behavior: A Multi-Country Data Base and Research Agenda,' \$200,000. (With Stacia Haynie, Donald Songer and Neal Tate), 1999-2001.

University Initiation Grant for the Program for Law and Judicial Politics, 1998-2001, \$320,000 (with Harold Spaeth and Melinda Gann Hall), 1998-2001.

University Enhanced Teaching Award Grant to Create and Design a Moot Court Class, Michigan State University, 1995-1998, \$50,000

All-University Research Initiation Grant, Michigan State University, 1993, \$10,000

INVITED TALKS

Annual Retreat of the United States Courts of Appeals Judges, Sixth Circuit, Del Ray Beach, Florida 1999. *Continuity and Change in the US Courts of Appeals*

University of Georgia, Department of Political Science. 2002. *Comparative High Court Data Project*

Australia National University School of Law. 2003. *Australia High Court Data Project*

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Consultant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Computer Lab, 1985-1987. Computer experience in SAS, SPSSX, CMS, and many Personal Computer programs.

Participant, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 1987.

Instructor, University of South Carolina - Columbia, 1989. Courses: Judicial Process and Introduction to Politics.

Research Assistant, National Science Foundation Grant, "Planning for a Multi-User Data Base for the U.S. Courts Of Appeals" under the direction of Dr. Donald R. Songer, 1988-1989.

Assistant Project Director, National Science Foundation Grant, "A Multi-User Data Base for the U.S. Courts of Appeals" 1989-1990.

Assistant Professor, University of North Texas, 1990 - 1992.

Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, 1992 - 1995.

Associate Professor, Michigan State University, 1995 - 2001.

Full Professor, Michigan State University, 2001- present

Director, Program For Law and Judicial Politics, Michigan State University, 1998-2001.

Director, CIC/AESOP Australia Internship Program for Big Ten Universities 2000- present .

REFEREE

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Political Research Quarterly (formerly Western Political Quarterly)
American Politics Quarterly
Social Science Quarterly
Judicature
Political Behavior
Australia Journal of Political Science
British Journal of Political Science
Justice System Journal
Law and Society Review
National Science Foundation
West Publishing Company
University of Michigan Press
Houghton-Mifflin Press
State University of New York Press

EDITORIAL BOARDS

American Political Science Review, 2012-
American Journal of Political Science, 1994-1997
Political Research Quarterly, 2000-2006.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Politics

HONORS, AWARDS

Smith-Richardson Fellowship, 1988-1989
Graduate Assistantship, 1984-1989
SIGMA XI Research Award Nominee, 1990
Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Texas, 1991
Phi Beta Delta (Honor Society for International Scholars)

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers
Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties
Constitutional Law: First Amendment, Legal Writing and Moot Court
Judicial Politics and Behavior
Comparative Legal Systems
American Government

Graduate

Seminar in Judicial Politics and Behavior
Seminar in Judicial Behavior Research
Seminar in American Government (co-taught with several American politics faculty)

Study Abroad

Australia Study Abroad Program, 1998- present
London Study Abroad Program, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2005

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE (MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY)

Department Undergraduate Committee 2010-2011
College Grievance Committee 2008-2010
College Graduate Committee 2008
University Academic Governance Board 2006-
Director, CIC/AESOP Australia Internship Program, 1999-
Department Undergraduate Committee, 2003-2006
Department Graduate Committee, 1996-1998
Department Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, 1995-96, 2000-2001
University Distinguished Faculty Selection Committee, College of Social Sciences, 1995
Robert McNair Minority Fellowship Mentor, 1994
Dean's Assistantship Mentor, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998
American Politics Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 1995-97
Faculty Student Judicial Committee, Department of Political Science, 1993-95
Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, 1996-98
College of Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, 1996-1998
College of Social Sciences Research Council, 1998- .

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Secretary and Treasurer, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 1999-2002 .
C. Herman Pritchett Award Committee, Law and Courts Section Best Book Award., 2001, 2010

DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

Malia Reddick, University of Missouri-Columbia
Mark Hurwitz, Western Michigan University
Kirk Randazzo, University of South Carolina
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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REFERENCES

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