

Matthew T. Cota

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EDUCATION	Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Michigan State University (expected April 2027) M.A., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2023 B.A., Political Science, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2022	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	American Politics, Judicial Politics, U.S. Supreme Court.	
TEACHING INTERESTS	Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics/Process, Introduction to American Politics, Research Methods/Methodology.	
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Cota Matthew T., Rachael Houston, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2026. "Beyond the Front Page: Supreme Court Media Coverage in the Digital Age." <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 59(3): 438–46.	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Cota, Matthew T. 2024. "Speaking Off the Bench: Analyzing the Extrajudicial Appearances of Supreme Court Justices" in Robert X. Browning, ed., <i>Partisan Rhetoric and Polarization: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 10</i> . Purdue University Press.	
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	Cota, Matthew T. "The Impact of Justice Ideology and Gender on Law Clerk Opinion Writing." <i>Under review</i> . Cota, Matthew T. "The Presence of Precedent in Separate Opinions at the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at APSA 2026. Cota Matthew T., Rachael Houston, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. "Dressed to the Nine: Judicial Symbolism and Public Evaluations of the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at APSA 2026. Cota, Matthew T. "Governors Discussing the U.S. Supreme Court in State of the State Addresses, 1946-2025." Presented at MPSA 2026. Cota, Matthew T. and Bailey G. Oates. "Evaluating Public Responses to Judicial Opinion Authors in Non-Gendered Cases." Presented at MPSA 2025. Armaly, Miles T., Ryan C. Black, and Matthew T. Cota. "Are You Experienced? Experience and Heterogeneity in Behavioral Acclimation on the U.S. Supreme Court."	

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor

- Constitutional Law. Fall 2024, Spring 2025.
- Programming in R (Graduate, co-instructor). Summer 2026.
- Social Science Approaches to Law (co-instructor). Summers: 2023, 2026.
- Society and the Individual (co-instructor). Summers: 2024, 2025.

Lab Section Instructor

- Methods of Political Analysis. Spring: 2023, 2024.

Teaching Assistant

- Judicial Politics. Summer 2022, Fall 2023.
- Constitutional Law. Fall 2022.
- Honors Research Seminar. Fall 2022, Spring 2023.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2026

Midwest Political Science Association: 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026

Southern Political Science Association: 2026

Center for C-SPAN Research Conference: 2023

AWARDS AND
HONORS

William E. Rhode Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2026

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2025

Best Methods Poster Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2023.

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