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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
Director of Pre-Law Advising Program
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Charleston, SC
Fall 2018-present
Summer 2019-present
Spring 2012-2018

Courses Taught: American Government, Civil Liberties, Constitutional Law, The Judiciary, Gender and the Law, Capstone: Law and Social Justice, Capstone: The Limits of Law

Service: Pre-Law Advisor; Bully Pulpit Moderator; Political Science Club Advisor; Institutional Review Board; S.U.R.F Research Grant Committee; WGS Research and Funding Committee; Curriculum Committee; Faculty Hiring Committee; Student Awards Committee; Intellectual Life Committee; Undergraduate Research Committee; Department Secretary

Honors: Political Science Department Faculty of the Year (2015-2016); First Year Student Service Award (2016-2017)

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science

Atlanta, GA
Fall 2008 – Fall 2012

Instructor: Gender and the Law

Co-Teacher: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (with Dr. Thomas Walker); American Legal Development (with Dr. Tom Clark); Gender and Politics (with Dr. Beth Reingold)

Teaching Assistant: American National Politics (with Dr. Micheal Giles); American National Politics (with Dr. Alan Abramowitz)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

Director, Center for Women's Studies and Programs
Instructor, Departments of Women's Studies & Political Science

Spartanburg, SC
2003-2005
2001-2005

Courses Taught: The Supreme Court in American Politics, Gender and the Law, Gender and American Politics, Feminist Theory and Methods, Introduction to American Government, Introduction to Women's Studies

Honors: Doc's List (Student Government Award for Faculty Commitment to Students); Phi Kappa Phi

EDUCATION

Emory University

*Ph.D.; Concentration: American Politics
Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies*

*Atlanta, GA
Fall 2011*

Dissertation

"The Road (Not) Taken: Selection of Legal Rules on the U.S. Supreme Court"
Committee: Dr. Thomas Walker (chair); Dr. Micheal Giles; Dr. Beth Reingold; Dr. Tom Clark

Examination Fields

Judicial Politics and Constitutional Law; Politics of Race and Gender (with distinction);
Democratic Theory

Additional Training

ICPSR, University of Michigan

Introduction to Network Analysis; Maximum Likelihood Estimation

*Ann Arbor, MI
Summer 2007; 2008*

University of Essex

Introduction to Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Mathematics for Social Science

*Colchester, England
Summer 2006*

Duke University School of Law

J.D., magna cum laude (3.9 GPA)

*Durham, NC
2001*

Awards/ Honors: Order of the Coif; *Duke Law Journal*, Editorial Board; Family and Gender Law Academic Achievement Award; James S. Bidlake Memorial Writing Award; Certificate for Significant Pro Bono Contribution

Wellesley College

B.A., Political Science, magna cum laude (3.9 GPA)

*Wellesley, MA
1995*

Awards/ Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; First Year Academic Distinction Award; Woodrow Wilson Award for Best Paper in Political Science; Wellesley-in-Washington Program

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Publications

"Why Try: Comparing the Goals of Litigants and *Amicus Curiae* Before the U.S. Supreme Court." 2020. *Justice System Journal* 41(2): 81-97.

"What's in a Name? An Experimental Test of Marital Name Change on Perceptions of Female Political Candidates." 2020. *The Social Science Journal*. DOI: [10.1080/03623319.2020.1782636](https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2020.1782636) (with Dr. Gibbs Knotts).

"The Structure of Legal Doctrine in a Judicial Hierarchy" 2019. *Journal of Law & Courts* 7(2): 263-280.

"The Politics of Marital Name Change." 2018. *The Social Science Journal* 55(4): 510-516 (with Dr. Gibbs Knotts and Catherine G. Griesedieck).

"The Southern Accent as a Heuristic in American Campaigns and Elections." 2018. *American Politics Research* 46(6): 1065-1093 (with Drs. Karyn Amira, Gibbs Knotts, and Christopher Cooper).

"Says Who?: Case Participants and Legal Doctrine in the U.S. Supreme Court." 2018. *Journal of Political Science* 46: 35-65.

"Explaining Perceptions of Effectiveness and Job Satisfaction Among Pre-law Advisors". 2017. *NACADA Journal* 37(2): 79-86 (with Dr. Gibbs Knotts).

"The Effect of Gender and Relational Distance on Plaintiff Decision-Making in the Litigation Process." 2017. *Law & Society Review*. 51(4): 966-1000.

"Avoiding Adversariness?: The Effects of Gender on Litigation Strategy." 2017. *Politics & Gender*. 13(4): 656-682.

"Pre-Law Advising and the Political Science Major" (with Dr. Gibbs Knotts). 2016. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 49(2): 320-326.

"Assessing the Anecdotes: Amicus Curiae, Legal Rules, and the U.S. Supreme Court." 2015. *Justice System Journal* 36(3): 274-294.

Papers in Progress

"I Would If I Could: Revisiting Minorities' Trust in the Legal System" (under review at *Law & Society*)

"The Southern Sanction: Voter Perceptions of African-American Candidates and the Southern Accent" (working paper; with Drs. Karyn Amira, Gibbs Knotts, and Christopher Cooper).

Other Publications

"Looking to the Litigant: Reaction Essay to Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions Of The United States Supreme Court in "Rewriting Judicial Opinions and the Feminist Scholarly Project." 2018. *94 Notre Dame Law Review Online*: 32-36.

"Even if Roe Stands, Abortion Rights Could be Cut." Op-Ed. *The Baltimore Sun*. July 2018.

Book Review. The Judicial Process: Law, Courts, and Judicial Policymaking, by Christopher P. Banks and David M. O'Brien. Los Angeles: CQ Press. 2008. In *Law and Politics Book Review*. Vol. 28(3). July 2018.

"Emily's List." In Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia. David Schultz, Ed. ABC-CLIO Greenwood. June 2018.

"Justices' Self-Interest May Be Enough to Strike Down Travel Ban." Op-Ed. *The Post and Courier*. May 2018.

"Why Try?: Litigants and the Decision to Pursue Legal Action." *Law & Courts Newsletter*. Summer 2016.

"Framers Wanted Court Isolated from the People". Op-Ed. *The Greenville News*, April 2016.

Conference Presentations

"What's in a Name? An Experimental Test of Marital Name Change on Perceptions of Female Political Candidates" (with Dr. Gibbs Knotts). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association. Conway, SC: March 23-24, 2018.

"The Role of Relationships in the Litigation Strategies of Men and Women." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA: January 12-15, 2017.

"Of Constraints and Case Participants: The Creation of Legal Doctrine on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL., April 16-19, 2015.

"Control or Cooperation?: Rules and Standards in a Judicial Hierarchy." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2014.

"Doubting the Dichotomy: Rules versus Standards on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Southeastern Law Scholars Conference. Charleston School of Law. Charleston, SC. October 2013.

"Doubting the Dichotomy: Rules versus Standards on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Politics and Geography Lecture Series. College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. March 2013.

"Rules versus Standards on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Analysis." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL., January 2013

"Friends or (Just) Acquaintances?: Amicus Curiae, Legal Rules, and the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2011.

"Jurisprudence and the Justices: The Interaction of Law and Ideology in Conflict Cases" Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., September, 2010

"The Politics of Pairings: Cosponsorship Behavior of Women and Minorities in the 105th Congress" Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, January 2007

"Changes in Women's Political Representation in South Carolina: 1980 - 2003." Presented at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. Milwaukee, WI, June 2004

"Changes in Women's Political Representation in South Carolina: 1980 - 2003." Presented at the GenderActs! Conference. Furman University, Greenville, SC, March 2004

“Where’s the Discomfort? Internalized and Imposed Discomfort and Empowerment in the Women’s Studies Classroom.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA June 2003

Grants & Awards

College of Charleston, Faculty Research and Development Grant (Spring 2018, \$1500)

College of Charleston, Dean’s Discretionary Fund Award (Spring 2017, \$600)

College of Charleston, Women and Gender Studies Research Grant (Spring 2017; \$200)

College of Charleston, Faculty Research and Development Grant (Fall 2016, \$1667; with Dr. Karyn Amira)

College of Charleston, Dean’s Discretionary Fund Award (Fall 2016, \$500)

American Political Science Association, Supplemental Research Grant, Fund for the Study of Women and Politics (Spring 2016, \$2500)

College of Charleston, Dean’s Discretionary Fund Award (Fall 2015, \$950)

College of Charleston, Faculty Research and Development Grant (Spring 2015; \$1350)

College of Charleston, School of Humanities and Social Science, Grant Stipend (Summer 2014; \$1000)

College of Charleston, Department of Political Science, Research/Travel Grants (Fall 2012; Spring 2014; Summer 2014; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017)

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2009; SES-1023952; \$13,400)

Emory University Dean’s Teaching Fellowship (2010-2011)

Emory University Professional Development Funds Grant (2006-2008; 2010)

Invited Talks

Moderator and Presenter. “Court at the Crossroads: The Nomination of Amy Coney Barrett and The Future of the U.S. Supreme Court.” College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. October 2020.

Presenter. “(Why) Women Matter: The Impact of Women in Politics.” College of Charleston Alumni Program. Charleston, SC. March 2020.

Panelist. “An Intelligent Conversation About Impeachment.” College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. November 2019.

Presenter. "The (Un)Constitutionality of Hate Speech." Banned Books Week Panel Discussion. College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. September 2019.

Presenter. "(Why) Women Matter: The Impact of Women in Political Life." New Leadership Program. Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC. May 2019.

Panelist. "Is Hate Speech Protected Speech?" Contemporary Issues Conversation Series. College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. November 2017.

Presenter: "Hoping Madison was Right: The (Un)Constitutionality of Trump's Travel Ban." Unitarian Church Sunday Forums. Charleston, SC. March 2017.

Presenter. "Democracy and Advocacy." League of Women Voters Advocacy Training Event. Charleston, SC. March 2017.

Presenter, "Standoff at the U.S. Supreme Court." College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. March 2016.

Presenter, "The Dangers of Inaction: How the Federal Government is Disrupting the Constitution." Charleston Exchange Club. Charleston, SC. January 2016.

Panelist, "Polarization and the U.S. Constitution." College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. February 2015.

Presenter, "The Politics of the Holidays: the Supreme Court and Holiday Displays." College of Charleston, SC. November 2013.

Presenter, "Privacy vs. Equality: The Unfortunately Legacy of *Roe v. Wade*." Charleston County Democratic Women Meeting, Charleston, SC. March 2012.

Discussant, "Welfare Policymaking and the Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in U.S. State Legislatures" by Dr. Beth Reingold. Women's Studies Research Seminar, Department of Women's Studies, Emory University. October 2010.

Panel Discussion, "Courting a Revolution: Legal Aspects of *Brown v. Board of Education*." Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, SC. March 2004.

Professional Development & Service

APSA Law and Courts Newsletter Editorial Board (2013-present)

Secretary, South Carolina Political Science Association (2015-present)

American Political Science Association Lasting Contribution Award Committee (2018)

Expert, SheSource Media & Women Know Stuff (2015-present)

Reviewer: *Journal of Law & Courts*; *American Politics Research*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Law and Courts Newsletter*; Sage Press

Panel Chair & Discussant, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Conway, SC. March 2018.

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. January 2017 and January 2018

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2015.
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2014.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science

Research Assistant: Dr. Tom Clark; Dr. Michael Giles; Dr. Thomas Walker; Dr. Beth Reingold

Atlanta, GA

2005 - 2007

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

Legal and Policy Researcher

Washington, D.C.

Summer 1998

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the First Lady

Speechwriting Assistant

Washington, D.C.

Summer 1994