

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., 1993    Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri  
J.D., 1986    Law, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
B.A., 1983    Political Science, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2020-        Dean, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, George Washington University  
2018-2020    Interim Dean, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, George Washington University  
2016-2018    Vice Dean for Programs and Research, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, George Washington University  
2011-2015    Department Chair, Department of Political Science, George Washington University  
2011-        Professor of Law (by Courtesy), George Washington University  
2005-        Professor of Political Science, George Washington University  
2006        Director, Political Science Program, National Science Foundation  
2001-2003    Director, Law & Social Science Program, National Science Foundation  
1999-2005    Associate Professor of Political Science, George Washington University  
1993-1999    Assistant Professor of Political Science, George Washington University  
1990-1992    Instructor, University College, Washington University in St. Louis

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1989 Attorney, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Champaign, Illinois
- 1986-1988 Staff Attorney, Illinois General Assembly, Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Springfield, Illinois

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

2000. *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court: The Collegial Game*. Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman and James F. Spriggs, II. Cambridge University Press. (Recipient of the 2001 C. Herman Pritchett Award; Recipient of the 2017 Lasting Contribution Award)

### Articles

2010. "Citations in the U.S. Supreme Court: An Empirical Study of their Use and Significance." With Frank B. Cross, James F. Spriggs, II, and Timothy R. Johnson. *University of Illinois Law Review* 2010 (March): 489-575.

2007. "Oral Advocacy before the United States Supreme Court: Does It Affect the Justices' Decisions?" With Timothy R. Johnson and James F. Spriggs, II. *Washington University Law Review* 85 (3): 457-527.

2007. "Who Controls the Law? The Majority Opinion Author, the Median Justice, and the Status Quo on the United States Supreme Court." With Chris W. Bonneau, Thomas H. Hammond, and Forrest Maltzman. *American Journal of Political Science* 51(October): 890-905.

2007. "Network Analysis and the Law: Measuring the Legal Importance of Supreme Court Precedents" With James H. Fowler, Timothy R. Johnson, James F. Spriggs, II, and Sangick Jeon. *Political Analysis* 15 (Summer): 324-346.

2006. "Strategy and Constraints on Supreme Court Opinion Assignment." *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 154(June): 1729-1755.

2006. "U.S. House Committee Chair Selection: Republicans Play Musical Chairs in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress." Coauthored with Christopher J. Deering. *American Politics Research* 34(March): 223-242.

2006. "The Influence of Oral Arguments on the U.S. Supreme Court." Coauthored with Timothy R. Johnson and James F. Spriggs, II. *American Political Science Review* 100(February): 99-113.

2005. "Opinion Assignment on the Rehnquist Court." Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman. *Judicature* 89 (November-December): 121-126.

2005. “Passing and Strategic Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Coauthored with Timothy R. Johnson and James F. Spriggs, II. *Law & Society Review* 39(June): 349-377.
2004. “A Conditional Model of Opinion Assignment on the Supreme Court.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman. *Political Research Quarterly* 57(December): 551-563.
2004. “Supreme Court Justices Really Do Follow the Election Returns.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman and Lee Sigelman. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 37(October): 839-842.
2002. “Ghostwriters on the Court? A Stylistic Analysis of U.S. Supreme Court Opinion Drafts.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II and Lee Sigelman. *American Politics Research* 30(March): 166-192.
2001. “The Politics of Speaker Cannon’s Committee Assignments.” Coauthored with Eric D. Lawrence and Forrest Maltzman. *American Journal of Political Science* 45(July): 551-562.
1999. “The Politics of Dissents and Concurrences on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II and Forrest Maltzman. *American Politics Quarterly* 27(October): 488-514.
1999. “Gender Proportionality in Intercollegiate Athletics: The Mathematics of Title IX Compliance.” Coauthored with Lee Sigelman. *Social Science Quarterly* 80(September): 518-538.
1999. “Bargaining on the U.S. Supreme Court: Justices’ Responses to Majority Opinion Drafts.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II and Forrest Maltzman. *Journal of Politics* 61(May): 485-506.
1998. “The Development of a Legal Rule: The Federal Common Law of Public Nuisance.” *Law & Society Review* 32(3): 613-638.
1998. “Marshalling the Court: Bargaining and Accommodation on the United States Supreme Court.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II, and Forrest Maltzman. *American Journal of Political Science* 42(January): 294-315.
- Reprinted in Courts, Judges, & Politics: An Introduction to the Judicial Process, eds. Walter F. Murphy, C. Herman Pritchett, Lee Epstein, and Jack Knight. New York: McGraw-Hill (2006).*
1997. “The ‘Veepstakes’: Strategic Choice in Presidential Running Mate Selection.” Coauthored with Lee Sigelman. *American Political Science Review* 91(December): 855-864.
1997. “The Life of the Law: Judicial Politics and Legal Change.” *Journal of Politics* 59(August): 778-802.

1997. “Vote Choice and the Preference for Divided Government: Lessons of 1992.” Coauthored with Lee Sigelman and Emmett H. Buell, Jr. *American Journal of Political Science* 41(July): 879-894.

1997. “Amicus Curiae and the Role of Information at the Supreme Court.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II. *Political Research Quarterly* 50(June): 365-386.

1996. “Strategic Policy Considerations and Voting Fluidity on the Burger Court.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman. *American Political Science Review* 90(September): 581-592.

*Reprinted in Courts and Judges, ed. Lee Epstein. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate (2005).*

1996. “May It Please the Chief? Opinion Assignments in the Rehnquist Court.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman. *American Journal of Political Science* 40(May): 421-443.

1996. “Inside the U.S. Supreme Court: The Reliability of the Justices’ Conference Records.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman. *Journal of Politics* 58(May): 528-539.

1995. “Calling it Quits: Strategic Retirement on the Federal Courts of Appeals, 1893-1991.” Coauthored with James F. Spriggs, II. *Political Research Quarterly* 48(September): 573-597.

### **Chapter In Edited Volumes**

2016. “Forecasting Opinion Assignment on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Coauthored with Alyx Mark, Ryan Krog, and Phillip J. Wininger. In *The U.S. Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, eds. David J. Danelski and Artemus Ward. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 174-201.

2012. “The Origin and Development of *Stare Decisis* at the U.S. Supreme Court.” Coauthored with Timothy R. Johnson and James F. Spriggs, II. In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, ed. Kevin T. McGuire. New York: Routledge, 167-185.

2010. “Judicial Decision Making and Religion Cases.” In *Religion and American Politics: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*, eds. Amy E. Black, Douglas L. Koopman, and Larycia A. Hawkins. Boston, MA: Longman, 313-321.

2009. “Religion and Judicial Politics.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and American Politics*, eds. Corwin E. Smidt, Lyman A. Kellstedt, and James L. Guth. New York: Oxford University Press, 518-545.

1999. “Strategy and Judicial Choice: New Institutional Approaches to Supreme Court Decision-Making.” Coauthored with Forrest Maltzman and James F. Spriggs, II. In *Supreme Court Decision-Making: New Institutional Approaches*, eds. Cornell W. Clayton and Howard Gillman. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 43-63.

### **Other Publications**

2007. “Dissertation Support from the National Science Foundation.” With Brian D. Humes. *APSA-CP* 18 (Winter): 23-25

2005. “Collegiality.” In *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States, 2d ed.*, ed. Kermit L. Hall, James W. Ely, Jr., and Joel B. Grossman. New York: Oxford University Press.

2003. “Letter from the Chair: Law and Court Section Members’ Scholarly Activities.” *Law and Courts* 13 (Summer): 1, 4-9.

2003. “Letter from the Chair: Who Are We? Our Graduate Training.” *Law and Courts* 13 (Spring): 1, 3-4.

2002. “Letter from the Chair: Who Are We?” *Law and Courts* 13 (Winter): 1, 3-4.

### **Book Reviews**

2000. *Behavioral Law and Economics*. Cass Sunstein (Editor). *Law and Politics Book Review* 10(March): 189-192.

1998. *Law and Economics Anthology*. Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt and Thomas S. Ulen (Editors). *Law and Politics Book Review* 6(May): 228-229.

### **Data**

2011. “Circulation Data: Justice William J. Brennan’s Circulation Records, 1969-1985 OT.” With Forrest Maltzman and James F. Spriggs, II. [http://home.gwu.edu/~wahlbeck/Personal\\_Homepage/Circulation\\_Records.html](http://home.gwu.edu/~wahlbeck/Personal_Homepage/Circulation_Records.html), April 29.

2009. “The Burger Court Opinion Writing Database.” With James F. Spriggs, II and Forrest Maltzman. [http://home.gwu.edu/~wahlbeck/Personal\\_Homepage/The\\_Burger\\_Court\\_Opinion\\_Writing\\_Database.html](http://home.gwu.edu/~wahlbeck/Personal_Homepage/The_Burger_Court_Opinion_Writing_Database.html), August 6.

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2017, Lasting Contribution Award, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, given to *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court* as a book that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts.

2014-2015, University Facilitating Fund Award (George Washington University), Opinion Writing on the Supreme Court, \$10,000.

2013-2015, National Science Foundation (Grant SES-1324074) with Alyx Mark, Doctoral Dissertation Research: Accessing Assistance and Citizen Engagement, \$28,908.

2011-2012, Columbian College Facilitating Fund Award (George Washington University), Shaping Legal Policy: The Role of Information and Persuasion in the Courts, \$10,289.

2009-2010, Policy Research Scholar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy, George Washington University.

2006-2009, National Science Foundation (Grant SES-0550182) with Timothy R. Johnson and James F. Spriggs, II, Collaborative Research: The Establishment of Stare Decisis in the American Legal System, \$128,174.

2005-2006, University Facilitating Fund Award (George Washington University), Institutional Development in the American Judiciary: The Norm of Stare Decisis, \$6,931.

2004-2005, Policy Research Scholar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy, George Washington University.

2002, American Judicature Society Award, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, given to *Passing and Sophisticated Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court* as the best paper on law and courts presented at an annual meeting in 2001.

2001, C. Herman Pritchett Award, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, given to *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court* as the best book on law and courts written by a political scientist and published in 2000.

1999-2004, National Science Foundation (Grant SES-9906629) with Forrest Maltzman and James F. Spriggs, II, Collaborative Research: Documenting Collegial Interaction in Opinion Writing on the U.S. Supreme Court, 1969-1985 Terms, \$100,066.

1995-1997, National Science Foundation (Grant SBR-9512817) with Forrest Maltzman, Opinion Assignment on the United States Supreme Court: 1953-1990, \$50,000.

1996-1997, University Facilitating Fund Award (George Washington University) with Forrest Maltzman, Strategic Choices and the Deliberative Process on the U.S. Supreme Court, \$15,800.

1995-1996, University Facilitating Fund Award (George Washington University), Opinion Assignment on the United States Supreme Court: 1953-1990, \$4,806.

1995, Junior Scholar Incentive Award (George Washington University), Opinion Assignment on the United States Supreme Court: 1953-1990, \$5,000.

1995, Advisory Council on Academic Computing (George Washington University), Political Science Data Accessibility Project, \$1,236.

1992-1993, Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (Washington University)

1988-1989, University Fellowship (Washington University)

## **DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED**

### **Chair**

Phillip J. Wininger. 2019. “Courts in Transition: Essays on the Politics of Judge Selection in the States.” George Washington University.

Alyx Mark. 2015. “The Politics of Civil Legal Assistance in the United States: Three Essays on the Development, Maintenance, and Delivery of Legal Services.” George Washington University.

Maeve Carey. 2010. “Dodging Conflict: The Supreme Court Under Threat from Congress.” George Washington University.

Christine L. Nemacheck. 2001. “Strategic Selection: Presidential Selection of Supreme Court Justices from Hoover through Reagan.” George Washington University.

### **Committee Member**

Sarah J. Eckman. 2018. “Invitation to Defy: *Kelo v. New London* and the Supreme Court’s Role in Policy Diffusion.” George Washington University.

Jonathan Hack. 2018. “The Semisovereign Courts: Explaining the Constraining Capacity of Judicial Retention Mechanisms.” George Washington University.

Daniel R. Green. 2012. “First Among Equals: The History and Politics of Choosing the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.” George Washington University.

Jennifer Deets Sayasithsena. 2010. “External and Internal Agency Characteristics as Determinants of Performance.” George Washington University.

Ken Halla. 2009. “Hispanics: The Typical American Voter? Comparing the Voting Behavior of Hispanics, Whites and African-Americans.” George Washington University.

Markus Kugler Montezemolo. 2004. “The Causes of Divided Government: The Role of Roll-Off.” George Washington University.

Sophia Moestrup. 2003. “Semi-Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective: Its Effects on Democratic Survival.” George Washington University.

Amy L. Hall. 2003. “Juvenile Waiver to Criminal Court: Experiences and Perceptions of Maryland Youths.” George Washington University.

Rachel Paine Caufield. 2002. “Legislative-Judicial Relations and Strategic Information Exchange: Congressional Amicus Activity at the Supreme Court.” George Washington University

**Outside Reader**

Andrew Joseph O’Geen. 2011. “Legal Change on the United States Supreme Court.” Stony Brook University.

Shelley Pierce Murphey. 2011. “Policy Agendas and Procedural Avoidance in the Lower Federal Courts.” University of Colorado.

**SERVICE**

**Professional Organizations**

2017-2018, Member, Lifetime Achievement Award, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2010-2012, Member, Professionals Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2008-2009, Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2008-2009, Chair, Article Award Committee, Law & Society Association

2007-2008, Member, Article Award Committee, Law & Society Association

2006-2007, Chair, Wadsworth Award Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2002-2003, Chair, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2001-2002, Chair-Elect, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

2001, Program Chair, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

1997-1999, Executive Committee, Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association

1997, C. Herman Pritchett Award Committee for best book on law and courts. Awarded by Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association

**University**

2016-2018, Steering Committee, Accreditation with Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Co-Chair of Working Group on University Governance)

2014-2015, Member, Faculty Governance Working Group on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure



2014-2015, Member, Strategic Plan Citizenship & Leadership Committee

2012-2013, Member, Dean's Search Committee

2009-2012, 2013-2016, Member, Dean's Council; Chair (2011-2012)

2006-2008, Steering Committee, Accreditation with Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Chair of Working Group on Faculty Scholarship and Research)

2006-2008, Member, Senate Standing Committee on Physical Facilities

2006-2007, Member, George Washington University Faculty Senate

1996-1997, Information Technology Advisory Committees, Research Committee

1993-2001, Sociology Department Committee on Criminal Justice

**Department**

2011-2015, Department Chair

2011-2015, Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee

2009-2011, Associate Department Chair

2006-2009, Academic Placement Director

Various Ad Hoc Committees

Comprehensive Exam Committees, American Politics and Methodology

Search Committees, American Politics, Methodology, and International Law

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