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## Academic Appointment

### University of Texas at Tyler

Assistant Professor/Pre-Law Advisor, August 2013 – Present

## Education

### The University of Arizona

Ph.D., Political Science (focus in American Politics), *expected Summer 2014*

- Examination Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics (Passed March 2011)
- Dissertation: The Relevance of Salience in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals
  - Committee: Chad Westerland (Chair), William Mishler, Barbara Norrander, and Christopher Robertson
- Research Interests: Judicial politics, judicial nominations, American political institutions, immigration, and Latino politics

M.A., Political Science (focus in American Politics), May 2010

- Master's Thesis: Living in Two Societies: The Effects of Transnationalism on Latino Immigrant Naturalization in America
- Committee: Chad Westerland (Chair), John P. Willerton, and Roger Hartley

### Texas Christian University

B.A., Political Science and Sociology, May 2007

## Research Experience

### Work in Progress

“The Importance of Salience in the Circuit Courts of Appeals.”

“In Whose Interest? Examining Latino Judges Decision-Making in the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals.”

“From Participation to Judicial Decree: How Opinions on Same-Sex Marriage Vary in the States.” (with J. Patrick Rhamey)

“Moving Beyond Debate and Speculation: An Analysis of Electoral College Reform” (with Jay

Wendland).

“Religious Voters and Justice Alito: Were Senators Held Electorally Accountable for Their Confirmation Votes?” (with Jay Wendland).

### **Conference Participation**

“From Participation to Judicial Decree: How Opinions on Same-Sex Marriage Vary in the States” (with J. Patrick Rhamey). Presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Chair, LGBT Equality; Public Opinion, Public Policy, and Political Representation. Panel at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Importance of Salience in the Circuit Courts of Appeals.” Presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“In Whose Interest? Examining Latino Judges Decision-Making in the Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals” (with Chad Westerland). Presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Religious Voters and Justice Alito: Were Senators Held Electorally Accountable for Their Confirmation Votes?” (with Jay Wendland). Presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“To Reward or Punish? The Electoral Connection of Supreme Court Confirmation Votes” (with Jay Wendland). Presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.

“Re-Examining Latin America’s Culture of Coups: A Competing Risks Model of Leader Survival” (with J. Patrick Rhamey). Presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the International Studies Association (West Regional Conference), Los Angeles, CA.

“Moving Beyond Debate and Speculation: The Role of Federalism in Electoral College Reform” (with Jay Wendland and Nikkita Edmond). Presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Living in Two Societies: The Effects of Transnationalism on Latino Immigrant Naturalization in America.” Presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

### **Research Assistant**

- Research on issues related to international relations and minority representation (Spring 2010, Suzanne Dovi, University of Arizona)

- Research on “The Consequences of Immigration Reform for the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” National Science Foundation. (Summer & Fall 2009, Chad Westerland, University of Arizona)

## **Teaching Experience**

### **University of Texas at Tyler**

Assistant Professor

- POLS 2306: Introductory Texas Politics (Spring 2014 & Fall 2013)
- POLS 3300: United States Constitutional Development (Spring 2014)
- POLS 4322: The Law of Civil Liberties (Spring 2014)
- POLS 4321: American Constitutional Law (Fall 2013)
- POLS 4320: Judicial Systems and Process (Fall 2013)

### **The University of Arizona**

Instructor of Record

- POL 210: Arizona and United States Constitution (Summer 2013, 2012 & 2011)
- POL 309: The Judicial Process (Spring 2013, 2012, & Winter 2011)
- POL 470: Constitutional Law, Federalism (Fall 2012 & Fall 2011)
- POL 471: Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties (Spring 2012)
- POL 330: Minority Groups and American Politics (Spring 2011 & Summer 2010)
- POL 326: American Political Thought (Fall 2010)
- PA 344: Law and Public Policy (Summer 2010)

Teaching Assistant

- LAW 389: Race, Sex, and Power in the Supreme Court (Spring 2012)
  - Head TA - Responsible for Conducting the Honor’s Section and evaluation/assessment of Law Student Teaching Fellows
- POL 201: American National Government (Spring 2009)
- POL 210: Arizona and United States Constitution (Fall 2008)
- POL 330: Minority Group Politics (Fall 2008)

### **Duke University Talent Identification Program**

Instructor of Record (Scholar’s Weekend at Texas Christian University)

- Constitutional History (November 2009)

Teaching Assistant (Texas A&M University)

- Criminal Law and Mock Trial (Summer 2009)

## **Professional Service & Membership**

Mentor, APSA Mentor Initiative (2012-Present)

Mentor, Arizona Assurance Scholars Program (2012-2013)

Lecture, “Media and the Federal Courts.” SGPP 300A: Politics, Policy and Governance (Spring 2013)

Reviewer, *Journal of Politics* (2011 & 2012)  
Participant, "How Minorities Vote in America." Tucson Jewish Community Center (Fall 2012)  
Lecture, "Politics of the Supreme Court." Law 389 Honors Workshop (Spring 2012)  
President, SGPP's Graduate Student Association (Spring 2009 – Fall 2010)  
Judge, University of Arizona's Graduate and Professional Student Council's Travel Grant Awards (2010)  
Participant, "The Electoral College vs. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact." League of Women Voters Debate (Fall 2010)  
Member, Midwestern Political Science Association  
Member, American Political Science Association

- Member, Law and Courts Section

## Awards

SGPP Travel Grant, University of Arizona (2013, 2012 & 2011, \$500/year)  
SGPP's Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award (2011)  
Graduate School Fellowship, University of Arizona (2008 – 2013)  
International Studies Association Travel Grant (2010, \$500)  
Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona (2010, \$440)  
Arizona Scholars Program, University of Arizona (2008 – 2009)  
Graduate Registration Scholarship, University of Arizona (2008 – 2009)  
Alpha Kappa Delta – Sociological Honor Society (2007)  
Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Texas Christian University (2006 – 2007)

- Lopez, Eric. "From Corruption to Democracy: The Mexican Political System." Texas Christian University, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Anthology, January 2008.

## References

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