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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Michigan State University, Expected May 2020

- Major Field: American Politics, Minor Field: Research Methodology
- Dissertation: *Attorneys, Merits Briefs and U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making*
- Committee: Ryan C. Black (chair), Matthew Grossmann, Ian Ostrander, Corwin D. Smidt

M.A. Political Science, University of Michigan, 2011

B.A. Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy (with Honors), Michigan State University, 2009

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program

- 2014: Regression III, Maximum Likelihood Estimation
- 2015: Simultaneous Equations, Scaling & Dimensional Analysis

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research: American politics, judicial politics, American political institutions, text as data

Teaching: American government, judicial politics, constitutional law, research methods

PUBLICATIONS

Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. Conditionally accepted.

Lane, Elizabeth, Jessica A. Schoenherr, Rachel A. Schutte, and Ryan C. Black. Forthcoming. “Judicial Discretion and U.S. Supreme Court Agenda Setting” in *Open Judicial Politics Reader*, eds. Jennifer Segal Diascro, Rorie L. Solberg, and Eric N. Waltenburg. Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative.

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Ryan C. Black. 2019. “The Use of Precedent in U.S. Supreme Court Litigant Briefs” in *Research Handbook on Law and Courts*, eds. Susan Sterrett and Lee Demetrius Walker. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Ryan C. Black. 2019. “Friends with Benefits: How Amicus Curiae Briefs Affect Supreme Court Agenda Setting.” *International Review of Law and Economics* 58:43-53.

WORKING PAPERS

Waterbury, Nicholas W. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Confessions at the Supreme Court: Judicial Response to Solicitor General Error.”

Lane, Elizabeth and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “A Winning Strategy: How Attorneys Use Vanity Citations to Sway Justices.”

Scott, Jamil S., Elizabeth Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “You Better Shop Around: How Litigant Characteristics Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions.”

WHITE PAPER

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “‘A Matter of Great Importance’: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Arlen Specter Center for Public Service Research Fellowship*. Paper 1. Thomas Jefferson University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Legal Entrepreneurship and Attorney Innovation at the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-31, 2019, Washington, DC.

“Using Text Analysis of Merits Briefs to Study Attorneys’ Role in the U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making Process.” Presented at the Visions in Methodology Annual Conference, May 2-4, 2019, Athens, GA.

“Does the Argument Matter? Using Text Analysis of Merits Briefs to Study U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

“You Better Shop Around: How Litigant Characteristics Influence Support for Supreme Court Decisions,” with Elizabeth Lane and Jamil S. Scott. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-7, 2019, Chicago, IL.

“‘A Matter of Great Importance’: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” with Elizabeth Lane. Presented at the Arlen Specter Center for Public Service, November 30, 2018, Philadelphia, PA.

“Does the Argument Matter? Using Text Analysis of Merits Briefs to Study U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making.” Presented at the Online Workshop on Computational Analysis of Law, October 17, 2018.

“Friends with Benefits: How Amicus Curiae Briefs Affect Supreme Court Agenda Setting,” with Ryan C. Black. Presented at the Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference at Claremont McKenna College, April 27th, 2018, Claremont, CA.

“Confessions at the Supreme Court: Judicial Response to Solicitor General Error,” with Nicholas W. Waterbury. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.

“A Winning Strategy: Attorneys’ Use of Brief Citations to Appeal to Members of the Winning Coalition,” with Elizabeth Lane. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-8, 2018, Chicago, IL.

“Grandstanding or Polarization? Senate Behavior in Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” with Elizabeth Lane and Miles T. Armaly. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 12-14, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Course Instructor

- The Supreme Court, the Constitution, and Institutional Powers, Fall 2019
- Judicial Politics, Fall 2018, Summer 2015 (online)

Section Instructor

- Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2017 (with Eric Gonzales Juenke)
- Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2016 (with Ryan C. Black)

Teaching Assistant

- Social Science of Sports (online), Summer 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 (with Corwin D. Smidt)
- Judicial Politics, Spring 2019, Fall 2014 (with Ryan C. Black)
- American Political Thought, Spring 2015 (with Benjamin Lorch)

ICPSR, University of Michigan

Teaching Assistant

- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models, Summer 2017, 2016 (with Tim McDaniel)
- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models, Summer 2017 (with Brian Pollins)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Matthew Grossmann, Michigan State University, 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Intern, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2017-2018

Procurement Operations Analyst II, Hewlett-Packard, 2011-2014

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School, Michigan State University, Spring 2020

Best Graduate Student Paper for “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2019 (with Elizabeth Lane)

Performance Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015

Summer Research Travel Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2018

Arlen Specter Research Fellowship, Arlen Specter Center for Public Service, 2018 (with Elizabeth Lane)

Silver Star Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2017

Research Award, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2017

Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2017

Presidential Fellow, Center for the Study of the Presidency, 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Academic and Admissions Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, 2016-2017

Teaching Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, 2015-2016