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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Fall 2020 to present

EDUCATION

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

- 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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American politics, judicial politics, American political institutions, research methods, text as data

PUBLICATIONS

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

Lane, Elizabeth A., Jessica A. Schoenherr, Rachel A. Schutte, and Ryan C. Black. 2020. “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.

IN PROGRESS

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

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

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

Schoenherr, Jessica A. “Call and Response: Legal Entrepreneurship and Attorney Success at the U.S. Supreme Court.”

Schoenherr, Jessica A. “Pushing the Boundaries: Deciding to Engage in Legal Entrepreneurship at the U.S. Supreme Court.”

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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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 A. 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

University of South Carolina

Course Instructor

- POLI 450: Constitutional Law, Fall 2020
- POLI 726: Seminar in Judicial Politics (graduate), Fall 2020

Michigan State University

Course Instructor

- PLS 422: The Supreme Court, the Constitution, and Institutional Powers, Fall 2019
- PLS 320: Judicial Politics, Fall 2018
- PLS 320: Judicial Politics (online), Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant

- ISS 328: Social Science of Sports, Summers 2016 to 2020 (with Corwin D. Smidt)
- PLS 324: Congress, Spring 2020 (with Ian Ostrander)
- PLS 320: Judicial Politics, Spring 2019, Fall 2014 (with Ryan C. Black)
- PLS 201: Intro to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2017 (with Eric Gonzales Juenke)
- PLS 200: Intro to Political Science, Fall 2016 (with Ryan C. Black)
- PLS 374: American Political Thought, Spring 2015 (with Benjamin Lorch)

ICPSR

Teaching Assistant

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Research Assistant, Dr. Matthew Grossmann, Michigan State University, 2014 to 2015

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

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper for “Legal Entrepreneurship and Attorney Innovation at the U.S. Supreme Court,” Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2020

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2020

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 A. 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 A. 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 to 2017

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