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- EMPLOYMENT Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 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, Michigan State University, 2009
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Nicholas W. Waterbury. 2022. “Confessions at the Supreme Court: Judicial Response to Solicitor General Error.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 10(1): 13-36.  
Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. 2021. “The Electoral Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding During Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(2): 333-358.
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS 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.  
Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2019. “‘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.  
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 [Symposium].

IN PROGRESS

King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “A Matter of Opinion? The Strategic Selection of Supreme Court Opinion Writers.” (invited to revise and resubmit)

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

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

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Hidden Successes: Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court.”

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

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

King, Jonathan M., Ian Ostrander, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Diversity in Judicial Nominations.”

Merrill, Alison Higgins and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Understanding Regime Change at the U.S. Supreme Court.”

Lane, Elizabeth A. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “Identifying Racial and Ethnic Representation in the Supreme Court Bar.”

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. “How Diversifying the Federal Bench Changes the Supreme Court Bar.”

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts. “A Winning Strategy: How Attorneys Use Vanity Citations to Sway Justices,” June 2022

Michigan State University. “A Winning Strategy: How Attorneys Use Vanity Citations to Sway Justices,” April 2022

University of Minnesota. “Hidden Successes: Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court,” November 2021

Bowling Green State University. “Where are the Women? Briefs, Oral Argument, and Gender Roles at the Supreme Court,” April 2021

Arlen Specter Center for Public Service at Thomas Jefferson University. “‘A Matter of Great Importance’: Senator Preparation for Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings,” November 2018

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2019-2020, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association: 2018-2019, 2021-2022

Southern Political Science Association: 2017, 2021-2022

Visions in Methodology: 2019

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina (Instructor of Record)

- POLI 450: Constitutional Law
- POLI 452: Judicial Process
- POLI 454/WGST 454: Women and the Law
- POLI 726: Seminar in Judicial Politics (graduate)

Michigan State University (Instructor of Record)

- PLS 320: Judicial Politics
- PLS 422: The Supreme Court, the Constitution, and Institutional Powers

ICPSR Summer Program (Teaching Assistant)

- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (with Tim McDaniel and Brian Pollins)

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees

- Yuhsien Sung (committee member)
- Madison Shanks (committee member)
- Rahul Hemrajani (committee member)

Magellan Scholar Faculty Mentor

- Kaitlyn McCue (awarded Spring 2022)

Honors Theses

- Emmeline Basco (advisor)
- William Glover (second reader)

AWARDS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
AND HONORS

SEC Travel Grant, University of South Carolina, 2022

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  
SERVICE

Discipline

- Award Committee Member: Best Conference Paper (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2022)
- Discussant: American Political Science Association (2021, 2022), Midwest Political Science Association (2021), Southern Political Science Association (2021, 2022)
- Reviewer: *Journal of Law and Courts*; Palgrave Macmillan; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; Rowman and Littlefield

University and College, University of South Carolina

- Member: Law and Society Faculty Advisory Committee, Summer 2022 to present
- Member: Magellan Scholar Review Committee, Spring 2022

Department, University of South Carolina

- Coordinator: Political Science Research Workshop, Fall 2021 to present
- Member: Political Theory Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2021
- Member: Founding Documents Post-Doctoral Fellow Search Committee, Summer 2021
- Member: Undergraduate Committee, 2020-2021

Department, Michigan State University

- Academic and Admissions Representative: Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016-2017
- Teaching Representative: Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2015-2016

OTHER  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

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

Research Assistant, Matthew Grossmann, 2014-2015

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

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