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Dissertation: Three Essays on Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals
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- M.Phil, Political Science, September 2006
Columbia University, New York, NY
- M.A., Political Science, February 2004
Columbia University, New York, NY
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Government and English, May 2000
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS American Government: Judicial Politics, Congress, Public Opinion, Elections
Methodology: Quantitative Analysis, Formal Theory, Statistical Graphics
- PUBLICATIONS **Articles**
- “The Statistical Analysis of Judicial Decisions and Legal Rules with Classification Trees,” *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, forthcoming.
- “The Playing Field Shifts: Predicting the Seats-Votes Curve in the 2008 U.S. House Elections,” with Andrew Gelman and Jamie Chandler. 2008. *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 41(4): 729-32.
- “Case Selection and the Study of Judicial Politics,” with Jeffrey Lax. 2008. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*. 5(3): 407-446.
- “Predicting and Dissecting the Seats-Votes Curve in the 2006 U.S. House Election,” with Andrew Gelman and Jamie Chandler. 2008. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 41(1): 139-145.
- “Using Graphs Instead of Tables to Improve the Presentation of Empirical Results in Political Science,” with Eduardo Leoni. 2007. *Perspectives on*

Politics, 5(4): 755-71.

“Panel Composition and Judicial Compliance on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.”
2007. *The Journal of Law, Economics & Organization*, 23(2): 421-41.

Book Chapters

“Beautiful Political Data,” with Andrew Gelman and Yair Ghitza, in *Beautiful Data: The Stories Behind Elegant Data Solutions*, Toby Segaran and Jeff Hammerbacher (eds.), Sebastopol, CA: O’Reilly Media, Inc, forthcoming

WORKING PAPERS

“Public Opinion and Senate Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominees,” with Jeffrey Lax and Justin Phillips

“Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals,” under review

“Panel Composition and Voting on the United States Courts of Appeals Over Time,” under revise and resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*

Estimating State Public Opinion Using Multi-Level Regression and Poststratification using *R*, with Jeffrey Lax and Justin Phillips

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Separate, Representation and Nested Constituencies: The Role of Public Opinion in Supreme Court Nomination Politics,” with Jeffrey Lax and Justin Phillips.

“Elite Wars? Analyzing Support for the Iraq, Vietnam and Korean Wars,” with Jamie Chandler and Andrew Gelman

“An Optimal Stopping Model of Intercircuit Conflict” (with Tom Clark)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

“How (Not) to Present Quantitative Results.” (with Andrew Gelman). Presented at the Columbia University International Politics Seminar. New York, NY. February 12, 2009.

“Asymmetrical Incentives and Collegial Dynamics in the Judicial Hierarchy: Decision Making on Three-Judge Panels.” Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. August 28-August 31.

“Panel Composition and Voting on the United States Courts of Appeals Over Time.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. August 30-September 2.

“Case Selection and the Study of Judicial Politics.” (with Jeffrey Lax). Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science

Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3, and the 2007 Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, New York, NY, November 9-10.

“Classification Trees: A Suggested New Method for Improving the Empirical Modeling of Law.” Presented at the New York University Conference on Modeling Law, New York, NY, October 28-29, 2005

“Legal Rules and the Classification of Supreme Court Decisions.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1-4.

“Panel Composition and Judicial Compliance on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10.

ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, *Multivariate Political Analysis*, Professor Shigeo Hirano, Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, *Research Topics in Game Theory*, Professor David Epstein, Fall 2007 and Fall 2008

Teaching Assistant, *Judicial Politics*, Professor Jeffrey Lax, Spring 2006

Research Assistant, Professor Robert Erikson, September 2004-May 2006

Instructor, *Constitutional Law*, Columbia University Summer High School Program, Summer 2005

Co-coordinator, American and Comparative Politics Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University, 2003-2005

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to American Politics and Government*, Professor Judith Russell, Fall 2003

Research Assistant, Professor Charles Cameron, May-August 2003

AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

2009 Law & Courts Section’s Best Graduate Student Paper Award: “Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.”

GSAS Fellowship, Columbia University Graduate Program in Political Science, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

GSAS Summer Fellowship, Columbia University Graduate Program in Political Science, 2004, 2006

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, Washington University, 2005

JOURNAL
SERVICE

Editorial Assistant: *Political Analysis* (2004-2006)

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*