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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2017-)
  - **Deputy Chair**, 2018-
- **Associate Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2012-)
- **Associate Professor** (untenured), Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2010-12)
- **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2004-10)
- **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, University of California, San Diego (2002-4)

## PUBLICATIONS

For pdfs, see <http://www.columbia.edu/~jrl2124/>

- “The Party or the Purse? Unequal Representation in the U.S. Senate,” with Justin Phillips and Adam Zelizer, forthcoming *American Political Science Review*
- “Gay Rights in Congress: Public Opinion and (Mis)Representation,” with Katherine Krimmel and Justin Phillips, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 80-4, 2016
- “Are Survey Respondents Lying About Their Support for Same-Sex Marriage? Lessons from A Recent List Experiment,” with Justin Phillips and Alissa Stollwerk, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 80-3, 2016
- “Bargaining Power in the Supreme Court: Evidence from Opinion Assignment and Vote Switching,” with Kelly T. Rader, *Journal of Politics* (July), 2015
- “Polarizing the Electoral Connection: Partisan Representation in Supreme Court Confirmation Politics” with Jonathan Kstellec, Michael Malecki, and Justin Phillips, *Journal of Politics* (July), 2015
- “Measuring the Political Salience of Supreme Court Cases,” with Tom Clark and Douglas Rice, *Journal of Law and Courts*, Vol. 3-1 (Spring), 2015
- “Political Constraints on Legal Doctrine: How Hierarchy Shapes the Law,” *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 74-3 (July), 2012
- “The Role of Public Opinion in Supreme Court Confirmation Politics,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, in *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, Kevin McGuire (ed.), New York: Routledge, 2012
- “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips, *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 56-1 (January), 2012
- “The New Judicial Politics of Legal Doctrine,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 14, 2011
- “Public Opinion and Senate Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominees,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71-3 (July), 2010
- “Legal Constraints on Supreme Court Decision Making: Do Jurisprudential Regimes Exist?” with Kelly T. Rader, *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71-2 (April), 2010
- “Rejoinder: The Three Prongs of a Jurisprudential Regimes Test,” with Kelly T. Rader, *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71-2 (April), 2010

- “Gay Rights in the States: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness,” with Justin Phillips, *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 103-3 (August), 2009.
- “Legal Doctrine on Collegial Courts,” with Dimitri Landa, *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71-3 (July), 2009
- “How Should We Estimate Public Opinion in the States?,” with Justin Phillips, *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 53-1 (January), 2009
- “Case Selection and the Study of Judicial Politics?,” with Jonathan Kstellec, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, Vol. 5-3 (September), 2008.
- “Disagreements on Collegial Courts: A Case-Space Approach,” with Dimitri Landa, *Journal of Constitutional Law*, Vol. 10-2 (January), 2008
- “Constructing Legal Rules on Appellate Courts,” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 101-3 (August), 2007. Reprinted in *The Economics of Judicial Behavior* (ed. Lee Epstein), Forthcoming.
- “Bargaining and Opinion Assignment on the U.S. Supreme Court,” with Charles Cameron, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, Vol. 23-2 (Summer), 2007.
- “Courts, Congress and Public Policy, Part I: The FDA, the Courts and the Regulation of Tobacco,” with Mathew McCubbins, *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, Vol. 15-1: 163-98, 2006.
- “Courts, Congress, and Public Policy, Part II: The Impact of the Reapportionment Revolution on Urban and Rural Interests,” with Mathew McCubbins, *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, Vol. 15-1: 199-218, 2006.
- “Certiorari and Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy: Discretion, Reputation, and the Rule of Four,” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 15-1 (January), 2003.
- “Fair Division: A Format for the Debate on the Format of Debates,” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 32-1 (March): 45-52, 1999.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “How Should We Estimate Sub-National Opinion using MRP?,” with Justin Phillips
- “Using Multilevel Regression and Poststratification to Estimate Dynamic Public Opinion,” with Justin Phillips and Andrew Gelman
- “Social Penumbra and the Dynamics of Public Opinion on Gay Rights,” with Justin Phillips and Andrew Gelman

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. Political Science, 2001 – New York University**

Dissertation: “Supreme Strategy: Strategic Behavior in the U.S. Supreme Court”

Committee: Professors Steven J. Brams, Charles Cameron, John Ferejohn, Marek Kaminski, and Lewis Kornhauser

### **New York University School of Law, 2000-2001, First-Year Curriculum**

### **M.A. Political Science, 1996 – New York University**

### **B.A. Political Science and Economics & Mathematics, 1995 – Yale University**

Thesis: “Equal Protection: Benign Discrimination,” Advisor: Professor Rogers Smith

## HONORS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 Bailey Award for Best paper in LGBT Politics, any professional meeting in 2015,

with Justin Phillips and Alissa Stollwerk

- NSF grant for “Using multilevel regression and poststratification to measure and study dynamic public opinion,” with Justin Phillips and Andrew Gelman, 2014-16
- Russell Sage grant for “Who Listens to Whom? Assessing Inequalities in Representation,” with Justin Phillips (2013)
- *Pi Sigma Alpha* Award for “Best Paper at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association” – “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips
- *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* Award for “best paper on the U.S. states presented at any professional meeting in calendar year 2009” – “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips
- *American Judicature Society* Award for “Best Paper on Law and Courts Presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the American, Midwest, Northeastern, Southern, Southwestern, or Western Political Science Associations”– “Bargaining Power in the Supreme Court,” with Kelly Rader (former title: “Tactical Opinion Assignment and Voting in the Supreme Court”)
- NSF grant for “Understanding Public Opinion & Policymaking Using Multilevel Regression & Poststratification,” with Justin Phillips and Andrew Gelman, 2010-12
- Hoover Institution National Fellow, 2010
- Institute for Social and Economic Research, grant for “Are Campaign Finance Regulations 'Protection Shields' for Incumbents? The January 2010 Supreme Court Ruling as a Natural Experiment,” with Justin Phillips and Yotam Margalit
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Applied Statistics, Columbia University (2007-)
- Faculty Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Columbia University (2005-)
- Columbia University Summer Grant (2005, 2006)
- Academic Senate Research Grant, UCSD (2003, 2004)
- Master Teaching Assistant, NYU (1997, 1998)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Departmental Deputy Chair**

#### **Promotion and Tenure Committee, Arts and Sciences**

#### **Columbia University (Helfand) Committee on Better Teaching Practices (2015-7)**

**Associate Editor:** *Journal of Law and Courts* (new journal, first issue January 2013)

#### **Chair, Graduate Program Reform Committee, Dept. of Political Science (2011-12)**

**Editorial Board:** *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*

#### **Dissertation Primary Advisor:**

- Jonathan Kastellec (Asst. Prof., Princeton University, American Politics), “Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (2009)
- Kelly Rader (Asst. Prof., Yale University, American Politics), “Mistaking the Forest for the Trees: The Mistreatment of Group-Level Treatments in the Study of American Politics” (2012)
- Lucas Leemann (starting UCL Fall 2014, now U Zurich, Comparative Politics)

#### **Dissertation Committees:**

- Jeffrey Lenowitz (Asst. Prof., Brandeis University, Political Theory)
- Andrew Guess (Asst. Prof., Princeton University, American Politics)
- (others but with less involvement)

#### **Co-Chair of Department Speaker Series in American Politics (2010-2013)**

**Instructor:** Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Washington University (2003); CIDE, Mexico City (2004, 2005, 2007)

**Conference Section Chair:** Judicial Politics, Midwest Political Science Association (2004)

**Conference Panel Chair/Discussant:** Midwest and American Political Science Associations  
**Chair, William Riker Political Economy Best Book Award Committee (APSA 2013)**

**Reviewer:** National Science Foundation; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*; *Journal of Theoretical Politics*; *Political Analysis*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Rationality & Society*; *American Politics Research*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Public Choice*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, etc.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Undergraduate:**

- The Logic of Collective Choice
- Judicial Politics
- American Presidency
- Analyzing Politics

### **Graduate:**

- Political Inequality in the United States
- Judicial Politics
- Theories and Debates in American Politics
- Dissertation Workshop

## **PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, & WORKSHOPS NEEDS UPDATING 2012**

- “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips, Washington University

### **2011**

- “The Future of Judicial Politics: Progress and Challenges,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- “Public Opinion over Time,” with Justin Phillips and Michael Malecki; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- “Political Constraints on Legal Doctrine: How Hierarchy Shapes the Law,” Princeton University Summer Workshop
- “Public Opinion and Gay Rights: Do Members of Congress Follow Their Constituents’ Preferences?,” with Katherine Krimmel and Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- “Identifying the Salience of Supreme Court Cases,” with Tom Clark, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Representational Inequality in the U.S. States,” with Martin Gilens and Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Seattle)
- “The New Judicial Politics of Legal Doctrine,” Washington University School of Law

(March)

- “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips, University of California, Berkeley (February)

#### **2010**

- “Partisan Representation in Confirmation Politics,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, Emory University Department of Political Science, April
- “Democratic Performance in the States,” with Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April

#### **2009**

- “Gay Rights in Maine: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness,” Columbia Law School Panel on Gay Rights
- “Gay Rights in New York: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness,” Constitution Day Panel on Gay Rights at Teacher’s College
- “New Frontiers in Studying Sub-National Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness,” with Justin Phillips, Quantitative Masters in Social Science Program, Columbia University
- “Gay Rights in the States: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness,” with Justin Phillips, Teacher’s College Constitution Day Panel on Gay Rights in New York
- “Separate Constituencies in Senatorial Representation: Public Opinion & Supreme Court Confirmation Politics,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Toronto), September
- “Democratic Performance in the States,” with Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Toronto), September
- “Public Opinion and Senate Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominees,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Doctrinal Choice in the Judicial Hierarchy,” Emory University, Department of Political Science and Law School, February

#### **2008**

- “Doctrinal Choice in the Judicial Hierarchy,” USC Law, Center in Law, Economics, and Organization, October; Harvard University, Political Economy and Public Law Conference, June; University of Texas School of Law, Law and Economics Workshop, April
- “How Should We Estimate Public Opinion in the States?,” with Justin Phillips, Princeton University Methodology Seminar, October
- “Public Opinion and Senate Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominees,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips, Cornell University, September; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago), August
- “Bargaining Power in the Supreme Court”, with Kelly Rader, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Cornell University School of Law), September; Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- Mini-Conference on Textual Analysis and the Study of Judicial Behavior (Emory University), February
- Mini-Conference on Delegation and Independence in Domestic and International Law (Florida State University), February

#### **2007**

- “Case Selection and the Study of Judicial Politics?,” with Jonathan Kstellec, Conference on

Empirical Legal Studies (New York University School of Law), November

- “How Should We Estimate Public Opinion in the States?,” with Justin Phillips, SUNY Stony Brook, October; Annual Meeting of the APSA (Chicago), August
- “Tactical Opinion Assignment and Voting in the Supreme Court,” with Kelly T. Rader, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Chicago), August
- “The Structure of Legal Doctrine and Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness: Gay Rights in the States,” with Justin Phillips, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Disagreements on Collegial Courts,” Symposium on Positive Approaches to Constitutional Law and Theory (The University of Pennsylvania Law School), February
- “Constructing Legal Rules on Appellate Courts,” Colloquium on Law and Political Economy (Northwestern University School of Law), February
- “Congressional Decision Making” and “Judicial Decision Making,” CIDE, February (also 2005, 2004)

#### **2006**

- “Median Rules without a Median Judge,” Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics (New York University School of Law), September; Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Can We Ignore Case Selection When We Study Judicial Politics?” with Jonathan Kastellec, Annual Meeting of APSA (Philadelphia), August; Annual Meeting of the MPSA (Chicago), April

#### **2005**

- “Policy-Making Through Law: A Modeling Strategy,” Conference on Modeling Law (NYU Law School), October
- “The Creation of Legal Rules,” with Dimiri Landa, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (D.C.), August
- “Beyond the Median Voter: Bargaining and Law in the Supreme Court,” with Charles Cameron, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April

#### **2004**

- “Judicial Impact: The Policy Consequences of the Reapportionment Revolution,” with Mathew McCubbins, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April
- “Where There’s Smoke, There’s Fire: The Impact of Court Decisions,” with Mathew McCubbins, Duke University, March

#### **2003**

- “Pivotal Politics in the Judicial Hierarchy,” George Washington University, September
- “Where There’s Smoke, There’s Fire: The Impact of Court Decisions,” with Mathew McCubbins, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Phil.), August
- “Nine Little (Law) Firms: Bargaining on the Supreme Court,” with Charles Cameron, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April

#### **2002**

- “Certiorari and Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy: Discretion, Reputation, and the Rule of Four,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston), August
- “Opinion Assignment in the Supreme Court: Theory and Evidence from the Burger and

Rehnquist Courts,” with Charles Cameron, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April

**2001**

- “Opinion Assignment in the Supreme Court: Theory and Evidence,” with Charles Cameron, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco), August
- NYU Law School Summer Seminar for Legal Academia, July
- “The Conflict of Consensus: Unanimity and Dissent in the Supreme Court,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago), April

**2000**

- “The Double-Edged Sword: Certiorari and the Supreme Court’s Control of the Judicial Hierarchy,” Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics (New York University School of Law), November; Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, D.C.), August
- “Supreme Strategy: Signaling and Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy,” Summer Festival on Game Theory (State University of New York at Stony Brook), July
- “Yankee Trading,” with Steven Brams, Summer Festival on Game Theory (SUNY Stony Brook, July); First World Congress of the Game Theory Society (Bilbao, Spain, June)