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Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
Columbia University
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Associate Professor** (untenured), Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2010-)
- **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University (2004-10)
- **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Political Science, University of California, San Diego (2002-4)
- **Instructor**, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Washington University (2003); CIDE, Mexico City (2004, 2005, 2007)

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

- “The Democratic Deficit in the States,” with Justin Phillips, *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
- “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 Kastle 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, *The 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, *The American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 53-1 (January), 2009
- “Case Selection and the Study of Judicial Politics?,” with Jonathan Kastle, *The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, Vol. 5-3 (September), 2008.
- “Disagreements on Collegial Courts: A Case-Space Approach,” with Dimitri Landa, *The Journal of Constitutional Law*, Vol. 10-2 (January), 2008

- “Constructing Legal Rules on Appellate Courts,” *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 101-3 (August), 2007.
- “Bargaining and Opinion Assignment on the U.S. Supreme Court,” with Charles Cameron, *The 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, *The 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, *The 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,” *The 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

- “Political Constraints on Legal Doctrine: How Hierarchy Shapes the Law”
- “Bargaining Power in the Supreme Court,” with Kelly T. Rader
- “Distorting the Electoral Connection: Partisan Representation in Confirmation Politics,” with Jonathan Kstellec and Justin Phillips
- “Public Opinion and Gay Rights: Do Members of Congress Follow Their Constituents’ Preferences?,” with Katherine Krimmel and Justin Phillips
- “Identifying the Saliency of Supreme Court Cases,” with Tom Clark
- “The Conflict of Consensus: Unanimity and Dissent in the Supreme Court”
- “Representational Inequality in the U.S. States,” with Martin Gilens and Justin Phillips

HONORS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- *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”)
- National Science Foundation, grant for “Understanding Public Opinion and Policymaking Using Multilevel Regression and 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

Editorial Board: *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Law and Courts* (Associate Editor, new journal in development)

Dissertation Chair: Jonathan Kstellec (Asst. Prof., Princeton University), “Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals”

Dissertation Advisor (current students): Kelly Rader, Lucas Leemann

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

Conference Panel Chair/Discussant: Midwest and American Political Science Associations

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*; etc.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate:

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

Graduate:

- Judicial Politics
- Theories and Debates in American Politics
- Dissertation Workshop

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, & WORKSHOPS

2011

- “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
- “Identifying the Saliency 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
- “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 American Political Science Association (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 Kstellec, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia), August; Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (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 (Philadelphia), 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 Stonybrook), July
- “Yankee Trading,” with Steven Brams, Summer Festival on Game Theory (SUNY Stonybrook, July); First World Congress of the Game Theory Society (Bilbao, Spain, June)