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## Academic Employment

### *Southern Illinois University, Carbondale*

Interim Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts, July 2022 to present

Associate Professor of Political Science, July 2020 to present

Cross appointment with the School of Law

Assistant Professor, August 2014 to June 2020

Lecturer, June 2013 to July 2014

## Education

### *Washington University in St. Louis*

Ph.D., Political Science, December 2013

Additional coursework completed at Universität Mannheim, Fall 2010; Indiana University Summer Institute on Eastern European Languages, Summer 2010; Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Summer 2012

Committee: Matthew Gabel (chair), James Spriggs II, Margit Tavits, Matthew Fox, Cliff Carrubba

### *University of Illinois College of Law*

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2008

### *Miami University*

B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, May 2001

## Research

### *Books*

Benjamin Bricker. 2016. *Visions of Judicial Review: A Comparative Examination of Courts and Policy in Democracies*. Colchester: ECPR Press.

## Articles

Benjamin Bricker. 2021. "Consensus Decision Making: A Comparative Analysis of Judges and Judicial Deliberations." *Justice System Journal*, 42(1): 25-49.

Benjamin Bricker. 2020. "The (Very) Political Dissent: Dissenting Opinions and the Polish Constitutional Crisis." *German Law Journal*, 21(8): 1586-1605.

Chosen as an Editors' Selection for 2020

Stephen Bloom and Benjamin Bricker. 2020. "Observing Elite Support for Democracy: The Prison Vote in Poland and Ukraine." *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, 28(4): 487-516.

Benjamin Bricker and Jakub Wondreys. 2018. "Public Opinion and Opposition Party Success: Evidence from the European Constitutional Courts." *Justice System Journal*, 39(2): 123-138.

Benjamin Bricker. 2017. "Breaking the Principle of Secrecy: An Examination of Judicial Dissent in the European Constitutional Courts." *Law & Policy*, 39(2): 170-91.

Benjamin Bricker. 2017. "Party Polarization and its Consequences for Judicial Power and Judicial Independence." *European Journal of Legal Studies*, 10(1): 161-202.

Benjamin Bricker. 2017. "Material Support for Terror and the *Holder* Decision: An Empirical Examination." *Southern Illinois University Law Journal*, 42(1): 1-30.

## Book Chapters

Benjamin Bricker. 2019. "Expectations of Privacy in the Age of Surveillance: Implications for Democracy." In *Political Authority, Social Control and Public Policy*, Cara Rabe-Hemp and Nancy Lind (eds.). Bingley: Emerald Group. pp. 171-185.

Benjamin Bricker. 2017. "*Citizens United* and Political Accountability." In *Corruption, Accountability, and Discretion*, Nancy Lind and Cara Rabe-Hemp (eds.). Bingley: Emerald Group, pp. 185-204.

Benjamin Bricker. 2016. "Judicial Review." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, Ali Farazmand (ed.). Basel: Springer, pp. 1-8.

## Book Reviews

Benjamin Bricker. 2016. "The Politics of Judicial Independence in the UK's Changing Constitution," by Graham Gee, Robert Hazell, Kate Malleson, and Patrick O'Brien. *Law and Politics Book Review*, 26(6): 121-124.

## Works in Progress

"Outside Actors and Constitutional Court Decision Making" (with Scott Comparato: under review).

"Referrals" (with Matthew Gabel and Cliff Carrubba, book chapter for *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Judicial Behavior*).

"Referrals to National Constitutional Courts: Examining the Reasons why Ordinary Court Judges Refer." (manuscript in progress)

"Judicial Deliberations: Consensus, Dissent and Bargaining in Comparative Perspective" (book manuscript in progress).

## Academic Presentations and Conferences

### *Presentations*

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference. "Referrals to National Constitutional Courts: Examining the Reasons why Ordinary Court Judges Refer." University of Innsbruck, Austria. August 2022.

ANNO-Rep Workshop (invited). "Outside Actors and Constitutional Court Decision Making." New York, NY, April 2022.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Outside Actors and Constitutional Court Decision Making." Seattle, WA. September 2021.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Outside Actors and Constitutional Court Decision Making." April 2021.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Consensus Decision Making: A Comparative Analysis of Judges and Judicial Deliberations." Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Consensus Decision Making: A Comparative Analysis of Judges and Judicial Deliberations." Austin, TX. January 2019.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Measuring Elite Support for Democracy: The Prison Vote in Poland and Ukraine." Chicago, IL. April 2018.

SIU Law Journal Symposium. "Material Support for Terror after *Holder*." Edwardsville, IL. April 2017.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Coalitions, Public Opinion, and Court Decision Making." Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Breaking the Principle of Secrecy: An Examination of Judicial Dissent in the European Courts." San Francisco, CA. September 2015.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "Appointment Powers and Judicial Outcomes." Chicago, IL. April 2015.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference. "Appointment Powers and Judicial Outcomes." University of Glasgow, UK. September 2014.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "The General Will?" Chicago, IL. April 2014.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference. "The Institutional Foundations of Court Power: Ideologies and Actors in Comparative Perspective." University of Bordeaux, France. September 2013.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "The Development of Precedent in European Constitutional Courts." Chicago, IL. April 2013.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "The Institutional Foundations of Court Power in New Democracies." Orlando, FL. January 2013.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Re-Examining Judicial Independence: The Role of Party Polarization." Orlando, FL. January 2013.

7th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS). "The Development of Precedent in European Constitutional Courts." Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA. November 2012.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "The Development of Precedent in European Constitutional Courts." New Orleans, LA. August 2012.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. "The Establishment of Judicial Power in New Democracies: The Role of Litigants in the Exercise of Judicial Review." Chicago, IL. April 2012.

Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop. "The Effect of Party Polarization on Judicial Independence." St. Louis, MO. March 2012.

European Union Center Lecture Series. "Asylum in Europe: EU Policies and Member State Responses." University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. February 2008.

### *Invited Talks*

"Supreme Court Preview 2021." SIU School of Law. September 2021.

"Impeachment: Its Causes and Consequences." SIU Learning in Retirement Panel Event. January 2021.

"The 2020 Election Roundtable." SIU System Roundtable Panel Event. November 2020.

"The Special Counsel." SIU Political Science Ambassadors Open Lecture. November 2017.

"Think the Constitution Is a Living Document?" Commentator, SIU Law School Federalist Society. November 2017.

"Material Support for Terror after *Holder*." SIU Law Journal Symposium. Edwardsville, IL. April 2017.

"Election Roundtable." SIU Center for English as a Second Language (funded by the U.S. Department of State). November 2016.

"The Rule of Law." The US Summer Institute for Student Leaders at Southern Illinois University (funded by the U.S. Department of State). July 2016.

"The Rule of Law." The US Summer Institute for Student Leaders at Southern Illinois University (funded by the U.S. Department of State). July 2015.

"Supreme Court Preview." Southern Illinois University School of Law. September 2014.

"Asylum Seekers in the Changing European Union." University of Illinois Global Crossroads Lecture Series. September 2008.

### *Conference Discussant and Chairs*

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Panel Discussant, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX. January 2019.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2014.

Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2014.

Discussant, Washington University Electoral Politics Conference, "Pathologies of Elections." St. Louis, MO. April 2013.

## Honors, Grants, and Awards

Joann Paine Endowment for Faculty Research, 2021

Outstanding Mentorship, McNair Scholars Summer Research Institute, 2019

DAAD Research Grant for Scholars (at Universität Mannheim), June 2018 & December 2018-January 2019 (\$3,800)

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2019

SIU Travel Grant for international recruitment, 2015 (\$2,500)

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2013

Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012

Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2013-14 (Declined)

U.S. Department of State Title VIII Fellowship for the Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, 2012 (\$5,000)

U.S. Department of State Title VIII Fellowship for the Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia, 2010 (\$5,000)

University Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008-09

*University of Illinois Law Review*: Member and Associate Editor, 2006-2008

Abraham Lincoln Scholarship, University of Illinois College of Law, 2005-08 (Three-Year Full Tuition Scholarship)

CALI Awards: International Human Rights Clinic, Spring 2007; European Union Law, Fall 2006 (Award for Highest Grade in Course)

Harno Scholar, University of Illinois, Fall 2006 (GPA in Top 10 Percent of Class)

Kimball and Karen Anderson Honorary Fellowship at the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, 2007

European Union Center Graduate Research Travel Grant, 2007 (\$2,000)

## Teaching Experience

*Assistant and Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University*

### Undergraduate

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law II

Law in American Society

Administrative Law  
Comparative Constitutional Law  
International Law  
Jurisprudence  
Women and the Law  
The Constitution and Defendants' Rights  
Democracy and the 2020 Election (Honors course)  
Democratization  
Introduction to Civil Liberties and Civil Rights  
Senior Seminar in Constitutional Law  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Russian and Post-Soviet Politics  
Political Science Ambassadors  
Independent Study Courses (17 total)

### **Graduate**

Constitutional Law: Powers of Government (School of Law)  
Constitutional Law: Individual Rights (School of Law)  
Democracy, Rights, and the Future of Democracy  
Constitutional Theory and Design  
Research Design  
Independent Readings Courses (5 total)

### *Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis*

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2012

### **Service**

Undergraduate Studies Director, Political Science, 2021-present  
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Internship Committee Member, 2021-22  
SIU Rhodes Scholar Committee Member, 2020  
SIU Marshall Scholar Committee Member, 2020  
Emma Smith Hough SIU Library Scholarship Committee Member, 2020  
Midwest Political Science Association Evan Ringquist Award Committee Member, 2019

Pre-Law Advisor, Southern Illinois University, Fall 2014-present  
Faculty Advisor, College Democrats, Southern Illinois University, 2013-present  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha honorary fraternity, 2019-present  
Faculty Advisor, Political Science Ambassadors, 2018-present  
International Recruitment and Collaboration Representative for SIU, March 2015 (traveled to several Central American countries to facilitate university and departmental relationships)  
Advisor, Model Illinois Government – Moot Court Competition, 2014  
Reader, Ph.D. Qualifying Exams for (a) Public Law and (b) Comparative Politics, SIU political science department  
Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-2012  
Outstanding Faculty-Mentor Award Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-2012  
Associate Editor, *University of Illinois Law Review*, 2006-2008  
Editorial Assistant, *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*, 2007-2008

## Reviews

*Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Justice System Journal; Law & Policy; University of California Press; Rowman & Littlefield; CQ Press*

## Advising

1. Randy Koonce (School of Law), faculty advisor for Law Review Note, 2021-22
2. Joshua McCray (undergraduate), advisor for McNair Scholars research, 2019
3. Naomi Tolbert (undergraduate), advisor for McNair Scholars and APSA Ralph Bunche Summer Institute research projects, Southern Illinois University, 2015-17
4. Lauren Gallagher (undergraduate), advisor for polling research project in conjunction with Paul Simon Institute, 2015-16
5. Sarah Gansen, Ph.D. dissertation committee (University of Southern California), 2021 to present
6. Christivel Zulu, prelim committee (English-Gender Studies), 2021 to present
7. Kimberly Shella, Ph.D. dissertation committee, 2021 to present.
8. Kedar Badu, Ph.D. dissertation committee (completed 2021)
9. Michelle Fletcher, Ph.D. dissertation committee (completed 2021)
10. Soran Tarkhani, Ph.D. dissertation committee (completed 2019)
11. Kimberly Turner, Ph.D. dissertation committee (completed 2021)
12. Eryka Tiku, Ph.D. dissertation committee (Economics – completed 2021)

13. Otomara Adeeko, Ph.D. dissertation committee (Economics – completed 2021)
14. Aso Ali, Ph.D. dissertation committee (completed 2021)
15. Sandy Kim, Ph.D. dissertation committee, 2017 to present
16. Simonas Cepenas, Master's Thesis committee, 2015
17. Jakub Wondreys, Master's Thesis committee, 2015
18. Liucija Balciunaite, Master's Thesis committee, 2016
19. Ana Flores, Master's Thesis committee, 2017
20. Dachi Manashvili, Master's Thesis committee, 2022
21. Miaya Scott, Master's Thesis committee, 2022

## Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant to Matt Gabel, under National Science Foundation Grant: "Collaborative Research: A Cross-National Study of Judicial Institutionalization and Influence," Fall 2010-Summer 2011

Research Assistant to Professor Margit Tavits, Fall 2011

Research Assistant to Professor Guillermo Rosas and Margit Tavits, Inequality and Polarization Work Group, 2011-2012

Research Assistant to Professors Tom Ginsburg and Richard McAdams, University of Illinois College of Law, Spring 2007

## Past Employment

AIDS Legal Council of Chicago, Summer Associate, 2007

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Summer Associate, 2006

Investor Responsibility Research Center, Senior Research Analyst, 2003-05

Harvard University Project on Effective Interventions, Research Associate, 2002-03

Office of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, 2001-02

## Language Skills

Polish (Intermediate)

Spanish (Intermediate)

Portuguese (Basic)

## Media

WSIU TV; WSIL TV; KFVS TV



## References

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