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### Education

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M.A., Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2005.  
J.D., Law. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 2001.  
B.A., Political Science & History. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1998.

### Employment

University of Wisconsin, 2015 – present, Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin, 2013 – 2015, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin, 2011 – 2013, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Harvard University, 2008 – 2011, Assistant Professor, Department of Government  
Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, s.c., 2001 – 2003, Attorney  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, 1999 – 2000, Law Clerk  
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- [7] Public Opinion and the Courts (with Patrick C. Wohlfarth)(Under Review).
- [6] The Value of a Handshake: How A Simple Gesture Enhances Collegiality on the Court (with Ryan C. Black and Rachel Schutte).
- [5] The New Gridlock? Nominations in the Post Filibuster World (with Ellie Powell and Danny Metcalf).
- [4] Influencing the Media: The Supreme Court’s Strategic Efforts to Influence Media Coverage (with Patrick C. Wohlfarth, Justin P. Wedeking, and David Lassen).
- [3] Estimating the Quality of Supreme Court Opinions (with Alexander Tahk).
- [2] Collegiality on the United States Supreme Court (with Ryan C. Black and Jim Spriggs).
- [1] Using ‘Words as Data’ to Estimate Supreme Court Nominees’ Ideology (with Alexander Tahk and Justin Wedeking).

## Grants and Awards

- [17] Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section: “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court” (with Ryan C. Black).
- [16] University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Fellowship (2014-2016).
- [15] Undergraduate Student Mentoring Award, Office of the Provost (Spring 2014)
- [14] Hilldale Award, “Supreme Court Public Information Offices and Strategic Outreach” (with Donya Khadem)
- [13] Neal Tate Award for outstanding judicial politics paper: “Minimizing Doctrinal Drift: The Role of Clarity in Protecting Supreme Court Opinions” (With Patrick Wohlfarth)(Paper presented at the 2012 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).
- [12] Pi Sigma Alpha Award for “Excellence in Scholarly Writing” for “Picking an Unsettled Brain: The Role of Cognitive Complexity in Ideological Drift on the United States Supreme Court” (With Justin Wedeking)(Paper presented at the 2011 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).

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- [10] Lyons Family Faculty Grant.
- [9] Rose Family Research Fellowship Grant
- [8] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Supreme Court and the Media.”
- [7] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Legislative Process Across Branches: The Supreme Court and Statutory Interpretation.”
- [6] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “Can Nominee Language Influence Confirmation Votes? An Empirical Examination of Supreme Court Nomination Hearings.”
- [5] Harvard Provost Fund for Instructional Technology. “Digital Archives of Supreme Court Justices, 1953-1985.”
- [4] Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis), Library of Congress Grant.
- [3] Associate, Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis).
- [2] George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation O’Donnell Grant.
- [1] Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award.

## **Conference Presentations**

- [59] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick Wohlfarth. 2017. “Justices, Personalities, and Supreme Court Decision Making.” To be presented at the 2017 annual meetings of the American Political Science Association (August 31-September 3, San Francisco, CA).
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- [53] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. "The (Over)Value of Former Law Clerks As Attorneys Before the US Supreme Court." Presented at the 2016 annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association (January 7-9, San Juan, Puerto Rico).
- [52] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. "The Success of Former Solicitors General in Private Practice: Costly and Unnecessary." Presented at the Legal Quanta Symposium (October 28-29, East Lansing, MI).
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**Invited Presentations**

- [24] Yale University
- [23] University of Georgia
- [22] Marquette Law School
- [21] Northwestern University School of Law
- [20] Michigan State University
- [19] University of California-Davis School of Law
- [18] University of Chicago Law
- [17] Vanderbilt University
- [16] University of California-San Diego
- [15] Harvard University
- [14] Louisiana State University
- [13] University at Buffalo—State University of New York
- [12] Grinnell University
- [11] George Mason University
- [10] University of Houston
- [9] American Democracy Forum
- [8] Commentary on Neal Katyal’s “The Architecture of Government.”

- [7] Rotary Club of Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [6] Founder’s Day Speech, Pittsburgh, PA. “The Supreme Court Today and Into the Future: What Can We Expect?”
- [5] Wisconsin Hospital Association Public Policy Committee–U.S. Supreme Court Health Care Cases.
- [4] Wisconsin Alumni Connection: The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform.
- [3] Wisconsin Board of Visitors Presentation: How We Study the Supreme Court: Examining the Supreme Court’s Health Care Reform Case.
- [2] Center for the Study of the American Constitution.
- [1] Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference on Empirical Legal Methods

## **Courses Taught**

- [18] Administrative Law
- [17] The Supreme Court’s 2017 Term
- [16] The Supreme Court’s 2016 Term
- [15] The Supreme Court’s 2015 Term
- [14] The Supreme Court’s 2014 Term
- [13] Law, the Separation of Powers, and Federal Courts
- [12] Judicial Internship
- [11] Seminar on American Courts
- [10] The Supreme Court and American Politics
- [9] The Politics of the United States Supreme Court
- [8] American Politics Workshop Series
- [7] Field Seminar in American Politics
- [6] Introduction to American Government
- [5] Constitutional Law
- [4] The American Presidency

- [3] Directed Research
- [2] Senior Thesis
- [1] Master's Thesis

## **Service**

- [27] Federalist Society Steering Committee: Madison Lawyers Chapter
- [26] Speaker: Rotary Club of Madison. "The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court."
- [25] National Science Foundation Political Science Advisory Panel
- [24] Institute for Research on Poverty, Search Committee
- [23] Subfield Chair, American Politics (2015-2017)
- [22] Committee, Lifetime Achievement Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016-2017)
- [21] Committee, Awards for Mentoring Undergraduates in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (2016)
- [20] Chair, Lasting Contribution Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016)
- [19] Executive Committee, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2012- present)
- [18] Graduate Recruitment Committee (2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015)
- [17] Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2013-2014)
- [16] Undergraduate Program Committee (2013-2014)
- [15] Alumni Presentation (2013) "Institutions, Obstacles, and How American Politics Works and Doesn't Work."
- [14] Section Chair, Judicial Politics Section. 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- [13] Mock Trial Advisor (2011-2013).
- [12] Southern Political Science Association Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee Member, 2012.
- [11] Community Outreach Presentation, American Democracy Forum (Summer 2012).



- [10] Community Outreach Presentation, Center for the Study of the American Constitution (Fall 2011).
- [9] Community Outreach Presentation, UW-Madison Political Science Breakfast Briefing. The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform (Spring 2012).
- [8] Nominations Committee (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011).
- [7] Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Journal of Politics, Justice System Journal, Law & Society Review, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly.
- [6] Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.
- [5] University of Wisconsin: Graduate Student Admissions Committee (2012-2013); Computer Services Committee (2011-2012), Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2011-2012).
- [4] Harvard University: American Politics Faculty Search Committee (2009), Undergraduate Honors Committee (2010).
- [3] Center for American Political Studies: Executive Committee (2009-2011), Grants Committee (2009).
- [2] Senior Thesis Advisor (University of Wisconsin): Rachele Dorr, "The Media and the Supreme Court;" (Harvard University): Kiran Bhat, "The Buffer Branch: Supreme Court Behavior towards Landmark Legislation, 1953-2007;" Christopher Miller, "Indirect Advice and Consent: Congressional Checks on the President's Constitutional Power to Make Recess Appointments."
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