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Academic Appointments

West Virginia University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2023–

Education

Ph.D. Political Science. Michigan State University

2023

M.A. Political Science. Michigan State University

2019

B.A. Political Science, History, & Zoology. University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015

External Research Support

King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr (co-PIs): “Collaborative Proposal: Precedent-Altering Opinions and Collegiality on the U.S. Supreme Court.” (Award Number: 2341491). Law and Sciences Division, National Science Foundation. March 2024-February 2025. Total Award: \$159,476 (WVU portion of award: \$84,673).

King, Jonathan M. (Co-PI) and Ryan C. Black (PI). “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Personality Trait Estimation of U.S. Federal Circuit Court Judges.” (Award Number: 2017311). Law and Sciences Division, National Science Foundation. August 2020-July 2021. \$31,300.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Ian Ostrander. 2024. “Anchoring or Expanding? Gender and Judicial Nominations” *Political Research Quarterly*.

King, Jonathan M. and Jessica A. Schoenherr. 2024. “A Matter of Opinion? The Strategic Selection of Supreme Court Opinion Writers.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. 12(1): 144-164.

King, Jonathan M., Peter McAndrews, and Ian Ostrander. 2022. “President Trump and the Politics of Judicial Nominations.” *Justice System Journal*. 43(4): 524-543.

King, Jonathan M. and Ian Ostrander. 2020. “Prioritizing Judicial Nominations After Presidential Transitions.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 592-610.

Working Papers

King, Jonathan M. and Ian Ostrander. “Quick to Judge? Confirmation by Cloture in the Post-Nuclear Senate.” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit).

Bird, Christine C., Jonathan M. King, and Zachary A. McGee. “The Voting Behavior of Federalist Society Senators in Federal Judicial Nominations.” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit)

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. ““You Reached Out to Me for Help”: Female Attorneys, Anti-Feminist Causes, and Their Effects on Symbolic Representation.” (Invited to Revise and Resubmit).

– *SPSA 2024 Neal Tate Award for best paper presented in judicial politics*

Armaly, Miles T., Jonathan M. King, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. “An Ecclesiastical Court: Christian Nationalism and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court.” (*Under Review*)

King, Jonathan M. “Broken Norms: The Rise of Ideology and the Fall of Bipartisanship in Lower Court Confirmations”

King, Jonathan M. “Just A Number? The Impact of Age on Federal Judicial Nominations.”

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Ian Ostrander. “Partisanship, Race and Ethnicity, and the Diversification of the Federal Courts”

Non-Refereed Papers, Articles, and Blog Posts

Schoenherr, Jessica A. and Jonathan M. King. 2024. “Supreme Court heads into uncharted, dangerous territory as it considers Trump insurrection case.” *The Conversation*. February 6, 2024.

Fellowships, Internal Grants, and Awards

Internal Research Support

Woolwine Foundation Research Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2023, \$2,300

Michigan State University Graduate Office Fellowship, 2021, \$4,095

Michigan State University College of Social Science Research Scholars Award, 2021, \$3,750

Michigan State University Graduate Office Fellowship, 2021, \$1,980

Michigan State University Graduate Office Fellowship, 2020, \$2,100

Awards

C. Neal Tate Award for Best Paper Presented in Judicial Politics. “‘You Reached Out to Me for Help’: Female Attorneys, Anti-Feminist Causes, and Their Effects on Symbolic Representation.” Southern Political Science Association. 2024. (with Jessica A. Schoenherr and Katelyn E. Stauffer).

Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University. 2023

Michigan State University Cloud Computing Fellowship, 2020-2021

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2019

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2018, 2022

Conference and Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2018, 2022, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Southern Political Science Association: 2019, 2023

Conference In Honor of Steven S. Smith, Washington University in St. Louis: 2023

Workshop on Archival Research, University of South Carolina: 2024

Teaching

West Virginia University (Instructor of Record)

POLS 210: Law and the Legal System

POLS 313: American Constitutional Law (Institutional Powers)

POLS 314: Civil Liberties – United States

POLS 324: Sexuality, Law, and Politics

POLS 487: Capstone: Senior Paper

Michigan State University (Instructor of Record)

PLS 320: Judicial Politics

PLS 321: Constitutional Law – Civil Rights and Liberties

PLS 495: Independent Study

Advising

Ph.D. Students

Dissertation Committee

Jacob Berg (*Chair*)

Margaret Smith (*Member*)

Undergraduate

Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor

2024-Current: Adriana Hogan, Alliese Walker

2025-Current: Sydney Hickie

Research Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Faculty Mentor

2024-2025: Maximillian Hall, Sydney Hickie, Emily Howell, Douglas Lipps, Alina Koirala

Honors EXCEL Project Faculty Advisor

2024: Gabrielle Frasier

Thesis Capstone Advisor

2024: Ellen Stillion, Sidnee Varney

2025: Alexia Davis, Megan Frappier, Jay Huff, Delaney Mitchell, Jake Rogers, Cody Dejarnett,
Kenadie Robosson

Service

Discipline

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Law and Courts*,
American Politics Research, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Data Science*, National Science Foundation

Award Committee Member: Teaching and Mentoring (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2024)

Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association (2024)

Department, West Virginia University

Committee Member: Committee on Research Evaluation, Committee on Graduate Studies