

# JAKE S. TRUSCOTT, PH.D

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Florida** (Gainesville, FL)  
Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor

*August 2024 - Present*

**Center for C-SPAN Scholarship & Engagement**  
**Purdue University** (West Lafayette, IN)  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

*July 2023 - June 2024*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Georgia** (Athens, GA)  
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Political Science  
Major Focus: American Politics  
Minor Focus: Formal Theory

*August 2018 - May 2023*

**University of Nevada, Reno** (Reno, NV)  
Dual Bachelor of Arts (B.A)  
Major: Political Science  
Major: International Affairs (*Specialization: Law, Diplomacy, and Organization*)

*August 2015-May 2018*

**George Mason University** (Arlington, VA)  
Semester Exchange Program (The Fund for American Studies)  
Internship: The United States Supreme Court, Office of the Clerk of Court

*Fall 2016*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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American Institutions, Judicial Politics and Processes, Computational Social Science, Models of Spatial Voting, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, and American Political Development.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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Judicial Politics and Behavior, American Institutions, Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice Administration, Research Design, Research Methods, Computational Social Science (Data Analysis and Visualization, Text as Data, Natural Language Processing, and Machine Learning).

## SCHOLARSHIP

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Truscott, J.S. & Romano, M. K. (2025). Measuring Judicial Ideology Through Text. *Forthcoming at Journal of Law and Courts*.

Ornstein, J. T., Blasingame, E. N., & Truscott, J. S. (2025). How to train your stochastic parrot: Large language models for political texts. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 13(2), 264-281.

*Award: Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology (2022)*

Truscott, J. S. (2024). A Social Media Platform Model of Supreme Court News. *Political Research Quarterly*, 10659129241248586.

Truscott, J. S. (2024). Analyzing the Rhetoric of Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings. *Journal of Law and Courts*, 12(1), 45-66.

*Award: Best Article Published in the Journal of Law & Courts Award (2025)*

Truscott, J. S., & Wilhelm, T. (2023). Explaining congressional support for the federal judiciary. In *Research Handbook on Law and Political Systems* (pp. 122-138). Edward Elgar Publishing.

Truscott, J. S. (2022). The Supreme Spectacle: An Analysis of Public Attendance at the Supreme Court. *Justice System Journal*, 43(3), 470-481.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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The Predictive Power of Coalescence in Supreme Court Oral Arguments. Co-Author: Hunter Tierman (University of Florida)

A Multimodal Analysis of Emotional Arousal in Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings. Co-Author: Dr. Michael K. Romano (Shendandoah University) and Dr. Myriam Shiran (CCSE)

Predictions as Inference (Working Title). Co-Authors: Dr. Benjamin Johnson (University of Florida) and Dr. Logan Strother (Purdue University)

The Politicization of Turnover in the Lower Federal Courts. Co-Author: Dr. Richard Vining (University of Georgia)

Do Oral Arguments Influence the Language of Majority Opinions? Co-Authors: Dr. Bryce Dietrich (Purdue University) and Dr. Maya Sen (Harvard University)

Untitled Research Using C-SPAN Archives. Co-Author: Dr. Bryce Dietrich (Purdue University)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Truscott, J. & Feldman, A. (2025, June 27). Stat Pack 2025. SCOTUSblog. Available **HERE**

Feldman, A. & Truscott, J. (2024, July 1). 2023 Stat Review. Empirical SCOTUS . Available **HERE**

Truscott, J. (2023, August 1). The Supreme Court: Where Everyone Knows Your Name. EmpiricalSCOTUS. Retrieved from: <https://empiricalscotus.com>

Truscott, J. & Feldman, A. (2022, July 28). Lengthier opinions and shrinking cohesion: Indications for the future of the Supreme Court. *SCOTUSblog*. Available **HERE**

Drukman, J. (2020, October 23). UGA students more than twice as likely to favor Biden over Trump for president, according to survey data. *The Red & Black*. Available **HERE** (Mentioned)

Truscott, J. (2019, July 24). GUEST COLUMN: 7 things to expect from the next Democratic primary debate. *The Red & Black*. Available **[HERE](#)**

Truscott, J. (2019, January 8). GUEST COLUMN: Hosting a 2020 presidential debate could offer an incredible opportunity for UGA. *The Red & Black*. Available **[HERE](#)**

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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Jouvenal, J. & Hawkins, D., & Dormido, H. (2025, June 28). Eight charts that explain the Supreme Court's term. *The Washington Post*. Available **[HERE](#)**

Biskupic, J. (2024, November 8). The last best hope for Supreme Court liberals: Amy Coney Barrett. CNN. Available **[HERE](#)**

Joseph, J. (2024, August 1). Unpacking the Supreme Court: Why it's not just a MAGA stronghold, and how the justices really vote. FOXNEWS . Available **[HERE](#)**

Biskupic, J. (2024, July 30). Exclusive: The inside story of John Roberts and Trump's immunity win at the Supreme Court. CNN . Available **[HERE](#)**

Quinn, M. (2024, July 3). 4 major takeaways from the Supreme Court's most consequential term in years. CBS News . Available **[HERE](#)**

Wall Street Journal Editorial Board. (2024, July 2). The 'MAGA Supreme Court' Doesn't Exist. The Wall Street Journal . Available **[HERE](#)**

Marimow, A. (2024, July 2). As Trump dominated the docket, divided Supreme Court moved boldly to the right. The Washington Post . Available **[HERE](#)**

Blackman, J. (2024, July 2). Which circuit had the highest reversal rate? Reason . Available **[HERE](#)**

Barnes, R. (2023, July 1). Supreme Court delivered big conservative wins, and a mixed message. The Washington Post . Available **[HERE](#)**

Hurley, L. (2023, July 2). 'Unabashed': Justice Jackson marks her first year on the Supreme Court unafraid to stake her own position. NBCNews . Available **[HERE](#)**

Adler, J.H. (2023, July 1). Looking Back on the Supreme Court's 2022-23 Term. reason . Available **[HERE](#)**

Marimow, A.E. (2023, July 2). Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's bold debut and independent streak. The Washington Post . Available **[HERE](#)**

Thomas-DeVeaux, A. & Fuong, H. (2023, July 7). The Supreme Court Had A Few Surprises This Year. That Doesn't Make It Moderate. FiveThirtyEight . Available **[HERE](#)**

Bravin, J. (2023, July 7). John Roberts and Brett Kavanaugh Are Now the Supreme Court's Swing Votes. The Wall Street Journal . Available **[HERE](#)**

Schonfeld, Z. (2023, July 8). How John Roberts exhibited his power in the Supreme Court's biggest decisions. The Hill . Available **[HERE](#)**

Gresko, J. (2023, July 3). The Supreme Court just issued its biggest rulings of the year. Here's what you need to know. The Associated Press . Available **[HERE](#)**

Wagner, J., Douglas-Gabriel, D., Barnes, R., Berman, M., Vazquez, M., & Alfaro, M. (2023, June 30). Supreme Court's halt on student loan relief isn't end of Biden's effort. The Washington Post. Available **[HERE](#)**

Gigot, P., Strassel, K., McGurn, B., & Peterson, K. (2023, July 3). What did we learn from the latest Supreme Court term? - opinion: Potomac Watch - WSJ Podcasts. The Wall Street Journal. Available **HERE**

Sherman, M. & Gresko, J. (2023, April 27). SUPREME COURT NOTEBOOK: Gender gap persists at arguments. The Associated Press. Available **HERE**

Feldman, A. (2023, May 8). A New Landscape Unfolds: Supreme Court Oral Arguments in the 2022-2023 Term. Empirical SCOTUS . Available **HERE**

Zoller, M. (2022, July 5). Listen: Jake Truscott talks Supreme Court decisions. AccessWDUN. Available **HERE**

Drukman, J. (2020, October 23). UGA students more than twice as likely to favor Biden over Trump for president, according to survey data. The Red & Black. Available **HERE** (Mentioned)

Singleton, R. (2018, November 1). Too close to call: Polling conducted by UGA predicts a tight gubernatorial race. The Red & Black. Available **HERE**

## TEACHING

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### University of Florida

POS4931: Judicial Politics ..... Fall 2024  
POS6933: Judicial Politics (Graduate) ..... Fall 2024  
POS4931: Supreme Court ..... Spring 2025  
POS2041: American Federal Government ..... Spring 2025

### University of Georgia

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government ..... Spring 2021  
POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration ..... Fall 2021, 2022

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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American Political Science Association (APSA) ..... 2022  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) ..... 2021, 2022, 2025  
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) ..... 2021-2025

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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Sidney M. Robinson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500) ..... 2017  
Peter Mekis Memorial Scholarship (\$6,500) ..... 2018-2023  
2022 Summer Research Grant, University of Georgia Graduate School (\$1,500) ..... 2022  
Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology, PolMeth ..... 2022  
Best Article Published in the *Journal of Law & Courts* Award ..... 2025

## REFERENCES

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Dr. Richard Vining .....rvining@uga.edu  
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Dr. Bryce Dietrich .....bjdietri@purdue.edu  
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Associate Professor of Political Science  
Director of Graduate Studies  
University of Georgia

Dr. Joseph Ornstein .....jornstein@uga.edu  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
University of Georgia

*Additional References Available on Request*