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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

TEACHING INTERESTS

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).

PUBLICATIONS

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.

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.

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

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. 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

Feldman, A. & Truscott, J. (2024, July 1). 2023 Stat Review. Empirical SCOTUS . Retrieved from <https://empiricalscotus.com/2024/07/01/2023-stat-review/>

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MEDIA COVERAGE

Biskupic, J. (2024, November 8). The last best hope for Supreme Court liberals: Amy Coney Barrett. CNN. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2024/11/08/politics/amy-coney-barrett-supreme-court-liberal-last-best-hope/index.html>

Joseph, J. (2024, August 1). Unpacking the Supreme Court: Why it's not just a MAGA stronghold, and how the justices really vote. FOXNEWS . Retrieved from <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/unpacking-supreme-court-why-its-not-just-maga-stronghold-how-justices-really-vote>

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Quinn, M. (2024, July 3). 4 major takeaways from the Supreme Court's most consequential term in years. CBS News . Retrieved from <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/supreme-court-takeaways-trump-chevron-abortion/> Wall Street Journal Editorial Board. (2024, July 2). The 'MAGA Supreme Court' Doesn't Exist. The Wall Street Journal . Retrieved from <https://www.wsj.com/articles/supreme-court-term-donald-trump-joe-biden-chuck-schumer-sonia-sotomayor-7ea655b3?mod=hpopinpos1>

Marimow, A. (2024, July 2). As Trump dominated the docket, divided Supreme Court moved boldly to the right. The Washington Post . Retrieved from <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2024/07/02/supreme-court-2024-conservative-power-trump/>

Blackman, J. (2024, July 2). Which circuit had the highest reversal rate? Reason . Retrieved from <https://reason.com/volokh/2024/07/02/which-circuit-had-the-highest-reversal-rate/>

Barnes, R. (2023, July 1). Supreme Court delivered big conservative wins, and a mixed message. The Washington Post . Retrieved from <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/07/01/supreme-court-term-conservative-wins/>

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Bravin, J. (2023, July 7). John Roberts and Brett Kavanaugh Are Now the Supreme Court's Swing Votes. The Wall Street Journal . Retrieved from <https://www.wsj.com/articles/john-roberts-and-brett-kavanaugh-are-now-the-supreme-courts-swing-votes-8f90c4f6>

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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 . Retrieved from <https://abcnews.go.com/amp/US/wireStory/supreme-court-issued-biggest-rulings-year-100567223>

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. Retrieved from <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2023/06/30/student-loan-forgiveness-supreme-court-decision/link-TZTU6TZRRVBH3H2OMAD2IP7SG4>

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Zoller, M. (2022, July 5). Listen: Jake Truscott talks Supreme Court decisions. AccessWDUN. Retrieved from <https://accesswdun.com/article/2022/7/1114689/listen-jake-truscott-talks-supreme-court-decisions>

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TEACHING

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

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2022
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2021, 2022
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

AWARDS & GRANTS

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, PolMeth2022

RESEARCH SKILLS

Programming Languages	R and Python
Statistical Software	Stata, Excel, and R
APIs and Machine Learning	Twitter API v1 & v2, Unsupervised Learning Models (GPT-3), Supervised Learning (Bag of Words, Naive Bayes, etc.)

REFERENCES

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Additional References Available on Request