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Education

Ph.D., Ohio State University, Political Science, 2013.

Certificate, Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2007.

B.A., University of Southern California, Political Science, 2005.

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, SUNY Potsdam 2019-

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, SUNY Potsdam 2013-2019

Research and Teaching Interests

Judicial Politics, American Politics, Formal Theory.

Publications (Peer Reviewed)

Forthcoming. "On Separation of Powers and Obfuscation in U.S. Supreme Court Opinions." *Journal of Law and Courts*.

(with Greg Caldeira) Forthcoming. "Justice-Level Heterogeneity in Certiorari Voting: U.S. Supreme Court October Terms 1939, 1968, and 1982." *Political Science Research & Methods*.

(with Jeff Budziak) Forthcoming. "Aesthetic Preferences and Policy Preferences as Determinants of U.S. Supreme Court Writing Style." *Journal of Law and Courts*.

(with Alyse Camacho) Forthcoming. "Mechanisms Underlying Familial Influence on Elite Political Behavior: Evidence from the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals." *Review of Law and Economics*.

(with Greg Caldeira) 2020. "Selection of Cases for Discussion: The U.S. Supreme Court, October Term 1939, 1968, and 1982." *Journal of Law and Courts* 8(2): 381–395.

(with Matt Hitt and Jeff Budziak) 2019. "Determinants of Writing Style on the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal." *Journal of Law and Courts* 7(1): 1–28.

2018. "On Team Reasoning and Evolutionary Game Theory." Revue d'économie politique 128(3): 423-446.

(with Jeff Budziak) 2018. "Assessing Threats to Inference with Simultaneous Sensitivity Analysis: The Case of U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments." *Political Science Research & Methods* 6(1): 33–56.

(with S.M. Amadae) 2015. "The Long-term Viability of Team Reasoning." *Journal of Economic Methodology* 22(4): 462–478.

2015. "Simultaneous Sensitivity Analysis in Stata: arsimsens and pairsimsens." *Observational Studies* 1:74–90

Publications (Editor Reviewed)

2020. "The Prevalence of Articles on U.S. Judicial Behavior in Five Law & Courts Journals." *Law & Courts Newsletter* 30(2): 10–13.

2007. Belief in a Just World and Perceptions of Fair Treatment by Police. American National Election Studies Pilot Study Report No. nes012058.

Conference Papers

'*' indicates papers whose updated versions were published under new titles.

(with Greg Caldeira) "Justice-Level Heterogeneity in Certiorari Voting: U.S. Supreme Court October Terms 1939, 1968, and 1982" Presented at 2020 (Virtual) WPSA Conference.

*(with Jeff Budziak) "Why does U.S. Supreme Court Justice Writing Style Vary?" Prepared for 2019 SPSA Conference.

(with Matt Hitt) "Using Opinion Language to Predict Review in a Judicial Hierarchy." Prepared for 2018 APSA Conference. (Earlier version prepared for 2015 New Directions in Text as Data Conference, NYU.)

(with Greg Caldeira) "Selection of Cases for Discussion: The U.S. Supreme Court, OT 1939, 1968, and 1982." Prepared for 2018 APSA Conference.

*(with Alyse Camacho) "Does the Gender of Judges' Siblings Influence Decision-Making on Women's Issues?" Presented at 2018 APSA Conference.

(with Greg Caldeira) "Agenda Setting in the Hughes Court, October Term 1939." Prepared for 2017 MPSA Conference.

(with Jeff Budziak and Matt Hitt) "The Persuasive Effects of Writing Style on Judicial Behavior." Prepared for 2017 MPSA Conference.

(with Matt Hitt and Jeff Budziak) "Determinants of Writing Style on the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal." Prepared for 2017 SPSA Conference.

"Strategic Anticipation and Certiorari Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at 2013 MPSA Conference.

*(with Jeff Budziak) "Legal Argumentation and Case Quality at the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at 2010 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Yale Law School.

"Evaluating the Evidence for Opinion Author Influence on Supreme Court Policy." Presented at 2009 MPSA Conference.

*(with S.M. Amadae) "Deriving an Ought from an Isn't: Pitfalls in Modeling Social Interactions." Presented at 2009 MPSA Conference.

Working Papers

"Innocuous Time-saver or Counter-majoritarian Loophole? The Cert Pool and Policy on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Other Projects

"Effect Sizes for Calculation of Second Differences After Logistic and Probit Regression: Alternative Quantities of Interest"

(with Jeff Budziak and Matt Hitt) "Appeals Court Treatment Database."

(with Greg Caldeira) "Agenda Setting on the Hughes and Stone Courts."

(with S.M. Amadae) "Emergence of Team Reasoning as a Function of Ludic Diversity: An Experiment."

"Testing Theories of Strategic Decision-making on the U.S. Supreme Court," (dissertation).

Grants

New York State/United University Professionals Joint Labor-Management Committee Individual Development Award (SUNY Potsdam) for "Informality in Legal Opinions" (awarded 12/14, \$732).

Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Grant (Ohio State University) for "Emergence of Team Reasoning as a Function of Ludic Diversity: An Experiment" (awarded 12/11, with S.M. Amadae, \$1900).

Courses Taught

Introduction to American Government (10+ times); Crime and Justice (10+x); Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers (5x); Gender and the Law (3x); Law and Society (3x); Politics and the Judicial Process (3x); Civil Liberties: Speech and Religion (3x); Politics of Legal Decision Making (2x); Senior Seminar (Supervision of Student Research Projects) (2x); Bioethics: Classic Legal Cases (2x); Free Speech on Campus (First-Year Seminar); Power and Democracy.

Professional Memberships and Service

Member, American Political Science Association (Law and Courts Section).

Member, Society for Political Methodology.

Member, Text as Data Association.

Editor, Law & Courts Newsletter, 2021-

Reviewer, American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; European Political Science Review; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Politics; Justice System Journal; Law and Social Inquiry; Philosophy of the Social Sciences; Political Analysis; Political Research Quarterly; Revue d'économie politique.

Member, Best Journal Article Committee, APSA Law & Courts Section, 2015.

Chair, 2018 APSA Conference.

Discussant, 2014 APSA Conference.

College and Departmental Service (selected)

Member, Collegiate Science & Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) Advisory Committee 2022-

Liaison for Thinking Scientifically: Social World, Potsdam Pathways (General Education) Program, 2021-

Member, Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2015, 2019, 2021.

College Committee on Election Policy, 2020.

College Committee on Open Access Repository, 2019–2020.

School of Arts and Sciences Council, 2017–2019.

Faculty Senate, Departmental Representative, 2014–2016; Fall 2017; Fall 2018.

School of Arts and Sciences Interdepartmental Programs Committee, 2016–2017.

Pre-Law Advisor, 2013-2020.

Academic Coordinator, Varsity Women's Basketball 2016–2020.

Statistical/Mathematical/Experimental Software

(roughly, in order of proficiency:) Stata, Python, R, Z-tree, SPSS, Matlab.

Languages

Hungarian (fluent), Spanish (beginner).

Theses Supervised

Matthew Luth (Honors Thesis, St. Lawrence University), Committee Member, 2018–2019.

Chukwuzitere Okwaraji (Presidential Scholar), Co-Chair, 2018–2019.

References

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Lawrence Baum (Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Ohio State University) contact: baum. 4@osu.edu

Philip Neisser (Professor and Department Chair of Politics, SUNY Potsdam, 2004–2018; Officer-in-Charge [Interim President], SUNY Potsdam, 2021–) contact: neissept@potsdam.edu

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