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Academic Appointments

University of Georgia

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2025–

West Virginia University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2023–2025

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

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.” Accepted. *American Journal of Political Science*.

Bird, Christine C., Jonathan M. King, and Zachary A. McGee. “The Voting Behavior of Federalist Society Senators in Federal Judicial Nominations.” Forthcoming. *Journal of Law and Courts*.

King, Jonathan M. and Ian Ostrander. “Quick to Judge? Confirmation by Cloture in the Post-Nuclear Senate.” Forthcoming. *American Politics Research*.

King, Jonathan M., Jessica A. Schoenherr, and Ian Ostrander. 2025. “Anchoring or Expanding? Gender and Judicial Nominations” *Political Research Quarterly*. 78(1): 135-150.

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., 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 in judicial politics*

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

University of Georgia

POLS 1101E: American Government

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration

POLS 4710: Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

West Virginia University

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

Advising

Graduate – West Virginia University

Dissertation Committee

Jacob Berg (*Chair*)

Margaret Smith (*Member*)

Undergraduate – West Virginia University

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, Cody Dejarnett, Megan Frappier, Jay Huff, Delaney Mitchell, Jake Rogers

Service

Discipline

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

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