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EDUCATION	Ph.D. Student, Political Science, Michigan State University M.A., Political Science, University of Michigan, 2023 B.A., Political Science, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2022	
PUBLICATIONS	Cota Matthew T., Rachael B. Houston, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. Accepted. "Beyond the Front Page: Supreme Court Media Coverage in the Digital Age." <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> . Cota, Matthew T. 2024. "Speaking Off the Bench: Analyzing the Extrajudicial Appearances of Supreme Court Justices" in Robert X. Browning, ed., <i>Partisan Rhetoric and Polarization: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 10</i> . Purdue University Press.	
IN PROGRESS	Cota, Matthew T. "The Effect of Justice and Law Clerk Gender on the Readability of U.S. Supreme Court Opinions." <i>Under review</i> Cota, Matthew T. and Bailey G. Oates. "Evaluating Public Response Towards Female Judicial Opinion Writers." Presented at MPSA 2025. Cota Matthew T. "The Court Under Threat: Hostility to Judicial Legitimacy and its Effect on the U.S. Supreme Court." Armaly, Miles T., Ryan C. Black, and Matthew T. Cota. "Are You Experienced? Experience and Heterogeneity in Behavioral Acclimation on the U.S. Supreme Court." Black, Ryan C., Matthew T. Cota, and Timothy R. Johnson. "Examining Judicial Symbols in State Courts of Last Resort." Presented at MPSA 2022; 2023.	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Course Instructor - Constitutional Law. Fall 2024, Spring 2025. Lab Section Instructor - Methods of Political Analysis. Spring 2023, Spring 2024. Teaching Assistant - Society and the Individual. Summer 2024, Summer 2025.	

- Social Science Approaches to Law. Summer 2023.
- Honors Research Seminar. Fall 2022, Spring 2023.
- Constitutional Law. Fall 2022.
- Judicial Politics. Summer 2022, Fall 2023.

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Ryan Black, Fall 2025

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association: 2022-2023, 2025

Center for C-SPAN Research Conference: 2023

AWARDS AND
HONORS

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2025

Best Methods Poster Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2023.

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