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Education

Ph.D. Student, Political Science. Michigan State University, 2022-present

M.A., Political Science. Michigan State University, 2024

B.A., Political Science. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 2022

Publications

Cota, Matthew T. 2024. "Speaking Off the Bench: Analyzing the Extrajudicial Appearances of Supreme Court Justices" in Robert X. Browning, ed., *Partisan Rhetoric and Polarization: The Year in C-SPAN Archives Research, Volume 10*. Purdue University Press.

Working Papers

Cota Matthew T., Rachael B. Houston, Elizabeth A. Lane, and Jessica A. Schoenherr. "Beyond the Front Page: Supreme Court Media Coverage in the Digital Age." Presented at MPSA 2023, SPSA 2024. (Invited to revise and resubmit)

Cota, Matthew T. "The Influence of Leader Gender on Critical Masses: Evidence from the U.S. Supreme Court."

Cota, Matthew T. and Bailey G. Oates. "That's Just Your Opinion: Minimal Evidence of Public Bias Against Female Judges." Presented at MPSA 2025.

Cota, Matthew T. "Emotional Arousal at Oral Argument Predicts Decision Durations at the U.S. Supreme Court."

Black, Ryan C. Jonathan M. King, Matthew T. Cota. "Courting President Trump."

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

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.

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 2022, 2023, 2025

Center for C-SPAN Research Conference: 2023

Awards

Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University. 2025.

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

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