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## Education

**Ph.D.**, Political Science, December 2016 (Expected)

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

*Fields:* American Politics, Political Methodology

*Committee:* James R. Rogers (Chair), Joseph D. Ura, Paul M. Kellstedt, Arnold Vedlitz

*Dissertation:* "Rush to Justice: The Disappearing Civil Trial" (successfully defended 9/16/16)

**J.D.**, *cum laude*, 2003

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN

**B.A.**, Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 2000

Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN

## Previous Employment

Administrative Law Judge, State of Indiana (Spring 2009-Summer 2011).

Attorney in Private Practice (specializing in constitutional law, civil rights, and employment litigation) (Fall 2003-Spring 2009).

## Publications

Conway, Nicholas D., Soren Jordan, and Joseph Daniel Ura. "Courts and Issue Attention in Canada." *Social Science Quarterly* (forthcoming).

## Working Papers

Conway, Nicholas D., McKinzie Craig Hall, and Charles Arvin. "Deference Analysis in Environmental Cases Before the U.S. Supreme Court."

Conway, Nicholas D., Alison Higgins, and Joseph Daniel Ura. "Competing Public Agency: Public Opinion, the Separation of Powers, and Judicial Review."

Conway, Nicholas D. "Regime Explanations for Media Attention to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Conway, Nicholas D. "Diminishing Trials, Diminishing Returns: The Effects of Legal Procedure on Civil Trials and Civil Rights Enforcement."

Ura, Joseph Daniel, Nicholas D. Conway, and Carlie Fogleman. "Elections, Legitimacy, and Judicial Independence."

## Conference Presentations

“Courts and Issue Attention in Canada” (New World of Comparative Political Communication Conference at Texas A&M University, May 2016). With Soren Jordan and Joseph Daniel Ura.

“Competing Public Agency: Public Opinion, the Separation of Powers, and Judicial Review” (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2016). With Alison Higgins and Joseph Daniel Ura.

“Diminishing Trials, Diminishing Returns: The Effects of Legal Procedure on Civil Trials and Civil Rights Enforcement” (University of Texas Graduate Conference in Public Law, September 2015).

“While You Were Watching: Regime Explanations for Media Attention to Supreme Court Decisionmaking” (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014). With Carlie Fogleman.

“Statutory Interpretation and the Rule of Law: Understanding the Roles of Precedent and Politics in Deference Analysis in Environmental Cases” (Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2013). With McKinzie Craig and Charles Arvin.

“Statutory Interpretation and the Rule of Law: Understanding the Roles of Precedent and Politics in Statutory Enforcement” (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2012). With McKinzie Craig and Charles Arvin.

## Invited Talks

“Religion and the Law: Constitutional Issues” (Texas A&M University Scholars Exploration Series, March 2015).

“Same-sex Marriage at the U.S. Supreme Court” (Texas A&M University Scholars Exploration Series, February 2015).

“*Amicus Curiae* & Same-Sex Marriage Before the U.S. Supreme Court” (Blinn College, October 2014; March 2015; October 2015).

## Teaching Experience (Instructor of Record)

United States Constitutional Development—Texas A&M (Fall 2016).

Constitutional Rights & Civil Liberties—Texas A&M (Spring 2015, Summer 2016).

Introduction to Political Research Methods—Texas A&M (Spring 2016).

State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts and the Free Exercise of Religion (Directed Studies)—Texas A&M (Summer 2015).

## Teaching Assistant Positions

Introduction to Political Research Methods—Texas A&M (Fall 2015).

Research Seminar in Legislative Representation—Texas A&M (Fall 2014).

Introduction to Statistics I—Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan (Summer 2014).

Introduction to Statistics II—ICPSR, University of Michigan (Summer 2014).

## Research & Teaching Interests

Judicial Politics, Public Law, American Institutions, Political Methodology, Constitutional Litigation.

## Research Positions

Research Assistant: James R. Rogers (Fall 2011 to Fall 2014).

Research Assistant: Joseph Daniel Ura (Fall 2011 to Fall 2012).

## Additional Methodological Training

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Science, University of Michigan (Summer 2013: Time Series Analysis; Advanced Time Series Analysis).

## Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

University Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Teaching, Texas A&M University (2016).

Fasken Graduate Student Teaching Award, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts (2016–\$500 Bursary).

Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts (2015–\$5,000).

Emerging Scholar Fellowship, Texas A&M Political Science Department (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015–\$2,000).

Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Professional Enhancement Grant (2013–\$5,372; 2014–\$1,700).

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR (2013–\$3,500).

Phi Beta Kappa (2000).

N. Ryan Shaw II Award for Outstanding Senior Political Science Major (2000).

Mackintosh Fellow (2000).

## Activities and Service

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Theoretical Politics* (2011-2013).

Head Coach, Texas A&M University Moot Court Team (2011-present).

Member, American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Board (2014-present).

Member, Moot Court Board (Indiana University Maurer School of Law) (2002-03).

President, Wabash College Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (2000).

Editor of *The Horizon* (Wabash College Social Sciences' Journal) (1998).

## Professional Associations and Activities

Member, Indiana State Bar (2003-present) (*presently inactive attorney status*).

### *Pro Bono* Service

First Chair at Trial for excessive force claim on behalf of prisoner in federal district court (Southern District of Indiana).

Lead Brief Writer for *Amicus Curiae* brief to Indiana Supreme Court on behalf of advocacy organization on Indiana constitutional free speech claim.

Presenter, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), *The Latest Unemployment Compensation Issues in Indiana for Employee Claimants and Employers* (2011).

Presenter, ICLEF, *Constitutional Litigation: An Advanced Examination of Section 1983 and other Constitutional Claims* (2009).

Presenter, ICLEF, *How to Try a §1983 Case* (2005).

Member, American Political Science Association (2012-present).

Member, Midwest Political Science Association (2015-present).

Member, Southern Political Science Association (2012-2013).

Associate, Sagamore American Inn of Court (Indianapolis, IN) (2004-07).

## Scientific Computing

Proficient: Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Familiar: SPSS, RATS, Excel

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