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Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Michigan State University, 1999.
Master of Arts, Political Science, Michigan State University, 1997.
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English, *cum laude*, Saint Norbert College, 1995.

Employment:

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 2006 – present.
Boden Visiting Professor of Law, Marquette University, Fall 2007.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 2001 – 2006.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of New Orleans, 1999 – 2001.
Instructor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 1997 – 1999.

Books:

Segal, Jeffrey A., Harold J. Spaeth, and Sara C. Benesh. 2005. *The Supreme Court in the American Legal System*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. *The U.S. Court of Appeals and the Law of Confessions: Perspectives on the Hierarchy of Justice*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing.

Subject of the “Authors Meet the Critics” Roundtable at the 2006 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Benesh, Sara C., Jennifer K. Luse, Amanda Schaeffer and Nicole Simmons. 2014. “Supreme Court Monitoring Via GVRs.” *Justice System Journal* 35(2):162-177.

Jennifer K. Luse, Geoffrey McGovern, Wendy L. Martinek, and Sara C. Benesh. 2009. "Such Inferior Courts . . .': Compliance by Circuits with Jurisprudential Regimes." *American Politics Research* 37: 75-106

Kaheny, Erin, Susan Haire, and Sara C. Benesh. 2008. "Change Over Tenure: Voting, Variance, and Decision Making on The U.S. Courts of Appeals." *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(3): 490-503.

Benesh, Sara C. and Harold J. Spaeth. 2007. "The Constraint of Law: A Study of Supreme Court Dissensus." *American Politics Research* 35:755-768.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "Understanding Public Confidence in American Courts." *Journal of Politics*, 68(3):697-707.

Recipient of the Houghton Mifflin Award for the best journal article published in Law & Courts by a political scientist in 2006 from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Benesh, Sara C., Saul Brenner, and Harold J. Spaeth. 2002. "Aggressive Grants by Affirm-Minded Justices." *American Politics Research* (formerly *American Politics Quarterly*) 30(3):219-234.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2002. "State Court Decision Making in Confession Cases." *Justice System Journal* 23(1):109-133.

Benesh, Sara C. and Malia Reddick. 2002. "Overruled: An Event History Analysis of Lower Court Reaction to Supreme Court Alterations of Precedent." *Journal of Politics* 64(2):534-550.

Benesh, Sara C. 2001. "The Key to a Successful Prospectus: Consult An Advisor, Early and Often." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 34(4):853-854.

Benesh, Sara C. and Susan Howell. 2001. "Confidence in the Courts: A Comparison of Users and Non-Users." *Behavioral Sciences & the Law* 19:199-214.

Reddick, Malia and Sara C. Benesh. 2000. "Norm Violation by the Lower Courts in the Treatment of Supreme Court Precedent." *Justice System Journal* 21:117-142.

Benesh, Sara C., Reggie S. Sheehan, and Harold J. Spaeth. 1999. "Equity in Opinion Assignment on the United States Supreme Court." *Jurimetrics* 39:377-389.

Book Chapters:

Benesh, Sara C. Forthcoming. "The Use of Observational Data (e.g., The Spaeth Database) To Study Law and the Judiciary." In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*. Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Fettig, Shawn C. and Sara C. Benesh. 2016. "Be Careful With My Court: Legitimacy, Public Opinion, and the Chief Justices." In *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, Artemus Ward and David Danelski, Editors. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2012. "Lower Court Compliance with Precedent." In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, Kevin T. McGuire, Editor. New York: Routledge.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2012. "The Wisconsin Judiciary." In *Wisconsin Government and Politics*, Tenth Edition. Thomas Holbrook, Editor. Boston: McGraw Hill.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2008. "The Wisconsin Judiciary." In *Wisconsin Government and Politics*, Ninth Edition. Thomas Holbrook, Editor. Boston: McGraw Hill.

Benesh, Sara C. 2003. "Harold J. Spaeth: The Supreme Court Computer." In *The Pioneers of Judicial Behavior*. Nancy Maveety, Editor. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Wallander, Zachary and Sara C. Benesh. 2014. "Law Clerks as Advisors: Evidence from the Blackmun Papers." *Marquette Law Review* 98(1):43-73.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "APSA Recap and Thoughts for the Future." *Law and Courts* 23(3):5-8.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "Judicial Elections: Directions in the Study of Institutional Legitimacy," *Judicature* 96(4): 204-208.

Benesh, Sara C. and Wendy L. Martinek. 2010. "Context and Compliance: A Comparison of State Supreme Courts and the Circuits." *Marquette Law Review* 93(2):795-824.

Benesh, Sara C. 2009. "Who Am I? Why Am I Here?" *Law and Courts* 19(3): 7-9.

Benesh, Sara C. and Jason Czarnezki. 2009. "The Ideology of Legal Interpretation." *Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* 29:113-132.

Benesh, Sara C. 2008. "Supreme Court Monitoring via GVRs." *Southern Illinois Law Review* 32: 659-681.

Kaheny, Erin, Sara C. Benesh, and Susan H. Haire. 2008. "Career Stage and Decisional Variance: A Comparative Analysis of Seventh, Eighth, and Fourth Circuit Judges." *Southern Illinois Law Review*, 509-525.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "The Contribution of 'Extra' Judges." *University of Arizona Law Review*, 48(2):301-315.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "Becoming an Intelligent User of the Spaeth Databases." *Law and Courts* 16(1):15-21.

Benesh, Sara C. 2001. "The Hierarchy of Justice and Nonpublication." *Law and Courts* 11(3):5-7.

Benesh, Sara C. and Christopher J. W. Zorn. 1998. "Data Transformations for the Analysis of Judicial Voting: Part I, The Supreme Court Judicial Database." 8 *Law and Courts* 9-12 (Summer).

Data Codebooks:

Benesh, Sara C. and Harold J. Spaeth. 2003. *The Supreme Court Justice-Centered Judicial Databases: The Warren, Burger, and Rehnquist Courts*. Available on-line <http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/juri/sctdata.htm>.

Data Collection:

Harold J. Spaeth, Lee Epstein, Andrew D. Martin, Jeffrey A. Segal, Theodore J. Ruger, and Sara C. Benesh. 2016. *Supreme Court Database*, Version 2015 Release 03. URL: <http://Supremecourtdatabase.org>.

Book Reviews:

Benesh, Sara C. Forthcoming. "Book Review: *Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings and Constitutional Change* (by Paul Collins and Lori Ringhand)." *Law and Society Review*.

Benesh, Sara C. 2013. "Book Review: *The Behavior of Federal Judges: A Theoretical & Empirical Study of Rational Choice* (by Lee Epstein, William M. Landes and Richard A. Posner)." *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 23(7):312-315.

Benesh, Sara C. 2007. "Book Review: *Before the Next Attack* (by Bruce Ackerman)." *The Law and Politics Book Review*, 17(2):150-152.

Benesh, Sara C. 2003. "Book Review: *Making Law in the U.S. Courts of Appeals* (by David E. Klein)." *The Law and Politics Book Review* 13(2).

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "Book Review: *In Defense of a Political Court* (by Terri Jennings Peretti)." *American Political Science Review* 96(1):214-215.

Benesh, Sara C. 2000. "Book Review: *Legalizing Gender Inequality: Courts, Markets, and Unequal Pay for Women in America* (by Robert L. Nelson and William P. Bridges)." *The Law and Politics Book Review* 10:111-114.

Benesh, Sara C. 2000. "Book Review: *The Activist Advocate: Policy Making in State Supreme Courts* (by Charles S. Lopeman)." *The Justice System Journal* 21:354-357.

Encyclopedia Entries:

Benesh, Sara C. 2014. "Federal Circuit Courts" and "State Court Jurisdiction." In *American Governance*. Stephen L. Schechter, Ed. New York: Macmillan.

Benesh, Sara C. 2006. "Miranda v. Arizona" and "Exceptions to Miranda." In *An Encyclopedia of American Constitutional Rights and Liberties*. John Scheb and Otis Stephens, Editors. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 462 U.S. 669 (1983)." In *Historical and Multicultural Encyclopedia of Women's Reproductive Rights in the United States*. Judith A. Baer, Editor. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "Louisiana." In *Legal Systems of the World: A Political, Social, and Cultural Encyclopedia*. Herbert Kritzer, Editor. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District," "Shapiro v. Thompson," and "Wallace v. Jaffree." In *The Encyclopedia of American Law*. David Schultz, Editor. Facts on File, Inc.

Benesh, Sara C. 2002. "West Virginia v. Barnette," "Minersville v. Gobitis," "Employment Division v. Smith," and "Church of Lukumi v. City of Hialeah." In *Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul Djupe and Laura Olson, Editors. Facts on File, Inc.

Benesh, Sara C. 2000. "Courts of Appeals," "Decision-Making," and "Reporting of Opinions." In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*. Thomas T. Lewis and Richard L. Wilson, Editors. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press.

Grants and Contracts:

Research Growth Initiative, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Graduate School, "Supreme Court Monitoring of Lower Courts in Cases Not Formally Decided." \$73,261. 2006-2007.

National Science Foundation, SBR-9911054. "Collaborative Research – Individual-Level Analysis of Supreme Court Justices: A Modification of the United States Supreme Court Judicial Databases." Co-Principal Investigator. (With Harold J. Spaeth). Total \$98,078. 2000-2001.

Faculty Initiative for Technology in Teaching Award. University of New Orleans, 2000-2001.

Edward Artinian Travel Award. Southern Political Science Association, 2000.

Summer Research Stipend. "Modeling the Relationship Between the Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals." University of New Orleans, 1999-2000.

Awards:

2007. Houghton Mifflin Award for "Best Journal Article on Law and Courts Written by a Political Scientist and Published During the Previous Calendar Year," for "Understanding Public Confidence in American Courts" in the *Journal of Politics*. Law and Courts Section, APSA.

Manuscripts Under Review:

Wallander, Zachary, Sara C. Benesh and David A. Armstrong. "Advisors to Elites: Untangling their Effect." Under revision for re-submission.

Conference Papers (Last 5 years):

Benesh, Sara C. "With Age Comes Wisdom? Supreme Court Reversal of Circuit Court Judges." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.

Benesh, Sara C. and Zachary Wallander. "With Age Comes Wisdom: Supreme Court Reversal of Circuit Court Judges." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.

Benesh, Sara C. and Shawn Fettig. "Be Careful With My Court: The Chief Justice and Supreme Court Legitimacy." Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.

Benesh, Sara C. and Kevin Scott. "*SupremeCourtTV*: The Legitimacy Implications of Televised Court Proceedings." Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.

Weinschenck, Aaron, Shawn Fettig and Sara C. Benesh. "Measuring the Legitimacy of the U.S. Supreme Court." Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Rice, Kimberly and Sara C. Benesh. "Hand-Slapping and Obedience: The Impact of the U.S. Courts of Appeals in Administrative Agency Cases." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Benesh, Sara C. and Shawn Fettig. "Courts as Legitimizers? The Context of Same-Sex Marriage." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2011.

Other Conference Participation (Last 5 years):

Panelist, "Lifetime Achievement Award: Lee Epstein," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

Discussant, "Junior Scholar Symposium: The Supreme Court," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Discussant, "New Angles on Diffuse and Specific Support and Legitimacy of Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Discussant, "Consensus, Dissensus, and Voting on the Supreme Court," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Participant, "Authors Meet Critics: Epstein and Martin's *An Introduction to Empirical Legal Research*," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Participant, "Authors Meet Critics: *THE PUZZLE OF UNANIMITY* and *DOES DIVERSITY MATTER?*," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.

Discussant, "Influences on Judicial Behavior: Courts and Public Opinion," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.

Chair and Discussant, "Legitimacy of Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014.

Discussant, "Courts and Public Opinion," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2014.

Discussant, "Bargaining on Appellate Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013.

Chair and Discussant, "Lawyers and Private Sector Influences on the Judiciary," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2013.

Discussant, "Judging on State Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012.

Discussant, *Judicial Collegiality: Positive Theories and Empirical Analysis*, University of Southern California Law School, November 11, 2011.

Chair and Discussant, "Public Perceptions of Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2, 2011.

Chair, "District and Circuit Courts: Selection and Norms," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 8, 2011.

Invited Conferences:

Law and Political Economy Conference, Northwestern Pritzker Law School, October 2016.

SPSA Conference-within-a- Conference. January 2015.

Judicial Assistants or Junior Judges, Marquette University Law School. April 2014.

Judicial Collegiality: Positive Theories and Political Analysis, Center for Law and Politics, University of Southern California Law School. November 2011.

Marquette Criminal Appeals Conference, Marquette University Law School, June 2009.

Empirical Research on Decision Making in Federal Courts, Washington University Law School, April 2008.

Seventh Circuit Conference. Southern Illinois Law School, February 22 – 23, 2008. (Cancelled due to weather. Papers were published in the *Southern Illinois Law Review*, Volume 32.)

Ninth Circuit Conference. University of Arizona Law School, September 30 – October 1, 2005.

Judicial Selection and a Republican Form of Government. Sponsored by The Johnson Foundation and the American Bar Association. Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, WI, March 28-30, 2003.

Arleen Carlson Symposium on American Politics: The Judiciary in America. University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science, February 20-23, 2003.

Ideal Point Estimation Conference. Washington University in St. Louis, September 20-22, 2002.
Sponsored by the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy and the Department of Political Science.

Midwest Law and Society Retreat. University of Wisconsin – Madison, September 2002.

Invited Talks and Other Outreach:

“Supreme Court Appearances and Legitimacy,” American Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Political Science, October 24, 2016.

Discussed Rebecca Bradley on *Central Time* on Wisconsin Public Radio with Rob Ferrett, later quoted in the article, “Political Scientist: Bradley's Controversial Comments Could Sway Undecided Voters: Maelstrom Over Supreme Court Justice's Anti-Gay, Anti-Abortion Columns Continues” by Scottie Lee Meyers, Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 3:00pm. Published online: <http://www.wpr.org/political-scientist-bradleys-controversial-comments-could-sway-undecided-voters>.

Quoted in “High Court’s Election Year Line-Up Rich in High-Profile Cases,” by Mark Sherman, Associated Press, November 30, 2015, published online: <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/db7339832c5d44bb8b70f751d3cc58aa/high-court-election-year-lineup-rich-high-profile-cases>.

Quoted in “Rebecca Bradley’s Star Rises Among Conservative Judiciary,” Bruce Vielmetti, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, June 27, 2015, A3.

“Independence, Accountability, and Legitimacy: The Selection of State Judges,” Keynote Speaker, League of Women Voters Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, June 7, 2013.

“Electing Justice: Independence, Accountability and Legitimacy in State Supreme Court Elections,” League of Women Voters, Plover, WI, March 2, 2013.

“Judicial Independence and Elections,” WFHR Public Radio Interview with Carl Hilke, Plover, WI, February 28, 2013.

“Applying to Graduate School,” Pi Sigma Alpha Meeting, October 11, 2012.

“Learning from the Blackmun Papers.” Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Quarterly Meeting, Brookfield, WI, November 16, 2011.

“Courts as Legitimizers.” Northwestern University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, April 21, 2011.

“Circuit Court Legitimacy: Thoughts Toward a Theory.” Northwestern University School of Law, Workshop on Judicial Behavior, October 27, 2010.

“Such Inferior Courts: Compliance by Circuits with Jurisprudential Regimes.” Marquette University Law School Faculty Workshop, December 2007.

Guest, The Kathleen Dunn Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, Monday, April 23, 2007.

“Legal and Political Influences on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Fordham University Department of Political Science, April 2006.

“Ideology or Interpretative Philosophy: Testing the Legal and Attitudinal Models on the Seventh Circuit.” Marquette University Law School Visiting Faculty Workshop Series, April 2006.

Guest Blogger, The Empirical Legal Studies Blog, www.elsblog.org, March 13-17, 2006.

“On Presenting at Conferences.” Featured Speaker, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, March 2006.

“On Choosing a Dissertation Topic.” Featured Speaker, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Political Science Graduate Student Association, February 2006.

“Graduate School Planning Workshop.” Featured Speaker, St. Norbert College Career Services, De Pere, WI. October 13, 2005.

“Constitutional Interpretation in Times of Crisis.” Featured Speaker and co-Organizer, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Observance of Constitution Day. September 14, 2005.

“O’Connor’s Replacement.” Interview with Arizona Metro Source. A Division of Westwood One. July 19, 2005.

“The End of Term Cases; Chief Justice’s Retirement?” Interview with Ben Merens, *Weekday Programming with Ben Merens*, The Ideas Network, Wisconsin Public Radio. Aired June 29, 2005.

“The Death Penalty in Wisconsin.” Interview with Dave Edwards, *At Ten with Dave Edwards*, WUWM, Milwaukee Public Radio. Aired January 14, 2003.

“UWM Political Scientist on Death (Penalty) Watch.” Interview with Terry Higgins, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee News Services and Publications. Available online at http://www.uwm.edu/News/PR/02.11/death_penalty.html.

“The Supreme Court and Civil Liberties.” Featured Speaker, Wauwatosa West High School, AP United States Government and Politics Class. January, 2003.

“The State of the Discipline – Research on the Lower Federal Courts.” Featured Speaker, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, February 21, 2003.

“The U.S. Court of Appeals and the Law of Confessions: Perspectives on the Hierarchy of Justice.”
Featured Speaker, *Law and Legal Institutions Brown Bag*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2002.

“Civil Liberties in the Aftermath of 9/11.” Featured Speaker, *American Association of University Women*, Waukesha, WI, October 2002.

“Studying the Courts: An Alternative to Law School.” Featured Speaker, *Forms of Inquiry: A Faculty Lecture Series*. Honors Program, University of New Orleans, 2000.

Notable Community Service

Member, Community First, 2015. Organized in support of the referendum for the Port Washington-Saukville School District: Wrote editorials, knocked doors, created and distributed signs and other literature, met with voters.

Used Book Sale Co-Coordinator, Dunwiddie Elementary School, 2016. Collected donated books, set up and ran sale. Net profit to the school, approximately \$600.

Volleyball Co-Coordinator, St. Joseph Parish School, 2015 – present. Coordinated the season for boys and girls volleyball, 5th through 8th Grades. Recruited players and coaches, scheduled games and practices, ran a tournament.

Head Coach, 7th Grade Volleyball, St. Joseph Parish School, 2016 – present.

Assistant Catechist, 3rd Grade, St. Joseph Parish, 2016 – present.

Courses Taught:

UNDERGRADUATE

- American Government (Honors and Regular Sections)
- American Judicial Process
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (online and face-to-face)
- Seminar in American Politics (online; subtitles “Civil Liberties Since 9/11,” and “Obscenity and the First Amendment”)
- Problems in Law Studies (online; subtitles “Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis,” “Obscenity and the First Amendment,” “Law & Politics,” “The Separation of Church and State,” and “Campaign Finance”)
- Methods of Political Research (Undergraduate Statistics)
- Obscenity and the First Amendment (Freshman Seminar and Honors Seminar)
- The Supreme Court
- Political Science Capstone Course
- Law & Society (online and face-to-face)
- Judicial Behavior (Directed reading)

GRADUATE

- Graduate Seminar in Judicial Politics
- Seminar on Judicial Process and Behavior (Subtitle: “Legitimacy”)

- Comparative Judicial Politics (Directed Reading)
- Judicial Behavior (Directed Reading)
- Political Science Research Techniques (Graduate Statistics)
- Scope and Methods of Political Analysis III (Advanced Graduate Statistics)

LAW SCHOOL

- Law & Politics

Other Potential Courses:

- Constitutional Law
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Women and the Law
- Ethnicity, Religion, and Race in American Politics
- Constitutional Interpretation
- American Political Institutions (Graduate Seminar)
- Empirical Analysis for Law Students
- Social Science for Law Student

Professional Service:

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Department Committee Memberships

- Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2001 – 2002, 2014 – present.
- Faculty Sponsor, ACLU Chapter, 2013 – present.
- Faculty Sponsor, UWM Mock Trial, 2006 – present.
- Member, Online Funds Committee, 2012 – 2015.
- Director of Graduate Studies, 2010 – 2013.
- Member, Search Committee, American Institutions, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.
- Member, Search Committee, U.S. Latino Politics, Fall 2010.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Recruitments, Spring 2010.
- Member, Sabbatical Review Committee, Fall 2009.
- Member, Graduate Committee, 2004 – 2009.
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2006 – 2008.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2002 – 2004.
- Chair, Public Law Search Committee, 2003.
- Member, Blue Ribbon Committee on Undergraduate Evaluation, 2003.
- Member, Women’s Studies/Political Science Search Committee, 2001.

Teaching-Related Service

- Directed 15 internships (Fall 2001 – Spring 2008, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2014).
- Directed 36 capstone papers (Fall 2001 – Spring 2007).
- Directed 5 independent study courses (Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2006, Spring 2013 (Honors)).
- Directed 4 Masters Theses (Chris Dobbertean, successfully defended December 2002; Kerry Kreinitz, successfully defended December 2003; Jennifer Luse, successfully defended May 2005; Zachary Wallander, successfully defended May 2010).

- Directing 1 Masters Thesis (Tim Romanowich).
- Member, 4 Masters Thesis Committees (Andrea Schreiber, successfully defended May 2006; Joe Cera, successfully defended May 2007; Matt Luttig, successfully defended May 2010; Laura Duval, in progress; Carissa Bergner, successfully defended May 2014).
- Member, 9 Dissertation Committees (Kate Scheurer, successfully defended May 2007; Clayton Clouse, successfully defended April 2013; Dave Helpap, successfully defended June 2012; Christopher Parker (SUNY Stony Brook), successfully defended August 2011); Joe Cera, successfully defended May 2013; Latisha Younger, in progress; Sky Ammann, successfully defended April 2014; Timothy Lynch, successfully defended April 2014; Michael Badnarz, in progress).
- Chair, 4 Dissertation Committees (Jennifer Luse, successfully defended August 2010; Kimberly Johnson Rice, successfully defended April 2012; Zachary Wallander, successfully defended May 2014; Shawn Fetting, successfully defended November 2015).
- Member, American Politics Preliminary Examination Committee, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008 (Chair), Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010 (Chair), Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012 (Chair), Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014.
- Directed two UROP students (Fall 2006, Spring 2007).
- Directed ULEAP students (Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010).
- High Honors Committee (Spring 2009, Spring 2015).

University Service

- Member, Admissions and Records Policy Committee, November 2014 – present.
- Member, NonAcademic Student Misconduct Committee, August 2014 – present.
- Member, Subcommittee on Graduate Fellowships, August 2011 – 2014.
- Selection Committee Member and Administrator, Bonfiglio Scholarship Award, 2006 – present.
- Assisted in organizing Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2012.
- Organizer, Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2011.
- Participant, Planning for Constitution Day at UWM, Fall 2010.
- Organizer and Presenter, Constitution Day at UWM, September 2005.
- Organizer, Constitution Day at UWM, September 2006, September 2011.
- Member, UWM Children’s Center Advisory Board, 2006 – 2008.
- Member, UWM Children’s Center Finance Committee, 2006 – 2008.

American Political Science Association

- Member, Edward Corwin Prize Selection Committee, 2015.

Midwest Political Science Association

- Member, Nominations Committee, 2006-2007.

Law and Courts Section, APSA

- Treasurer, Law and Courts Section, APSA, 2016 – present.
- Law and Courts Service Award Committee, Member, 2014.
- Division Chair for American Political Science Association Meeting, 2013.
- Organized Panel for the 2007 SPSA, “Operationalizing Law”
- Search Committee, Editor for *Law & Courts*, 2006-2007.

- Member, Nominations Committee, 2005-2006.
- Chair, McGraw Hill Award Committee, 2004-2005.
- Member, Law and Courts Graduate Student Travel Awards Selection Committee, 2004-2005.
- Member, Executive Committee, 2003-2005.
- Member, Wadsworth Publishing Award Committee, 2002-2003.
- Member, Nominations Committee, 1999-2000.
- Panelist, Law and Courts Section-Sponsored Short Course: *Professional Development for New Political Scientists*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2000.

Other Service

- Member, Resource Implementation for Data Intensive Research (RIDIR) Panel, Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate, National Science Foundation (Spring 2016).
- Editorial Advisor, *Judicature*, 2011 – 2014.
- Member, Law and Social Science Panel, National Science Foundation (Fall 2007, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011).
- Editorial Board Member, *Justice System Journal*, 2005-2014.
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2007-2009.
- Editorial Board Member, *Law and Courts Newsletter*, 2005-2007.
- Editorial Board Member, *American Politics Research*, 2002-2008.
- Co-Editor, *Empirical Legal Studies Blog*, 2006-present.
- Board of Advisors, Law and Courts Legal Scholarship Network Abstracting Journal, SSRN
- Manuscript reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *American Review of Politics*, *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement*, *Law and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Law and Society Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Policy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Judicature*, *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Westview Press*, *RAND Corporation*, *Publius*.
- Grant reviewer for *National Science Foundation*.
- External reviewer for two tenure cases.

Professional Affiliations:

- American Political Science Association
- Law and Courts Section, APSA
- Political Methodology Section, APSA
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association