

Curriculum Vitae – April 2026

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- **Academic Appointments**

Texas Tech University,

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, (August 2020 to Jan. 2023)

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, (September 2013 to present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, (August 2007-August 2013)

Research Development Leave from Texas Tech:

Spring 2023 to Summer 2023 Willamette University College of Law, Visiting Researcher

Spring 2017 to Summer 2017 Oregon State Univ. School of Public Policy, Visiting Researcher

Fall 2016 University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science, Visiting Fellow

- **Education**

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., Department of Government, August 2007

Fields of study: Public Law, Political Behavior and American Politics

Dissertation: “Beyond Partisanship? Federal Courts, State Commissions, and Redistricting”

Committee: Daron Shaw, H.W. Perry, Frank Cross, Andrew Karch, Sandy Levinson

M.A., Department of Government, December 2004

J.D., School of Law, May 1998

B.A., Department of Government with High Honors, May 1995

- **Legal work experience**

1998 to 2001: Lawyer at the law firm of Ross & Matthews, P.C. of Fort Worth, Tx.

Practice area: general litigation; state court trial experience, including jury trials. Approximately 30 cases taken to trial as lead attorney.

2001 to present: Part-time legal work for my family’s commercial real estate company (part owner)

- **Research Interests**

U.S. Redistricting law and the Courts; voting rights law; Judicial decision making (lower U.S. federal courts, U.S. state courts, European Courts – esp. Danish Supreme Court); human rights law in Europe and the U.S.; public opinion and court legitimacy; political knowledge (particularly as it relates to courts); U.S. judicial elections and judicial campaign behavior.

- **Publications**

Book (Peer-reviewed):

In press. *Judges, Law, and Partisanship: Redistricting Challenges in American Courts*. Palgrave-MacMillan.

Articles (peer-reviewed):

2025. "The impact of judicial leadership on consensus formation: Evidence from the Supreme Court of Norway." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* (with Henrik Litleré Bentsen, Jon Kåre Skiple, and Gunnar Grendstad)
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/jels.12408>
2021. "How docket control shapes judicial behavior: a comparative analysis of the Norwegian and Danish supreme courts." *Journal of Law and Courts* (with Jon Kåre Skiple and Henrik Litleré Bentsen). <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/712654?journalCode=jlc>
2019. "Confronting SKAT in the Højesteret: An investigation into how EU Law, Precedent, Litigant Resources, and Structural Reform shape Tax Decisions" *UCPH Fiscal Relations Law Journal*, Vol. 2019, Issue no. 1. (with Henrik Litleré Bentsen and Jon Kåre Skiple)
https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=en&user=SdbROpwAAAAJ&citation_for_view=SdbROpwAAAAJ:ULOm3_A8WrAC
2017. "Americans' Knowledge of their Local Judges." *Political Behavior*, 39(2): 259-277. (with Cynthia R. Rugeley, Daniel Benjamin Bailey and Seth C. McKee).
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11109-016-9353-9>
2015. "Testing Voter responses to New Style Judicial Campaign Appeals: What works – Policy Promotion or Experience?" (with Cindy Rugeley and Michael Unger). *Politics & Policy*, 43(4): 562-585. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/polp.12123/abstract>
2015. "The Law and Politics of Florida Redistricting Disputes in State and Federal Court" in *Jigsaw Puzzle Politics in the Sunshine State*. Edited by Seth McKee. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida.
2013. "Political Knowledge of Local Courts: Are Rural Voters More Informed than Urban Voters?" (with Ryan Rebe). *Judicature*, 96(4): 169-177.
<http://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/judica96&div=46&id=&page=>
2013. "Analyzing Redistricting Outcomes" (with Seth McKee) in *Rotten Boroughs, Political Thickets, and Legislative Donnybrooks: Redistricting in Texas*. Edited by Gary Keith. Austin: University of Texas Press.
2012. "The Influence of Partisanship, Ideology, and the Law on Redistricting Decisions in the Federal Courts." *Political Research Quarterly*, 65 (4): 799-813.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1065912911421012>
2012. "Investigating how voters weigh issues and partisanship in judicial elections." (with Cindy R. Rugeley and Michael A. Unger). *American Review of Politics*, 33(Winter): 295-321.
2011. "New Style' Campaigning, Citizen Knowledge and Sources of Legitimacy for State Courts: A Case Study in Texas." (with Michael Unger). *Politics & Policy*, 39(5): 813-834.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1747-1346.2011.00317.x/abstract>
2011. "Campaign Messages in Lower-Court Elections After *Republican Party of Minnesota vs. White*." (with Brian K. Arbour). *Justice System Journal*, 32(1):1-24
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0098261X.2011.10767976>

2010. "Has the 'New Style' of judicial campaigning reached lower court elections?" (with Brian K. Arbour). *Judicature*, 93 (4): 150-160.
2009. "Attitudes Toward Electoral College Reform: Understanding Opinion Formation on Complicated Public Policy Issues." *Politics & Policy*, 37 (2): 265-288.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1747-1346.2009.00172.x/abstract>
2005. "Strategic Voting in the California Recall Election." (with Daron R. Shaw and Jeffrey Underwood). *American Politics Research*, 32 (2): 216-245.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1532673X04272230?journalCode=aprb>

Book Chapters (not peer-reviewed)

2020. "Explaining Dissent Rates on a Consensual Danish Supreme Court." (with Henrik Litleré Bentsen and Jon Kåre Skiple) in *Open Judicial Politics* (DOI 10.5399/osu/1118) edited by Rorie Solberg, Jennifer Diascro and Eric Waltenburg
<https://open.oregonstate.education/open-judicial-politics/chapter/explaining-dissent-rates/>
2017. "Trial Court Campaign Messaging in a Post-White Environment: An Analysis of Websites." (with Ryan J. Rebe) in *Judicial Elections in the 21st Century*, edited by Chris W. Bonneau and Melinda Gann Hall. Routledge Press.
2010. "Systemic biases affecting congressional voting on electoral college reform" in *Electoral College Reform: Challenges and Possibilities*, 2010, edited by Gary Bugh. Farnham, United Kingdom: Ashgate Publishing.
2009. "Texas After the Bush Era." (with Brian K. Arbour) in *A Paler Shade of Red: The 2008 Presidential Election in the South*, 2009, edited by Branwell Dubose Kapeluck, Laurence W. Moreland, and Robert P. Steed. Fayetteville: Arkansas University Press.

Book Reviews

2013. Book review for *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 128 (3): 546-548, *Electing Judges: The Surprising Effects of Campaigning on Judicial Legitimacy*, by James L. Gibson, University of Chicago Press, 2012; *Without Fear or Favor: Judicial Independence and Judicial Accountability in the States*, by G. Alan Tarr, Stanford University Press, 2012.

Other Publications

Textbook

2014. *American Public Policy* 11th edition. Kentucky: Cengage Learning. (With N. Joseph Cayer, T.R. Carr, Clark Cochran, Lawrence Mayer and Laura Peck). I'm the author of chapters 6 and 13: "Crime and Criminal Justice: Dilemmas of Social Control" (Chapter 6) and "Private Morality and Public Policy: Moral Values, the Constitution and the Open Society" (Chapter 13)
2011. 10th edition. Kentucky: Cengage Learning. (With N. Joseph Cayer, T.R. Carr, Clark Cochran, Lawrence Mayer and Laura Peck).
"Crime and Criminal Justice: Dilemmas of Social Control" (Chapter 6) and "Private Morality and Public Policy: Family Values, Social Issues, and the Open Society" (Chapter 13)

Encyclopedia Entry

2007. "Twelfth Amendment." in *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections*. Updated version. eds. Larry J. Sabato and Howard R. Ernst. Facts on File, Infobase Publishing

- **Research in Progress**

1) **Book Project in press with Palgrave-MacMillan:** *Judges, Law and Partisanship: Redistricting Challenges in American Courts* – This is a book manuscript is under contract at Palgrave Macmillan and is undergoing final review. The book uses the following data and methods for analysis: 1) a doctrinal analysis exploring the legal parameters of redistricting since 1980; 2) a quantitative statistical analysis of redistricting cases from state and federal courts over the last four decades; 3) two mail surveys in 2008 and 2018 comprising 235 judge responses in total; 4) as well as in-person interviews with 22 federal judges across multiple circuits. These multiple methods of analysis help to gain leverage on the larger question of how partisan favoritism, institutional norms, and the law intersect to affect judicial decision making in the state and federal courts.

2. **Article:** “The Influence of the European Court of Human Rights on Terrorism and National Security cases in the Supreme Court of Denmark.” This research examines how and when the Danish Supreme Court uses ECtHR precedent when decided national security and terrorism cases and explores other factors affecting their decisions

3. **Article:** “Knowing Your State Supreme Court Justice: Do Campaigns Matter?” with Stephanie Mathiasen and Mathieu Turgeon. This research stems from an experimental research survey (we hired Dynata to field our survey) asking voters across the United States before and after state elections in 2022 to tell us whether they could name a state supreme court justice on their court.

- **Invited Talks**

“Beyond Partisanship? How Partisan Favoritism and the Law Shape Redistricting Decisions in the Lower Federal Courts.” Presented at the Texas Tech University School of Law Faculty Exchange Program. April 17, 2012.

“Collegiality and Dissent in the Danish Supreme Court” presentation at a lunch seminar at the Department of Comparative Politics of the University of Bergen in Bergen, Norway. June 10, 2015.

“Judicial Protectors of the Scandinavian Welfare State? A Comparative Analysis of Tax Decisions in the Danish and Norwegian Supreme Courts.” Presented at the School of Public Policy Brownbag Series, Oregon State University, April 14, 2017.

“Terrorism and National Security Cases in the Danish and U.K. Supreme Courts: Does Jurisprudence from the European Court of Human Rights Matter?” Presented at the School of Public Policy Brownbag Series, Oregon State University, February 23, 2024.

- **Awards / Honors / Grants**

Texas Tech University Professing Excellence Award (for teaching) 2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDi5LGsES0w&index=3&list=PLyfDmgEbokJJO6LfYOtW60OXUSev6-89l>

National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant 2006 (\$6,682)

- **Sample of Recent Conference Presentations**

2025 “Terrorism and National Security Cases in the Danish Supreme Court: Does Jurisprudence from the European Court of Human Rights Matter?” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual conference on April 4, in Chicago

2023 “Investigating the links between knowledge of the Supreme Court, political sophistication, and support for political violence and January 6th” with Morgan Davidson, presented at the International Society for Political Psychology annual conference on July 9, Montreal, Canada

2022 “The impact of judicial leadership on consensus formation: Evidence from the Supreme Court of Norway” with Henrik Litleré Bentsen, Jon Kåre Skiple and Gunnar Grendstad, presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference September 8, in Montreal, Canada

2022 “A Study of Judicial Behavior on Redistricting Cases in State Supreme Courts from 1981 to 2012”, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7th, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois.

2019 “A Survey of Judicial Attitudes and Partisan Influences toward Redistricting Disputes in 2008 and 2018” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois.

2017 “Judicial Protectors of the Scandinavian Welfare State? A Comparative Analysis of Tax Decisions in the Danish and Norwegian Supreme Courts” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois. (with Henrik Litleré Bentsen and Jon Kåre Skiple, University of Bergen).

2016 “Explaining Dissent on the Danish Supreme Court.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 8, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois. (with Henrik Litleré Bentsen and Jon Kåre Skiple, University of Bergen).

- **Professional Activities**

State Bar of Texas, licensed active member to practice law in Texas since 1998.

Section Co-Chair for the Law and Courts Section for the 2022 conference in Montreal for the American Political Science Association (helping to oversee approval of paper submissions to the conference section)

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, Pacific Northwest Political Science Association

Reviewer of Manuscripts for journals and presses:

British Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review

American Journal of Political Science

American Politics Research

Political Behavior

Political Research Quarterly

Journal of Law and Courts

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Social Science Quarterly

American Review of Politics

Law & Policy

Cambridge University Press

- **Teaching Experience**

Undergraduate Courses: U.S. Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; U.S. Civil Rights and Liberties; U.S. Judicial Process & Behavior; Election Law and Voting Rights; Comparative Courts in Europe; Due Process; Introduction to American Government; Texas Government

Graduate courses: Administrative Law; Judicial Behavior; Seminar in American Politics

- **Service**

- Organizer: yearly Constitution Day Panel hosted at Texas Tech and open to the public (2009-2014)
- Appearance on a local TV documentary program about the U.S. Constitution.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3ohlacd6dk>
- Faculty Advisor for student group Texas Tech Gay-Straight Alliance (fall 2010-spring 2016)
- Guest Speaker and moderator for various meetings and events of student groups on campus
- Director of Graduate Studies, political science PhD and Masters program 2020-2023
- Law and Courts Section Nominations Committee for the American Political Science Association (2012-13)
- Chair, American field graduate student examinations committee (spring 2010, fall 2013)
- Member, American Field graduate comprehensive examinations committee (fall 2009, spring 10, spring 11, fall 11, fall 12, spring 13, fall 13, fall 15, fall 18)
- Chair, Search Committee for American Politics faculty position (2024)
- Member, Search Committee for American Politics faculty position (2012, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- Member, Search Committee for faculty position on Western European Politics (Fall 2011)
- Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Southwestern Pol. Sci. Assoc.
- Chair, Departmental Committee overseeing development of a departmental online course for Introduction to American Politics
- Frequent interviews/appearances with local media to talk about law and courts issues or elections and public opinion, as well as an appearance with the nationwide *National Public Radio (NPR)*. Here are links to a small sample of these interviews and appearances in news stories:
The NPR appearance: <http://www.npr.org/2013/10/30/241891800/texas-voter-id-law-creates-a-problem-for-some-women>

The Hill (on Texas redistricting in 2025): <https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/5433040-texas-democrats-fight-gop-maps/>
<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/5466798-democrats-challenge-texas-maps/>

Constitution Day

<http://kfyo.com/texas-tech-holds-constitution-day-panel-to-discuss-u-s-constitution-and-immigration/>

Interview of me begins about 4 minutes 10 secs into the video program from 2019

<https://www.everythinglubbock.com/news/local-news/talking-points-with-bryan-mudd-11-17-19/>