

WARREN SNEAD

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EDUCATION

- 2023** **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL USA
PhD, Political Science
Fields: American Politics (major); Methodology (minor)
Dissertation Committee: Daniel Galvin (chair), Chloe Thurston, Emily Zackin,
Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Ben Page
- 2019** **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL USA
M.A., Political Science
- 2014** **Sewanee: The University of the South**, Sewanee, TN USA
B.A., Political Science
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

Publications

- Harbridge-Yong, Laurel and Warren Snead. 2025. "Interest Group Scorecards and Intraparty Conflict on Scored Votes". *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. FirstView
- Ramanathan, Kumar, and Warren Snead. 2025. "The Major Questions Doctrine: Judicial Power and the Prevalence of Policy Drift in the United States." *The Forum*, January.
- Snead, Warren. 2024. "The Supreme Court and the Allocation of Burden: Truncating the Voting Rights Act." *Law & Social Inquiry*, January, 1–31.
- Snead, Warren. 2023. "The Supreme Court as an Agent of Policy Drift: The Case of the NLRA." *American Political Science Review* 117 (2): 661–74.

Working Papers

- "Responsibility Attribution for Supreme Court Decisionmaking: Politicization, Partisanship, and *Dobbs*" with Robin Bayes and Kumar Ramanathan (under review)
- "Conditioning the Countermajoritarian Difficulty: Party Dynamics and Judicial Power" with Kumar Ramanathan

Public Writing

- 2024 “Legal and Administrative Clashes in Contemporary Labor Law” *Symposium on Labor and Workers in the American Political Economy*, The American Political Economy Blog
- 2021 “In voting rights battle, moderate Republicans are allowed to duck the issue” with Tonja Jacobi, *The Chicago Tribune*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Political Science Association (\$10,036)
- 2022 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$2,801)
- 2022 Weinberg College & The Graduate School Teaching Fellowship (\$2,000)
- 2020 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Searle Center for Advanced Teaching and Learning (\$3,000)
- 2020 Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (\$95)
- 2020 Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (\$54)
- 2019 Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (\$702)
- 2019 Graduate Conference/Research Fund Award, Northwestern University (\$300)
- 2019 American Politics Research Funding, Northwestern University (\$800)

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2025 “The Supreme Court as an Agent of Policy Change”, Northwestern University, “Politics of the Supreme Court”, Political Science 331
- 2024 “Conditioning the Countermajoritarian Difficulty: Parties and Judicial Power” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Conditioning the Countermajoritarian Difficulty: Party Politics and Judicial Power” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Beyond Black Robes: Assigning Responsibility for Supreme Court Decisions” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2023 “Courting Climate Catastrophe: SCOTUS and the Clean Air Act” Consortium on the American Political Economy Annual Conference

- 2023** “Doing the Dirty Work in the Courts: The Use of Judicial Action to Evade Public Accountability”
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2023** “Courting Climate Catastrophe: SCOTUS and the Clean Air Act”
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2022** “The Supreme Court and the Voting Rights Act”, Sewanee, “Voting” Seminar
- 2022** “The Policies SCOTUS Makes: How the Supreme Court Drives Policy Development”
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2022** “Constraining the Scope of Conflict: Republicans’ Strategic Use of Courts to Advance Unpopular Policy Change” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2021** “The Supreme Court and Policy Drift: The Case of Federal Labor Law ” Summer School on the American Political Economy, Courts and Law Panel
- 2021** “The Supreme Court and Policy Drift: The Case of Federal Labor Law”,
Law & Society Association Annual Meeting
- 2021** “The Gradual Effects of Statutory Interpretation: The Supreme Court and Policy Drift”,
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2021** “The Gradual Effects of Statutory Interpretation: The Supreme Court and Policy Drift”,
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019** “The Price of Victory: Game Frame Coverage and the Politicization of the Supreme Court”,
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2014** Phi Beta Kappa, Sewanee: University of the South
- 2014** Finalist, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion, Sewanee: University of the South
- 2014** Alex Shipley Award, outstanding senior major in Political Science,
Sewanee: University of the South
- 2014** McGrady Prize, best paper presentation in Political Science,
Sewanee: University of the South
- 2014** Pi Sigma Alpha, Sewanee: University of the South
- 2013** Arthur B. Dugan Memorial Prize, outstanding junior major in Political Science,
Sewanee: University of the South

2013 Omicron Delta Kappa, Sewanee: University of the South

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

2024-2025 Constitutional Law and Politics: Civil Rights & Liberties, Swarthmore College

2023-2024 Constitutional Law and Politics: Institutional Powers, Swarthmore College

2024 Judicial Politics (Honors Seminar), Swarthmore College

2024 Judicial Politics, Swarthmore College

2022 The Politics of the Modern Supreme Court: From Rehnquist to Roberts,
Northwestern University

Workshops

2021 Workshop instructor, “Soliciting and Incorporating Student Feedback”,
Searle Center for Advanced Teaching and Learning, Northwestern University

2020 Workshop instructor, “Cultivating Constructive Discussion in Political Science”,
Northwestern Graduate Student Teaching Conference

2020 Workshop instructor, “Giving Feedback in Discussion and Writing: Beyond
“That’s Interesting!”, Northwestern Graduate Student Teaching Conference

SERVICE

Ongoing Faculty Advisor, Swarthmore College Moot Court Team

Ongoing Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Northwestern University Law Review*, *Political Geography*

Ongoing Member, Get out the Vote Committee, Swarthmore College

2024 “The U.S Supreme Court in Contemporary Democratic Politics” (Chair)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2024 “Constitution-Making and Constitutional Courts” (Discussant)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2024 “Poster Session: Politics & History and International Politics & History (Chair)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- 2023** “Constitutional Law” (Discussant)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2023** “Climate Action, Intergovernmental Relations, and Funding: The Dynamics of Local Response (Chair), Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2021-22** Co-Coordinator, American Political Development Graduate Student Workshop,
Northwestern University
- 2020-21** Chair, Political Science Teaching Committee, Northwestern University
- 2018-2019** Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Northwestern University
- 2018-2019** Co-Coordinator, American Politics Graduate Student Workshop,
Northwestern University