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EDUCATION

- 2023** **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL USA
PhD, Political Science
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

Published Articles

- 2026** “The Counter-Majoritarian Difficulty Revisited: Theorizing Court-Party Relations in the United States”. *Firstview. Perspectives on Politics*. (with Kumar Ramanathan)
- 2026** “Responsibility Attribution for Supreme Court Decisionmaking: Politicization, Partisanship, and *Dobbs*.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 14(1): 277-305. (with Robin Bayes and Kumar Ramanathan)
- 2025** “Interest Group Scorecards and Intraparty Conflict on Scored Votes”. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 50(4): 1-13. (with Laurel Harbridge-Yong)
- 2025** “The Major Questions Doctrine: Judicial Power and the Prevalence of Policy Drift in the United States.” *The Forum* 22(4):467-504. (with Kumar Ramanathan)
- 2024** “The Supreme Court and the Allocation of Burden: Truncating the Voting Rights Act.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 49 (4): 1990–2020.
- 2023** “The Supreme Court as an Agent of Policy Drift: The Case of the NLRA.” *American Political Science Review* 117 (2): 661–74.

Book Project

“The Disrupters: How the U.S. Supreme Court Configures Public Policy”

Public Writing

- 2026** “Changing American politics have given the Supreme Court unprecedented power to support one party’s agenda over another” with Kumar Ramanathan, LSE United States Politics and Policy Blog
- 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

- 2026** “Unraveling Environmental Regulation at the U.S Supreme Court”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2026** “Partisan Dynamics, the Counter-Majoritarian Difficulty, and Administrative Law”
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2025** “The Supreme Court and Expansionary Drift: The Case of AFDC Beneficiaries”,
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2025** “Courts as Coalition Partners: Why the U.S Supreme Court Supports Trump’s Most Controversial Policies”, Tri-co Social Sciences Colloquium

- 2025** “The Supreme Court as a Powerful Agent of Policy Change”, APD Feast and Fest, Johns Hopkins University
- 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

American Politics, Swarthmore College

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

Constitutional Law and Politics: Institutional Powers, Swarthmore College

Judicial Politics, Swarthmore College

Judicial Politics (Honors Seminar), Swarthmore College

The American Presidency, Swarthmore College

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, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , <i>Northwestern University Law Review</i> , <i>Political Geography</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Studies in American Political Development</i> , <i>Law & Policy</i>
2025-26	Member, Be Well Coalition, Swarthmore College
2024-25	Member, Get out the Vote Committee, Swarthmore College
2025	“Federalism Issues and Lower Courts as Policymakers” (Chair and Discussant), Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2025	“Judicial Theory and Its Implications” (Chair) Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
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

