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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

Associate Professor, Illinois State University Department of Politics & Government 2016-
Assistant Professor, Illinois State University Department of Politics & Government 2010-2016

Education

Ph.D.	University of Arizona	Political Science	2010
M.A.	University of Arizona	Political Science	2007
B.A.	Union College, NY	Political Science	2005

Publications

Journal Articles

Leonard, Meghan E. and Joseph V. Ross. 2016. "Understanding the Length of State Supreme Court Opinions" *American Politics Research* 44(4): 710-33

Leonard, Meghan E. 2016. "State Legislatures, State High Courts, and Judicial Independence: An Examination of Court-Curbing Legislation in the States" *Justice System Journal* 37(1): 53-62.

Leonard, Meghan E. 2014. "Elections and Decision-Making on State High Courts: Examining Legitimacy and Judicial Review" *Justice System Journal* 35(1) 45-61.

Leonard, Meghan E., and Joseph V. Ross. 2014. "Consensus and Cooperation on State Supreme Courts" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 14(1) 3-28.

Book Chapters

Leonard, Meghan E. 2015. "The Changing Expectations of Privacy in the Digital Age" in *Privacy in the Digital Age: 21st-Century Challenges to the Fourth Amendment*. Nancy Lind and Erik Rankin, eds. ABC-CLIO Press.

Leonard, Meghan E., and Laura Carlson. 2013. "Judicial Selection and Retention of State Court Judges" in *Guide to State Politics and Policy*. eds, Richard G. Niemi and Joshua J. Dyck. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage/CQ Press

Langer, Laura, Meghan E. Leonard and Andrea Polk. 2010. "Studying State Judicial Races in a Transformed Electoral Environment" in *Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*. ed. Jan Leighley, New York: Oxford University Press.

Media

LSE American Politics and Policy Blog (2017): “Despite Trump’s attempts to delegitimize them, the Courts are checking executive power exactly as they should” <http://bit.ly/2l7nB1K>

LSE Blog on American Politics and Policy (2016): “*Elected and appointed justices face different constraints in writing opinions*” <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/06/17/elected-and-appointed-justices-face-different-constraints-in-writing-opinions/>

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2017-2019 “Judicial Independence and Interbranch Conflict in the American States” National Science Foundation Grant \$118,367

2017-2018 Sabbatical Award (Spring 2018 semester)

2017 Illinois State University Summer Faculty Fellowship \$5,000

2015 American Political Science Association Small Research Grant: “Court-Curbing in the States: State Supreme Court Responsiveness” \$2,250

2014 Pi Sigma Alpha Excellence in Teaching Award

2014 Illinois State University: University Research Grant Program College of Arts and Sciences Pre-Tenure Faculty Initiative Grant: \$3,500

2013 Illinois State University: Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award (for Student): \$1,000

2011 Illinois State University: University Research Grant Program College of Arts and Sciences New Faculty Initiative Grant: \$3,500

Conference Participation

“Gender and Opinion Assignment on State Supreme Courts” presented at the 2017 State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2017, St. Louis, MO

“Gender and Opinion Assignment on State Supreme Courts” presented at the 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2017, Chicago, IL

“Women and Consensus on State Supreme Courts” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented (in absentia) at the 2016 American Political Science Association Conference, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA

“The Effectiveness of PAC Contribution Limits in Judicial Elections” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented at the 2016 State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2016, Dallas, TX

“They Had it Coming? Court Visibility and Court-Curbing Legislation” (with Justin Kingsland and Joseph V. Ross) presented at the 2016 State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2016, Dallas, TX

“Too Close for [Dis]Comfort: An Experimental Study of Perceived Institutional Legitimacy” (with Kerri Milita and Carl Palmer) presented at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2016, Chicago, IL

“Court-Curbing Legislation in the States: Motivated by Institutional Power or Political Disagreement?” presented at the 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2016, Chicago, IL

“Outcomes of State Court Curbing Legislation” presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2015, Chicago, IL

“Coalition Formation and the Electoral Effect” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented (poster) at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2014, Washington, D.C.

“Coalition Formation and the Electoral Effect” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented at the 2014 State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2014, Bloomington, IN

“Understanding the Complexity of State Supreme Court Opinions” (with Joseph V. Ross) at the 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2013, Chicago, IL

Discussant on Panel “Courts” at the 2013 State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, IA

“Understanding the Complexity of State Supreme Court Opinions” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented at the 2013 State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2013, Iowa City, IA

“Disagreement on State Supreme Courts” (with Joseph V. Ross) presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association Meeting January 2013, Orlando, FL.

“Disagreement on State Supreme Courts” (with Joseph V. Ross) to have been presented at the 2012 American Political Science Association Meeting September 2012, New Orleans, LA.

“*Avery vs. State Farm*: A Cautionary Tale for America’s Judicial Elections” (with Bob Bradley) Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 2012, Chicago, IL.

“Cooperation on State Supreme Courts” (with Joseph v. Ross) Presented at the 2012 State Politics and Policy Conference, February 2012, Houston, TX.

“Legitimacy and Decision-Making on State High Courts” Presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association meeting September 2011, Seattle, WA.

“Legitimacy and Decision-Making on State High Courts” Presented at the 2011 State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2011, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.

“Legitimacy, Judicial Review and Delegation: Who Controls Policy in the States?” Presented at the 2009 American Political Science Association meeting September 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada.

“Judicial Review, Delegation and Policy-Making on State High Courts” Poster Presented at the 2009 State Politics and Policy Conference meeting May 2009, Chapel Hill, NC.

“Citations in State High Court Opinions: Examining the Role of External Constraints and Internal Audiences” Presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association meeting April 2009, Chicago, IL.

“Campaign Finance in Judicial Elections: Are Restrictions Having their Intended Effects?” (with Joseph V. Ross) Presented at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association meeting April 2009, Chicago, IL.

“Contributions and Contribution Limits in State Supreme Court Elections 1996-2006” Presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association meeting April 2007, Chicago, IL.

“Predicting Legislators’ Perceptions in an Uncertain Political Environment” (with Laura Langer and Joseph Ross) Presented at the 2007 State Politics and Policy meeting February 2007, Austin, TX.

“Predicting Legislators’ Perceptions in an Uncertain Political Environment” (with Laura Langer and Joseph Ross) Presented at the 2007 Southern Political Science Association meeting January 2007, New Orleans, LA.

Teaching

POL106: United States Government and Civic Practices

POL212: Judicial Decision-Making

POL213: U.S. Congressional Politics

POL215: The U.S. Judicial Process

POL287: Independent Study

POL324: Topics in Public Law: State Courts in the American Legal System

POL326: Constitutional Law: Due Process Rights

POL325: Constitutional Law: Functions and Powers

POL400: Independent Study in Judicial Politics/American Institutions (Graduate)

POL412: American Institutions (Graduate)

POL432: Judicial Politics (Graduate)

Teaching Development

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) Workshop: Design Your Course 2013

Midwest Association for Pre-Law Advisors Conference 2012, 2014

CTLT Summer Workshop: Why Students Can’t Write July 2015

CTLT Summer Workshop: Reinvent Your Course for Diversity June 2016

Pre-Law Advisors National Council Quadrennial Conference June 2016

Invited Talks

Super Tuesdays: The Courts and the 2016 Election Illinois State University October 2016
Senior Professionals: Freedom of Assembly Illinois State University September 2017

Department, University, and Community Service

Politics and Government Department:

Member: Department Political Theory Search Committee Spring 2011
Member: Department American Politics Search Committee Fall 2011
Member: Department Faculty Status Committee (DFSC) 2011- 2013
Reviewer for *Critique* Fall 2012, Fall 2013
Presenter: Department Brown Bag Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2015
Member: Department American Politics Search Committee Fall 2013
Member: Department Public Law Search Committee Fall 2013
Member: Department Graduate Committee 2013 –2015

Illinois State University:

Reviewer: General Education Institutional Artifact Portfolio Spring 2011
Judge, "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" History Department Event Fall 2011
Organizer: Law School Chicago Trip Spring 2012-2016
Organizer: Law School Conference and Fair Fall 2012-2017
Career Center Graduate School Panelist January 2013; January 2015
Friendly Faces February 2013 - present
Milner Library Law Collection Working Group 2013 - present
Pre-Law Advisor Fall 2011- 2017
Faculty Advisor: Law Club Fall 2011- 2017
Volunteer: Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference Spring 2015

Community Service & Media Appearances:

2012 Local Media Appearances: 2
2013 Local Media Appearances: 10
2014 Local Media Appearances: 9
2015 Local Media Appearances: 20
2016 Local Media Appearances: 18
2017 Local Media Appearances: 14

Including: WGLT; WJBC; *The Pantagraph*; TV-10; WMBD; Good Day Central Illinois; WZND;
WEEK; *The Vidette*; Illinois State Media

Co-Chair of Conference: “*Ex parte Milligan* at 150: the Constitution and Military Commissions in
American Wars on Terror” 2013 – 2016

Professional Service

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *American Politics Research*; *Justice System Journal*; *Political Behavior*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *Oxford University Press*; *Westview Press*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *Irish Political Studies*; *National Science Foundation*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *CQ Press*

Member: Neal Tate Best Paper in Judicial Politics Award Committee 2012
(Best paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference)

Member: Law and Court's APSA Section: Best Journal Article Award Committee 2013
(Best journal article award on law and courts written by a political scientist)

Member: Harrell Rogers Travel Scholarship Committee 2017
(Graduate Student scholarship for travel to MPSA)

Member: Virginia Gray Book Award Committee 2018
(Best book in state politics)

Editorial Assistant: *Journal of Politics* 2008-2010