

Meghan E. Leonard

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. 2020. "Gender Diversity, Women's Leadership, and Consensus in State Supreme Courts" *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*.

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 and Book Reviews

Leonard, Meghan E. 2018. "Choosing State Supreme Court Justices: Merit Selection and the Consequences of Institutional Reform." By Greg Goelzhauser. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2016. 192p. \$85.50 cloth, \$29.95 paper. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(3): 864-865.

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 and Media Coverage

Written:

American Constitution Society, *Expert Forum* (2019): "Giving Women a Voice in the Law: The Influence of Women Justices in State Supreme Courts"

<https://www.acslaw.org/expertforum/giving-women-a-voice-in-the-law-the-influence-of-women-justices-in-state-supreme-courts/>

Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post* (2018): "Republicans are calling for the impeachment of Pennsylvania judges. It's nothing new." <http://wapo.st/2FkNmcy>

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/>

Coverage of Work:

Christensen, Rob. "Pennsylvania judges face threat of impeachment. NC Republicans have been more subtle." *The News and Observer* 16 March 2018. <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/rob-christensen/article205503404.html>

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

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012, 2009, 2007
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2020, 2019, 2013, 2007
State Politics and Policy Conference: 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007

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

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:

Including: WGLT; WJBC; *The Pantagraph*; TV-10; WMBD; Good Day Central Illinois; WZND; WEEK; *The Vidette*; Illinois State Media; Law360

Co-Chair of Conference: “*Ex parte Milligan* at 150: the Constitution and Military Commissions in American Wars on Terror” 2013 – 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
The U.S. Census	Bloomington Public Library	March 2020
The U.S. Census	Illinois State University	April 2020
Election Law	Central Illinois Paralegal Association Seminar	September 2020

Service to the Profession

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; *Journal of Law and Courts*

Editorial Board: Justice System Journal 2018-

Committee Member:

Neal Tate Best Paper in Judicial Politics Award Committee (Best paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference)	2012
Law and Court's APSA Section: Best Journal Article Award Committee (Best journal article award on law and courts written by a political scientist)	2013
Harrell Rogers Travel Scholarship Committee (Graduate Student scholarship for travel to MPSA)	2017
Virginia Gray Book Award Committee (Best book in state politics)	2018
Editorial Assistant: <i>Journal of Politics</i>	2008-2010