

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

Scholarship

Journal Articles

Leonard, Meghan E. 2024. "Democratic Backsliding in the American States: The Case of Judicial Independence" *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 54(3): 573-97.

Leonard, Meghan E. 2022. "State Supreme Court Responsiveness to Court Curbing: Examining the use of Judicial Review" *Justice System Journal* 43(4): 486-502.

Leonard, Meghan E. 2022. "New Data on Court Curbing by State Legislatures" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 22(4):483-500.

Leonard, Meghan E. and Joseph V. Ross. 2020. "Gender Diversity, Women's Leadership, and Consensus in State Supreme Courts" *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*. 41(3):278-302.

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 & Book Reviews

Leonard, Meghan E. 2024. "State High Courts and Horizontal Constraints" Research Handbook of Judicial Politics. *Edward Elgar Publishing*. Michael Fix and Matthew Montgomery eds.

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.

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

External

2017-2019 "Judicial Independence and Interbranch Conflict in the American States" National Science Foundation Grant \$118,367
2015 American Political Science Association Small Research Grant: "Court-Curbing in the States: State Supreme Court Responsiveness" \$2,250

Internal

2017-2018 Sabbatical Award (Spring 2018 semester)
2022 Civic Engagement Fellow for Electoral Engagement (Illinois State University) \$5,000
2017 Illinois State University Summer Faculty Fellowship \$5,000
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

Non-Peer-Reviewed Scholarship & Writing

Media

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/2FkNmcv>

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/>

Technical Reports & White Papers

2022 Electoral Engagement Fellowship “Illinois Judicial Election Guide: How to be an informed voter in judicial elections.”

<https://civicengagement.illinoisstate.edu/vote/candidates/Judicial%20Election%20Guide.pdf>

2022 Electoral Engagement Fellowship: “2022 Student Voter Engagement Survey Results Illinois State University” prepared for the League of Women Voters

2020 ISU Leadership Initiative Project White Paper: “The Unequal Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Faculty Productivity and Possible Responses”

Media Coverage of Scholarship

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>

Melton, Marissa. “Female Supreme Court Justices Can Change the Conversation” *Voice of America* 3 October 2020. <https://www.voanews.com/usa/female-supreme-court-justices-can-change-conversation>

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2021, 2020, 2019, 2013

State Politics and Policy Conference: 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011

Teaching

Hibbert Roberts Teaching Excellence Recognition Award 2021
Pi Sigma Alpha Excellence in Teaching Award 2014; 2024

Teaching Development

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) Workshop: Design Your Course 2013
CTLT Summer Workshop: Why Students Can’t Write July 2015
CTLT Summer Workshop: Reinvent Your Course for Diversity June 2016
CTLT Summer Workshop: CURES in the Social Sciences and Humanities July 2020
New course development: The Right to Vote in the United States 2021

CTLT: Redesign Your Course for Civic Engagement May 2022
 First Course to retain IDEAS designation: POL308 The Right to Vote 2022

Department, University, & 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; 2017-2020; 2021-2022
Member: Department American Politics Search Committee	Fall 2013
Member: Department Public Law Search Committee	Fall 2013
Member: Department Graduate Committee	2013 –2015; 2019-
Member: Department Executive Committee	2020-2021; 2022-
Acting Associate Chair	Spring 2021
Chair: Department Strategic Plan Committee	Spring 2021
Politics and Government Chair Review Committee	Spring 2022
Acting Associate Chair	2022-2023
Member: Department Legal Studies Search Committee	Fall 2022
Associate Chair	2021-2022; 2023-

Illinois State University:

Career Center Graduate School Panelist	2013; 2015
Co-Chair of Conference: “ <i>Ex parte Milligan</i> at 150”	2013 - 2016
Pre-Law Advisor	2011- 2017
Faculty Advisor: ACLU	2023-
Volunteer: Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference	2015
University Curriculum Committee	2020-2023
Provost’s ASPT/Evaluation Committee	2020-2021
Post-Roe Reproductive Justice Speaker Series (co-organizer)	2022
Member: McHenry Professorship Search Committee	2022-2023
Voter Engagement Coalition	2022-

Community Service & Media Appearances:

Including: WGLT; WJBC; *The Pantagraph*; TV-10; WMBD; Good Day Central Illinois; WZND; WEEK; *The Vidette*; Illinois State Media; Law360; Voice of America; Fresh Take Florida; Inkspot, Bloomberg; NBC (national); *Injustice Watch*; *21st*

Invited Talks

Super Tuesdays: The Courts and the 2016 Election	Illinois State University	2016
Senior Professionals: Freedom of Assembly	Illinois State University	2017
The U.S. Census	Bloomington Public Library	2020
The U.S. Census (Canceled)	Illinois State University	2020
Voter Suppression and <i>Shelby County v. Holder</i>	CIPA Continuing Legal Education	2020
Voter Suppression	League of Women Voters	2020
Constitution Day: The 26 th Amendment	Illinois State University.	2021
Voting Rights and Voter Suppression	League of Women Voters (Peoria)	2021
What can I do?: An Introduction to Political and Social Engagement and Activism	Professional Development	2022

Voter Restoration Pop-up Library	Milner Library	2022
Post-Roe Speaker Series Panelist	Illinois State University	2022
Athletics: Voter Suppression and Restoration	Illinois State University	2022
Panelist: Post-Midterm Panel Discussion	Department of Politics & Gov	2022
Panelist: The Supreme Court: Abortion & Affirmative Action	Dept. of Politics & Gov.	2023

Professional Development

Illinois State University Leadership Initiative 2020-2021

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; Critique

Editorial Board: *Justice System Journal* 2018-22; Editorial Assistant *Journal of Politics* 2008-10.

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
State Politics and Policy Best Journal Article Award Committee	2023