

# Meghan E. Leonard

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Politics and Government  
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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**

<b>Ph.D.</b>	University of Arizona	Political Science	2010
<b>M.A.</b>	University of Arizona	Political Science	2007
<b>B.A.</b>	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*. 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 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/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/>

#### 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>

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>

### **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: 2021, 2020, 2019, 2013, 2007  
State Politics and Policy Conference: 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007

## **Teaching**

### *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  
CTLT Summer Workshop: CURES in the Social Sciences and Humanities July 2020

## **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; 2017-2020  
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; 2019-  
Member: Ad Hoc Committee on Performance Review and Salary 2019  
Member: Department Executive Committee 2020  
Interim Associate Chair Department of Politics and Government January 2021-August 2021  
Chair: Department Strategic Plan Review Committee 2021

### *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  
Milner Library Law Collection Working Group 2013  
Pre-Law Advisor Fall 2011- 2017  
Faculty Advisor: Law Club Fall 2011- 2017  
Volunteer: Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference Spring 2015  
University Curriculum Committee Fall 2020-  
Provost's ASPT/Evaluation Committee Fall 2020-

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

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 (Cancelled)	Illinois State University	April 2020
Voter Suppression and <i>Shelby County v. Holder</i>	CIPA Continuing Legal Education	September 2020
Voter Suppression	League of Women Voters	October 2020

Professional Development

Illinois State University Leadership Initiative 2020-2021

**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; Critique*

Editorial Board: Justice System Journal 2018-  
Editorial Assistant: *Journal of Politics* 2008-2010

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