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## EDUCATION

- *Ph.D. Candidate*, Emory University Department of Political Science, Atlanta, Georgia. Expected Completion of Ph.D.: May 2009.  
*Dissertation*: "Anticipation and Retaliation: The Impact of the Supreme Court on Congressional Decisionmaking"  
Committee: Micheal W. Giles (chair), Randall W. Strahan, and Thomas G. Walker  
*Comprehensive Exams Passed*
  - (1) Judicial Behavior and Constitutional Law
  - (2) Congressional and Executive Branch Politics
  - (3) Methodology of Empirical Research (Game Theory and Quantitative Methods)
- *M.A.* Political Science, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. August 2007.
- *B.A.* Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. December 2001.

## RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

- Judicial Process and Behavior
- Constitutional Law
- Congress-Court Interactions
- American Political Institutions
- Congressional Politics
- Research Methods (Game Theory and Quantitative Methods)

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, and AWARDS

- American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, 2008-2009
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, August 2007-August 2008 (Award: \$7,680)
- Emory University Dean's Teaching Fellowship, 2007-2008.

## PUBLICATION

"The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages Between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-Making," with Micheal W. Giles and Richard L. Vining. 2008. *Journal of Politics* 70(2): 293-306.

(Earlier version presented at the Sixty-Third Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2005.)

## UNDER REVIEW

"Partisan Regimes and the Search for Strategic Behavior in the U.S. Courts of Appeals," with Susan Navarro Smelcer.

(Earlier versions presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30–September 2, 2007 and the Sixty–Fourth Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 20–23, 2006.)

## CONFERENCE and WORKING PAPERS

"Are 'Overrides' Overrated? The Effect of Legislation Passed in Response to Decisions of the United States Supreme Court," Paper accepted for presentation at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28–31, 2008.

"Beginning at the Beginning: The Decision to Legislate and the Separation of Powers," Paper presented at the Sixty–Sixth Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3–6, 2008.

"The Neglected Portions of Separation of Powers Interactions," Paper presented at the Sixty–Fifth Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 12–15, 2007.

"Identifying the Congressional Agenda: A Hearing–Based Measure," Working Paper.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor*

*The Supreme Court*, Spring 2008

### *Co–Instructor*

*Congressional Politics*, Spring 2007, with Randall W. Strahan

### *Teaching Assistant*

*National Politics*, Spring 2006 with Micheal W. Giles

*Introduction to Game Theory*, Spring 2005 with Clifford J. Carrubba

*Constitutional Law I*, Fall 2001 with Nathan Griffith (Indiana University)

### *Additional Teacher Training*

*Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) Program*, Emory University, 2005–2006.

Participant in program that includes a three-day interdisciplinary teaching workshop as well as ongoing discipline–specific training that addresses intellectual problems and teaching strategies appropriate for political science.

*Coursework in School of Education*, Indiana University Bloomington, 1998–2000.

Completed fifteen hours of coursework in the School of Education including the following courses: *Educational Psychology*, *Teaching in a Pluralistic Society*, *Education and American Culture* and *General Methods for Senior High School/Junior High School/Middle School Teachers*.

## **OTHER RELEVANT TRAINING and EXPERIENCE**

- *Institute for the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models*  
University of California–Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, Summer 2007  
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, Summer 2006
- *Inter–University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Summer 2005
- *Research Assistant*, Emory University  
for Clifford J. Carrubba—Summer 2005, Fall 2005, Summer 2006, Fall 2006  
for Michael L. Owens—Fall 2004  
for Micheal W. Giles—Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Fall 2004
- *Legislative Intern in the Office of United States Senator Mitch McConnell*  
Washington, D.C. Summer 2000.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- *Graduate Student Representative on Search Committee for Hire in American Political Institutions and/or Research Methods*, Emory University Department of Political Science, Fall 2007.
- *Graduate Student Representative on Search Committee for Hire in American Democratic Institutions and Processes*, Emory University Department of Political Science, Fall 2006.
- *Graduate Student Representative on Graduate Admissions Committee*, Emory University Department of Political Science, Fall 2006–Spring 2007.
- *Vice–President*, Emory Graduate Political Science Organization, Fall 2005–Spring 2006.
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## REFERENCES

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