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### Education

Ph.D candidate in Political Science, Emory University, expected completion  
Spring 2012

Comprehensive Exams Taken: Judicial Politics, Congress and the Presidency, Quantitative Research Methods, Game Theory

Dissertation Committee: Clifford Carrubba (chair), Micheal Giles, Thomas Walker, Tom Clark

M.A. Political Science, University of Texas at Arlington, 2004

B.A. Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2000.

### Dissertation

“Institutions and Legal Consistency in the U.S. Courts of Appeals”

The U.S. Courts of Appeals have developed a variety of internal reforms, rules and practices designed to help them maintain uniformity in application of the law. These include screening institutions designed to help meet the demands of a rising caseload, informational institutions which help judges to stay aware of activity within the circuit, and informal *en banc* practices which allow three-judge panels to alter circuit law. I examine whether these institutions improve the circuit courts’ ability to maintain the rule of law, and by what mechanism. I provide evidence that the Courts of Appeals’ internal processes have important political effects, altering judges’ incentives for engaging in ideological behavior, and explaining variation in the relative importance of ideology in circuit decisionmaking.

### Conference Participation

“Institutions and Legal Consistency in the U.S. Courts of Appeals”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31–April 3, 2011, Chicago, IL.

“Institutions and Legal Consistency in the U.S. Courts of Appeals”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 5–8, 2011, New Orleans, LA.

“Compliance in the Judicial Hierarchy”

Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.

“Volatility in U.S. House Elections, 1964-2000”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL.

### **Works in Progress**

“Monitoring Under Severe Resource Constraints” with Clifford Carrubba and Micheal Giles, Emory University Working Paper (under review)

“The Puzzling Decline of *En Banc* Review” with Micheal Giles, Emory University Working Paper

“Legal Mobilization and the Diffusion of Policy Demand”, Emory University Working Paper

### **Teaching**

POLS 490, Law and Legal Institutions, Fall 2011

POLS 308, Political Science Research Methods, co-teacher (with Eric Reinhardt), Spring 2009

POLS 208, Political Science Research Methods, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2011

POLS 100 U.S. National Politics, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2008

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program (TATTO), Emory University, 2007–2008

### **Supplementary Training**

ICPSR Summer Program, 2006 & 2007

Courses:

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Scaling and Dimensional Analysis

Advanced Multivariate Statistical Methods

Bayesian Methods

Programming languages: Perl, R

### **Awards**

Fellow, Halle Institute, Emory University, 2009–2010

## **Professional Service**

Reviewer:  
Journal of Politics  
British Journal of Political Science

## **References**

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