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## Education

Emory University  
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, expected completion 2014

Major Field: American Politics (Judicial Politics, Congress & the Executive)

Minor Field: Methodology (Quantitative, Game Theory)

New York University School of Law  
Juris Doctor, 2001

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service  
Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, *cum laude*, 1997

## Research Interests

Judicial Politics; Political Institutions; Quantitative Methods; Formal Modeling

Dissertation: "Assessing Legal Policy through Adversarial Litigation"

If judges have definite policy preferences, they must concern themselves with the means-ends problem, the manner in which a legal rule (the means) translates into consequences for the subjects of the legal rule (the ends). I argue that advancing our understanding of judicial politics requires addressing the means-ends problem, and that a sizable research agenda remains for investigation, beginning with the fundamental question: How do judicial policymakers assess the impacts of legal rules? My dissertation focuses on the manner in which adversarial litigation informs courts of the policy implications of competing legal rules, and establishes a foundation for further examination of questions of judicial learning by creating a framework into which I can insert additional sources of information about policy consequences.

Committee: Tom S. Clark (chair), Micheal W. Giles, Clifford J. Carrubba and Drew A. Linzer

## Papers and Presentations

### *Conference Papers*

"Learning by Review: Strategic Auditing by High Courts." Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2011.

### *Working Papers*

Walson, John F. 2010. "Desirable Non-Compliance: Strategic Auditing by High Courts under Policy Uncertainty."

### *Seminars and Workshops*

"Introduction to Stata." (with Nathan Danneman). Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center at Emory University. Atlanta, Georgia. November 11, 2010.

## Academic Positions

### *Emory University*

Graduate Fellow, Social and Behavioral Science Research Center, 2010-2011

### *Emory University, Department of Political Science*

Teaching Assistant, POLS 513 Introduction to Game Theory, Prof. Jeffrey Staton, Spring 2012

Instructor, POLS 350 The American Legal System, with Prof. Tom Clark, Summer 2011

Teaching Assistant, POLS 208 Political Science Methods  
Prof. Justin Esarey, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, POLS 100 National Politics/United States  
Prof. Alan Abramowitz, Fall 2010

Research Assistant  
Prof. Tom Clark, Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

Research Assistant  
Prof. Micheal W. Giles, Fall 2008, Spring 2009 & Summer 2009

## Honors

Georgetown University  
Honors Scholar in History, 1996-1997

Thesis: "Coping with Castro: A Cognitive Analysis of Cuban-American Relations from 1959 to 1960"

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service  
Peter F. Krogh Scholar, 1995-1996

Thesis: "The Duties of Developed Countries to Assure Basic Needs Fulfillment in Structural Adjustment Programs in Lesser Developed Countries"

Georgetown University  
John Carroll Scholar, 1993-1997

Georgetown University  
Lena Landegger Scholar, 1995-1997

Robert Byrd Scholarship, 1993-1997

## Professional Employment

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Clinical Research Coordinator

Dickstein Shapiro Morin & Oshinsky LLP, Washington, D.C.  
Associate, Complex Dispute Resolution Group

Gunster, Yoakley, Valdes-Fauli & Stewart LLC, West Palm Beach, Fla.  
Summer Associate

Hon. James C. Francis IV, Chief United States Magistrate Judge, S.D.N.Y.  
Clerk

## Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2009-present

District of Columbia Bar, 2002-present

Pennsylvania Bar, 2006-2009

## Service

Graduate Representative, Emory University Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, Emory University, 2012-2013

Vice President, Graduate Political Science Organization, Emory University, 2010-2011

Representative for Political Science, Emory University Graduate Student Council, 2009-2010

Amnesty International, New York University School of Law, 1998-2001

International Law Society, New York University School of Law, 1998-2001

Marden Moot Court Competition, New York University School of Law, 1998

Georgetown International Relations Club, Georgetown University, 1993-1997

Gonzaga College High School, Washington, DC, Instructor, Phocion Debate Society, August 1994-May 1997

Philodemic Society, Georgetown University, 1993-1995

Parliamentary Debate Society, Secretary, Georgetown University, 1993-1994