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Education

Expected 2019: University of Georgia, Ph.D., Political Science.

Dissertation: “The People and Process of Federal Criminal Cases.”

Summary: This project explores the dynamic process of the federal criminal case and the integral role that courtroom professionals have in its development. To do so, I examine whether disparities are created by the characteristics and actions of the judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors who handle these cases. Using newly compiled data from original federal district court documents, I test for the influence of these actors across three elements of the criminal case: pretrial detention, time to disposition, and sentencing. With this project, I hope to bridge the gap between sociolegal research on disparities arising from defendant traits and judicial behavior research that asserts that the attitudes and experiences of court actors influence the handling of the cases before them.

Committee: Christina L. Boyd (Chair), Susan B. Haire (Co-Chair), Jamie L. Carson, Michael S. Lynch, and Richard L. Vining.

2013: Illinois State University, B.S., *Summa cum laude*.

Majors: Criminal Justice and Political Science

Publications

“Judicial Reform in the American States: The Chief Justice as Political Advocate.”

with Teena Wilhelm, Richard L. Vining, and Bryan M. Black. Forthcoming,
State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

“Taking a Bite Out of the Crime Issue: Congressional Candidates and Partisan Benefits.”

Forthcoming, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Results discussed on [London School of Economics: American Politics and Policy Blog](#).

“The Political Responsiveness of Violent Crime Prosecution.” 2018. *Political Research Quarterly*.

71 (4): 936-948. with Christina L. Boyd.

“The Implementation of Supreme Court Precedent: The Impact of *Arizona v. Gant* on Police Searches.”

2018. *Journal of Law & Courts*. 6 (2): 355-378. with Michael C. Gizzi.

“U.S. District Courts.” 2018. *Handbook of Judicial Behavior*. Kirk A. Randazzo and

Robert M. Howard (eds.). Routledge Press. with Christina L. Boyd.

“U.S. Courts of Appeals and State Supreme Court Responses to *Arizona v. Gant*: A Study in Judicial

Impact.” 2014. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. 37 (2): 214-233. with Michael C. Gizzi and R. Craig Curtis.

Short Contributions

- “Federal Prosecutors as Strategic District Court Agenda Setters.” 2016. *APSA Law and Courts Newsletter* 26(2): 8-10. with Christina L. Boyd.
- “Evaluating Fairness and Accuracy in State Death Penalty Systems: The Virginia Death Penalty Assessment Report.” 2013. American Bar Association Death Penalty Due Process Review Project. Acknowledged contributor.

Working Papers & Projects

- “Examining State of the Judiciary Addresses: A Research Note.” with Teena Wilhelm, Richard L. Vining, and Allison T. Trochesset. (Revise & Resubmit).
- “Getting the ‘Bad Ones’ Out? The Trump Administration and Criminal Immigration Prosecutions.” with Jason S. Byers.

Grants

- National Science Foundation Grant SES-1729077. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The People and Process of Federal Criminal Cases.” 2017. (\$17,615).
Graduate Advisor: Christina L. Boyd.
- Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant, University of Georgia Graduate School.
“Understanding Pretrial Detention Decisions in Federal Criminal Cases.” 2017. (\$500).

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration (Spring 2017, Fall 2018).

Graduate Teaching Assistant

POLS 1101: Introduction to American Government (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2018).

Scholarships and Awards

Charles S. Bullock, III Scholarship, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. 2016.

- \$2,500

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship in Political Science, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). 2015.

- \$4,200

Excellence in Graduate Student Research, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. 2015.

Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Georgia. 2013-2018.

- \$27,000 per year for five years

Robert G. Bone Scholar, Illinois State University. 2012-2013.

- \$3,300

Outstanding Senior Award, Department of Political Science, Illinois State University. 2013.

Outstanding Academic Achievement, Department of Criminal Justice, Illinois State University. 2013.

Conference Presentations

2018

“Judge and Attorney Influence in Pretrial Detention Decisions” Paper presented at the Criminal Justice Policy Mini-Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“The People and Process of Federal Criminal Cases.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2017

“The Chief Justice in State Politics: Success of the Judicial Agenda.” with Teena Wilhelm, Richard L. Vining, and Bryan Black. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association’s Annual Conference.

“The Roles of Ideology and Campaign Donations in Interim Judicial Appointments.” with Richard L. Vining and Charles S. Bullock, III. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2016

“Taking a Bite Out of the Crime Issue: Congressional Candidates and Partisan Benefits.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association.

“The Politics of Prosecution.” with Christina L. Boyd. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2015

“The Implementation of Precedent: Examining Police Responses to Changes in Vehicle Search and Seizure Case Law.” with Michael C. Gizzi. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology’s Annual Conference.

“Placing the Chief Justice in State Politics: Creating the Judicial Agenda.” with Teena Wilhelm, Richard L. Vining, and Allison T. Trochesset. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association’s Annual Conference.

2014

“Building a Record: Requesting Roll Call Votes Under Changing Institutions.” with Anthony J. Madonna, Michael S. Lynch, and Joel Sievert. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2013

“The Supreme Court’s Use of *Per Curiam* Opinions in Criminal Procedure Cases.” with Michael C. Gizzi. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2012

“Plea Bargaining, Local Legal Culture, and Courtroom Workgroups: Reassessing the Literature and Building a New Research Agenda for Criminal Courts.” with Michael C. Gizzi and Meagan Semmelroth. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology’s Annual Conference.

Methodological Training

University of Georgia

Research Design, Applied Linear Models, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Categorical Data Analysis, Qualitative Methods, Introduction to Applied Bayesian Analysis, Survival Analysis.

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods at the University of Michigan.

Time Series Analysis, Advanced Multivariate Statistical Methods, Advanced Bayesian Models, Applied Multilevel Models.

Relevant Professional Experience

Research Assistant: National Science Foundation Collaborative Research Grant (Fall 2017-present).

“Judicial Diversity and Appellate Decision Making.” PIs: Susan Haire, University of Georgia; Laura Moyer, University of Louisville; John Szmer, University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Robert Christensen, Brigham Young University.

Departmental Research Assistant (Fall 2013-Spring 2015; Summer 2017-Fall 2017).

Christina L. Boyd, Michael S. Lynch, Anthony J. Madonna, Richard L. Vining, and Teena Wilhelm.

Internships

American Bar Association, Summer 2012, Washington, D.C.

McLean County State’s Attorney’s Office, Summer 2011-Fall 2011, Bloomington, IL.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

American Society of Criminology

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

Software Proficiency

L^AT_EX

Microsoft Office

Qualtrics

Stata

Journal Referee

Criminal Justice Policy Review

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

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