

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## EDUCATION

### Ph.D., Political Science

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University of Georgia

**Dissertation:** The Political Activities of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges

**Committee:** Christina L. Boyd (chair), Susan B. Haire, Richard L. Vining, & Teena Wilhelm

In three articles, my dissertation takes a novel look at federal appellate judges by examining the political activities and experiences they bring to the bench. **Article 1**, *Tracking and Explaining Politically Active U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges*, develops novel data and indicators of political activity from judicial questionnaires. The article then describes the variation in the political activities of federal appellate judges and examines which factors help explain when politically active judges are selected to the bench. **Article 2**, *The Differential Use of Political Language by Judicial Nominees*, theorizes and tests how factors such as political environment and a nominee's past career experiences influence the use of political language during the nomination process via automated, dictionary-based text analysis. **Article 3**, *The Effects of Prior Political Activities on Judicial Decision-Making* combines the novel political activity data and an original database of U.S. Courts of Appeals cases to examine whether the selection of more politically active judges affects judicial decision-making.

### Field Exams:

American Politics (major field, pass with distinction)

Quantitative Methods (minor field)

### B.A., Political Science, *summa cum laude*

2017

Augusta University

## PUBLICATIONS

Rutkowski, Adam G. 2021. "Constitutional Interpretation Styles of U.S. Supreme Court Justices." In *Open Judicial Politics*, ed, Rorie Spill-Solberg and Eric Waltenburg. Oregon State University, 495-514.

Boyd, Christina L., and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020. "Judicial Behavior in Disability Cases: Do Judge Sex and Race Matter?" *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 8(4): 834-844.

Boyd, Christina L., and Adam G. Rutkowski. 2020. "Trial Courts in the United States." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

Rutkowski, Adam G., Allison Vick, Martha H. Ginn, and Lance Y. Hunter. 2017. "Biggest Loser? Obama's Administrative Agencies and the Supreme Court." *Questions in Politics* 4(2017): 81-106.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Rutkowski, Adam G. "The Political Activities of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges." *Under Review*.

- In this first article of my dissertation, I examine presidential selection of U.S. Courts of Appeals judges with prior political activities. The paper shows that party of the appointing president and Senate confirmation environment affect the selection of politically active judges.

Hitefield, Aaron A., Adam G. Rutkowski, and Ryan D. Williamson. "*Smith v. Allwright*: Examining External Reform and the Electoral Connection."

- In this paper, we analyze how the elimination of the all-white primary in *Smith v. Allwright* changed the electoral fortunes and legislative behavior of southern members of Congress.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Supervisor/Project Manager** 2019-2020  
"How Social Security Administration Appeals Fare in the Federal Trial Courts." Under NSF grant SES-1626932 held by Christina L. Boyd, Scott H. Ainsworth, and Michael S. Lynch.

**Research Assistant** 2021  
Stephen P. Nicholson. Researching direct democracy ballot measures. University of Georgia.

**Research Assistant** 2018  
Christina L. Boyd: Researching disability case appeals at the federal trial courts. Under NSF grant SES-1626932 held by Christina L. Boyd, Scott H. Ainsworth, and Michael S. Lynch. University of Georgia.

**Research Assistant** 2016  
Martha H. Ginn: Researching executive success at the Supreme Court. Augusta University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor of Record** Spring 2021  
POLS 4700: Constitutional Law: Powers

**Instructor of Record** Fall 2019  
POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration

**Teaching Assistant** Fall 2020  
POLS 3600: Criminal Justice Administration  
Instructor: Christina L. Boyd, Ph.D.

### **Courses Prepared to Teach**

Intro to American Politics, Criminal Justice Administration, Judicial Process, Political Science Research Methods, Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties, Constitutional Law: Powers

### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

Liberty, Citizenship, and Rights Fellowship, American Founding Group, University of Georgia, 2017-2019

Augusta University Dean's List, 2013-2017

Gloria Story Dittus Scholarship, Augusta University, 2016

Kathryn Reese Pamplin Scholarship, Augusta University, 2013-2017

Member, Phi Kappa Phi

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

#### **Conference Presentations**

Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. April 2021: "The Political Activities of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges."

Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual. April 2021: "*Smith v. Allwright*: Examining External Reform and the Electoral Connection." (with Aaron A. Hitefield and Ryan D. Williamson).

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2020: "Exploring President Trump's Nominees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Conference cancelled.

Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 2019: "The Effect of U.S. Supreme Court Justices' Constitutional Interpretation Styles of Fourth Amendment Cases."

Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2018: "The Effect of U.S. Supreme Court Justices' Constitutional Interpretation Styles in Fourth Amendment Cases."

Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2018: "Terrorism and Right Party Vote Share in Legislative Elections: A Cross-National Analysis" (with Lance Young Hunter, Joseph W. Robbins, Martha H. Ginn, and Aaron Hutton).

Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2016: "Biggest Loser: Obama's Administrative Agencies and the Supreme Court" (with Allison Vick, Martha H. Ginn, and Lance Y. Hunter).

#### **Memberships**

American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Georgia Political Science Association

## **RELEVANT GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

### **Law and Courts**

The Supreme Court and the Judicial Hierarchy  
State and Federal Court Systems  
The United States Courts of Appeals  
Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

### **American Politics**

American Politics Pre-Seminar  
The U.S. Presidency  
Legislative Process  
American Political Development  
U.S. Congressional Elections  
Public Opinion

### **Methodology**

Research Design  
Introduction to Political Methodology  
Linear Regression  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation  
Bayesian Inference  
Rational Choice Theory  
Data Analysis in R Using tidyverse

## REFERENCES

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