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Education

Ph.D. American Politics, University of Virginia, 1995

- Dissertation. Judicial Politics in the 'Mini' Supreme Court: Legal Policy Change in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1970-1993.
- Dissertation Committee
 - David M. O'Brien, Henry J. Abraham, Steven Finkel, Glen O. Robinson
- Fields of Concentration
 - Constitutional Law & Theory
 - National Institutions
 - Jurisprudence
 - Modern Political Theory

J.D. University of Dayton School of Law, 1984

B.A. University of Connecticut, 1980

- Political Science Major

Professional Experience

Academic

Professor, Political Science, Kent State University, 2013-present

Associate Professor, Political Science, Kent State University, 2006-2012

Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Akron, 2000-2005

Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Akron, 1995-1999

Instructor, University of Virginia, 1994

Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1993

Instructor, Roanoke College, 1992-1993

Adjunct, Western Connecticut University, 1988-1991

Adjunct, Sacred Heart University, 1988-1991

Instructor, HighCroft Private School, 1981

Editorial

Series Editor, *Law, Politics, and Society Series*, The University of Akron Press, 2001-2006

Politics Editor, *The Journal of Law & Politics* (UVa Law School), 1991-1993

Legal Editor/Researcher, National Legal Research Group, 1990-1995

Legal

- Retired, 2011
- Admitted to Federal (Second Circuit) Bar, 1985
- Admitted to Connecticut Bar, 1984

Legal Editor/Researcher, National Legal Research Group, 1990-1995

Hearing Officer, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, 1988-1991

Attorney/Partner, Banks & Banks, P.C. (General Practice), 1988-1990

Associate Attorney, Copp, Berall, & Hempstead (Civil & Criminal Practice), 1987-1988

Associate Attorney, Brown & Brown, P.C. (Civil & Criminal Practice), 1986-1987

Associate Attorney, Law Office of Jeffrey Reinen (General Practice), 1985-1986

Legal Assistant, Lynch, Traub, Keefe, & Snow, P.C. (Civil Litigation & Medical Malpractice),
1984-1985

Political

Hearing Officer (Gubernatorial Appointment), Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and
Opportunities, 1988-1991

Candidate for State Representative, 142nd District, Connecticut, 1988

Publications

Solo or Co-Authored Books

The Shadow Docket: Shaping Judicial Policy in the U.S. Supreme Court. New York: Routledge.

- Forthcoming, Under Contract.

Access To Justice Denied: Civil Gideon And The Right To Counsel For Indigents. (with Lisa Hager).
Lanham, MD.: Lexington/Roman & Littlefield Books

- Forthcoming, Under Contract.

The Judicial Process: Law, Courts and Judicial Politics, 2nd ed. 2020 (with David M. O'Brien). St. Paul,
MN: West Academic.

- Third edition w/ West Academic; Forthcoming, Under Contract).

The American Legal Profession: The Myths & Realities of Practicing Law. 2017. Thousand Oaks, CA.:
Sage/CQ Press.

- Third edition w/ Routledge/Taylor and Francis; Forthcoming, Under Contract.

The Judicial Process: Law, Courts and Judicial Politics. 2015. (with David M. O'Brien). Thousand
Oaks, CA.: Sage/CQ Press.

The U.S. Supreme Court and New Federalism: From the Rehnquist to Roberts Court. 2012. (with John C. Blakeman) Lanham: Roman & Littlefield,.

Courts and Judicial Policymaking. 2008. (with David M. O'Brien) Englewood: Prentice Hall,.

Judicial Politics in the D.C. Circuit Court. 1999. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press.

Edited Books (^ Invited)

Controversies in American Federalism and Public Policy. 2018. London/New York: Routledge (^).

- Controversies in American Constitutional Law series.
- Series editors, Jon Yorke and Anne Richardson Oakes, Centre for American Legal Studies, School of Law, Birmingham City University, UK. 2018.

The State and Federal Courts: A Complete Guide to History, Powers, and Controversy. 2017. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (^).

- Recipient of [Library Journal's Best Reference Titles of 2017](#). Library Journal is one of the two or three most important periodicals in the library market for review. For 2017 LJ formally recognized 37 titles in its Best Reference list. ABC-CLIO had 10 titles on the list.
- Other notable publishers with titles on the list included National Geographic, Yale University Press, Oxford University Press, Fulcrum, Norton, and SAGE.

Final Arbiter: The Consequences of Bush v. Gore for Law and Politics. 2005 (with David B. Cohen and John C. Green). Albany: State University of New York Press (paperback, 2006).

- In [SUNY Series on American Constitutionalism](#)

Superintending Democracy: The Courts and the Political Process. 2001. eds. Christopher P. Banks and John C. Green (Akron: University of Akron Press).

Refereed Journal Articles (^ Invited)

"Of White Whales, Obamacare, and the Roberts Court: The Republican Efforts to Harpoon Obama's Presidential Legacy." 2017. [PS: Political Science and Politics](#) 50 (1): 40-43.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096516002079>. (^)

"The Impact of the Threat of Terrorism on U.S District Court Decisions during Wartime." 2015. (with Steven Tauber). [Terrorism and Political Violence](#) 29(5): 793-829.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2015.1049341>.

"An Empirical Analysis of US State Court Citation Practices of International Human Social Rights Treaties." 2014. (with Joel R. Carbonell). [International Journal of Human Rights](#) 19(1): 1-15.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2014.976560>.

"U.S. District Court Decision-Making in USA Patriot Act Cases after September 11. 2014." [Justice System Journal](#) (with Steven Tauber). 35(2): 139-161. [10.1080/0098261X.2013.868279](https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2013.868279).

"International Human Education Rights Commitments in U.S. Courts." 2012. [International Journal of Human Rights](#) (with Joel R. Carbonell). 17(3): 391-410. [10.1080/13642987.2012.742069](https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2012.742069).

"Security & Freedom after September 11: The Institutional Limits & Ethical Costs of Terrorism Prosecutions." 2010-11. [Public Integrity: A Journal of the American Society for Public Administration](#) 13 (No. 1, Winter): 5-24. [10.2753/PIN1099-9922130101](https://doi.org/10.2753/PIN1099-9922130101). (^).

"Chief Justice Roberts, Justice Alito, and New Federalism Jurisprudence." 2008. [Publius: The Journal of Federalism](#) (with John C. Blakeman). 38 (No. 3, Summer): 576-600. [10.1093/publius/pjn011](https://doi.org/10.1093/publius/pjn011). (^).

"The Politics of Court Reform in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." 2000. Judicature 84 (No. 1, July/August): 34-43.

"Ideology and Judicial Deference in the D.C. Circuit." 1998. Southeastern Political Review 26 (No. 4, December): 861-888.

The Supreme Court and Precedent: An Analysis of Natural Courts and Reversal Trends.1992. Judicature 25 (No. 5, February/March): 262-268.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles (^ Invited)

"Are Courts Too Politicized? It Depends." 2017. In American Government, ABC-CLIO
<https://americangovernment2.abc-clio.com/> (^)

"Judicial Policymaking and the Advancement of ESC Rights." 2007. Universidade de Coimbra Boletim da Faculdade de Direito 83: 219-239. (^)

"The Constitutional Politics of Interpreting Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment." 2003. University of Akron Law Review 36 (No. 3): 427-473. (^)

"Reversals of Precedent and Judicial Policy-Making: How Judicial Conceptions of *Stare Decisis* in the U.S. Supreme Court Influence Social Change." 1999. University of Akron Law Review 32 (No. 2): 233-258.

"Introduction: A Symposium: The Legal and Political Implications of *Buckley v. Valeo*." 1999. University of Akron Law Review 33 (No. 1): 1-6.

"Pedagogical Considerations in Using a Constitutional Law Text in Political Science." 1998. Seattle Law Review 21: 101-134.

"The Politics of En Banc Review in the 'Mini' Supreme Court." 1997. Journal of Law & Politics 13 (No. 2, Spring): 377-414.

Book Chapters (*Refereed) (^ Invited)

"Civil Rights and Liberties with National Security: The Role of the Federal Judiciary" (with Steven Tauber). 2019. In *International Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism*. Eds. E. Shor and S. Hoadley (Singapore: Springer Publishers)(online, June 19, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-3894-5_24-1). (^)

"The U.S. Supreme Court, New Federalism, and Public Policy" (with John C. Blakeman). In *American Federalism and Public Policy*. 2018. ed. Christopher P. Banks. London and New York: Routledge. (*)(^)

"National Security and Anti-Terrorism Policies: The Federalism Implications of Trump's Travel Ban." 2018. In *American Federalism and Public Policy*. ed. Christopher P. Banks. London and New York: Routledge. (*)(^)

"Concluding Thoughts." 2018. In *American Federalism and Public Policy*. 2018. ed. Christopher P. Banks. London and New York: Routledge. (*)(^)

"Political Issues and Controversies of the Judicial Branch." 2017. In *The State and Federal Courts: A Complete Guide to History, Powers, and Controversy*. ed. Christopher P. Banks. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. (^)

"National Security Letters and Diminishing Privacy Rights." 2009. In *The Impact of 9/11 and the New Legal Landscape: The Day that Changed Everything*. ed. Matthew J. Morgan. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (^)

“The Politics of Constitutional Choices in light of *Bush v. Gore*.” 2005. In *Final Arbiter: The Consequences of Bush v. Gore for Law and Politics*. eds. Christopher P. Banks, David B. Cohen and John C. Green. Albany: State University of New York Press. (*)

“Reliving Groundhog Day? The 2004 Presidential Election and the Legacy of *Bush v. Gore*.” 2005. In *Final Arbiter: The Consequences of Bush v. Gore for Law and Politics*. eds. Christopher P. Banks, David B. Cohen and John C. Green. Albany: State University of New York Press. (*)

“Protecting (or Destroying) Freedom through Law: The USA PATRIOT Act’s Constitutional Implications.” 2004. In *American National Security and Civil Liberties in an Era of Terrorism*. eds. David B. Cohen and John W. Wells. New York: Palgrave MacMillan. (^)

“Superintending Democracy.” In *Superintending Democracy: The Courts and the Political Process*. 2001. eds. Christopher P. Banks and John C. Green. Akron, OH: University of Akron Press. (*)

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s Response to American Political Corruption: The Failure of Constitutional Law or the Success of Republican Liberty?” 2001. In *Superintending Democracy: The Courts and the Political Process*. eds. Christopher P. Banks and John C. Green, 13-50. Akron, OH: University of Akron Press. (*)

“A December Storm over the U.S. Supreme Court.” 2001. In *Superintending Democracy: The Courts and the Political Process*. 2001. eds. Christopher P. Banks and John C. Green. Akron, OH: University of Akron Press. (*)

Book Reviews (^ Invited)

2017. Review of *American Courts Explained: A Detailed Introduction to the Legal Process Using Real Cases*. St. Paul, MN.: West Academic Publishing, by Gregory Mitchell and David Klein. In *Law and Politics Book Review* 27 (Issue 6, July): 101-104. (^)

2016. Review of *No Day In Court: Access to Justice and the Politics of Judicial Retrenchment* (New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press, by Sarah Staszak. In *Law & Society Review* 50 (Issue 3, September): 809-811. (^)

2013. Review of *Non-Legality in International Law: Unruly Law*. New York: Cambridge University Press, by Fleur Johns. In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 23 (No. 10, October): 543-549.

2012. Review of *Rebuilding Justice: Civil Courts in Jeopardy and Why You Should Care*. Golden, CO.: Fulcrum, by Rebecca Lover Kourlis and Dirk Olin. In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 22 (No. 6, June): 279-286.

2012. Review of *Legality*. Cambridge, MA.: The Belknap Press of Harvard University, by Scott J. Shapiro. In *Law and Politics Book Review* 22 (No. 2, February): 80-84. (^)

2010. Review of *Victims’ Rights and Victims’ Wrongs: Comparative Liability in Criminal Law*. Stanford, CA.: Stanford University Press, by Vera Bergelson. In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 28 (No. 11, November): 632-634. (^)

2009. Review of *Death Justice: Scalia, Thomas and the Contradictions of the Death Penalty*. El Paso: LFB Scholarly Publishing, by Kenneth W. Miller and David Niven. In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 19 (No.9, September): 660-664. (^)

2008. Review of *Pudd’nhead Wilson*. New York: Barnes and Noble Classic, by Mark Twain. In *Law and Politics Book Review* 18 (No.4, April Special Edition: Legal Fiction Reviews): 360-364. (In a special issue reviewing literature used in political science and criminal justice pedagogy).(^)

2003. Review of, *Making Law in the United States Courts of Appeals*. New York: Cambridge University Press, by David E. Klein. In *Perspectives on Politics* 1 (No. 4, December): 785-786. (^)
2002. Review of *American Law in the Twentieth Century*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, by Lawrence M. Friedman, In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 12 (No. 7, July): 343-350.
2001. Review of *Continuity and Change on the United States Courts of Appeals*. Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press, by Donald R. Songer, Reginald S. Sheehan and Susan B. Haire. In *Law and Politics Book Review* 11 (No. 1, January): 20-24.
1999. Review of *The State and Freedom of Contract*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. ed. Harry N. Scheiber, In *The Law and Politics Book Review* 9 (No. 6, June): 231-235; Published online, at <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/lpbr/subpages/reviews/scheiber2.html>. (^)
1998. Review of *Choices Justices Make*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, by Lee Epstein and Jack Knight. In *Social Science Quarterly* 79 (December): 906-909. (^)

Encyclopedia Essays. (^ Invited)

- “Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections.” 2016. In *American Governance* (5 volumes). ed. Stephen L. Schechter. Detroit: Macmillan (published online, February 3). (^)
- “Congressional Elections and Constitutional Law.” 2016. In Stephen L. Schechter, ed., *American Governance* (5 volumes). Detroit: Macmillan (published online, February 3). (^)
- “Legislative Investigations.” 2008. In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*. ed. David Tanenhaus, 172-174 New York: Macmillan Reference USA/Thomson Gale. (^)
- “Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment.” 2006. In *Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*. eds. Otis H. Stephens Jr., John M. Scheb II, and Kara E. Stooksbury. 393-395. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. (^)
- “Political Thicket.” 2005. In *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States*, 2nd ed. Kermit L. Hall, ed., 757-758. New York: Oxford University Press (Revision of original essay by J.W. Peltason). (^)

Grant Activities, Awards and Fellowships

Grant Activities

2019. Russell Sage Foundation. Detained Immigrants and Parole Decisions: Does Legal Aid Make a Difference?, with Danny Chand (PI), Daniel Hawes (co-PI), and Maria A Calderon (co-PI) (awarded \$32,200).
2018. Detained Immigrants and Parole Decisions: Does Legal Aid Make a Difference ?, with Danny Chand (PI), Daniel Hawes (co-PI), and Maria A Calderon (co-PI); Letter of Inquiry (LOI) submitted on November 30, 2018 to Russell Sage Foundation; requested total of \$32,200; Invited to submit full proposal after LOI review on February 1, 2019; submitted full proposal on March 4, 2019, accepted.
2018. Immigration Court and Nonprofit Legal Aid: A Randomized Field Experiment; with Danny Chand (PI), Daniel Hawes (co-PI), and Maria A Calderon (co-PI); submitted August 1, 2018 to National Science Foundation’s Law and Social Science Program, requested total of \$395,572; rejected.

2018. Immigration Court and Nonprofit Legal Aid: A Randomization Assignment Field Experiment; with Danny Chand (PI), Daniel Hawes (co-PI), and Harvard Law School's Access to Justice Lab; Letter of Inquiry (LOI) submitted on May 23, 2018 to Russell Sage Foundation; requested total of \$172,095; LOI rejected in July, 2018, but invited to resubmit after further experimentation/pilot study.
2012. The Comedy of U.S. Supreme Court Politics, Teaching Development Grant, to Kent State's University Teaching Council, February 1, 2012 (awarded \$650 for new course development materials).
2012. The Comedy of U.S. Supreme Court Politics, Summer Teaching Development Grant, to Kent State's University Teaching Council, February 1, 2012; requested total of \$6,500 (for new course development).
2011. The Cost of Indigence-Summit County Court of Common Pleas, to Akron Community Development July 1, 2011; requested total of \$20,587.11; unfunded.
2009. Improving Environmental Governance: Fostering Improved Capacities for Environmental Results in India," to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; submitted Fall 2009 by Project Manager John Hoornbeek from The Center for Public Administration and Public Policy at Kent State University [Banks is part of project team and contributed to the development of the proposal]; requested total of \$594,251 Estimated Total Project Cost (\$500,000 from U.S. EPA; \$94,251 contribution from KSU); unfunded.
2008. Collaborative Research: The Religiosity of Federal Court Judges, to National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division; submitted August 13, 2008, with Principal Investigator Christopher P. Banks and co-Principal Investigator John C. Blakeman; requested total of \$744,954 [\$520,829 for Banks; \$224,125 for Blakeman]; unfunded.
2004. The Public Role of Lawyers, to Law School Admission Council; submitted January 30, 2004, with John C. Green and Christopher P. Banks, Principal Investigators; requested amount, \$42,797.34; unfunded.
2000. U.S. District Courts and Religious Liberty, to National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division; submitted August 14, 2000; requested amount, \$48,907; unfunded.
1999. Web-Based Learning in Public Law Courses in Political Science, for Summer Teaching Grant proposal, sponsored by the University of Akron's Teaching Academy Program and Provost Office; submitted April 1999; no specified requested amount, up to \$100,000 in pool to fund faculty projects; unfunded.
1998. The Influence of Pre-Law Advisement on the Decision to Attend Law School, to Law School Admission Council; submitted January 29, 1998; requested amount, \$40,432; unfunded.
1998. The Use of Class-Based Web-Sites in Public Law and Political Science Courses, for Teaching Excellence Grant Proposal Competition, sponsored by the Provost at the University of Akron; submitted April 1, 1998; requested amount, \$4,899.40; unfunded.
1998. The Politics of Criminal Justice, for OhioLINK Small Grant Research Program Proposal; submitted February 26, 1998; requested amount, \$5,000; unfunded.
1997. James Madison's Idea of Law, to H.M. Phillips Grants in Jurisprudence, American Philosophical Society; submitted November 19, 1997; requested amount, \$2,460; unfunded.
1997. The Courts of Last Resort: The U.S. Courts of Appeals and Their Impact on Public Policy, for The University of Akron Faculty Research Grant; submitted fall, 1997; requested amount, up to \$8,000; unfunded.

1995. Judicial Bureaucracies in Conflict, for The University of Akron Faculty Research Grant; submitted spring, 1995; requested amount, up to \$8,000; unfunded.

1994. Doctoral Dissertation: Judicial Politics in the Mini Supreme Court: An Analysis of Agenda and Legal Policy Change in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 1960-1993, to National Science Foundation, Law and Courts Division; submitted July 7, 1994, with PI David O'Brien and Co-PI Christopher P. Banks; requested amount \$15,655; unfunded.

Awards

2023. Kent State University, Faculty Improvement Leave, spring semester 2023.

2021. Bronze Teaching Recognition Award, issued by Kent State Center for Teaching and Learning (February 8, 2021).

2021. Certificate (September 1, 2021) for participation in Anti-Bias Workshop (February 22 to June 21). Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning and the Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (Selected to attend on February 8). Workshop focused on: Equity; Bias and Microaggressions; Safe Space Ally Training; Understanding Race, Racism and Anti-racism; Inclusive Teaching.

2016. Excellence in Accessibility Award, issued by Kent State Student Accessibility Services at annual Faculty Recognition Reception in Kent Student Center (April 20, 2016).

2013. Scholar of the Month (April 2013), College of Arts & Sciences, Kent State University (first-ever recipient of award; nominated by Dean James Blank, to highlight faculty scholarship across the University; featured online at University's website for one month, at <http://www.kent.edu/news/announcements/success/scholar-of-the-month-christopherbanks.cfm>).

2013. Kent State University, Faculty Improvement Leave, fall semester 2013.

2005. Chair's Award on Research. (Akron).

2004. Honorary Induction into Alpha Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society). (Akron).

2003. The University of Akron, Faculty Improvement Leave, spring semester 2003.

2000. Religious Freedom and the Federal Courts, from Faculty Research Committee, The University of Akron (awarded \$8,000 for summer 2000 research).

2000. Certificate of Teaching Excellence from Omicron Delta Honor Society. (Akron).

1999. Internet Class Based Web Site for Law Based Classes, from the Dean's Office, The University of Akron, for Faculty Project to Promote Teaching and Student Learning (awarded \$4,226.76, for summer project, 1999).

1998. Parties, Politics, and the Law: Towards a More 'Representative' Democracy, Stoller Funds, from Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, The University of Akron (used to pay honorarium to keynote speaker [Judge Abner Mikva] at "Parties, Politics, and the Law: Toward a More Representative Democracy" conference; awarded \$5,000).

1998. Faculty Project to Promote Teaching and Student Learning, The University of Akron.

1997. The University of Akron, Faculty Assigned Time Grant, 1997 (three hours assigned time to prepare grant; awarded for fall 1997).

1996. Certificate of Teaching Excellence from Omicron Delta Honor Society. (Akron)

1992. Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, University of Virginia (elected member).

1991. Raven Society, University of Virginia (elected member).

1991-1990. Dupont Corporation and Bradley Foundation Fellowships.

Graduate Student Fellowships

1994-1995. Dupont Corporation Fellowship.

1993-1994. Ira Mitchell Davis Fellowship, University of Virginia.

1991-1993. Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, University of Virginia.

1990-1993. Research/Teaching Assistantships, University of Virginia (David O'Brien & Larry Sabato).

Conference Activities: Papers and Service (^ Invited)

Invited Panelist. 2023. Roundtable B: Trump and the Remaking of the Federal Judiciary. Mount Union Department of Social Sciences and Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron Conference: The Donald Trump Presidency: Legacy and Record (April 6-7) (^)

Paper. 2023. "The Shadow Docket and the Myth of Judicial Neutrality" (January 11-14, Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, Fla).

Discussant. 2023. On Judicial Politics Section Panel: War of Words: Judicial Opinions and Their Substance (January 11-14, Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, Fla).

Pre-Law Program Service. 2022. 32nd Annual Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Conference (Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, November 2-5).

Pre-Law Program Service. 2022. Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors Fall 2022 Conference (Marquette Hotel, Minneapolis, September 29 to October 01).

Paper. 2020. Race, Sex and Context in Administrative Courts: A New Venue for Judicial Politics Studies (January 9-11, Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR) (with William D. Schreckhise, and Daniel E. Chand).

Paper. 2020. State Supreme Courts and the Federalism Implications of Protecting Abortion Rights (January 9-11, Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR).

Paper. 2019. The Recognition of Civil Legal Aid as a Basic Human Right in U.S. States (April 4-7, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois) (with Lisa Hager).

Paper. 2018. Civil Legal Aid as a Basic Human Right Around the World. Global Human Rights Conference (October 4-6, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota)(with Lisa Hager).

- Paper. 2017. The Supreme Court and Anti-Terrorism Policies: Trump's Travel Ban and Its Constitutional Implications. American Political Science Association (August 31-September 3, San Francisco, CA.) (For panel organized by Publius: The Journal of Federalism, titled The Supreme Court and American Federalism). (^)
- Paper. 2017. New Federalism and the Culture Wars: Gods, Guns, and LGBTQ Rights. Western Political Science Association (April 12-15, Vancouver, BC)(with John C. Blakeman).
- Paper. 2016. Of White Whales, Obamacare, and the Roberts Court: The Republican Attempts to Harpoon Obama's Presidential Legacy. The Barack Obama Presidency: Legacy and Record, Sponsored by The Department of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Mount Union in coordination with the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron (March 10-11, Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio). (^)
- Paper. 2015. Civil Legal Aid as a Basic Human Right. American Political Science Association (September 3-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.)(with Lisa Hager and Elsa Barletta-Gonzalez).
- Paper. 2014. The Strategic Use of Clear Statement Rules by the U.S. Supreme Court in Federalism Cases, American Political Science Association (August 28-31, Washington, D.C.)(with Lisa Hager).
- Paper. 2014. The Supreme Court, Federalism, and Foreign Affairs, Southwestern Political Science Association (April 17-19, San Antonio, Texas)(with John C. Blakeman).
- Paper. 2014. Creating Democratic Linkages by Teaching the Comedy of U.S. Supreme Court Politics in the Classroom, Southwestern Political Science Association (April 16-19, San Antonio, Texas).
- Paper. 2013. The Influence of Terrorism Variables on U.S. District Court Decisions in Wartime, Southern Political Science Association (January 2-5, 2013, Orlando, Florida)(with Steven C. Tauber).
- Paper. 2012. The U.S. Supreme Court's Representation of the States in Process Federalism and Statutory Construction Cases, American Political Science Association (August/September 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana) (Paper submitted online; conference canceled due to Hurricane Issac).
- Discussant. 2012. for panel entitled "The Judiciary in Federal Systems," American Political Science Association, August 31, 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana (scheduled but not attended due to cancelation of conference due to Hurricane Issac).
- Paper. 2011. State Foreign Politics, Federalism, and the U.S. Supreme Court, Midwestern Political Science Association (April 2011, Chicago, Illinois; with John C. Blakeman).
- Paper. 2010. The Cost of Indigence under Legal Recovery and Public Defender Systems, American Political Science Association (September 2-5, 2010, Washington, D.C.).
- Paper. 2010. The Utility and Application of International Human Rights Frameworks in U.S. State Courts, Law & Society Association (May 28-30, 2010, Chicago, Illinois).
- Paper. 2009. Security & Freedom after September 11: Institutional Politics & Oversight of the USA PATRIOT Act, Midwestern Political Science Association (April 2-5, 2009, Chicago, Illinois).
- Paper. 2009. The Global Enforcement of the Right to Education Among Transnational Judicial Networks, Western Political Science Association (March 18-21, 2009, Vancouver, B.C.).

- Discussant. 2009. For panel entitled "Post 9-11 Presidency," Midwest Political Science Association, April 2-5, Chicago, Illinois.
- Paper. 2009. The Religiosity of Federal Judges, Western Political Science Association (March 18-21, 2009, Vancouver, B.C.; with John C. Blakeman).
- Paper. 2009. Constitutional Processes & Institutional Change: A Comparison of the U.S. and Iraqi Constitutions, ISA Annual Convention (February 15-18, 2009, New York; with Kursad Aslan).
- Paper. 2008. Judicial Policymaking and the U.S. Constitutional Commitment to (Economic) Social (and Cultural) Rights of Education in Comparative Perspective, Midwestern Political Science Association (April 3-6, Chicago, Illinois).
- Paper. 2008. PATRIOT Act Politics: George W. Bush and Presidential Leadership in the Era of Terror, Western Political Science Association (March 20-22, San Diego, California; with David B. Cohen).
- Paper. 2008. George W. Bush and the Era of Terror: The Politics of the PATRIOT Act and the Unilateral Presidency, Symposium on the Legacy of the Presidency of George W. Bush (March 1, Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio; with David B. Cohen).
- Paper. 2006. The Roberts Court and New Federalism Jurisprudence, American Political Science Association (August 31-September 3, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; with John C. Blakeman).
- Chair. 2006. For panel entitled "Issues in Criminal Law and Policy," Western Political Science Association, March 15-19, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Paper. 2005. The Politics of Fear: The Role of Federal Courts in the War on Terror, American Political Science Association (September 1- 4, Washington D.C.).
- Paper. 2004. Insanely Tilting at Windmill Terrorists, Western Political Science Association (March 11-13, Portland, Oregon).
- Discussant. 2004. For panel entitled "Constructing Judicial Legitimacy," American Political Science Association, September 2-5, Chicago, Illinois.
- Paper. 2003. The Rehnquist Court's Theory of State Sovereignty Immunity in Federalism Cases, Southwestern Political Science Association (April 16-19, San Antonio, Texas).
- Paper. 2002. The Constitutional Politics of Interpreting 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment, Symposium: John Bingham and the Meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment; sponsored by The University of Akron School of Law, Center for Constitutional Law (October 17-18, Akron, Ohio). (^)
- Paper. 2002. Constitutional Choices and Political Questions; Final Arbiter: The U.S. Supreme Court, Presidency and the Politics of Election 2000; co-sponsored by the Ray Bliss Institute of Applied Politics and the Constitutional Law Center of The University of Akron School of Law (February 8, 2002, Akron, Ohio).
- Chair. 2002. For panel entitled "Roundtable Discussion: Judicial Selection and Confirmation in the Wake of Bush v. Gore and Election 2000," for conference entitled "Final Arbiter: The U.S. Supreme Court, Presidency, and the Politics of Election 2000," February 8, Akron, Ohio.
- Discussant. 2002. For panel entitled "Concurring, Dissenting, and Opinion Writing on Federal Appellate Courts," American Political Science Association, August 29-September 1, Boston, Massachusetts.

- Discussant. 2002. For panel entitled "Teaching Law and Politics," American Political Science Association, August 29-September 1, Boston, Massachusetts. (^)
- Paper. 2001. *Bush v. Gore (2000): Law, Legitimacy, and the Political Question Doctrine*, Northeastern Political Science Association (November 8-10, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).
- Panel Participant, Judicial Appointments, 2001. For Roundtable Panel, "A Look at the Bush Administration's First Year: Where Have We Been & Where Might We Be Headed," Ohio Association of Economists & Political Scientists, 61st Annual Meeting; Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; October 19.
- Chair. 2000. For panel entitled "Strategic Behavior in America's Lower Federal Courts," American Political Science Association, August 30-September 4, Washington, D.C. 1998. Chair, for panel entitled "Evolution of Legal Concepts and Reforms," American Political Science Association, September 3-6, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Paper. 1999. The Politics of Court Reform in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, American Political Science Association (September 2-5, Atlanta, Georgia).
- Paper. 1999. Pre-law Advising on the Internet, American Political Science Association (September 2-5, Atlanta, Georgia; with Tim Collins).
- Paper. 1999. The U.S. Supreme Court and Political Corruption, Western Political Science Association (March 25-27, Seattle, Washington).
- Paper. 1998. The D.C. Circuit as a National Administrative Law Court, Southwestern Social Science Association (March 18-21, Corpus Christi, Texas).
- Paper. 1997. The Inexorable Command of Stare Decisis in the Supreme Court of the United States, American Political Science Association (August 28-31, Washington, D.C. [Poster Presentation in American Politics section]).
- Paper. 1997. Judicial Deference to Federal Agencies in the U.S. Court of Appeals: An Interaction Analysis of the Judicial Behavior of the D.C. Circuit, 1970-1995, Southwestern Political Science Association (March 26-29, New Orleans, Louisiana).
- Paper. 1996. The Politics of *En Banc* Review in the 'Mini-Supreme Court, Southwestern Political Science Association (March 20-23, Houston, Texas).
- Paper. 1996. Judicial Deference in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Midwestern Political Science Association (April 18-20, Chicago, Illinois).
- Paper. 1995. Access Policy-Making at the Circuit Court of Appeals: The Doctrine of Standing and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1970-1993, Midwestern Political Science Association (April 15-18, Chicago, Illinois [Poster Presentation in Judicial Politics and Public Law section]).

Academic Workshops, Research Interviews & Invited Guest Presentations

Academic Workshops, Webinars & Research Interviews

Webinar Organizer, Moderator and Participant. 2022. Pre-Law [Panel Webinars on Supreme Court Activism or Restraint in Today's Culture Wars](#). Department of Political Science (Fall semester).

Workshop Participant. 2021. *Faculty Anti-Bias Workshop*, Center for Teaching and Learning and the Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (part-daytime sessions, from February 22 to June 21, 2021).

Teaching Participant. 2020. *Remote Instruction: Course Delivery and Design*, Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of Continuing and Distance Education (July 27-31, 2020).

Interview Participant. 2020. ["The debate around Federalism-conversation with Professor Christopher Banks."](#) Interview Series by Lenard Sandor (American Research Institute, University of Public Service [<https://us.uni-nke.hu/>], Budapest, Hungary). Research conducted for [online legal journal](#) (published: December 29, 2020).

Featured Profile Story (pp. 24-25). 2014. Chalking Up Experience: Life Teaches a Scholar; sponsored by Research Communications, in Research and Sponsored Programs, Kent State University (In *Research for Life: Connecting the Dots, 2014*, a 33-page, 9 by 11 ¼ inch color glossy booklet describing research accomplishments of Banks and other Kent State scholars; 10,000 printed copies distributed throughout the year at symposia, events, funders, Kent State faculty and administrators, the development office, University Communications and Marketing, and corporate contacts; February 3).

Workshop/Teaching Lecturer. 2007. [IX Summer Law School in Human Rights: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in an Age of Globalization](#); sponsored (and travel expenses fully funded) by the Human Rights Centre and the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal; July 16, 17 and 18.

Media & Speaking Events

Moderator. 2022. [Equal Justice-Under Law-For All](#). Panel of Kent State Pre-Law Students, featuring Honors College alumnus Lloyd De Vos. In Celebration of Constitution Day (September 16, 2022), sponsored by Kent State University Libraries and Honor College.

Media Panel Participant. 2019. The City Club of Cleveland, Mahoning Valley Chapter. CCMV Views and Brews: Why the Supreme Court Matters; February 11, 2019 (Suzie's Dogs & Drafts, Youngstown, OH.). Panel participants included Municipal Judge Carla Baldwin and Rob Johnston, of JonesDay Cleveland and former law clerk to Justice Anthony Kennedy ([Podcast](#)).

Keynote Speaker. 2010. Hypocrisy Cloaked as Humility Revisited: The Nationalization of Gun Rights And Conservative Judicial Activism in the Marble Temple; sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Kent State University, Stark Campus (in celebration of Constitution Day); Canton, Ohio; September 17.

Keynote Speaker. 2008. Hypocrisy Cloaked as Humility: Faint-Hearted Originalism, the Second Amendment and Gun Rights in the U.S. Supreme Court; sponsored by Libraries & Media Services and the Department of Political Science, Kent State University (in celebration of Constitution Day); Kent, Ohio; September 23.

Judicial Elections' Panel Participant. 2008. Buying Justice: The Money & Ethics of Judicial Campaigning; sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Hudson, Akron, Kent & North Portage County and Hudson Library & Historical Society; Hudson, Ohio; September 30.

Media Panel Participant. 2008. From Guns to Guantanamo: A Guide to Life in the Roberts Court Era; sponsored by Akron Press Club (broadcast over public television); The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; April 14.

Guest Lectures

Guest lecture. 2021. Access to Lawyers and Equal Justice. Courts and Judicial Politics class (Professor Lisa Hager), South Dakota State University; September 13.

Guest lecture. 2021. Future Trends and Reform Issues in the Legal Profession. Courts and Judicial Politics class (Professor Lisa Hager), South Dakota State University; September 10.

Guest lecture. 2020. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 7.

Guest lecture. 2019. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 11.

Guest lecture. 2019. Prelaw Preparation and Law as a Career, Criminal Justice Club; Kent, OH. March 6.

Guest lecture. 2018. The American Legal Profession: The Myths & Realities of Practicing Law. Department of Political Science Colloquium; February 24.

Guest lecture. 2017. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 11.

Guest lecture. 2016. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 7.

Guest lecturer. 2015. King v. Burwell and the Federalism Implications of Disallowing Obamacare Subsidies. Public Health Law and Regulation, Taught by Professor John Hoornbeek, School of Public Health, Kent, Ohio; March 30.

Guest lecture. 2015. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 7.

Guest lecture. 2014. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 8.

Guest lecture. 2014. How I Got to Be a Lawyer. Prelaw Club, Kent State University; Kent, Ohio; September 9.

Guest lecture. 2013. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 8.

Guest lecture. 2012. New Federalism and Health Care Policy in the Roberts Court. Department of Political Science Brown Bag Series; February 29.

Guest lecture. 2012. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 4.

Guest lecture. 2011. Current Issues before the U.S. Supreme Court. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 5.

Guest lecture. 2010. The Constitutional Significance of Innocence. Proseminar, Criminal Justice Issues Guest Lecture, Dr. Mark Colvin) (Department of Political Science, Kent State University); Nov. 9.

Guest lecture. 2010. Judicial Architecture and Comparative Courts. 2010 Mayor's Court Clerks of Ohio Professional Development Program; sponsored by The Center for Public Administration and Public Policy; April 28.

Guest lecture. 2010. The U.S. Supreme Court Current Term and Justice Sotomayor. WPNI Guest Lecture (Department of Political Science Washington, D.C. program); Jan. 13.

Guest lecture. 2009. Transnational Networks, Courts, & the Right to Education; Department of Political Science Brown Bag Series; February 11.

Guest lecture. 2009. NSF Grant Application Process; Department of Political Science Brown Bag Series; February 4.

Guest Lecture. 2007. Faith-Based Initiatives and the U.S. Supreme Court case of Hein v. Freedom From Religion (06-157); on behalf of United Christian Ministries at Kent State University; February 13.

Guest Lecture. 2005. The Supreme Court in Transition: How the Departure of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor from the Court May Affect the Interpretation of the Constitution; Constitution Day lecture;

cosponsored by the Bliss Institute and Constitutional Center of University of Akron Law School, Akron, Ohio; September 22.

Guest Lecture. 2005. Considering a Career in Civil/Criminal Defense; The University of Akron Pre-Law Club, Student Center, The University of Akron; April 6.

Guest Lecture. 2000. Original Intent – What Our Founding Fathers Really Meant!!!; The Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution, Papa John's Restaurant, Akron, Ohio; September 16.

Guest Lecture. 1997. Junior Leadership Akron Justice Day, sponsored by The University of Akron School of Law; February 8.

Media Activities

21WFMJ WEEKEND TODAY. 2023. [“President Biden Announces Re-Election Campaign”](#) (Zoom interview); published April 30, 2023.

21WFMJ News Podcast. 2022. [“Are Politics Playing Too Big a Role in Supreme Court Cases?”](#) (Interview with Managing Editor for News Content, Justin Mitchell, 32 minutes); published July 3, 2022.

Record Courier. 2022. [“KSU professor offers analysis of implications of SCOTUS leak.”](#) Phone Interview with Derek Kreider, May 10, 2022; published May 16, 2022.

KSU/TV2 (KentWired.com). 2022. [“What's in Ohio's “Don't Say Gay” bill and why teachers are concerned about it”](#). (with reporter Wyatt Loy, April 24, 2022).

WFMJ WEEKEND TODAY. 2022. [“Historic nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court”](#), Live TV Sunday morning interview broadcast on April 10, 2022 on Ketanji Brown Jackson's Supreme Court confirmation, U.S. Senate midterm elections [Republican candidate debates], Russian/Ukraine trade sanctions.

WFMJ WEEKEND TODAY. 2022. [“Talks Ohio Redistricting Maps.”](#) Live TV Sunday morning interview broadcast on February 27, 2022 on Ohio redistricting court battles, President Biden's Ketanji Brown Jackson nomination and Ukrainian invasion, with threats of nuclear warfare.

KSU/TV2 (KentWired.com). 2022. [“Kent State Professor & Republican on Justice Stephen Breyer's Retirement”](#) (with reporter Della Fowler, livestreamed February 11, 2022).

Zenger News. 2021. Email Interview with Catrina Mehlretter on 11th Congressional District election to fill seat of Marcia Fudge on July 19, 2021.

WKYC/Ch 3 (NBC, Cleveland Station). 2021. Live (Zoom) Interview at 6 p.m. news cast with January Merton. [“Stand Your Ground' law is now in effect in Ohio,”](#) on April 6, 2021.

19 NEWS (WOIO), Channel 19 (Cleveland, Ohio). 2021. [“Senator Portman sheds light on decision to not seek election.”](#) (Live (Zoom) interview with Jim Jensen, broadcast on January 26, 2021:

News-Talk 1480 WHBC. 2021. [“What The 2nd Impeachment Of The President Means For This Country.”](#) (Live radio interview broadcast on January 15, 2021 on the Jon Bozeka show).

WKYC/Ch 3 (NBC, Cleveland Station). 2021. Live (Zoom) Interview at 11 p.m. news cast with Will Ujek. [“What exactly does impeachment mean with so little time left in President Trump's administration?”](#) on January 11, 2021.

KSU/TV2. 2020. [“Is Conflict Inevitable After a Contentious 2020 Election?”](#) (with reporter Carter Adams, published November 13, 2020).

News-Talk 1480 WHBC. 2020. [“What are the Next Legal Steps For Both Parties When It Comes to the Election.”](#) (Live radio interview broadcast on November 11, 2020, on the Jon Bozeka show)/

FOX8. 2020. [Live Zoom Interview broadcast about legal challenges to 2020 Presidential election on November 4, 2020](#) (with reporter David Nethers, aired at 4, 5, 6 and 11 p.m.).

WFMJ WEEKEND TODAY. 2020. Live TV interview broadcast on Sunday September 6th, 2020 on elections issues, including absentee ballots.

News 21/WFMJ. 2020. [“Biden Leads Trump by 4% in New ‘Your Voice Ohio’ Poll”](#) (facetime liv interview with Matt Stone on August 6, 2020, broadcast at 6 pm news). .

Flash Communications.2020. “10 Questions about the First Amendment” (posted online April 28, with Macy Kittelberger).

2020. KSU/TV2. “How to approach voter registration and Election Day.” (with reporter Madisyn Woodring, published January 29, 2020:
http://www.kentwired.com/latest_updates/article_a7a6558c-4305-11ea-a2e5-b71f9be6ed8e.html.

WKYC/Ch 3 (NBC, Cleveland Station). 2019. [Live Interview at 6 p.m. news cast with Russ Mitchell on President Trump Impeachment Hearings on November 19, 2019.](#)

News 21/WFMJ Weekend Today. 2018. [“Press Pass: President Trump’s Supreme Court Pick.”](#) (with Lindsay McCoy, live TV interview on July 8, 2018).

KSU/TV2. 2017. [“Travel Ban 3.0 Strikes Contemplation, Dissent, Defense Across Campus.”](#) (with reporter Cameron Gorman, published September 25, 2017).

WKSU/NPR. 2017. [“Probate Judges Have a Lot of Power in Ohio and May Gain More.”](#) Radio Segment with news reporter Kabir Bhatia on Probate Court Authority to Supervise Park Districts, on June 22, 2017. Aired on July 17, 2017.

Christian Monitor. 2017. [“Neil Gorsuch heads to a Supreme Court changed by his appointment.”](#) (phone interview with reporter Henry Gass on April 6).

KSU/TV2. 2017. Interview on President Trump’s nominee, Neil Gorsuch, on impact Gorsuch will have on LGBTQ and abortion rights, with Mitchell Felan, on February 28, 2017 (recorded interview).

WTUZ. 2017. “Defining the Executive Order,” for on air radio newscast on February 2, 2017, with news reporter Mary McClintock interviewing me over the phone about President Trump’s executive orders in the first week in office.

KSU/TV2. 2016. [Interview on Ohio absentee ballots in 2016 election](#), with Julia Hazel, on September 20, 2016 (on camera interview in office).

CNN. 2016. Phone interview with Ariane de Vogue (U.S. Supreme Court reporter) on Impact of D.C. Circuit in relation to Senate obstruction of Obama appointees and presidential politics, on May 24, 2016.

KSU/TV2. 2016. Interview on [“Second Amendment gun rights and upcoming RNC.”](#) with Kyleigh Jarosinski, on March 31, 2016 (on-camera interview in office).

WKSU/NPR. 2015. "All Things Considered" radio broadcast and online article, "[Summit County Judge Reverses Recusal Stemming from Bailiff's Conflict.](#)" (interview with WKSU's Kabir Bhatia, February 19, 2015).

Cleveland Plain Dealer. 2015. "[Experts say Akron mayor's letter to federal judge amounts to little more than political attack.](#)" (interview with Cleveland Plain Dealer's Eric Heisig, February 5, 2015).

KSU/TV2. 2014. Interview on "Constitutionality of Issue 21, Community Bill of Rights," with Abu Zafar, on October 6, 2014 (on-camera interview in office).

KSU/Kentwired.com. 2014. "[9/11: How our world has changed in 13 years.](#)" Interview with Emily Mills, on September 9, 2014).

KSU/Kentwired.com. 2013. "[Most professors against guns on college campuses.](#)" Interview with Kate Murphy, on February 4, 2013).

NewsNet5 (ABC). 2013. "Ohioans react to the President Barack Obama's gun control plan." Interviewed by NewsNet5 (ABC) anchor/reporter Tracy Carloss (Video Clip and Internet distribution, January 16, 2013).

Akron Beacon Journal. 2012. "[Gun control may be coming, local politicians, others say.](#)" (Interview with Stephanie Warsmith and Rick Armon, posted December 23, 2012).

KSU/Kentwired.com. 2012. "[Parts of Obama's health care plan upheld.](#)" (Interview with Drew Parker, on July 1, 2012).

NewsNet5 (ABC). 2012. [Kent State terrorism expert puts perspective on Brecksville bridge bomb plot.](#) Interviewed by NewsNet5 (ABC) reporter Paul Kiska (Video Clip and Internet distribution, May 2, 2012).

Cleveland Plain Dealer. 2012. Jimmy Dimora federal racketeering trial: A chat about the trial and its aftermath. In Cleveland Plain Dealer (Video Clip and Internet distribution, March 16, 2012).

WKYC. 2012. Jimmy Dimora on trial (Video Clip with Banks as Jury Expert, Interviewed by WKYC's (NBC) Dick Russ, on March 8, 2012, Video Clip and Internet Distribution).

KSU/Kentwired.com. 2012. "[Anti-abortion amendment comes to Ohio.](#)" Interview with Lauren Miller, on January 25, 2012).

Portage County Legal News. 2008. Reactions to Recent Supreme Court Decisions. In Portage County Legal News (July 15)(by Ashley C. Heeney) [supplying written commentary on key cases in latest Term of Roberts Court]: 8-9.

Akron Beacon Journal. 2000. "On Lawyers and Politics: A Role Easily Misunderstood." *Akron Beacon Journal* (Commentary Section, December 7): A15.

Teaching

Classes Taught

Kent State University

Study Abroad

Christopher P. Banks
Last Updated, 5/9/2023

POL 40995. Comparative Legal Systems (Florence Summer Institute).
POL 40995. Spring Break Politics of London Law and Courts (Faculty-Led).

Graduate

PADM 60371. Graduate Introduction to Public Administration
POL 6/70105. Federal and State Policymaking
POL 6/51191. Racial Inequality & Judicial Policymaking (“Slash” course for Doctoral Student)
POL 6/7103. Terrorism and Human Rights
POL 6/71094. College Teaching in Political Science
POL 6/7103. Congress, Presidency, and the Courts
JUS 66761/POL 70707. Law, Justice & Society
JUS 6/POL 70701. Proseminar: Issues in Contemporary Justice

Undergraduate

UC-DKS. First Year Experience
POL 40191/40391. Racial Inequality & Judicial Policymaking (Writing Intensive Course)
POL 40183. Constitutional Law: Government Powers
POL 40183. Law, Constitutional Law: Civil Rights & Liberties
POL 30130. Courts (title renamed to Judicial Process)
POL 30100. American Political Theory
POL 10100. American Politics (traditional and online)

The University of Akron (Slash courses, Undergraduate and Graduate)

3700: 4/562. Supreme Court and Civil Liberties
3700: 4/583. Constitutional Problems in Criminal Justice
3700: 4/561. Supreme Court and Constitutional Law
3700: 650. Sem: Law, Punishment, Politics: U.S. & the World
3700: 395/690. Terrorism and the Constitution
3700: 355. Lawyers, Lawsuits, and the Practice of Justice
3700: 360. Judicial Process
3700: 302. American Political Ideas
3700: 100. American Government

Professional Service

Kent State University

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. 2021. (three-year term: August 2021-May 2024).

Faculty Senate, Alternate. 2021. (three-year term: June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2024).

Confidential Plagiarism Inquiry. 2015 (Member). At request of Paul DiCorleto, Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs. Investigated on three person/faculty committee plagiarism accusation involving Kent State faculty member

College of Arts & Sciences

Director, Pre-Law Center (College of Arts & Sciences).

- 2023-present.

College Advisory Committee

- 2019, 2017, 2011 (Member).

Graduate Council

- 2009-2012 (Member).

GEAC Committee • 2004-2006 (Member). (University of Akron).

- Appointed by Dean of Arts & Sciences, rewriting undergraduate curriculum for University.

Faculty Research Grants Committee (University of Akron).

- 2000-2006 (Member).
 - Appointed by Faculty Senate Executive Committee, reviewing grant submissions for summer funding for University faculty.

University Committee on Major Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards (University of Akron).

- 1999-2006 (Member).
 - Appointed by Dean of Arts & Sciences to serve as advisor and mentor for students interested in applying for Truman Foundation Scholarships.

Department of Political Science

Graduate Coordinator (M.A. and Ph.D.), Kent State. 2009 to 2012.

Pre-Law Advisor, principal drafts person of revision of course requirements for the Pre-Law [PLAW] minor (Effective Fall 2023). 2022.

Pre-Law Advisor. 2012-13, 2014-15, 2020-present.

Faculty Advisor, Mock Trial Team. 2021-present.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Delta (Kent State chapter, legal fraternity). 2021-present.

Faculty Advisor. Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor (Political Science Honor Society). 2018-19.

Pre-Law Advisor. (effective summer 2020, to present).

2015. As Pre-Law Advisor, principal drafts person of revision of course requirements for the Pre-Law [PLAW] minor (Effective Fall 2015).

Pre-Law Advisor (University of Akron) 1995-2006.

Department Committees

Graduate Studies Committee

- 2022-23 (Member); 2020-1 (Member); 2016-17 (Member); 2015-16 (Member), 2009-2012 (Chair); 2008-9 (Member); 2006-7 (Member).

Faculty Advisory Committee

- 2017-18 (Member), 2014-15 (Member), 2011-12 (Member); 2010-11 (Member); 2008-9 (Member); 2007-8 (Member).

Faculty Evaluation Committee

- 2019-20 (Member); 2010-11 (Member); 2008-9 (Member); 2007-8 (Member)
- FEC Reform Committee (2014-15)(Member).

Ad Hoc RTP Committee

- 2022-2023 (Member); 2020-21 (Member), 2019-20 (Member); 2018-19 (Member); 2017-18 (Member); 2016-17 (Member); 2014-15 (Member); 2012-13 (Member); 2011-12 (Member).

Undergraduate Studies Committee

- 2012-13 (Member); 2007-8 (Member).

Search Committees

- 2021 (Fall). MPA Search, Chair.
- 2021 (Fall). Columbus Program Director Search Committee, Member.
- 2021 (Summer). Moving Gabriella Paar-Jakli NTT position to TT.
- 2018-19. American Politics, Member (search eliminated by Dean in January 2019).
- 2008. American National Government Committee, Member (Jason MacDonald; search suspended).
- 2007. American Politics Search Committee, Chair (Caroline Tolbert)
- 2007. American Politics Search Committee, Member (Erin O'Brien).
- 1999. American Politics Search Committee, Chair (University of Akron).
- 1997. Criminal Justice Search Committee, Chair (University of Akron).
- 1995. Recruitment Committee, Member (University of Akron).

Handbook Five Year Review Reform Committee (Chair). 2017-18.

George Pruett Award Committee

- 2001-2005 (Chair) (University of Akron).
§ Selected fellowships for outstanding senior in political science aspiring to law school.

Future Missions Committee (University of Akron).

- 2001-2005 (Member, then Chair in 2005).
 - Primarily responsible for writing, preparing, and submitting Curriculum Proposal AS # 03-145, which added Law, Courts and Politics Track to B.A. political science degree in 2005.

Library Liaison/Committee (University of Akron).

- 2001-2002 (Liaison); 1995-1998 (Member).

Software (Standing) Committee (University of Akron).

- 2000-2001 (Member); 1995-1996 (Member).

Graduate (Standing) Committee (University of Akron).

- 1999-2001 (Member).

Curriculum (Standing) Committee (University of Akron).

- 1998-2001 (Member).

Criminal Justice Assessment (Special) Committee

- 1998-1999 (Member). (University of Akron).

American Politics Assessment (Special) Committee

- 1998-1999 (Member). (University of Akron).

Minor in Criminal Justice (Special) Committee

- 1998-1999 (Member). (University of Akron).

Comprehensive Exam (Special) Committee (University of Akron).

- 1997-1998 (Member).

Improvement of Criminal Justice Curriculum (Special) Committee (University of Akron).

- 1996-1997 (Chair).
 - Primarily responsible for writing, preparing, and submitting Curriculum Proposal AS #98-13, which made fundamental changes to curriculum for BS in criminal justice/political science.

Service to the Profession

Referee

- 1996-present (all present and past reviewer assignments listed). American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Publius; Journal of Federalism; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Law & Social Inquiry; Judicature; International Political Science Review; Political Research Quarterly, PS: Political Science and Politics; American Politics Research; Polity; Southeastern Political Science Review; Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions; Michigan State University Press; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; W.W. Norton Publishing Co.; Jones & Bartlett Learning (An Ascend Learning Company); Prentice Hall/Longman; McGraw Hill; Addison, Wesley and Longman; Worth Publishers; Wadsworth; Bridgepoint Corporation; Michigan State University Press; Oxford University Press.

Member

- 1996-present (all present and past memberships listed). American Political Science Association; Law and Courts Section, APSA; Federalism Section, APSA; Midwest Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; Southwestern Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; Law and Society Association; Northeastern Political Science Association; Judicature; Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors.

External Reviewer

- 2019 (February 1, 2019). Saint Norbert's College (for full professor promotion).
- 2011 (March 18-19). Frostburg State University (for Law & Society Program).