

WENDY L. WATSON

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.
August 2004

The Ohio State University
Dissertation: *The U.S. Supreme Court's Selection of Petitions In Forma Pauperis*

Fields: American Politics, Judicial Politics, Political Psychology, Research Methods

J.D. / M.P.P.
June 1994

The College of William and Mary
Fields: Human Resource Policy, Law and Public Policy, Constitutional and Administrative Law

B.A.
June 1990

The University of Michigan
Fields: English and Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer and Prelaw Advisor
2012- present

University of North Texas
Department of Political Science

Lecturer
2010-12

University of North Texas
Core Academy

Assistant Professor
2007-2010

Southern Methodist University
Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor
2005-2007

University of North Texas
Department of Political Science

Academic Advisor/Lecturer
2004-2005

The Ohio State University
Department of Political Science

Law Clerk
1999-2003

The Honorable Donovan W. Frank
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Law Clerk
1994-1996

The Honorable Donovan W. Frank, Gary
Pagliaccetti, Robert Berger, and David Ackerson
Sixth Judicial District, State of Minnesota
Virginia, Minnesota

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“Federal Court Certification of State-Law Questions: Active Judicial Federalism” (with McKinzie Craig and Daniel Orion Davis), *The Justice System Journal* 28:98 (2007).

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s *In Forma Pauperis* Docket: A Descriptive Analysis,” *The Justice System Journal* 27:47 (2006)

Federal Abortion Politics: A Documentary History (ed. with Neal Devins). 1995. Garland Publishing.

PEDAGOGICAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Using Calibrated Peer Review to Facilitate Writing in Large Political Science Classes” (with John Ishiyama) (under review, *Journal of Political Science Education*)

270 Vote Pick-Up: An Electoral College Game (online simulation created in collaboration with UNT’s Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment, and Redesign).

Handbook of Teaching Excellence (edited). Denton: University of North Texas, 2011.

Online Portal for Social Science Education in Methodology (OPOSSEM) (wiki contributor: logic of scientific inquiry, experimental design, and law and social science), 2011.

We the People: An Introduction to American Politics, Instructor's Manual, 8th Ed. (with Krista Jenkins). New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2010.

We the People: An Introduction to American Politics, Instructor's Manual, 7th Ed. (with Erin Ackerman and Elizabeth Oldmixon). New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2009.

Watson, Wendy. 2007 "Political Participation." In *Processes and Policies in American and Texas Politics: A Workbook for Political Science 1050, 7th Edition*, ed. Gloria Cox. Denton, TX: University of North Texas Press

“Judiciary,” “Supreme Court, U.S.,” “Jury Selection,” “Jurisprudence,” “Sexual Harassment,” and “Constitution, U.S.,” in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, William A. Darity, Jr., et al., Eds. (Gale Thomson: 2007)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Learning Community Grant, Title III Office (UNT), “The Environment of the American Dream: An Integration of PSCI 1040 and ENGL 2328” (with Shari Childers), \$8000 (2012)
- Learning Community Grant, Title III Office (UNT), “Panic, Power, and Persuasion: An Integration of PSCI 1050 and PSYC 1630” (with Adriel Boals), \$8000 (2012)
- Learning Enhancement Grant (UNT), “Course Redesign, Undergraduate Research Methods,” \$5000 (2012)
- Learning Enhancement Grant (UNT), “Using Calibrated Peer Review to Facilitate Writing in Large Political Science Courses” (with John Ishiyama), \$5000 (2011)
- Tower Center Faculty Fellowship (SMU), \$2500 (2009)

- Research Initiation Grant, University of North Texas, \$5000 (2006)
- Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Texas, \$5000 (2006)
- Grant, National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science, “Doctoral Dissertation Research on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Selection of Petitions *In Forma Pauperis*,” with Lawrence Baum (2003-2004)
- American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women Educational Foundation (2003-2004)
- Professional Enrichment and Graduate Study Grant, The Ohio State University (1994)
- Distinguished University Fellowship (multi-year), The Ohio State University (1996-1997)
- Thomas Jefferson Graduate Assistantship, The College of William and Mary (1991-1992)
- Law School Research Assistantship, The College of William and Mary (1990-1994)

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Judicial Politics: Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Liberties, Judicial Process, Legal Research and Writing, Law and Social Policy, Crime and Punishment in America
- American Politics: Introduction to American Politics, Voting Behavior
- Methodology: Research Methods, Statistics,

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of North Texas, 2010-present
American Government: Process and Policies, American Government: Structure and Institutions, First Year Seminar (UCRS 1000), Rights of Criminal Defendants (PSCI 3100)
- Southern Methodist University, Assistant Professor, 2007-2010
Introduction to American Politics, Judicial Process, Criminal Procedure, Law and Social Science, Constitutional Law
- University of North Texas, Assistant Professor, 2005 - 2006
American Government: Process and Policies, American Government: Structure and Institutions, Constitutional Law: Institutional Power and Discrimination
- Denison University, Lecturer, 2005
American Political Behavior and Institutions
- Ohio State University, Lecturer, 2004-2005
Politics of Legal Decision Making, Judicial Politics, Honors Introduction to American Politics
- Ohio State University, Instructor, 2003
Introduction to American Politics
- Macalester College, Instructor, 2000-2001
U.S. Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Foundations in U.S. Politics
- Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Facilitator, 1998
- Ohio State University, Teaching Assistant, 1997-1998
Introduction to American Politics, Constitutional Law, Judicial Politics
- Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Teaching Assistant, 1997, Regression Analysis

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

“Using Calibrated Peer Review to Facilitate Writing in Large Political Science Classes” (with John Ishiyama). 2012. Paper presented at the 2012 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, D.C.

"Religion as Evidence: Kennewick Man and the Use of Religious Narratives in Court Proceedings." 2009. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

"Teaching Research Methods to Pre-Law Students." 2009. Paper presented at the 2009 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

"Religion as Evidence: Kennewick Man and the Use of Religious Narratives in Court Proceedings." 2008. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

“Considering the Source: Litigant Status and the Supreme Court’s Certiorari Decisions.” 2007. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“Trends in Certification of State Law Questions: Active Judicial Federalism” (with McKinzie Craig and Daniel Orion Davis). 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“The Supreme Court’s Selection of Criminal Cases: A Comparison of the Paid and Unpaid Dockets.” 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas.

“Trends in Certification of State Law Questions: Active Judicial Federalism” (with McKinzie Craig and Daniel Orion Davis). 2006. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas.

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s Selection of Petitions *In Forma Pauperis*.” 2004. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s *In Forma Pauperis* Petitions: A Descriptive Analysis.” 2004. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“The U.S. Supreme Court’s *In Forma Pauperis* Petitions: A Descriptive Analysis.” 2004. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon.

“Exit, Voice, and Loyalty Revisited: The Spatial Determinants of Third-Party Voting.” 1999. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“Bargaining Power in the Nomination/Confirmation Process: A Formal Model and Empirical Test” (with Sara Schiavoni). 1999. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

“Where Have All the Voters Gone?: Alienation, Indifference, Uncertainty, and Abstention.” 1998. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

“A Dynamic Model of the Treatment of Indigent Petitioners to the U.S. Supreme Court: 1935-1985.” 1998. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Aspen, Colorado.

“The Effects of Divided Government on the Cognitive Strategies of Supreme Court Nominees.” 1998. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

“Towards a Value Pluralism Model of Judicial Decision-Making: The Case of Hate Speech Policy” (with Krista Karickhoff). 1997. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “270 Vote Pick-Up: An Electoral College Simulation” (APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2012)

Presenter, “Strategies for Teaching Large Courses” (Teaching Excellence Workshop, August 2011 and January 2012)

Panelist, How Does Working in Politics Affect Teaching (SPSA, January 2011)

Discussant, “The ‘Haves’ and ‘Have Nots’ in Our Legal System” (Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009)

Discussant, “Experience, Expectations and Fairness in the Legal System” (Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009)

Chair, “Roundtable: Behind the Bench: Interviewing Law Clerks” (Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009)

Panelist, “The Warren Court: Leveling the Field and Protecting Rights: Criminal Procedure” (Austin College Law Symposium, March 27, 2009, Sherman, TX)

Presenter, "2008 Presidential Election" (Denton Independent School District Government and Social Studies Teachers' In-Service, October 13, 2008, Corinth, TX)

Moderator, "Is Federalism a Guiding or Bygone Concept?" (Austin College Law Symposium, April 7, 2008, Sherman, TX)

Chair and Discussant, "Politics and Policy in State Courts" (Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, March 2008)

Presenter, "Using Calibrated Peer Review to Facilitate Political Science Writing Assignments" (APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2007)

Participant, Simulations in Political Science Classrooms (APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2007)

Panel Chair, Constitutional Interpretation and the Bill of Rights (Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006).

Participant, Round Table: The Supreme Court in Transition (Southwest Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 2006).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Lay legal support systems for indigent litigants
- Judicial federalism and the certification of questions to state supreme courts
- Separation of powers and federalism issues in the context of criminal law and sentencing policy
- Equal access to justice for the poor, racial and ethnic minorities, and the disabled
- Formal modeling of judicial processes, including jury behavior, appellate processes, plea bargaining, and settlement of civil cases
- Complex cognitive and psychological processing by judicial actors

SPECIAL TRAINING

- APSA Short Course on Pre-Law Advising (Participant, Summer 2004)
- ICPSR (Participant, Summer 1997)
- Summer Institute in Political Psychology (Participant, Summer 1996)

REFEREE

Journal of Politics

Political Research Quarterly

Politics and Religion

National Science Foundation (Law and Social Sciences Program)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southwest Social Science Association
- Pennsylvania State Bar (Member since 1994)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Grandparents University, UNT CALL (Summer 2012)
- Emeritus College, UNT CALL (Spring 2011 and Spring 2012)

- Judge, American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament (2006)
- Scoring Judge, Minnesota Mock Trial Program (2001-2003)
- Scoring Judge, Ohio Mock Trial Program (1997)
- Everybody Wins Reading Program (1999-2003)
- Edison High School Reader/Writer Program (2001-2003)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- University Student Conduct Board (2012 – Present)
- Textbook/Workbook Subcommittee(Political Science, UNT) (2012 – Present)
- Coordinated graduate-student facilitated workshop hours to assist undergraduates in registering for MyPoliSciLab and online workbook (January 2012)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (Political Science, UNT) (2011 – Present)
- Workbook Committee (Political Science, UNT) (2010 – Present)
- Convocation Committee (Undergraduate Studies, UNT) (Chair, 2011; Member 2010)
- Co-Organized Undergraduate Studies' homecoming tailgating event (Fall, 2011)
- Summer Orientation Guidebook Advising (Undergraduate Studies, UNT) (2010, 2011)