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Appointments

- 2016- Assistant Professor, Colorado State University
2014-2016 Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University

Education

- 2014 PH.D., Political Science, The Ohio State University
Fields: American Politics (Major), Formal Theory (Minor)
—Winner of the 2015 Edward S. Corwin Award for best dissertation in public law,
American Political Science Association
—Winner of the 2014 Henry R. Spencer Award for best dissertation in The Ohio
State University's Department of Political Science
Dissertation Committee: Lawrence Baum, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Gregory Caldeira
(Chair), William Minozzi, and Michael Neblo
- 2011 M.A., Political Science, The Ohio State University
- 2007 B.A., Sociology, Colorado State University (cum laude)

Refereed Articles

- Davis, Nicholas T. and Matthew P. Hitt. 2017. "[Winning, Losing, and the Dynamics of External Political Efficacy.](#)" *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 29(4): 676-689.
- Hitt, Matthew P., Craig Volden, and Alan E. Wiseman. 2017. "[Spatial Models of Legislative Effectiveness.](#)" *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 575-590.
- Mérola, Vittorio and Matthew P. Hitt. 2016. "[Numeracy and the Persuasive Effect of Policy Information and Party Cues.](#)" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(2): 554-562.

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Charles P. Campisano, Matthew P. Hitt, and Kevin M. Scott. 2016. "Advising, Consenting, Delaying, and Expediting: Senator Influences on Presidential Appointments." *Studies in American Political Development* 30(1): 19-37.

Hitt, Matthew P. 2016. "Measuring Precedent in a Judicial Hierarchy." *Law & Society Review* 50(1): 57-81.

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Dino P. Christenson, and Matthew P. Hitt. 2013. "Quality Over Quantity: Amici Influence and Judicial Decision Making." *American Political Science Review* 107(3): 446-460.

Hitt, Matthew P. 2013. "Presidential Success in Supreme Court Appointments: Informational Effects and Institutional Constraints." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 43(4): 792-813.

Book

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., John R. Freeman, Matthew P. Hitt, and Jon C. Pevehouse. 2014. *Time Series Analysis for the Social Sciences*. Cambridge University Press.

Work In Progress

"Media Coverage and Public Approval of the U.S. Supreme Court." With Kathleen Searles. Under conditional acceptance.

"The Persuasive Effects of Writing Style on Judicial Behavior." With Jeff Budziak and Daniel Lempert. Invited to revise and resubmit.

"How Politics Influences the Energy Pricing Decisions of Elected Public Utilities Commissioners." With Srinivas Parinandi. Invited to revise and resubmit.

Book Project: "The Paradox of the Marble Palace: Indecision and Inconsistency in the United States Supreme Court." Under review.

"Determinants of Writing Style on the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals." With Jeff Budziak and Daniel Lempert. Under review.

"Newspaper Closures and Polarized Voting." With Joshua P. Darr and Johanna L. Dunaway. Under review.

"Justice Speaks, But Who's Listening? Mass Public Awareness of U.S. Supreme Court Cases." With Kyle L. Saunders and Kevin M. Scott. Under review.

"It Takes Two: Heterogeneous Motivations & Reputations in International Relations." With Eun Bin Chung, William Minozzi, and Andrew Rosenberg. Under review.

“Do Perceptions of Police Misconduct Influence Support for The Supreme Court?” With Nicholas T. Davis and Michael A. Zilis. Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Residential Segregation and the Allocation of Public Goods in Louisiana Before and After Hurricane Katrina.” With Seth Crew and Wayne Parent. Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Don’t Hate the Court, Hate the Game: How the Media Cover Supreme Court Decisions.” With Kathleen Searles. Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

“Data for Some, Values for Others: Individual Differences in Political Persuasion.” With Vittorio Mérola. Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Other Writings

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Charles P. Campisano, Matthew P. Hitt, and Kevin M. Scott. 2017. “[Blue Slip Senate Archive.](#)” *The Legislative Scholar* 2(2): 44-45.

Davis, Nicholas T. and Matthew P. Hitt. “[No, disgruntled primary losers won’t vote for the other party in November. Here’s why.](#)” *The Washington Post: The Monkey Cage Blog* (June 23, 2016).

Hitt, Matthew P. “[What kind of candidate should Barack Obama nominate?](#)” *Mischiefs of Faction* (February 18, 2016).

Hitt, Matthew P. “[How constrained is President Obama regarding Supreme Court justice nominees?](#)” *Mischiefs of Faction* (February 17, 2016).

Hitt, Matthew P. “[Time Series Analysis for the Social Sciences.](#)” *European Political Science Association: The Plot Blog* (August 20, 2015).

Teaching and Research Interests

Institutions: legislative, judiciary, interest groups, presidency, and constitutional law.

Methods: time series, causal inference, text analysis, experimental methods, network analysis, event history, formal theory, maximum likelihood analysis, and research design.

Grants, Honors, and Awards

- 2018 Colorado State University College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Fund for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity. \$5,000.
- 2015 State of Louisiana Board of Regents ATLAS Grant. \$48,070.
- 2015 Louisiana State University Council on Research Faculty Research Grant. Joint with Vittorio Mérola. \$10,000.
- 2015 Louisiana State University Council on Research Summer Stipend Grant. \$5,000.
- 2013 National Science Foundation doctoral dissertation improvement grant. “Logical Incoherence in the U.S. Supreme Court.” SES-1259252. Supervised by dissertation director Gregory Caldeira. \$16,827.
- 2013 The Ohio State University Presidential Fellowship
University-wide competition
- 2013 Ohio State Behavioral Decision Making Initiative grant. Joint with Vittorio Mérola. \$2,000.
- 2011 Ohio State Program in Statistics and Methodology (PRISM) Junior Fellowship. Methods consultant for graduate students and faculty.

Conference Participation

- 2015, 2017 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2013, 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2013 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting
- 2013, 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2012, 2013 Political Networks Conference

Professional Presentations & Invited Talks

- 2016 University of Colorado, Boulder: “American Politics Research Lab”
- 2015 Hebrew University of Jerusalem: “Global Junior Empirical Legal Scholars Workshop”; New York University: “New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data”; Colorado State University
- 2014 State University of New York, Buffalo; Louisiana State University
- 2013 Penn State University: “New Faces in Political Methodology VI”; George Washington University: “Normative Implications of Empirical Research on Law and Courts”

Teaching

American Political Institutions, Graduate

Quantitative Methods in Political Research, Graduate
Time Series Analysis, Graduate
Judicial Politics, Undergraduate
Introduction to American Politics, Undergraduate (online and in person)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Current Seth Crew (CSU), co-advisor
2014-2017 Nicholas T. Davis (LSU), member

Service

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Law & Courts*, *Law & Society Review*, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, *Social Networks*, and *The Social Science Journal*

2018 Section Chair, Law and Jurisprudence, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association
2017-2018 Editorial Board Member, *Law and Courts Newsletter*
2017 Best Journal Article Award Selection Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association
2016 Best Graduate Student Paper Award Selection Committee, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association
2015 Emory University Conference on Institutions and Law Making panel discussant (invited)
2015 SPSA Annual Meeting panel discussant
2014 Louisiana State University Pre-Law Advising Committee
2013 Editorial Assistant, *Political Analysis*
2013 MPSA Annual Meeting panel discussant
2011-2012 OSU research in American Politics working group co-coordinator

Additional Training

2012 Institute in Political Methodology, Texas A&M University

2011 EITM, Washington University in Saint Louis

Technical Skills

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, z-Tree, UCINET, Qualtrics

References

Available by request

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