

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science. Southern Illinois University. 2008 – present.  
Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science. Southern Illinois University. 2000 – 2008.

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. 2000.  
Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology  
Dissertation: *Amici Curiae, Information, and State Supreme Court Decision-Making*  
M.A. Political Science, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. 1995.  
B.A. Political Science and History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. 1990.

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Judicial Politics, State Supreme Courts, Judicial Federalism, Judicial Behavior, Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, American Politics, Interest Groups, State Politics, Research Methods.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### *BOOKS*

Comparato, Scott A., and Scott D. McClurg. *Rebellious or Misunderstood?: Explaining the Relationship between the Supreme Court and State Supreme Courts*. University of Michigan Press. Forthcoming 2010.

Comparato, Scott A. 2003. *Amici Curiae and Strategic Behavior in State Supreme Courts*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

#### *ARTICLES*

Comparato, Scott A., and Scott D. McClurg. 2007. "A Neo-Institutional Explanation of State Supreme Court Responses in Search and Seizure Cases." *American Politics Research*. 35 (5): 726-754.

Comparato, Scott A. 1999. "Evaluating Interest Group Strategies: Argumentation in State Supreme Courts." *American Review of Politics*. 20 (Summer): 181-200.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Aks, Judith. 2004. *Women's Rights in Native North America: Legal Mobilization in the US and Canada*. *Law and Politics Book Review*. 14 (8): 627-629.

Bosworth, Matthew. 2004. *Courts as Catalysts: State Supreme Courts and Public School Finance Equity*. *Publius*. 34 (1): 73-74.

Best, Bradley. 2003. *Law Clerks, Support Personnel, and the Decline of Consensual Norms on the United States Supreme Court, 1935-1995*. *Law and Politics Book Review*. 13 (5).

Langer, Laura. 2002. *Judicial Review in State Supreme Courts: A Comparative Study*. (Laura Langer). *Law and Politics Book Review*. 12 (8): 408-410.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"American Indian Religious Freedom Act," "Justice Scalia," "Lee v. Weisman," and "Wallace v. Jaffree." *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics*. Eds. Paul Djupe and Linda Olson. Facts on File. 2002.

"Amicus Curiae," "Habeas Corpus," and "Privileges or Immunities Clause." *Encyclopedia of American Law*. Ed. David Schultz. Facts on File. 2002.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

"Lower Court Defiance of (Compliance with) the U.S. Supreme Court." (with Charles M. Cameron, Lee Epstein, Jeffrey A. Segal, and Chad Westerland).

"An Event History Analysis of Judicial Exit from the Federal Courts." (with Philip Habel).

"*Amici Curiae* and the Importance of Information in State Supreme Courts."

"State Supreme Courts as Networks: Understanding the Horizontal Transmission of Precedent."

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Undergraduate Research Assistantship. (2003; 2004; 2005; 2007; 2008; 2009). Faculty award of undergraduate research assistant. Southern Illinois University. (\$4,800).

Summer Institute on the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Department of Political Science and the Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy. Washington University. (\$1,000).

Faculty Seed Grant. 2003. Office of Research Development and Administration, Southern Illinois University. (\$15,552).

Undergraduate Summer Teaching Fellowship. 2003. Southern Illinois University. (\$10,255).

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship. 1998-1999. Washington University.

Lee and Ann Lieberman Fellowship. 1997-1998. Washington University.

Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship. 1993-1994. Washington University.

Richard B. and Virginia Stoner Scholarship. 1988-1990. Indiana University.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Artinian Travel Grant Award. 2007. Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. (\$250).

American Judicature Society Award. 2003. (For the best paper on law and courts presented at a political science conference). Presented by the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science

Association, for “State Supreme Court Compliance with the Supreme Court’s Search and Seizure Decisions.” (with Scott McClurg).  
Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Teaching Excellence. 2003.  
Dean’s Appreciation Award. 2000. College of Liberal Arts, Southern Illinois University. (\$500).

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“The ‘Dumbing Down’ of the Federal Judiciary: Is Selection Bias Influencing Judicial Independence?” Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2010. (with Philip Habel).

“Greener Pastures: Are Federal Judges Leaving the Bench to Pursue More Lucrative Careers in Private Practice?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, ON. 2009. (with Philip Habel).

“State Supreme Court Compliance with Tort Law Precedent.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2009. (with Scott McClurg and Paul McGreal).

“Evaluating the Influence of Amicus Curiae Briefs in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2008.

“Understanding the Application of Precedent Using Geographic Information System Analysis.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. 2007. (with Josh Mitchell).

“Geography and the Spatial Diffusion of *Miranda v. Arizona* in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2006. (with Josh Mitchell).

“Lower Court Defiance of (Compliance with) the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2006. (with Jeffrey Segal, Lee Epstein, Charles Cameron, and Chad Westerland).

“The Influence of *Amicus Curiae* Participation in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. 2005.

“Explaining State Supreme Court Compliance with The United States Supreme Court: Causal Heterogeneity Among Legal and Political Factors.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2004. (with Scott McClurg).

“Understanding *Stare Decisis*: Developing Measures of Judicial Compliance.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL. 2004. (with Scott McClurg).

“Behavior in Judicial Selection: State Supreme Courts and *Stare Decisis*.” Paper presented at the annual Policy History Conference. Saint Louis, MO. 2004.

“To Cite or Not to Cite?: The Use of Supreme Court Precedent by State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2004. (with Scott McClurg).

“Rebellious or Just Misunderstood?: Assessing Measures of Lower Court Compliance with Supreme Court Precedent.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. 2003. (with Scott McClurg).

“Ambiguity in the Transmission of Precedent: A Team Theoretic Approach to the Relationship between the Supreme Court and State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2003. (with Scott McClurg).

“Search and Seizure in the States: State Supreme Court Compliance with the Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Savannah, GA. 2002. (with Scott McClurg). [Winner of the American Judicature Society Award for the best paper on law and courts presented at a political science conference.]

“*Amici Curiae* and the Importance of Information in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. 2002.

“State Supreme Court Compliance with the United States Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2002. (with Scott McClurg).

“On the Reputation of State Supreme Courts Revisited.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2002.

“Dynamic Ideal Point Estimation via Markov Chain Monte Carlo for State Supreme Courts, 1995-1996.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2002. (with Andrew Martin, and Kevin Quinn).

“A Neo-Institutional Approach to Understanding the Role of *Amici Curiae* in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. 2001.

“Argumentation in State Supreme Courts: A Comparison of Litigant and *Amicus* Briefs.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2001.

“What to Say and Where to Say It?: Evaluating the Importance of State Institutional Structure on the Content of *Amicus* Briefs.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 2000.

“*Amici Curiae* and the Role of Information in State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics. East Lansing, MI. 1998.

“Whose Friend?: Institutions and the Role of *Amici Curiae* in Seven State Supreme Courts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. 1998.

“The Continuing Struggle for Judicial Supremacy: Franklin Roosevelt and the Court Packing Plan.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 1996.

“The Role of Interest Groups in State Courts: A Case Study of the Missouri Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. 1995.

#### **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Judicial Power and the Role of Courts in American Society.” Institute for Undergraduate Student Leaders. July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

“Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis.” Institute for Undergraduate Student Leaders. July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

“The Evolution of the Rule of Law.” Institute for Undergraduate Student Leaders. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

“Civil Liberties and the Rule of Law.” American Studies Institute. Southern Illinois University. July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

“Public Forum on the State of Judicial Behavior Research: U.S. State Supreme Courts.” Arleen Carlson Symposium on Judicial Decision Making. University of Minnesota. February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003.

“Modeling Supreme Court-State Supreme Court Interactions in Search and Seizure Cases.” Arleen Carlson Symposium on Judicial Decision Making. University of Minnesota. February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003.

“Civil Liberties and Judicial Review.” Fulbright Summer Institute. Southern Illinois University. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.

“Judicial Decision-Making and the Selective Incorporation of the Bill of Rights.” Fulbright Summer Institute. Southern Illinois University. July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

Discussion Leader. Youth Government Day. Southern Illinois University. 2001; 2002.

## **OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### Panel Chair

American Political Science Association. 2004.

Law and Society Association. 2004.

Midwest Political Science Association 2007.

### Panel Discussant

American Political Science Association. 2005; 2006.

Midwest Political Science Association. 2003; 2004; 2007.

Southern Political Science Association. 2007.

### Roundtable Participant

“The Yellow Brick Road in 21<sup>st</sup> Century American Law and Public Policy: State Courts, Judicial Independence, and Adherence to Stare Decisis.” Policy History Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2004.

“Interest Groups in the Courts.” Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. 2002.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Undergraduate

- Civil Rights and Liberties
- Constitutional Law
- Defendants’ Rights
- Introduction to the Legal Process
- Criminal Justice and Court Management
- Judicial Process and Behavior

- American Politics
- Interest Group Politics

### Graduate

- The Supreme Court
- Judicial Process and Policy-Making

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies. 2007-2008; 2010 – Executive Committee. 2001-2002; 2004-2006; 2009 – Undergraduate Studies Committee. 2005-2006. 2009.

Technology Committee. 2001-2002.

Graduate Studies Committee. 2000-2001.

### College

Faculty Seed Grant Review Committee. 2006; 2007.  
College of Liberal Arts Budget and Planning Committee. 2005-2006.

### University

Chancellor's Advisory Review Board. (2008-2010).  
Search Committee for Director of University Assessment. 2009.  
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Undergraduate Chapter. Faculty Advisor. 2005-present.  
Pre-Law Association. Faculty Advisor. 2000-Present.

### Discipline

McGraw-Hill Award Committee. 2004-2005. Award recognizes the best journal article on law and courts written by a political scientist and published during the previous calendar year.

### Referee

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	National Science Foundation (Law and Social Science)
<i>American Politics Research</i>	
<i>Journal of Politics</i>	Cengage Publishing
<i>Law and Society Review</i>	CQ Press
<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>	Roxbury Publishing
<i>Policy Studies Journal</i>	Longman Publishers
<i>Publius</i>	SUNY Press
<i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i>	West Publishing

### Community

Vice-President. Parrish School PTO. 2007-2009.

Participant. Illinois Board of Higher Education Curriculum Review. 2004.

Co-organizer. Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee for the Fifth Supreme Court District of Illinois. 2004.

Invited Participant. "Workshop on Establishing and Operating Effective Judicial Campaign Conduct Committees." Sponsored by the National Center for the Study of State Courts. Dallas, TX. 2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association (Law and Courts organized section)	Western Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association	Law and Society Association
Southern Political Science Association	American Judicature Society