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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, Fall 2014-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2013-2014

Law Clerk, The Honorable David W. McKeague, USCOA, Sixth Circuit, 2005-2006

Law Clerk, The Honorable Robert C. Broomfield, USDC, District of Arizona, 2003-2005

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis (May 2013)

- Dissertation: The Role of U.S. Courts of Appeals in Legal Development: An Empirical Analysis (co-chairs: James F. Spriggs, II and Andrew D. Martin)
- Major Field: American Politics (high pass)
- Minor Field: Quantitative Political Methodology

M.A., Political Science, University of Toledo (December 2007)

- Thesis: “Does Advocacy Matter? Examining the Impact of Attorney Expertise in Federal Courts” (chair: Samuel P. Nelson)

J.D., with high distinction, Ohio Northern University College of Law (May 2003)

B.A., summa cum laude, History, Huntington University (January 2000)

GRANTS

Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Annual Research Grant, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2015-2016 (\$3,045).

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1155066. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Role of the U.S. Courts of Appeals in Legal Development: An Empirical Analysis.” 2012-2013 (\$12,308).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journals

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2017 “Panel Effects and Opinion Crafting in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” *Journal of Law and Courts*, forthcoming.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson. 2016. “The Transmission of Legal Precedent Among State Supreme Courts in the 21st Century.” 16(4) *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 391-410.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Jee Seon Jeon. 2016. “Sound the Alarm? Judicial Decisions Regarding Publication and Dissent.” 44 *American Politics Research* 649-681.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2016 “Strategic Anticipation of En Banc Review in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 50 *Law & Society Review* 383-414.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2015. “Into the Words: Using Statutory Text to Explore the Impact of Federal Courts on State Policy Diffusion.” 59 *American Journal of Political Science* 1002-1021.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2015. “Legal Constraint in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 77 *Journal of Politics* 721-735. (Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2016)

Hinkle, Rachael K., Andrew D. Martin, Jonathan David Shaub, and Emerson H. Tiller. 2012. “A Positive Theory and Empirical Analysis of Strategic Word Choice in District Court Opinions.” 10 *Journal of Legal Analysis* 407-444.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Andrew D. Martin. 2010. “On Replication and the Study of the Louisiana Supreme Court.” 10 *Global Jurist* 85-91.

Other Journals

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and James F. Spriggs, II. 2017. “The Long and the Short of It: The Influence of Briefs on Outcomes in the Roberts Court.” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*, forthcoming.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Peter J. Wiedenbeck, and Andrew D. Martin. 2013. “Invisible Pension Investments.” 32 *Virginia Tax Review* 591-702.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2004. “Sex, Race and Sour Grapes: A Look at the Sixth Circuit’s Summary Judgment Jurisprudence in Title VII Hostile Work Environment Claims,” 30 *Ohio Northern Univ. Law Review* 85.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2002. “INS v. St. Cyr,” 28 *Ohio Northern Univ. Law Review* 815.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson, "Crafting the Law: How Opinion Content Influences Legal Development." (under review)

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and James F. Spriggs II., "The Influence of Unique Information in Briefs on Supreme Court Decisionmaking." (under review)

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson, "The Intergroup Foundations of Policy Impact."

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson, "The Importance of Being Caustic: The Linguistic Features of Influential Dissents."

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Elizabeth A. Tillman, "Of Whites and Men: How Gender and Race Impact Authorship Assignment in the U.S. Courts of Appeals."

Hinkle, Rachael K. Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Michael J. Nelson, "The Elevator Effect: How Collegiality Impacts Dissent."

INVITED TALKS

"The Relational Foundations of Judicial Impact." Binghamton University, October 2016.

"The Influence of Unique Information in Merit Briefs on Supreme Court Decision-making." St. Louis University School of Law, March 2016; Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo School of Law, March 2016; Northwestern University School of Law, September 2016.

"The Execution of Judicial Discourse: A Positive Theory and Empirical Analysis of Pragmatic Linguistic Operators in District Court Opinions." Northwestern University School of Law, Law and Political Economy Colloquium, February 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2012, 2013.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2007, 2010, 2012-2017.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2013, 2016, 2017.

Political Economy of the American Judiciary Conference, Northwestern University: 2016.

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies: 2015.

New Frontiers in the Study of Policy Diffusion, University of Iowa: 2014.

Visions in Methodology Conference, Florida State University: 2013.

Summer Methods Meeting, University of North Carolina: 2012.

Conference on Judicial Collegiality: Positive Theories and Empirical Analyses, University of Southern California: 2011.

AWARDS and HONORS

Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2016

Edward S. Corwin Award (for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of public law), 2014

First Place, Women's Equity Action League Graduate Writing Contest, 2007

CERTIFICATIONS

Member of the Bar, State of Illinois since 2004 (retired)

Member of the Bar, United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals since 2005

ACTIVITIES

Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Law & Courts*, *Justice Systems Journal*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2015), and National Science Foundation

APSA Law and Courts section: Best Journal Article Award (committee member 2017)

APSA Law and Courts section: Best Conference Paper Award (committee member 2016)

Southern Political Science Association 2017 Annual Conference Section Chair (Judicial Politics)