

# Ryan J. Owens

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## Employment

Florida State University (2024 - present)

Director of the Florida Institute on Governance and Civics.  
Professor of Political Science.

University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011-2024)

2022 - 2024, Co-Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy.  
2019 - 2024, George C. & Carmella P. Edwards Professor of American Politics.  
2016 - 2020, Director/Creator, Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership.  
2015 - 2019, Professor, Department of Political Science.  
2013 - 2015, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science.  
2011 - 2013, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.

Harvard University (2008 - 2011)

Assistant Professor, Department of Government.

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, s.c. (2001 - 2003)

Telecommunications Attorney.

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2008.

M.A., Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2005.

J.D., Law. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, 2001.

B.A., Political Science & History. University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, 1998.

## Books

[4] *The Effects of Cognitive Aging on Federal Judges*. Forthcoming 2024. Oxford University Press. (With Ryan C. Black and Patrick Wohlfarth).

- Research findings previewed in *Bloomberg Law News*. September 28, 2023. “Newman Sanction Renews Debate Over Aging Judges? Lifetime Tenure.”
- Research findings previewed in *Legal Ethics Roundup*. September 28, 2023. Legal Ethics Roundup.

- Research findings previewed in *Reuters*. September 21, 2023. “Older US judges’ Cognitive Aging may Affect Opinion Writing, Study Finds.”
- [3] *The Conscientious Justice: How Supreme Court Justices’ Personalities Influence the Law, the High Court, and the Constitution*. 2019. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick Wohlfarth).
- [2] *Supreme Court Opinions and Their Audiences*. 2016. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick Wohlfarth).
- Reviewed by Bailey, Michael A. 2017. *Law and Politics Book Review* 27(3): 47-48.
  - Discussed by Epstein, Lee. 2017. *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*.
- [1] *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Influence and Judicial Decisions*. 2012. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black).
- Research findings described in *NBC Politics.com*. See Tom Curry. 2012. “Solicitor General’s Performance Inspires Both Critics and Defenders.” April 30, 2012. Available online.
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  - Reviewed by Curry, Todd A. 2012. *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(10): 515-519. Review available online
  - Reviewed by Collins, Ronald K.L. 2012. “BOOK REVIEW: A New (Scientific) Look at the SG and the Court.”
  - Reviewed by Thomas, Jerry D. 2012. *American Review of Politics* 34 (Fall/Winter): 356-359. *Concurring Opinions* Blog. August 28. Review available online
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## Articles

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- [45] Ryan C. Black, Timothy R. Johnson, Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking. Forthcoming. “Trust, Legitimacy, and Cameras in the U.S. Courtrooms.” In Eric Waltenburg and Rorie Spill (editors) *Open Judicial Politics*. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University.
- [44] Ryan C. Black, Timothy Johnson, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin Wedeking. Forthcoming. “Televised Oral Arguments and Judicial Legitimacy: An Initial Assessment.” *Political Behavior*. Early view found here.

- [43] Ryan J. Owens. 2023. “Order Effects and Oral Argument at the US Supreme Court.” *Social Science Quarterly* 104(6): 1222-1236.
- [42] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2023. “Considering Constitutional Change Survey Evidence on Public Attitudes Towards Term Limits for Federal Judges.” *New Political Science* 45(2): 335-358.
- [41] Ryan C. Black, Timothy Johnson, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin Wedeking. April 18, 2023. “Cameras In The High Court: An Empirical Examination Of Support For Supreme Court Justices.” *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy Per Curiam*.
- [40] Christopher Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2022. “Judicial Philosophy and the Public’s Support for Courts.” *Political Research Quarterly* Early view available online.
- [39] Christopher Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2022. “How State Judicial Selection Methods May Influence Views of US Supreme Court Nominees: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 10(2): 189-212.
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- [34] Ryan J. Owens. 2020. “A Simple Change That Can Pay Dividends: Why the Wisconsin Supreme Court Should Consider Changing its Opinion Assignment Process.” *Wisconsin Lawyer*. 93(5) May.
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- [31] Christopher N. Krewson, David Lassen, and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “Twitter and the Supreme Court: An Examination of Congressional Tweets about the Supreme Court.” *Justice System Journal* 39(4): 322-330.
- [30] Amanda C. Bryan and Ryan J. Owens. 2017. “How Supreme Court Justices Supervise Ideologically Distant States.” *American Politics Research* 45(3): 435-456.
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- [28] Ryan J. Owens and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Public Mood, Previous Electoral Experience, and Responsiveness Among Federal Circuit Court Judges.” *American Politics Research* 45(6): 1003-1031.
- [27] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Matthew Hall, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2016. “The Role of Emotional Language in Briefs Before the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. 4(2): 377-407.
- Research findings described on *SCOTUSblog* (a.k.a., Supreme Court of the United States Blog) December 22, 2015. Available online.
  - Research findings described on *Law360* January 13, 2016. Available online.
  - Discussed on LexisNexis *Lextalk* March 29, 2016. Available online.
- [26] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Miles Armely. 2016. “A Well Traveled Lot: A Research Note on Judicial Travel by U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” *Justice System Journal*. 37(4): 367-384.
- [25] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. “The Success of Former Solicitors General in Private Practice: Costly and Unnecessary.” *Michigan State Law Review*. 2016: 325-367.
- [24] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Justin P. Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. “The Influence of Public Sentiment on Supreme Court Opinion Clarity.” *Law and Society Review*. 50(3): 703-732.
- [23] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Jennifer Williams. 2015. “We Are the World: The U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Foreign Sources of Law.” *British Journal of Political Science*. 46(4): 891-913.
- [22] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2015. “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 60(1): 30-43.
- Winner, Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section.
- [21] Ryan J. Owens, Alex Tahk, Patrick C. Wohlfarth, and Amanda Bryan. 2015 “Nominating Commissions, Judicial Retention, and Forward-Looking Behavior on State Supreme Courts: An Empirical Examination of Selection and Retention Methods.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 15(2): 211-238.

- [20] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Daniel Walters, and Jennifer Williams. 2014. “Up-ending a Global Debate: An Empirical Analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Transnational Law to Interpret Domestic Doctrine.” *The Georgetown Law Journal*. 103: 1-46.
- [19] Ryan J. Owens and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2014. “State Solicitors General, Appellate Expertise, and State Success Before the United States Supreme Court.” *Law and Society Review*. 48(3): 657-685.
- [18] Ryan J. Owens, Daniel Walters, Ryan C. Black, and Anthony Madonna. 2014. “Ideology, Qualifications, and Covert Senate Obstruction of Federal Court Nominations.” *Illinois Law Review* 2014(2): 347-388.
- [17] Ryan C. Black, Anthony Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2014. “Qualifications or Philosophy? The Use of Blue Slips in a Polarized Era.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 44(2): 290-308.
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- [15] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2013. “A Built-In Advantage: The Office of the Solicitor General and the Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 66:454-466.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Judicial Review.” *National Affairs*. August 31, 2012. Available online.
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- [13] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Looking Back to Move Forward: Quantifying Policy Predictions in Political Decision Making.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 56(4): 802-816.
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- [12] Ryan J. Owens and Justin P. Wedeking. 2012. “Predicting Drift on Politically Insulated Institutions: A Study of Ideological Drift on the United States Supreme Court.” *Journal of Politics*. 74: 487-500.
- Winner of the 2012 Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award for the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting.
  - Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Civil War.” *National Affairs*. May 11, 2012. Available online.

- [11] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Consider the Source (and the Message): Supreme Court Justices and Strategic Audits of Lower Court Decisions.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 65: 385-395.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2011. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Justice Served.” *National Affairs*. March 15, 2011. Available online.
- [10] Ryan J. Owens and David A. Simon. 2012. “Explaining the Supreme Court’s Docket Size.” *William and Mary Law Review*. 53(4): 1219-1285.
- Research findings described on *SCOTUSblog* (a.k.a., Supreme Court of the United States Blog) Academic Roundup. June 20, 2012. Available online.
- [9] Ryan J. Owens and Justin P. Wedeking. 2011. “Justices and Legal Clarity: Analyzing the Complexity of Supreme Court Opinions.” *Law and Society Review*. 45(4): 1027-1061.
- Research findings described in the *New York Times*. See Adam Liptak. 2014. “When Justices Disagree, Public May Not Care.” *New York Times*. August 11, 2014. Available online.
  - Research findings described in the *New York Times*. See Adam Liptak. 2010. “Justices Are Long on Words but Short on Guidance.” *New York Times*. November 18, 2010. Available online.
  - Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Red Tape.” *National Affairs*. January 18, 2012. Available online.
- [8] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “Solicitor General Influence and Agenda Setting on the United States Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 64(4): 765-778.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2010. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Law Review.” *National Affairs*. April 10, 2010. Available online.
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- [6] Ryan C. Black, Anthony J. Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “Obstructing Agenda-Setting: Examining Blue Slip Behavior in the Senate.” *The Forum* 9(4): 1-15.
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- [4] Ryan J. Owens. 2010. “The Separation of Powers, Judicial Independence, and Strategic Agenda Setting.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 412-427.
- [3] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. “Agenda-Setting in the Supreme Court: The Collision of Policy and Jurisprudence.” *Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1062-1075.

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- [1] Ryan C. Black, Anthony J. Madonna, Ryan J. Owens, and Michael S. Lynch. 2007. “Adding Recess Appointments to the President’s ‘Tool Chest’ of Unilateral Powers.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 60(4): 645-654 (December).

## Book Chapters

- [6] Chris Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “The Concurring Behavior of Justice Scalia.” In *The Conservative Revolution of Antonin Scalia*, ed. David A. Schultz and Howard Schweber. Lexington Press.
- [5] Ryan C. Black, Tim Johnson, and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “Building a Hot Bench: The Oral Argument Behavior and Legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia.” In *The Conservative Revolution of Antonin Scalia*, ed. David A. Schultz and Howard Schweber. Lexington Press.
- [4] Chris Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2017. “Historical Development of Supreme Court Research.” In *Handbook of Judicial Politics*, ed. Robert Howard and Kirk Randazzo. Routledge.
- [3] Ryan J. Owens and James Sieja. 2017. “Agenda-Setting on the United States Supreme Court.” In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*, ed. Lee Epstein and Stefanie A. Lindquist. Oxford University Press.
- [2] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin P. Wedeking. 2016. “The Chief as Social Leader: Emotional Language, Opinion Content, and Collegiality on the Supreme Court.” In *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, ed. David Danelski and Artemus Ward. University of Michigan Press.
- [1] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Supreme Court Agenda Setting: Policy Uncertainty and Legal Considerations.” In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, ed. Kevin T. McGuire. Routledge, Taylor and Francis.

## Amicus Curiae

- [2] Brief of Senator Mike Lee, Senator Ted Cruz, Rep. Raul Labrador, and Rep. Rob Bishop As Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Utah Republican Party v. Spencer J. Cox, et al.* (18-450)(cert denied).

- [1] *Wisconsin Council of Religions and Independent Schools, et al. v. Janel Heinrich, et al.* (Wisconsin Supreme Court, 2020AP001420 )

## Other Publications

- [8] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. September 28, 2020. Appellate Advocacy Blog. Guest Post: Former Law Clerk Influence at the Supreme Court: How Personal Knowledge Gives Former Clerks an Edge.
- [7] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. “Estimating the Policy Preferences of Judge Neil M. Gorsuch.” 2017. Available at SSRN:<https://ssrn.com/abstract=2915233> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2915233>.
- [6] Ryan J. Owens “A Move to the Left? Catching the Drift.” *North Hall News, Political Science Alumni Newsletter, Winter 2012*.
- [5] Ryan J. Owens and Justin P. Wedeking. “Some (Potential) Applications of Computer Content Analysis to the Study of Law & Courts.” *Law and Courts Newsletter, Winter 2012*.
- [4] Ryan J. Owens and Lee Epstein. 2008 “Interest Groups.” In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- [3] Lee Epstein and Ryan J. Owens. 2007. “Judicial Decision Making.” In *Encyclopedia of Law and Society*, ed. David C. Clark. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
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- [1] Ryan J. Owens. 2005. “The Judiciary Act of 1789.” In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*, ed. David Schultz. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc.

## Grants, Awards, Honorific Positions

- [23] George C. and Carmella P. Edwards Professor of American Politics.
- [22] Leon Epstein Faculty Fellow.
- [21] Keynote Address: Ideas Conference, April 10, 2021.
- [20] Faculty Affiliate UW Law School.
- [19] Faculty Affiliate La Follette School of Public Affairs.
- [18] Honorary Fellow, Institute for Legal Studies.



- [17] Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section: “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court” (with Ryan C. Black).
- [16] University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Fellowship (2014-2016).
- [15] Undergraduate Student Mentoring Award, Office of the Provost (Spring 2014).
- [14] Hilldale Award, “Supreme Court Public Information Offices and Strategic Outreach” (with Donya Khadem).
- [13] Neal Tate Award for outstanding judicial politics paper: “Minimizing Doctrinal Drift: The Role of Clarity in Protecting Supreme Court Opinions” (With Patrick Wohlfarth)(Paper presented at the 2012 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).
- [12] Pi Sigma Alpha Award for “Excellence in Scholarly Writing” for “Picking an Unsettled Brain: The Role of Cognitive Complexity in Ideological Drift on the United States Supreme Court” (With Justin Wedeking)(Paper presented at the 2011 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).
- [11] National Science Foundation. “Estimating the Policy Preferences of United States Courts of Appeals Judges Across Circuits and American Political Institutions” (With Ryan C. Black).
- [10] Lyons Family Faculty Grant.
- [9] Rose Family Research Fellowship Grant.
- [8] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Supreme Court and the Media.”
- [7] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Legislative Process Across Branches: The Supreme Court and Statutory Interpretation.”
- [6] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “Can Nominee Language Influence Confirmation Votes? An Empirical Examination of Supreme Court Nomination Hearings.”
- [5] Harvard Provost Fund for Instructional Technology. “Digital Archives of Supreme Court Justices, 1953-1985.”
- [4] Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis), Library of Congress Grant.
- [3] Associate, Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis).
- [2] George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation O’Donnell Grant.
- [1] Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award.

## Invited Presentations

- [37] University of Florida
- [36] University of Tennessee
- [35] Arizona State University (SCETL)
- [34] University of South Carolina
- [33] University of Illinois School of Law
- [32] Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law (invited-COVID canceled)
- [31] University of Missouri
- [30] Purdue University
- [29] University of Massachusetts
- [28] Yale University
- [27] University of Georgia
- [26] Marquette Law School
- [25] Northwestern University School of Law
- [24] Michigan State University
- [23] University of California-Davis School of Law
- [22] University of Chicago Law
- [21] Vanderbilt University
- [20] University of California-San Diego
- [19] Harvard University
- [18] Louisiana State University
- [17] University at Buffalo—State University of New York
- [16] Grinnell University
- [15] George Mason University
- [14] University of Houston
- [13] American Democracy Forum

- [12] Keynote Speaker, Sifting and Winnowing Conference (April 2020).
- [11] Wisconsin's Inaugural Statewide Federalist Society Conference. "Blue Slips and Judicial Appointments."
- [10] Commentary on Neal Katyal's "The Architecture of Government" UW Law School.
- [9] Rotary Club of Madison. "The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court."
- [8] Kiwanis Club of Madison. "The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court."
- [7] UW-Stevens Point LIFE Program. "Constitutional Interpretation, Original Intent or Living Document?"
- [6] Founder's Day Speech, Pittsburgh, PA. "The Supreme Court Today and Into the Future: What Can We Expect?"
- [5] Wisconsin Hospital Association Public Policy Committee-U.S. Supreme Court Health Care Cases.
- [4] Wisconsin Alumni Connection: The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform.
- [3] Wisconsin Board of Visitors Presentation: How We Study the Supreme Court: Examining the Supreme Court's Health Care Reform Case.
- [2] Center for the Study of the American Constitution.
- [1] Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference on Empirical Legal Methods.

## **Courses Taught**

- [25] The Marshall Court
- [24] American Political Institutions
- [23] Conservatism, Liberalism, and the Idea of America
- [22] Law and Justice in Film
- [21] Administrative Law
- [20] The Supreme Court's 2022 Term
- [19] The Supreme Court's 2021 Term
- [18] The Supreme Court's 2020 Term

- [17] The Supreme Court’s 2019 Term
- [16] The Supreme Court’s 2018 Term
- [15] The Supreme Court’s 2017 Term
- [14] The Supreme Court’s 2016 Term
- [13] The Supreme Court’s 2015 Term
- [12] The Supreme Court’s 2014 Term
- [11] The Founding Fathers
- [10] Law, the Separation of Powers, and Federal Courts
- [9] Judicial Internship
- [8] Seminar on American Courts
- [7] The Supreme Court and American Politics
- [6] The Politics of the United States Supreme Court
- [5] American Politics Workshop Series
- [4] Field Seminar in American Politics
- [3] Introduction to American Government
- [2] Constitutional Law
- [1] The American Presidency

## **Service**

- [36] Co-Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy (2023-2024)
- [35] Interim Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy (2022-2023)
- [34] Editorial Board, Journal of Law and Courts (2021 - present)
- [33] Director, Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership (previously Acting Director) (2016-2021).
- [32] Chair, Lasting Contribution Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2020).
- [31] Post Tenure Review Committee (2021-2023).
- [30] Faculty Recruitment Committee (2019-2020, 2020-2021).

- [29] Speaker: Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [28] Graduate Recruitment Committee (2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2018-2019, 2020-2021).
- [27] Federalist Society Steering Committee: Madison Lawyers Chapter (2017-2019).
- [26] Speaker: Rotary Club of Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [25] National Science Foundation Political Science Advisory Panel.
- [24] Institute for Research on Poverty, Search Committee.
- [23] Subfield Chair, American Politics (2015-2017).
- [22] Committee, Lifetime Achievement Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016-2017).
- [21] Committee, Awards for Mentoring Undergraduates in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (2016).
- [20] Chair, Lasting Contribution Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016).
- [19] Executive Committee, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2012- present).
- [18] Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2013-2014).
- [17] Undergraduate Program Committee (2013-2014).
- [16] Alumni Presentation (2013) “Institutions, Obstacles, and How American Politics Works and Doesn’t Work.”
- [15] Section Chair, Judicial Politics Section. 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- [14] Mock Trial Advisor (2011-2013).
- [13] Southern Political Science Association Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee Member, 2012.
- [12] Community Outreach Presentation, American Democracy Forum (Summer 2012).
- [11] Community Outreach Presentation, Center for the Study of the American Constitution (Fall 2011).
- [10] Community Outreach Presentation, UW-Madison Political Science Breakfast Briefing. The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform (Spring 2012).

- [9] Nominations Committee (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011).
- [8] Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Journal of Politics, Justice System Journal, Law & Society Review, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly.
- [7] Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.
- [6] University of Wisconsin: Graduate Student Admissions Committee (2012-2013); Computer Services Committee (2011-2012), Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2011-2012).
- [5] Harvard University: American Politics Faculty Search Committee (2009), Undergraduate Honors Committee (2010).
- [4] Center for American Political Studies: Executive Committee (2009-2011), Grants Committee (2009).
- [3] Senior Thesis Advisor (University of Wisconsin): Alexandra Hader; Rachel Zierden; Niklas Vakil; Donya Khadem; Rachelle Dorr (Harvard University): Kiran Bhat; Christopher Miller.
- [2] Master's Thesis Advisor (Harvard Extension Program): June Klein, "The Feminist Judicial Opinions of Sandra Day O'Connor" (Honorable Mention, Outstanding ALM Thesis in the Social Sciences).
- [1] Dissertations: Christopher Krewson (Chair)(Brigham Young University); Dan Walters (Chair)(Penn State Law); Jose Luis Enriquez (Chair)(In Progress).

### Select Op Eds

- [31] Wall Street Journal. March 21, 2023. "The Danger of Cameras to the Supreme Court."
- [30] Wisconsin Daily Star. February 8, 2023. "Commentary: A Recent Survey Shows That There Are Two Different College Experiences Based on Students' Politics."
- [29] Washington Examiner. June 22, 2022. "Higher Education Needs an Intervention."
- [28] FoxNews. October 1, 2021. "State Attorneys General can help families get politics out of the classroom."
- [27] Real Clear Politics. October 28, 2020. "Court Packing Is Radical. Dems Must Say Where They Stand."
- [26] National Review. September 14, 2020. "A Constitutional Affront by Wisconsin's Attorney General."

- [25] National Review. August 26, 2020. “Our Elected Leaders Must Oppose the Growing Lawlessness in the Country.”
- [24] The Hill. May 8, 2020. “Livestreaming Arguments? The Supreme Court Made the Right Decision.”
- [23] The Hill. March 5, 2020. “The Supreme Court Must Stop the Trend of Judge-Shopping.”
- [22] The Dispatch. February 12, 2020. “The Misguided Case Against the Federalist Society.”
- [21] The Dispatch. February 6, 2020. “No to Court Packing but Yes to Term Limits?”
- [20] The Hill. June 28, 2019. “To Protect Liberty, the Supreme Court Must Apply the Non-Delegation Doctrine.”
- [19] Wispolitics.com. April 4, 2019. “Ryan Owens: Lessons and thoughts on Tuesday’s election.”
- [18] Wisconsin State Journal. March 16, 2019. “Ryan Owens: Turn a Wisconsin prison into a school.”
- [17] Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. August 3, 2018. “Is Walker practicing ‘politics of hate?’ Are Democrats ‘filled with hatred?’ Now we know.”
- [16] Weekly Standard. July 6, 2018. “Study: Americans Tend to Prefer an Originalist for SCOTUS.”
- [15] Weekly Standard. June 27, 2018. “Now It Really Is the Roberts Court.”
- [14] The National Review. June 4, 2018. “The Wisconsin Supreme Court Can Restore the Separation of Powers and Lead the Nation Forward.”
- [13] Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. May 3, 2018. “Gordon Giampietro’s orthodox Catholicism, not legal acumen, is under attack in court fight.”
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