

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - Athens, Georgia

Ph.D., August 2001 (Political Science)
Dissertation: "Reform in the Appointment Process for U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges, 1977-1998."
Dissertation Abstract: Available upon Request
Committee: Susan Haire (chair), Scott Ainsworth, Paul-Henri Gurian, Stefanie Lindquist, Susette Talarico
Fields of Study: Public Law, American Government, Political Theory

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - Athens, Georgia

M.A., August 1997 (Political Science)
Thesis: "Changes in the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings for Appeals Court Judges:
The Effects of the Bork Hearings."
Committee: Susan Haire (chair), Scott Ainsworth, and Stefanie Lindquist

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT - Burlington, Vermont

B.A. in Political Science and Biology; Minor: Psychology; June 1991
Graduation cum laude.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Five day ICPSR Workshop on Categorical Data Analysis: Models for Binary, Ordinal, Nominal, and Court Outcomes, led by Scott Long, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2006.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT - Burlington, Vermont

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August, 2002 - present.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO - Greensboro, North Carolina

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001 - 2002.

- Instructor, Department of Political Science, 1999-2001.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - Athens, Georgia

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, 1994-1999.

- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, 1993-1994.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Why ‘Go Public?’ Presidential Use of Nominees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Forthcoming at *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (expected publication date: March, 2008).

“Outsider Participation and Influence in Judicial Confirmation Hearings, 1979-2004.” Forthcoming at *The American Review of Politics* (expected publication date: Fall/Winter 2007-2008).

“Presidential Strategy in the Judicial Appointment Process: ‘Going Public’ in Support of Nominees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 2007. *American Politics Research* 35:567-594.

“Court Diversification: Staffing the State Courts of Last Resort through Interim Appointments.” Lisa M. Holmes and Jolly A. Emrey. 2006. *The Justice System Journal* 27:1-13.

“Judicial Appointment Politics in the 107th Congress.” Lisa Holmes and Elisha Savchak. 2003. *Judicature* 86:232-239.

“The Increasing Senate Scrutiny of Lower Federal Court Nominees.” Roger E. Hartley and Lisa M. Holmes. 2002. *Political Science Quarterly* 117:259-278.

“Increasing Senate Scrutiny of Lower Federal Court Nominees.” Roger E. Hartley and Lisa M. Holmes. 1997. *Judicature* 80:274-278.

Invitations to Revise and Resubmit (Peer-Reviewed Publications)

“The Confirmation Obstacle Course: Signaling Opposition through Delay.” (Lead author with Salmon

Shomade and Roger Hartley.) Invited to revise and resubmit to *Political Research Quarterly*.

“Law and Order’ in the Real World: Incorporating Court Visits into Undergraduate Courses.” Invited to revise and resubmit to *P.S.: Political Science & Politics*.

Other Publications (Solicited or Non-Refereed)

Book Review of *Civil Liberties and the Constitution*, 8th ed. by Lucius J. Barker, Twiley W. Barker, Michael W. Combs, Kevin L. Lyles, and H.W. Perry Jr. in *Law & Politics Book Review* (Special Issue on Constitutional Law Casebooks) 15(8):657-659 (2005).

Works in Progress

“Evaluating the Policy Consequences of Taking Senior Status in the U.S. Courts of Appeals,” with co-authors Susan Haire and Rorie Spill Solberg.

“Gubernatorial Influence in Elective States: Examining Interim Appointments to Courts of Last Resort,” with co-author Jolly Emrey.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Judicial Appointments as Political Capital.” Presented at the American Judicature Society forum on the role of the legislative and executive branches in federal judicial selection. Des Moines, IA. October 24-25, 2003.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Gubernatorial Influence in Elective States: Examining Interim Appointments to Courts of Last Resort.” Lisa M. Holmes and Jolly A. Emrey. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA. January 4-1, 2007.

“All the Presidents’ Men (and Women): Explaining Confirmation Politics over Time.” Roger E. Hartley, Lisa M. Holmes, and Salmon A. Shomade. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA. August 20-September 3, 2006.

“Evaluating the Policy Consequences of Taking Senior Status in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Rorie Spill-Solberg, Lisa Holmes, and Susan Haire. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. April 20-23, 2006.

“Staffing the State Bench: Explaining the Use of Interim Appointments.” Lisa M. Holmes and Jolly A. Emrey. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Washington, DC. Sept. 1-4, 2005.

“Staffing the State Bench: The Politics of Interim Judicial Appointments.” Lisa Holmes and Jolly Emrey. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. Sept. 2-5, 2004.

“What, You Were Expecting Judge Judy? Taking ‘Book Learning’ into the ‘Real World’.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA. January 8-10, 2004.

“Presidential Strategies in the Modern Judicial Appointment Process.” Presented at the American Political

Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA. August 28-31, 2003.

“Is Turn-About Fair Play? Judicial Selection in the 107th Congress and the Republican Response.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Savannah, GA. November 7-9, 2002.

“Two-for-One: Judicial Decisions to Assume Senior Status in the Courts of Appeals.” Susan B. Haire, Rorie L. Spill, and Lisa M. Holmes. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. April, 2002.

“Judicial Appointments During President Bush’s Honeymoon Year: Maintaining Focus in a Dynamic Political Climate.” Lisa Holmes and Elisha Savchak. Presented at the North Carolina Political Science Association Meetings, Salisbury, NC. April, 2002.

“Should I Stay or Should I Go? Appointment Gridlock, Institutional Change, and Voluntary Departures from the Bench.” Lisa Holmes. Poster presentation at the American Political Science Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA. September, 2001.

“Strength in Numbers: Utilizing Nominee Slates as a Judicial Appointment Strategy.” Lisa Holmes and Britt Foxworth. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. April, 2001.

“Advise and Consent or Political Gridlock: Examining the Senate’s Informational Role and the Senate’s Ability to Predict Judicial Performance.” Lisa Holmes and Roger E. Hartley. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA. November, 2000.

“Measuring the Politicization of Judicial Appointments from an Institutional Perspective.” Lisa Holmes. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA. September, 1999.

“Measuring the Efficacy of Interactive Teaching Strategies.” Liam Anderson, Lisa Holmes, and Chris McDonald. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA. September, 1999.

“Much Ado about Nothing? Studying the Linkages between the Confirmation Process and Judicial Decision Making in the Lower Federal Courts.” Lisa Holmes, Roger Hartley, and Susan Haire. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA. October, 1998.

“The Changing Roles of Political and Institutional Factors in Judicial Confirmation Hearings from 1969 to 1996.” Lisa Holmes and Roger E. Hartley. Presented at the American Political Science Association Meetings, Boston, MA. September, 1998.

“Changes in the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings for Appeals Court Judges: The Effects of the Bork Hearings.” Lisa M. Holmes. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. Spring, 1998.

“Confirmation of Lower Federal Court Judges: A Preliminary Analysis of Contention in the Process.” Lisa M. Holmes and Roger E. Hartley. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA. Fall, 1996.

“American Political Rhetoric and Adorno’s Theory of Propaganda.” Lisa M. Holmes. Presented at the Georgia Political Science Association Meetings, Savannah, GA. Winter, 1996.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

General

Nominated, 2006-2007 Dean's Lecture Award, The University of Vermont.

Teaching Awards and Honors

Nominated, 2005 Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award - Assistant Professor Category.

Nominated, University of Vermont Outstanding Advisor Award. Spring 2005.

Recipient, The University of Georgia Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. May 1998.

GRANTS

Dean's Fund Award, University of Vermont, 2006. Award of \$2000 to attend one-week ICPSR course on the use of categorical dependent variables, Summer 2006.

Court Watch of North Carolina, Spring 2001-Fall 2002.

Grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro to evaluate the North Carolina Child Support Collection System. Primary responsibilities include organizing data set for project questionnaires, supervising the hiring and training of students for data entry, analyzing data, and submitting report to Court Watch.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Citizens for Independent Courts, 1999.

Required providing data organization and statistical analysis for Washington-based task force studying selection and confirmation procedures for the federal judiciary. Responsibilities included substantial organization of the original data set, hiring and training of students for data entry, and providing statistical analysis. Final project published in *Uncertain Justice: The Reports of the Task Forces of Citizens for Independent Courts*. 2000. New York: The Century Foundation.

Research Assistant, Georgia Civil Justice Foundation Public Service and Research Grants (UGA School of Law) (w/ Dr. Susette Talarico, Prof. Thomas Eaton): Summer, 1998. Identification, collection and coding of Fulton County tort litigation cases.

Research Assistant, University of Georgia Faculty Research Grant (w/ Dr. Susan Haire): Summer, 1996.
Coding and entering of state supreme court product liability cases.

Research Assistant, University of Georgia (w/ Dr. Del Dunn and Dr. Eugene Miller): Fall, 1993 - Spring, 1994.
Worked on annotated bibliography, literature summation, editing.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses Taught (University of Vermont and UNC-Greensboro):

The American Political System (regular and honors)
Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties
Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers
Gender and Law
Introduction to Law

Law and Politics
Social Science Research Design
Women and the Law

Independent Studies:

Individual Study in Constitutional Law: Assessing the Supreme Court's 1999 Term (Fall 2000)
Honors Work: The Framing of the U.S. Constitution (Spring 2001)

Honors Theses:

Lindsay Davis, "Abortion in America: Three Approaches to an Ongoing Debate." (John Dewey Honors Program, AY 2004-05)
Corinna Noering, "Civil Liberties and the Public Forum: An Analysis of Our Constitutional Rights in Post-September 11th America." (John Dewey Honors Program, AY 2004-05)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional Service

Manuscript/Proposal Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Judicature*, *The Justice System Journal*, *The National Science Foundation*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Polity*.

Member, 2005 C. Herman Pritchett Award Committee, for the best book on law and courts for the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Discussant, "Judicial Politics in the American States." *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007.

Critic, "Authors Meet Critics: Bell's Warring Factions and Scherer's Scoring Points." *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, LA, January 4-6, 2007.

Chair and Discussant, "Coming and Going: Selection, Confirmation, and Retirement on the Federal Courts." *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, LA, January 4-6, 2007.

Chair and Discussant, "Explorations in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, LA, January 8-11, 2004.

Chair and Discussant, "The Court, Religion, and the First Amendment," *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, Savannah, GA, November 7-9, 2002.

Discussant, "'Picking Judges Under Fire': Federal Judicial Selection and Decision Making," *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Boston, MA, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2002.

Discussant, "Diversity and the Courts," *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, Atlanta, GA, November, 2001.

Department Service, The University of Vermont

Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Public Law (Civil Rights) (Fall 2005).

Search Committee, Public Law Lecturer for AY 2005-2006 (Spring 2005).

Search Committee, Public Law Lecturer for AY 2004-05 (Summer 2004).

Political Science Department Liaison Committee, ALANA U.S. Ethnic Studies Search (2003-2004).

Member, Department Ad Hoc Committee to Review AEG and RPT Guidelines (Fall 2006).

Faculty Sponsor, Political Science Student Internships (Ongoing).

Pre-Law Advising, 2002-present.

College and University Service, The University of Vermont

Member, Women's and Gender Studies Steering Committee (Fall 2004 - present).

Member, College Nominations and Elections Committee (Term 2005-2008).

Advisor, At-Risk Student Advising Program (2003 - 2005).

Guest Speaker, Brown Bag Series for Women's Studies, "Privacy, Power, and Politics: Abortion, Fetal Protection, and Gay Rights Law in an Election Year." 14 September 2004.

Guest Speaker, Pi Beta Phi Honors Banquet, "The Importance of Education for Women," 8 March 2003.

Community

"Reaction to the 2004 Election: The Battle for the Courts." Invited submission to *Vermont Woman*, Volume 2, December 2004, p. 7.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Member.

American Judicature Society, Member.

Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, Member.

Southern Political Science Association, Member.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request.