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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

### **University at Buffalo (SUNY), Buffalo, New York**

Clinical Assistant Professor, 2018-Present  
Pre-Law Advisor

### **Binghamton University (SUNY), Vestal, New York**

Adjunct Faculty, 2018-2019  
Instructor of Record, 2015-2017

## **EDUCATION:**

### **Binghamton University (SUNY), Vestal, New York**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, 2014-Present  
Committee: Jonathan S. Krasno (Chair); Michael D. McDonald; Gregory A. Robinson; Daniel Magleby, Randy Friedman (outside observer)  
Doctor of Philosophy, 2020  
Master of Arts, Political Science, 2017

### **Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana**

Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2003  
Dean's Honors and Moot Court Competition

### **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana**

Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: Political Science and History, 2000  
Cum Laude  
Congressional Internship, Rep. Baron P. Hill (Indiana), Washington, D.C.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

American Politics, State Politics, Congress, Representation, Gerrymandering and Redistricting, Campaigns and Elections, Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Politics, Law and Politics, Campaign Finance

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

1. *Considering the Prospects for Identifying a Gerrymandering Standard*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby, Election Law Journal 17(1): 1-20 (2018).
2. *Authors' Response to elj.2017.0461—Values and Validations: Proper Criteria for Comparing Standards for Packing Gerrymanders*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby, Election Law Journal 17(1): 82-84 (2018).
3. *Can Gerrymanders be Measured? An Examination of Wisconsin's State Assembly*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby, American Political Research 46: 1-40 (2018)
4. *An Analysis of Combatting Gerrymandering's Offense to Electoral Integrity*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby, in Electoral Integrity: Securing Democracy, Editors Pippa Norris, Sarah Cameron, and Thomas Wynter, Oxford University Press (2018).
5. *Making a Case for Two Paths Forward In Light of Gill v. Whitford*, with Michael D. McDonald, Daniel B. Magleby, Jonathan Krasno and Robin Best, Election Law Journal 17(4): 315-327 (2019).

## **AMICUS BRIEFS**

1. Amicus Curie of Robin E. Best, Shawn J. Donahue, Jonathan Krasno, Daniel B. Magleby, and Michael D. McDonald, *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161. Filed September 5, 2017 before United States Supreme Court.

## **WORKING PAPERS:**

1. *How Effective was the Voting Rights Act in North Carolina? A Study of Precincts*
2. *The Effect of BMV Closures and Photo ID laws in Alabama.*
3. *The Re-Precincting of Louisiana following Shelby County: Was Race a Factor?*
4. *Did Fracking Swing Pennsylvania to the Right?*, with Marc J. Davignon.
5. *Nationwide Detection of Gerrymanders*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby.
6. *Why Has Social Science Had Difficulty Informing Others what a Gerrymandering Standard Is?*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby.
7. *Towards a Simple and Objective Approach to Gerrymandering: A Demonstration of New York State*, with Michael D. McDonald, Daniel B. Magleby, Jonathan S. Krasno, Joshua Zingher, and Daniel Mosesson.
8. *Evaluating Missouri's New Districting Law: Can it Reliably ID "Better" Maps?*, with Jonathan Krasno, Gregory Robinson, and Matthew Walz.
9. *Who Governs: Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in San Juan County, Utah*, with Garrett DuMond.

10. *The Consequences of Ranked Choice Voting: Electoral System Incentives for Parties, Candidates, and Voters*, with James E. Campbell, under review at American Political Science Review.

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

### **Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2020**

#### **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Presented Paper titled: *Who Governs? Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in San Juan County, Utah*

Panel Chair and Discussant

### **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2019**

#### **Washington D.C.**

Presented Paper titled: *Re-Precincting in North Carolina following Shelby County v. Holder.*

Presented Paper titled: *Evaluating Missouri's New Districting Law: Can it Reliably ID "Better" Maps?*, with Jonathan S. Krasno, Gregory Robinson, and Matthew Walz.

### **State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2019**

#### **College Park, Maryland**

Presented Paper titled: *The Re-Precincting of Louisiana Following Shelby County: Was Race a Factor?*

### **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019**

#### **Chicago, Illinois**

Presented Paper titled: *The Relationship Between Racial and Partisan Gerrymandering*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, and Michael D. McDonald.

### **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018**

#### **Boston, Massachusetts**

Presented Paper titled: *The Relationship Between Racial and Partisan Gerrymandering*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

### **State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2018**

#### **State College, Pennsylvania**

Presented Paper titled: *Gerrymandering in the New York State Legislature*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

Presented Paper titled: *The Effect of BMV Closures and Photo ID Laws in Alabama.*

### **New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018**

#### **Staten Island, New York**

Presented Paper titled: *The Effect of BMV Closures and Photo ID Laws in Alabama.*

**Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

Presented Paper titled: *Lose Those Seats: A Proposal to Give Seat Effects Second Billing when Investigating Gerrymandering*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

**Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2018**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**

Presented Paper titled: *The Re-Precincting of Louisiana Following Shelby County: Was Race a Factor?*

Panel Chair and/or Discussant for three American Politics Panels

**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2017**  
**San Francisco, California**

Presented Paper titled: *How Effective was the Voting Rights Act in North Carolina? A Study of Precincts*

Presented Paper titled: *Why Has Social Science Had Difficulty Informing Others what a Gerrymandering Standard Is?*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

Panel Chair and Discussant on Religion and Politics

**Electoral Integrity Project: “Protecting Electoral Security and Voting Rights: The 2016 US Election in Comparative Perspective”, August 2017**

**San Francisco, California**

Presented Paper titled: *The Re-Precincting of Louisiana Following Shelby County: Was Race a Factor?*

Presented Paper titled: *Checking Gerrymanders Nationwide*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

**State Politics and Policy Conference, June 2017**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

Presented Paper titled: *The Re-Precincting of Louisiana Following Shelby County: Was Race a Factor?*

**New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017**  
**Rochester, New York**

Presented Paper titled: *How Effective was the Voting Rights Act in North Carolina? A Study of Precincts*

**Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

Presented Paper titled: *Why Has Social Science Had Difficulty Informing Others what a Gerrymandering Standard Is?*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

Presented Paper titled: *How Effective was the Voting Rights Act in North Carolina? A Study of Precincts*

Discussant for Judicial Politics Panel

**State Politics and Policy Conference, May 2016**

**Dallas, Texas**

Presented Paper titled: *Considering the Prospects for Identifying a Gerrymandering Standard*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

**Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2016**

**Chicago, Illinois**

Presented Paper titled: *Can Gerrymanders be Measured? An Examination of Wisconsin's State Assembly*, with Robin E. Best, Jonathan S. Krasno, Michael D. McDonald and Daniel B. Magleby

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Research Assistant:** Binghamton University, Vestal NY

Spring 2017, Fall 2016; Summer 2016; Spring 2016; Fall 2015; Summer 2016; Spring 2016: Research assistantship with Professor Daniel B. Magleby, Dept. of Political Science Contact: [dmagleby@binghamton.edu](mailto:dmagleby@binghamton.edu) (607) 777-6787 Research Assistant: Binghamton University, Vestal, New York

Fall 2015: Researcher on *Zimmerman v. City of Austin*, Case 1:15-cv-628 (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas), for Professor Jonathan S. Krasno, Dept. of Political Science, testifying as an expert witness for the City of Austin, [jkrasno@binghamton.edu](mailto:jkrasno@binghamton.edu) (607) 777-2462

Spring 2016: Researcher on *Republican Party of Louisiana, et. al., v. Federal Election Commission*, Case 15-cv-01241-CRC (U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia) for Professor Jonathan S. Krasno, Dept. of Political Science, testifying as an expert witness for the Federal Election Commission, [jkrasno@binghamton.edu](mailto:jkrasno@binghamton.edu) (607) 777-2462

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Clinical Assistant Professor; University at Buffalo**

**Courses Taught:**

PSC 215: Law and the Political Process, Spring 2020

PSC 225: Equality and Justice, Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019

PSC 293: Race and the Law, Spring 2019; Fall 2019

PSC 301: Cases in Civil Liberties, Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019, Spring 2020

PSC 302: Protection of Civil Liberties, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2020

PSC 303: Constitutional Law, Fall 2018; Spring 2019, Summer 2019

PSC 305: Judicial Politics, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

**Binghamton University Department of Political Science, Vestal, New York**

**Courses taught:**

**Adjunct Faculty**

PLSC 481R: Immigration Law and Policy, Fall 2018

**Instructor of Record:**

PLSC 331 Constitutional Law and Politics, Summer 2016, Session I

PLSC 333: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Summer 2017, Session I

PLSC 481D: State and Local Politics, Fall 2017

PLSC 323: Congress in American Politics, Winter Session 2018

**Teaching Assistant:**

PLSC 373 American Political Thought, Fall 2014

Contact: Professor Therese Cingranelli [tcingran@binghamton.edu](mailto:tcingran@binghamton.edu)

PLSC 111 Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2018

Contact: Professor Gregory Robinson [grobinso@binghamton.edu](mailto:grobinso@binghamton.edu)

**Adjunct Faculty:** Ivy Tech Community College, Sellersburg, Indiana (2011-2014)

**Courses Taught (Instructor of Record):** COMM 101, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013; POLS 101, Fall 2011; CRIM 101, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Contact: Robert York [ryork@ivytech.edu](mailto:ryork@ivytech.edu)

**TEACHING INTERESTS:**

American Politics, Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Civil Rights, First Amendment, Immigration Law and Policy, Voting Rights, Election Law, Native American Law, State and Local Politics, Urban Politics, Western European Politics, Canadian Politics

**ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2015-present

Member of the Southern Political Science Association: 2016-present

Member of the American Political Science Association:

including State Politics Section: 2015-present

Member of the Senate, Graduate Student Association: 2015-2016

Member of the Binghamton University Student Conduct Board: 2017-2018

Member of the National District Attorneys Association: 2005-2011

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Indiana: 2003-2011

Attorney in Good Standing, Indiana Supreme Court, 2003-present

**NEWS ARTICLES AND OPIONION PIECES**

Article in Washington Post Monkey Cage: *Wisconsin's State Legislative Districts are a Big Republican Gerrymander*, May 24, 2016, with Jonathan S. Krasno, Daniel Magleby, Michael D. McDonald and Robin Best. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/05/24/wisconsin-state-legislative-districts-are-a-big-republican-gerrymander/>

Article in Binghamton University Pipe Dream: *Open Letter to the University: GSO Senators respond to voluntary fees*, April 5, 2016, with Jeremy M. Berkowitz.

<https://www.bupipedream.com/opinion/68431/open-letter-to-the-university-gso-letter/>