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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **University at Buffalo, SUNY**
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020–present

Miami University
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2017–2020
Faculty Research Associate, Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, 2018–2020

EDUCATION **Ph.D.**, Political Science, University of Iowa, 2017
Dissertation: Connected Courts: The Diffusion of the Precedent Across State Supreme Courts
Committee: Frederick Boehmke (*Chair*), Tracy Osborn, Julianna Pacheco, Elizabeth Menninga, and Charles Shipan (University of Michigan)
Edward S. Corwin Award for best dissertation in the field of public law, APSA, 2018

M.A., Political Science, University of Iowa, 2014

J.D., *cum laude*, Michigan State University, 2011
Michigan State Law Review, Articles Editor and Member
Moot Court & Trial Advocacy Board, Executive Director and In-House Counsel
Geoffrey Fieger Trial Practice Institute Certificate in Trial Advocacy

B.A., Government, Smith College, 2001
University of Edinburgh Scottish Parliament Internship Programme
Jean Picker Semester-in-Washington Program

ADDITIONAL TRAINING EITM Summer Institute, University of Michigan, 2015
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modeling

PUBLICATIONS Matthews Abigail A., Rebecca J. Kreitzer, Emily U. Schilling. *forthcoming* “Gendered Polarization and Abortion Policymaking in the States.” *The Forum*.

Boehmke, Frederick, Abigail Matthews Rury, Bruce Desmarais, and Jeffrey Harden. “The Seeds of Policy Change: Leveraging Diffusion to Disseminate Policy Innovations.” 2017. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 42 (2): 285–307.

Rury, Abigail A. “MSU Law Students’ Experiences in the Pipeline to Power.” 2012. *Michigan State Law Review* 2012 (5): 1717–1743.

Rury, Abigail A. “All Things Being Equal, Women Lose. Investigating the Lack of Diversity Among Recent Appointments to the Iowa Supreme Court.” 2011. *Women’s Law Journal* 96 (2): 8–18.

Rury, Abigail A. "He's So Gay . . . Not That There's Anything Wrong with That: Using a Community Standard to Homogenize the Measure of Reputational Damage in Homosexual Defamation Cases." 2011. *Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender* 17 (3): 627–654.

- BOOK REVIEWS Abigail A. Matthews. 2020. "Review of: Creating the Law: State Supreme Court Opinions and the Effect of Audiences," by Michael K. Romano and Todd A. Curry. *Law & Politics Book Review*. xx(x): xx–xx.
- UNDER REVIEW "The Justices' Words: A Dialogue between Majority and Separate Opinions." (*Invitation to revise and resubmit at Justice System Journal*)
- "Networked Effects: Policy Diffusion in the Courts."
- WORKING PAPERS "Sometimes No One Matters: Capturing Uncertainty in Network Centrality" with Elizabeth Menninga.
- "Lobbying for Preemption: The Political and Economic Incentives for Preempting Local Policy" with Jane Lawrence Sumner and Rebecca J. Kreitzer.
- "Nominal Influence? Women Candidate Groups as Policy Demanders" with Tracy Osborn and Rebecca J. Kreitzer.
- "Friends of Morality: Amicus Curiae Networks in State Court Cases on Abortion and Gay Marriage" with Rachel Blum.
- BOOK PROJECT *Connected Courts: The Diffusion of the Precedent Across State Supreme Courts*
(Anticipated Date of Completion Fall 2020)
- HONORS AND AWARDS Outstanding Professor of the Year Award nominee, Miami University (2019, 2020)
Edward S. Corwin Award for best dissertation in the field of public law, APSA (2018)
Howe Faculty Writing Fellow (Fall 2017)
Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Award, University of Iowa (Fall 2016)
Graduate College Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa (2016, 2017)
Best Graduate Student Conference Paper, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science (2015)
Helen K. Fairall Scholarship, University of Iowa (2012–2017)
Winner, National Association of Women Lawyers Selma Moidel Smith Writing Competition (2011)
Most Distinguished Third-Year Law Student (2011)
Jurisprudence Achievement Award for highest grade in Gender, Power, Law & Leadership (2011)
Jurisprudence Achievement Award for highest grade in Law & Gender (2010)
Lost in the Land of Law: Reflections from a 3L, Ms. JD Scholarship Honorable Mention (2010)
Finalist, Research, Writing and Advocacy Best Brief Competition (2009)
- INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS University of Kentucky Department of Political Science (2020)
State Politics and Policy Conference (2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2014)
Southern Political Science Association (2020, 2019, 2012)
Women in Subnational Politics Conference (2019)
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015)

Sunbelt Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (2018)
Network of Legal Empirical Scholars (NoLesLaw) First Annual Conference (2018)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2014)
Political Methodology Summer Methods Meeting (2016, 2015)
Political Networks Conference (2016)
Law & Society Annual Meeting (2016)
University of Iowa Health Sciences and Engineering Women Faculty Development Conference (2016)
Diffusion of ACA Policies Across the American States, JHPPL & University of Chicago (2015)
Michigan Women Studies Association Annual Conference (2011)
Michigan State University COGS Graduate Academic Conference (2011)

GRANTS

Committee on Faculty Research Summer Research Grant, Miami University (2019)
College of Arts and Sciences Summer Grant, Miami University (2018)
Undergraduate Summer Scholar (2018)
Global Travel Funds, Miami University Global Initiatives (2018)
College of Arts & Sciences Travel Funding, Miami University (2018)
NSF Travel Grant, Political Methodology XXXIII Annual Summer Meeting (2016)
NSF Travel Grant, Political Networks Conference (2016)
State Politics and Policy Conference Travel Grant, University of Texas, Dallas (2016)
NSF Travel Grant, Political Methodology XXXII Annual Summer Meeting (2015)
APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2014)
State Politics and Policy Conference Travel Grant, University of Indiana (2014)
Department of Political Science Travel Award, University of Iowa (2014–2017)
Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa (2012–2017)
Department of Political Science Summer Funding, University of Iowa (2013, 2014, 2015)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Miami University

Constitutional Rights & Liberties (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
Appellate Advocacy (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
American Political System (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

University of Iowa

Instructor (Solo)

American Public Policy (Spring 2016)
Hawkeye Poll (Fall 2015)
Stata Workshops (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Guest Lecturer

Intro to American Politics (Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015,)
Observing the Iowa Caucuses and Their Role in Presidential Nomination Politics (Winter 2016)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 2017)
Hawkeye Poll (Spring 2015)
Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2014, Spring 2014)
American Constitutional Law and Politics (Fall 2013)
Women & Politics in the United States (Fall 2013)
Criminal Justice System (Spring 2013)
Fixing America's Electoral System (Fall 2012)

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Iowa Social Science Research Center
Statistical Research Consultant (Fall 2015–Spring 2017)

University of Iowa

Tracy Osborn (Summer 2015, Spring 2013)
Frederick J. Boehmke (Spring 2014)
Office of the Dean of Students (2011–2013)

Michigan State University College of Law

Hannah Brenner and Renee Knake, (2010–2011) collected data for *Shortlisted: Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court*, NYU Press 2020
Laura McNeal (2010–2011)

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Miami University

Moot Court Director and Coach (2018–2020)
Pre-law Advisor (2017–2020)
Political Science Academic Advisor (2017–2020)
Faculty Advisor to Ohio Innocence Project (2017–2020)
O’Hara Lecture Series Co-Organizer (2017–2020)
Graduate Studies Committee (2017–2020)
American Politics Field Committee (2017–2020)
Admissions Program Political Science Representative (2017–2019)
Summer Reading Discussion Leader (2019)
Bridges Program Faculty (2019)
College of Arts & Sciences, Developing Analytics Major (2018–2019)
Awards Committee (2017–2018)
Big Data Search Committee (2017–2018)

University of Iowa

Graduate Association of Political Science, President and Secretary/Treasurer (2014–2016)
Anti-Violence Committee (2011–2013)

Michigan State University College of Law

Women’s Law Caucus, President and Secretary (2009–2011)
Senior Advisory Council (2010–2011)
Diversity Services Office Alliance Association (2010–2011)
Admissions Office Representative (2010–2011)

STUDENT ADVISING

- Master’s Thesis Chair: Kelsey Forren, Abby Slagle
- Master’s Thesis Committee Member: Morgan McCracken, Kyle Chance
- Honor’s Thesis Chair: Tobias Paul, Ellen Florek, Ayesh Perera
- Joanna Jackson Goldman Memorial Prize Faculty Advisor: Megan Cremeans
- Undergraduate Summer Scholar Faculty Advisor: Megan Cremeans
- Undergraduate Associates: Morgan McCracken, Ryan Reding, Tristan Diegel, Samantha Brunn, Claire Robenalt, Morgan Uveges, Tatum Andres, Adrian Radilla, Julia Caruso, Emily Ruwe, and Brett Kaufman¹
- Independent Study: Ryan Reding, Mackenzie Clark, Hana Hall
- Research Assistants: Eric O’Neil, Ryan Geary, Nicole Lohmueller

¹The Undergraduate Associates program “gives [students] the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member to explore careers in academia . . . assisting a faculty member with some of his/her academic and professional responsibilities. Students completing the UA Program receive a notation on their transcripts.”

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Editorial Board

State Politics and Policy Quarterly, 2020–2023

Section Head

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020

Chair & Discussant

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019

Discussant

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020

State Politics & Policy Conference, 2020

Reviewer

State Politics and Policy Quarterly · Journal of Law & Courts · American Politics
Research · Journal of Public Policy · Justice System Journal · Publius: The Journal of
Federalism · Journal of Political Behavior

Editing

Copy Editor, International Studies Review (2015–2017)

LEGAL
EXPERIENCE

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Judicial Intern to the Honorable
David W. McKeague, Lansing, MI (Fall 2010)

United States Attorney's Office, Extern, Grand Rapids, MI (Summer 2010)

Leff Law Firm, L.L.P., Law Clerk & Legal Assistant, Iowa City, IA (2005–2008, Winter
2009, 2010)

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Extern, Major Drug Unit, Detroit, MI (Summer 2009)

Ingham County 30th Judicial Circuit Court, Judicial Intern to the Honorable Rosemarie
E. Aquilina, Lansing, MI (Summer 2009)

United States Attorney's Office, Paralegal Specialist, Organized Crime & Terrorism Unit,
New York, NY (2002–2004)

SELECTED
VOLUNTEER

Member, Board of Directors, Domestic Violence Intervention Program of Iowa
(2014–2017)

On Iowa! volunteer, University of Iowa orientation and welcome program (2011–2013)

Alumnae Admission Coordinator for Smith College (2005–2011)

Coach for the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center's summer moot court program
for high school students (2009–2010)

BAR ADMISSION

State of Michigan (active license)

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