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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The Ohio State University, Political Science, June 2006.

M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, Political Science, August 2001.

B.A. Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD; Government & International Affairs, May 1998.

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2013-Present.

Associate Professor (by courtesy), GW Law School, 2015-Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2009-2013.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2006-2009.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Director of Graduate Studies, Ph.D. Program and M.A. Program in Legal Institutions and Theory, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2014-Present.

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

American politics, Courts and judicial politics, judicial decision making, the Supreme Court, public perceptions and evaluations of law, courts, and legitimacy; public opinion, political behavior, political psychology; political methodology.

### **BOOKS**

Bartels, Brandon L., and Christopher D. Johnston. N.d. *Curbing the Court: Policy, Process, and the Public Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy*. Cambridge University Press (Under Contract).

Bartels, Brandon L., and Chris W. Bonneau, Eds. 2014. *Making Law and Courts Research Relevant: The Normative Implications of Empirical Research*. New York, NY: Routledge.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Bartels, Brandon L., and Andrew J. O'Geen. 2015. "The Nature of Legal Change on the U.S. Supreme Court: Jurisprudential Regimes Theory and Its Alternatives." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(4): 880-895.

Haselswerdt, Jake, and Brandon L. Bartels. 2015. "Public Opinion, Policy Tools, and the Status Quo: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." *Political Research Quarterly* 68(3):607-21.

Bartels, Brandon L., Christopher D. Johnston, and Alyx Mark. 2015. "Lawyers' Perceptions of the U.S. Supreme Court: Is the Court a 'Political' Institution?" *Law & Society Review* 49(3):761-94.

Johnston, Christopher D., D. Sunshine Hillygus, and Brandon L. Bartels. 2014. "Ideology, the Affordable Care Act Ruling, and Supreme Court Legitimacy." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(4):963-73.

Bartels, Brandon L., and Christopher D. Johnston. 2013. "On the Ideological Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy in the American Public." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(1):184-99.

Bartels, Brandon L., and Christopher D. Johnston. 2012. "Political Justice? Perceptions of Politicization and Public Preferences Toward the Supreme Court Appointment Process." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76(1):105-16.

Newman, Benjamin J., and Brandon L. Bartels. 2011. "Politics at the Checkout Line: Explaining Political Consumerism in the U.S." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4):803-17.

Bartels, Brandon L., Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Corwin D. Smidt, and Renee M. Smith. 2011. "The Dynamic Properties of Individual-Level Party Identification in the United States." *Electoral Studies* 30:210-22.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2011. "Choices in Context: How Case-Level Factors Shape the Magnitude of Ideological Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 39(1):142-75.

Johnston, Christopher D., and Brandon L. Bartels. 2010. "Sensationalism and Sobriety: Differential Media Exposure and Attitudes Toward American Courts." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 74(2):260-85.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2009. "The Constraining Capacity of Legal Doctrine on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review* 103(3):474-95.

Bartels, Brandon L., and Diana C. Mutz. 2009. "Explaining Processes of Institutional Opinion Leadership." *Journal of Politics* 71(1):249-61.

Scherer, Nancy, Brandon L. Bartels, and Amy Steigerwalt. 2008. "Sounding the Fire Alarm: The Role of Interest Groups in the Lower Court Confirmation Process." *Journal of Politics* 70(4):1026-39.

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Peter M. Radcliffe, and Brandon L. Bartels. 2005. "The Incidence and Timing of PAC Contributions to Incumbent U.S. House Members, 1993-94." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30(November):549-79.

Granberg, Donald, and Brandon Bartels. 2005. "On Being a Lone Dissenter." *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 35:1849-58.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Bartels, Brandon L., and Phillip Wininger. 2016. "Genuine Leader or Merely 'First Among Equals?' Probing the Leadership Capacity of the Chief Justice." In *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, David J. Danelski and Artemus Ward, eds. University of Michigan Press (Forthcoming).

Bartels, Brandon L. 2015. "Beyond 'Fixed versus Random Effects': A Framework for Improving Substantive and Statistical Analysis of Panel, TSCS, and Multilevel Data." In *Quantitative Research in Political Science*, ed. Robert J. Franzese. Sage.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2015. "The Sources and Consequences of Polarization in the U.S. Supreme Court." In *American Gridlock*, James Thurber and Antoine Yoshinaka, eds. Cambridge University Press.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2010. "Top-Down and Bottom-Up Models of Judicial Reasoning." In *The Psychology of Judicial Decision Making*, David Klein and Gregory Mitchell, eds. Oxford University Press.

McGraw, Kathleen M., and Brandon Bartels. 2005. "Ambivalence Toward American Political Institutions: Sources and Consequences." In *Ambivalence and the Structure of Political Opinion*, eds. Stephen C. Craig and Michael D. Martinez. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Bartels, Brandon L. 2016. Book review of *Ideas with Consequences: The Federalist Society and the Conservative Counterrevolution*, by Amanda Hollis-Brusky. *Law and Politics Book Review* 26(8): 160-164. [www.lpbr.net]

Bartels, Brandon L. 2016. "When Was the Last Supreme Court Nomination in Which Stakes Were This High? Maybe Never." *The Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*. Feb. 25, 2016.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2014. "Experiments in Law and Courts Research: Opportunities, Issues, and Suggestions." *Law and Courts Newsletter*, Spring 2014.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2013. Book review of *Electing Judges: The Surprising Effects of Campaigning on Judicial Legitimacy*, by James L. Gibson. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77(3):822-24.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2012. "Psychological Approaches to Judicial Behavior: Opportunities and Challenges." *Law and Courts Newsletter*, Fall 2012.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2012. "What Did We Learn From the Kagan Appointment Process?" *Extension of Remarks* (Newsletter of the APSA's Legislative Studies Section; <http://www.apsanet.org/~lss>). July 2012.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2010. Book review of *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy* (Edited by Nathaniel Persily, Jack Citrin, and Patrick J. Egan). *Perspectives on Politics* 8:960-61.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2008. Book review of *Trial Courts as Organizations* (by Brian J. Ostrom, Charles W. Ostrom, Roger A. Hanson, and Matthew Kleiman). *Perspectives on Politics* 6:391-92.

Bartels, Brandon L. 2004. "Chevron, U.S.A. v. Natural Resources Defense Council" and "Citizens to Preserve Overton Park v. Volpe." In *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, ed. David Schultz. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

## **EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS**

Bartels, Brandon L. National Science Foundation Grant (SES #1654882), “Supreme Court Polarization and Its Effects on Judicial Policymaking, Media Discourse, and Institutional Legitimacy.” June 2017 – May 2019. \$218,954.

Bartels, Brandon L., and Chris W. Bonneau. National Science Foundation Grant (SES #1228306), “Collaborative Research: A Workshop on the Normative Implications of Empirical Research in Law and Courts.” September 2012 – August 2013. GW portion: \$24,518.

Bartels, Brandon L. National Science Foundation Grant (SES #1123701), “The Constraining Capacity of Law on the U.S. Supreme Court.” September 2011 – August 2014 (\$110,713).

Bartels, Brandon L. National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES #0519773, with Lawrence Baum). August 2005 – June 2006 (\$9,688).

## **INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS**

Bartels, Brandon L. Policy Research Scholar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP), George Washington University, 2014-2015 (\$12,000).

Bartels, Brandon L. Policy Research Scholar, George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP), George Washington University, 2010-2011 (\$10,000).

Bartels, Brandon L. University Facilitating Fund Award Recipient, George Washington University, 2010-2011 (\$11,242).

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Dean’s Research Chair, Columbian College of Arts and Science, GW. Fall 2017-Spring 2020.

Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Dissertation in the past year, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2006.

Presidential Fellowship (recognizing outstanding scholarly accomplishment for students entering the final phase of their dissertation research), Ohio State University, July 2005 – June 2006.

Methods Fellow, *Program in Statistics and Methodology* (PRISM), Ohio State University; Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Director; June 2003 – June 2004.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Bartels, Brandon L., and Christopher D. Johnston. *Curbing the Court: Policy, Process, and the Public Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy*. Under Contract, Cambridge University Press.

Bartels, Brandon L., Valerie J. Hoekstra, and Christopher D. Johnston. “The Collision of Qualifications and Politics in the Context of the Ill-fated Garland Nomination” *Work in progress*.

Bartels, Brandon L. “Why is the Federal Government So Successful in the Supreme Court?” *Work in progress*

*Supreme Court Polarization and Its Effects on Judicial Policymaking, Media Discourse, and Institutional Legitimacy.* Longer-term NSF-funded research project (plan to produce book and articles).

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)**

2017. “Procedural Legitimacy and Motivated Reasoning,” with Christopher D. Johnston. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2017. “Does Elite Partisan Polarization Diminish the Supreme Court’s Policy Authority?” with Christopher D. Johnston. National Capital Area Political Science Association Workshop.

2016. “Does Elite Partisan Polarization Diminish the Supreme Court’s Policy Authority?” with Christopher D. Johnston. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2015. “Is the Supreme Court Irredeemably Politicized?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2014. “Legal Change and Constraint in Search and Seizure Law on the U.S. Supreme Court,” with Andrew O’Geen. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2013. “Legal Change and Constraint in Search and Seizure Law on the U.S. Supreme Court,” with Andrew O’Geen. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2013. “Legal Elites and Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court: Is the Supreme Court a ‘Political’ Institution?” with Alyx Mark and Christopher D. Johnston. Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association.

2013. “Legal Impact and Legal Dynamics in Free Expression Law,” with Andrew O’Geen. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2013. “Genuine Leader or Merely ‘First Among Equals?’ Probing the Leadership Capacity of the Chief Justice.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

2012. “On the Impact of the Solicitor General in the Supreme Court: Distinguishing Influence, Constraint, and Polarization.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

### **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Frequently a chair and discussant at APSA and MPSA.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2015. “Is the Supreme Court Irredeemably Politicized?” University of Maryland. November 20.

2012. “Legal Dynamics, Legal Constraint, and the Existence of Jurisprudential Regimes on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Washington University in St. Louis. October 5.

2012. “On the Ideological Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy in the American Public.” University of Virginia. September 21.

2012. "On the Impact of the Solicitor General in the U.S. Supreme Court: Distinguishing Influence, Constraint, and Polarization." University of Pittsburgh. March 30.

2011. "Multilevel Modeling Workshop," Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research (Mark Peffley, Director), University of Kentucky. May 23-25.

2010. "On the Ideological Foundations of Supreme Court Legitimacy in the American Public." MIT American Politics Conference.

2010. "Awareness, Ideology, and Public Perceptions of the U.S. Supreme Court." Temple University Law School, Seminar in Law and Human Behavior.

2008. "Top-Down and Bottom-Up Models of Judicial Reasoning, With a Theoretical Application to the U.S. Supreme Court." Binghamton University, Department of Political Science.

2007. "Issues Accompanying Time-Varying Data in Duration Modeling, With An Empirical Application to the Overruling of Supreme Court Precedent." Columbia University, Seminar in Quantitative Political Science.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Undergraduate courses:* (1) Introduction to American Government (Stony Brook), (2) Supreme Court Decision Making (Stony Brook & GW), (3) Con Law: Civil Liberties and Rights (Stony Brook), (4) Judicial Politics (Ohio State); (5) Techniques in Political Analysis / Intro to Research Methods (Ohio State & GW); and (6) Theories of Judicial Review (GW).

*Graduate courses:* (1) Linear Regression (Stony Brook and GW), (2) Multilevel Modeling (Stony Brook and GW), (3) Law, Politics, and Society (Stony Brook and GW), and (4) Longitudinal Data Analysis (GW).

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

Member of Executive Council, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. 2016-present.

Associate Editor, *Journal of Law and Courts* (journal of the APSA's Law and Courts Section), 2011-present.

Chair of the Law and Courts Division, Program Committee for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2011 "Best Article in the *American Journal of Political Science* Award," Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2011 "Best Conference Paper Award," Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Chair of the Judicial Politics Division, Program Committee for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2008 “Robert H. Durr Award” for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem. Midwest Political Science Association.

Committee Member, 2007 CQ Press Award for best paper on law and courts by a graduate student. Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Member of Review Panel, National Science Foundation, 2016 (two occasions).

Referee/reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Judicature*, *Law & Society Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Policy*, *PS*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, McGraw-Hill, Oxford University Press, Cengage, Sage, the National Science Foundation.

Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section of the APSA, Political Methodology Section of the APSA.

#### **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Member of Undergraduate Program Review Committee, 2016-present.

Member of American politics search committee, 2011, 2016; methods search committee, 2011 and 2012. GWU Department of Political Science.

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2013 and 2014.

Member, Methods Comprehensive Exams Committee, George Washington University, 2009-2014.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, 2006-2009.

Dissertation Committee member. Stony Brook: Maxwell Mak, Naser Javaid, Andrew O’Geen, Christopher Parker; GW: Maeve Carey, Jake Haselswerdt, Alyx Mark, Helen Harris, Ryan Krog, Phillip Wininger, Jon Hack.