

EmiLee Smart

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Education

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, Expected 2023

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science
Major Field: American Politics
Minor Field: Political Institutions

Dissertation: Ruling in the Shadows: The Supreme Court's Use of the 'Shadow Docket' and its Effects

Abstract: The Supreme Court has increased its policy making ability through a shadow docket built of cases that do not follow normal court procedures. This work utilizes text analysis methods to examine the length and content of justifications provided by the Justices for these abnormal decisions. Further, I use causal analysis mechanisms to understand the legal and extralegal factors that influence decision making on the shadow docket. Lastly, I ran a national survey experiment and found decreased public support for decisions made on the shadow docket as well as an increased support to diminish the power of the Supreme Court when the Justices utilize this docket.

Committee: Justin Wedeking (Chair), Michael Zilis, Jilliene Haglund, and Mark Lauersdorf (Dept. of Linguistics)

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, Expected 2023

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning

Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, 2019

BA, English Professional Writing
Minor, Political Science

Relevant Courses Completed

Strategies of Inquiry
Intro to Quantitative Research
American Political Institutions
American Presidency
Judicial Process

College Teaching and Learning
Preparing Future Faculty
College Teaching
Instructional Technology

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Shane A. Gleason, EmiLee Smart. "You Think; Therefore I Am: Gender Schemas & Context in Oral Arguments at the Supreme Court, 1979-2016." Forthcoming at *Political Research Quarterly*.

Other

EmiLee Smart. "Part-of-Speech Tagging: Basics and Application." *Law and Courts Newsletter, Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association*, Pages 15-19. Volume 32, Number 1, Spring 2022.

Article was part of a larger 2-part symposium on "Text Analysis Tips and Tricks."

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant 2020-2022

Dr. Justin Wedeking & Dr. Michael Zilis, Political Science Dept., University of Kentucky
NSF Sponsored Research on Media Coverage of the US Supreme Court

Trio McNair Research Project 2018

Dr. Shane Gleason, Social Sciences Dept., Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2017-2018

Dr. Maliga Och, Global Studies Dept., Idaho State University
Project on Women's Representation in the German Parliament

Teaching

Courses Taught

Instructor of Record

1. Introduction to Political Analysis PS 372
Online Summer 2022, In-Person Fall 2022
Course focused on research design, methods of research collection, and historical, quantitative, and comparative techniques of analysis
2. Politics of Law and Courts PS 360
Online Summer 2021, In-Person Spring 2022
Course focuses on the American Judiciary including the structure and processes of both state and federal courts.
3. Intro to American Government PS 101
Fall 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant

1. Intro to American Government PS101
2019-2020

Training and Experiences

1. Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning
University of Kentucky, Expected 2023

A 12-hour certificate providing a rich integration of the theory and practice of teaching to develop the skills needed for the full range of faculty responsibilities at a range of institutions of higher education.

2. Head Teaching Assistant
Department of Political Science, 2022-2023
3. Microteaching Group Leader
University of Kentucky, 2022

Workshops

1. Group Activities for Synchronous, Virtual Classes
2. Inclusive and Student-Centered Teaching

Conference Participation

Presentations

- “A Shadow’s Influence: How Citizens View the Supreme Court’s Use of the Shadow Docket” *Midwestern Political Science Association* Chicago, IL April 2022
- “An analysis of Supreme Court Majority Opinions” *UMASS New Directions in Law and Society*, Virtual, October 2021.
- “The Impact of Attorney & Justice Gender on Attorney Success at Oral Arguments, 1956-2016” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX, January 2019.
- “Petticoats and Top Hats: The Presence of Female Justices and Gender Norms at the U.S. Supreme Court” Poster *Idaho Undergraduate Research Conference*, Boise, ID, 2018.
- *Pacific Northwest PhD Prep Conference on Doctoral Competencies and Academic Culture*, Pullman, WA, 2018.

Other

- Discussant/Chair Judicial Decision Making Panel
Kentucky Political Science Association Lexington, KY, March 2022

Awards and Honors

Crum Emerging Scholar Award in American Politics
University of Kentucky, 2022

Graduate Student Congress Research Award
University of Kentucky 2021-2022

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Summer Fellowship
University of Kentucky, 2020-2022

S. Sidney and Margaret L. Ulmer Endowed Scholarship
University of Kentucky, 2019-2020,2022

Wimberly C. Royster Graduate Excellence Award
College of Arts and Science, University of Kentucky, 2020

Emerging Scholar Research Stipend
University of Kentucky 2019-2020

Trio McNair Scholar
Idaho State University, 2017- 2019

Professional Activities

Winter Institute in Computational Social Science

University of Arizona, January 2021

Editorial Assistant

Journal of Law and Courts, Summer 2020

CITI Training

Social/Behavior Indicators and Key Personnel

Responsible Conduct of Research

Service

Head Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Graduate Student Secretary, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Peer Mentor Committee, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Graduate Handbook Committee, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., Fall 2020

Computing Skills

Stata, R, Python, and L^AT_EX

Language

Portuguese: proficient reading, writing, & speaking

Spanish: intermediate reading