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Curriculum Vitae
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APPOINTMENTS

University of Kentucky

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2015–present

DePaul University

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, 2014–2015

EDUCATION

The University of Michigan

Ph.D. Political Science, 2013

Fields: American Politics, Methods, Psychology

Recognition: APSA Edward S. Corwin Award nominee for Best Dissertation in Public Law

Miami University

Bachelor of Arts, 2007

Fields: Political Science, History, Mathematics (minor)

Honors: *summa cum laude*, University Honors with Distinction, Honors in Major

RESEARCH

BOOK **Zilis, Michael A.** 2015. *The Limits of Legitimacy: Dissenting Opinions, Media Coverage, and Public Responses to Supreme Court Decisions*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

* *Recognition:* 2015 Exemplary Law Book, selection by Lee Epstein for the *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*

ARTICLES **Zilis, Michael A.** Forthcoming. “Minority Groups and Judicial Legitimacy: Group Affect Theory and the Incentives for Judicial Responsiveness.” *Political Research Quarterly*

Mark, Alyx, and **Michael A. Zilis**. Forthcoming. “Restraining the Court: Assessing Accounts of Congressional Attempts to Limit Supreme Court Authority.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*

Wedeking, Justin, and **Michael A. Zilis**. Forthcoming. “Disagreeable Rhetoric and the Prospect of Public Opposition: Opinion Moderation on the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly*

Denison, Alexander, Justin Wedeking, and **Michael A. Zilis**. “Negative Media Coverage of the Supreme Court: The Interactive Role of Opinion Language, Coalition Size, and Ideological Signals.” Conditional acceptance at *Social Science Quarterly*

Mark, Alyx, and **Michael A. Zilis**. “Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges’ Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence.” Conditional acceptance at *Journal of Law and Courts*

Zilis, Michael A. Forthcoming. “The Political Consequences of Supreme Court Consensus: Media Coverage, Public Opinion, and Unanimity as a Public-Facing Strategy.” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*.

Zilis, Michael A., Justin Wedeking, and Alexander Denison. 2017. “Hitting the ‘Bullseye’ in Supreme Court Coverage: News Quality in the Court’s 2014 Term.” *Elon Law Review* 9(2): 489-523.

Maltzman, Forrest, Alyx Mark, Charles R. Shipan, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2014. “Stepping on Congress: Courts, Congress, and Inter-Institutional Politics.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 2(2): 219-240.

BOOK REVIEW **Zilis, Michael A.** 2016. Book Review of Richard Davis, *Covering the United States Supreme Court in the Digital Age* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press). *Perspectives on Politics* 14(3): 882-883.

WORKING PAPERS “The Mechanics of Institutional Responsiveness: How Legislative Threats Alter the Behavior of (Some) Supreme Court Justices.” With Alyx Mark. Under review

“Framing Policy and Institution Through the Lens of Beneficiaries: Framing Effects on Policy Support, Institutional Legitimacy, and Ideological Perceptions of the Supreme Court.” Under review

“The Strategic Components of Rhetorical Choice: Disagreeable Rhetoric in Supreme Court Opinions.” With Justin Wedeking. Under review

“Perceptions of Ideological Congruity Among Institutions: How Heuristics Shape Perceptions of the Modern Supreme Court.” Under review

“The Group-Based Component of Institutional Legitimacy: What Happens When the Supreme Court Favors Unpopular Groups?”

“Media Depictions of Police Conduct and Support for Courts” With Nicholas Davis and Matthew Hitt

“Full Court Press: The Causes and Consequences of Executive Court Curbing.” With Alyx Mark.

ONGOING PROJECTS *Minority Rights at the U.S. Supreme Court: How Public Antipathy Towards Minority Groups Imperils the Court’s Legitimacy*. Book project

Individual Roots of Institutional Conflict: The Origins and Consequences of Congressional Assaults on the U.S. Supreme Court. With Alyx Mark. Book project

Automated Approaches for the Collection and Analysis of Supreme Court Coverage. With Justin Wedeking

Positivity Symbols: Visual Imagery in 20th Century News Coverage of the Judiciary. With Alexander Denison

Inter-Institutional Bases of Legitimacy: Evidence from the German Internet Panel. With Hyeonho Hahm

Public Bias Against Women and Minorities on the Bench. With Yoshikuno Ono

- EXTERNAL WORKSHOPS & TALKS
Research Design for Causal Inference, Northwestern University Law School, June 19–23, 2017
“The Future of the Supreme Court,” Constitution Day, Miami University, September 22, 2016
“Judgment-Rationale Inconsistency in the U.S. Supreme Court,” Ohio State University, April 23, 2016
ATHGO International Symposium, World Bank, July 5–7, 2006
- CONFERENCES
Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, 2011–2017
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012, 2014, 2016–2017
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016–2017
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, 2016–2017
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006, 2011
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2015
Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2012
New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2006
International Young Researchers Conference, 2006
- INTERNAL TALKS
“Constitutional Controversy in the Age of President Trump,” Constitution Day, September 18, 2017
Political Science Research Colloquium, 2015–2017 (5x)
2016 Presidential Election Forum Panelist, October 20, 2016
- RESEARCH POSITIONS
Research Assistant, Dr. Charles Shipan, University of Michigan, 2009–2012
Research Advisor, University of Michigan, 2011–2012
Intern, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, 2006
Research Associate, Dr. Mark Sachleben, Miami University, 2005–2006
Undergraduate Summer Scholar, Miami University, 2005
- GRANTS & HONORS
German Internet Panel (GIP), seven wave question allotment regarding judicial legitimacy, 2017
The Limits of Legitimacy: 2015 Exemplary Law Book, *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*
Southern Political Science Association Artinian Award, \$500 travel award, 2016
APSA Edward S. Corwin Award Nominee, Best Dissertation in Public Law, 2014
Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, 2013
Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, \$3500 research grant, 2011–2013
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Program Nominee, 2012
University of Michigan Thesis Grant, 2011
University of Michigan Department of Political Science Fellowship, 2010–2011
IDEAS / IGERT Fellowship, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, 2007–2008

TEACHING

- COURSES
Constitutional Law, First Amendment Rights, Judicial Politics, Politics of Law and Courts, Law and the Political System, Public Opinion, The American Presidency, Introduction to American Politics, Research Internship

PEDAGOGY & EXPERIENCE Center for the Enhancement of Learning & Teaching Workshop, University of Kentucky, 2017
MyGuru, Senior Tutor, 2010–2015
Walter Gross Jr. Family Student-Athlete Development Center, Tutor, Miami University, 2006–2007
Bernard B. Rinella, Jr. Learning Center, Tutor, Miami University, 2005–2007

PEDAGOGICAL WRITING Skoskiewicz, Mark, Lucas Fink, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2014. *99th Percentile: A Roadmap for Maximizing Performance on Standardized Tests*. E-book

SERVICE

PHD COMMITTEE Alexander Denison

RESEARCH ADVISING Alexander Denison, Eteri Tsintsadze-Maase, Vanshika Vij, Adam Weissler

INTERNSHIP Erica Cherry, Elizabeth Dade, Joshua Hollan, Paige Kregor, Caitlin Neuhaus, Jacinda Rivas, Desiree Wilson, Brianna Vollman, Thomas Wright, Rachele Yohe

HONORS ADVISING Alexander Borne, Elizabeth Dade, Sydney Darwin

DEPARTMENT Political Science Research Colloquium Coordinator, 2017–2018
Faculty Publications Wall, 2017
STS Hiring Committee, 2017
Undergraduate Program Committee, 2015–2017

UNIVERSITY Outside Dissertation Examiner for Andrew Patrick, Department of History, 2017
2016 Presidential Election Forum Panelist
Faculty Mentoring Program, College of Arts & Sciences, 2015

DISCIPLINE APSA Law and Courts 2017 Service Award Committee

MEDIA *USA Today*, August 18, 2017
Middle Eastern News Agency, November 11, 2016
UKNow, November 7, 2016
ABC TV 36, Lexington, KY, September 25, 2015

DISCUSSANT / CHAIR Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

REVIEWER *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*