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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

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, Political Science Honors

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, selected by Lee Epstein for *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*

* Reviews: *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies Review*

ARTICLES

Mark, Alyx, and **Michael A. Zilis**. Forthcoming. “The Conditional Effectiveness of Legislative Threats: How Court Curbing Alters the Behavior of (Some) Supreme Court Justices.” *Political Research Quarterly*

* Coverage: *Pacific Standard Magazine*, London School of Economics and Political Science Blog

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

Zilis, Michael A. 2018. “Minority Groups and Judicial Legitimacy: Group Affect and the Incentives for Judicial Responsiveness.” *Political Research Quarterly* 71(2): 270-283.

* Coverage: London School of Economics and Political Science Blog

Mark, Alyx, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2018. “Restraining the Court: Assessing Accounts of Congressional Attempts to Limit Supreme Court Authority.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 141-169.

Wedeking, Justin, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2018. “Disagreeable Rhetoric and the Prospect of Public Opposition: Opinion Moderation on the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly* 71(2): 380-394.

Mark, Alyx, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2018. “Blurring Institutional Boundaries: Judges’ Perceptions of Threats to Judicial Independence.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 6(2): 333-353.

Zilis, Michael A. 2018. “The Political Consequences of Supreme Court Consensus: Media Coverage, Public Opinion, and Unanimity as a Public-Facing Strategy.” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 54: 229-243.

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
REVIEWS

Zilis, Michael A. 2018. Book Review of Louis Fisher, *Supreme Court Expansion of Presidential Power: Unconstitutional Leanings* (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas). *Law and Politics Book Review* 28(4): 42-44.

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 Strategic Components of Rhetorical Choice: Disagreeable Rhetoric in Supreme Court Opinions.” With Justin Wedeking. *Revise and resubmit*

“How Identity Politics Polarizes Rule of Law Opinions.” Under review

“Immutable Traits and Perceptions of Bias in the Rule of Law: Diversification and Public Assessments of Judicial Impartiality.” With Yoshikuni Ono. Under review

“Defying the Supreme Court: The Impact of Overt Resistance to Landmark Legal Rulings.” With Alexander Borne. Under review

“Public Perceptions of Politically Insulated Institutions: Heuristics, Inter-Institutional Linkages, and the Supreme Court.” Under review

“The Democratic Crisis of Police Misconduct” With Nicholas Davis and Matthew Hitt

“The Presidency, Partisan Cues, and Public Perceptions of Nonelectoral Institutions.” With Ali Masood and Ryan Strickler

“Portrayals and Perceptions of the Supreme Court in a New Media Landscape.” With Justin Wedeking

“Pernicious Bias and Judicial Illegitimacy: Do Americans Perceive Diverse Judges as Inherently Biased?” With Yoshikuni Ono

ONGOING
PROJECTS

Portrayals and Perceptions of the Supreme Court in a New Media Landscape. National Science Foundation Grant #1849286 with Justin Wedeking. Award: \$275,000 for 2019-2021

The Minority Rights Paradox: How Public Antipathy Towards Minority Groups Imperils the Supreme 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

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

A Countermajoritarian Institution in the Public Mind: Judicial Legitimacy of the Federal Constitutional Court in Germany.” With Hyeonho Hahm

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

INVITED
TALKS &
WORKSHOPS

Law and Courts Workshop, St. Louis University, October 12–13, 2018

Speaker Series, University of Mannheim, September 10, 2018

The Future of the Supreme Court, Miami University, September 22, 2016

Judgment-Rationale Inconsistency in the Supreme Court, Ohio State University, April 23, 2016

ATHGO International Symposium, World Bank, July 5–7, 2006

CONFERENCE

Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, 2011–2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2012, 2014, 2016–2019

Kentucky Political Science Association, 2017–2019

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2018

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2015, 2018

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016–2017

Research Design for Causal Inference, 2017

Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2012

Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2006, 2011

New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2006

INTERNAL TALKS “Constitutional Controversy in the Age of President Trump,” September 18, 2017
 Political Science Research Colloquium, 2015–2018 (6x)
 2016 Presidential Election Forum Panelist, October 20, 2016

RESEARCH POSITIONS Research Assistant to Professor Charles Shipan, University of Michigan, 2009–2012
 Undergraduate Research Advisor, University of Michigan, 2011–2012
 Intern, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, 2006
 Research Assistant to Professor Mark Sachleben, Miami University, 2005–2006
 Undergraduate Summer Scholar, Miami University, 2005

GRANTS & HONORS “Portrayals and Perceptions of the Supreme Court in a New Media Landscape,” National Science Foundation Grant #1849286 with Justin Wedeking. Award: \$275,000 for 2019-2021
 German Internet Panel (GIP), seven item 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 (nominated), Best Dissertation in Public Law, 2014
 Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, 2013
 Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, \$3500 research grant, 2011–2013
 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Program (nominated), 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

HONORS University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teacher, 2019
 University of Kentucky Outstanding Teacher (finalist), 2019
 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching (nominated), 2018

COURSES Judicial Politics (undergraduate, graduate), Constitutional Law, First Amendment Rights, Politics of Law and Courts, Law and the Political System, Public Opinion, The American Presidency, Introduction to American Government, Research Internship, Honors Capstone

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE Center for the Enhancement of Learning & Teaching Workshop, University of Kentucky, 2016
 MyGuru, Senior Tutor, 2010–2015
 Walter Gross Jr. Family Student-Athlete Development Center, Miami University, 2006–2007
 Bernard B. Rinella, Jr. Learning Center, Miami University, 2005–2007

PEDAGOGICAL WRITING Skoskiewicz, Mark, Lucas Fink, and **Michael A. Zilis**. 2015. *Plan, Prepare and Perform: A Strategic Approach to Test Prep*. E-book

SERVICE

PHD COMM.	Alexander Denison, Travis Taylor
RESEARCH LAB	Olivia Antigua, Alexander Borne, Bear Brown, Hannah Britt, Erica Cherry, Elizabeth Dade, Tanner Dowdy, Samuel Harmon, Joshua Hollan, Danielle Hunt, Paige Kregor, Caitlin Neuhaus, Eric Poore, Brady Rice, Jacinda Rivas, Eteri Tsintsadze-Maase, Desiree Wilson, Brianna Vollman, Thomas Wright, Courtney Vice, Vanshika Vij, Adam Weissler, Rachele Yohe
THESIS	Alexander Borne, Elizabeth Dade, Sydney Darwin, Kathryn Price
INDIVIDUAL STUDY	Olivia Antigua, Samuel Harmon, Danielle Hunt, Brady Rice
DEPARTMENT	Political Science Research Colloquium Coordinator, 2017–2019 Graduate Program Committee, 2018-2019 Faculty Publications Wall, 2017–2018 Vandenbosch Outstanding Legal Studies Paper Award Committee, 2017–2019 Faculty Hiring Committee, 2017 Undergraduate Program Committee, 2015–2017
UNIVERSITY	Outside Dissertation Examiner Daniel Joseph, Department of Anthropology, 2019 William Spriggs, Department of English, 2018 Andrew Patrick, Department of History, 2017 2016 Presidential Election Forum Panelist Faculty Mentoring Program, College of Arts & Sciences, 2015
DISCIPLINE	APSA Long Term Mentoring Program, 2018-2019 APSA Law and Courts Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, 2017-2018 APSA Law and Courts Service Award Committee, 2016-2017
MEDIA	World is One News television panelist, November 6, 2018 <i>USA Today</i> , 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; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Law and Society Review; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Perspectives on Politics; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Law and Politics Book Review; George Mason University Press