

**Ryan C. Black**  
Curriculum Vitae  
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## 1 Contact Information

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## 2 Education

Ph.D. in Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, 2009.  
A.M. in Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, 2006.  
B.A. in Political Science. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, 2004.

## 3 Academic Appointments

Michigan State University, Department of Political Science  
Associate Professor (July 2014 - Present)  
Assistant Professor (August 2009 - June 2014)

Michigan State University, College of Law  
Faculty Affiliate (July 2016 - Present)  
Adjunct Professor (August 2015 - Present)

## 4 Administrative Appointments

Michigan State University, Department of Political Science  
Associate Chair (August 2014 - Present)

## 5 Research

### 5.1 Books

[3] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. *U.S. Supreme Court Opinions and Their Audiences*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-1-107-13714-1 (Hardcover).

[2] Black, Ryan C., Timothy R. Johnson, and Justin Wedeking. 2012. *Oral Arguments and Coalition Formation on the U.S. Supreme Court: A Deliberate Dialogue*. University of Michigan Press. ISBN: 978-0-472-11846-5 (Hardcover), 978-0-472-03579-3 (Paper).

Reviewed by Stephenson, Donald Grier, Jr. 2015. *Journal of Supreme Court History* 40(3): 334-350 (November); Whitmeyer, Joseph. 2014. *Perspectives on Politics* 12(1): 235-236 (March); Hume,

Robert J. 2013. *Journal of Politics* 75(4): E36; Westerland, Chad. 2013. *Law and Politics Book Review* 23(6): 305-308. Review available online.

- [1] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Branch Influence and Judicial Decisions*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-1-107-01529-6 (Hardcover), 978-1-107-68099-9 (Paper).

Subject of an “Authors Meets Readers/Critics” panel at the 2013 annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (April 12, Chicago, IL). Reviewed by Pacelle, Richard L., Jr. 2014. *Journal of Politics* 76(2): E7; Stephenson, Donald Grier Jr., 2013. “The Judicial Bookshelf.” *Journal of Supreme Court History* 38(3): 438-454; Bailey, Michael. 2013. *Political Science Quarterly* 128(3): 561-563 (Fall); Curry, Todd A. 2012. *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(10): 515-519; Collins, Ronald K.L. 2012. “BOOK REVIEW: A New (Scientific) Look at the SG and the Court.” *Concurring Opinions* Blog. August 28; also featured by Frost, Amanda. 2012. “Academic Highlight: Black and Owens on SG Decision Making.” *SCOTUSblog* (a.k.a., Supreme Court of the United States Blog). September 21, 2012.

## 5.2 Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [25] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, and Jennifer L. Williams. Forthcoming. “We Are the World: The U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Foreign Sources of Law.” *British Journal of Political Science*. Online version published 19 December 2014; available here (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0007123414000490>).
- [24] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, and Miles T. Armaly. 2016. “A Well Traveled Lot: A Research Note on Judicial Travel by U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” *Justice System Journal* 37(4): 367-384 (October-December).
- [23] Black, Ryan C., Matthew E.K. Hall, Ryan J. Owens, and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2016. “The Role of Emotional Language in Briefs Before the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 4(2): 377-407 (Fall).
- [22] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. “The Influence of Public Sentiment on Supreme Court Opinion Clarity.” *Law and Society Review* 50(3): 703-732 (September).
- [21] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court.” *American Journal of Political Science* 60(1): 30-43 (January).
- [20] Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. “Explaining the (Non)Occurrence of Evenly Divided Supreme Courts.” *American Politics Research* 42(6): 1077-1095 (November).
- [19] Black, Ryan C., Anthony J. Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2014. “Qualifications or Philosophy? The Use of Blue Slips in a Polarized Era.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 44(2): 290-308 (June).

- [18] Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. "Calling in the Reserves: Judicial Replacements on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Justice System Journal* 35(1): 4-26 (March).
- [17] Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2013. "Selecting the Select Few: The Discuss List and the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda-Setting Process." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(4): 1124-1144 (December).
- [16] Black, Ryan C., Rachel A. Schutte, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2013. "Trying to Get What You Want: Heresthetical Maneuvering and U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(4): 818-829 (December).
- [15] Black, Ryan C., Maron W. Sorenson, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2013. "Towards an Actor-Based Measure of Supreme Court Case Salience: Information-Seeking and Engagement During Oral Arguments." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(4): 803-817 (December).
- [14] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2013. "Bargaining and Legal Development on the United States Courts of Appeals." *American Politics Research* 41(6): 1071-1101 (November).
- [13] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2013. "A Built-In Advantage: The Office of the Solicitor General and the Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(2): 451-463 (June).
- [12] Black, Ryan C. and James F. Spriggs, II. 2013. "The Depreciation of U.S. Supreme Court Precedent." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 10(2): 325-358 (June).  
Identified as "one of the best works of recent scholarship relating to Courts and Law" by Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots). October 14, 2014.
- [11] Hall, Matthew E.K. and Ryan C. Black. 2013. "Keeping the Outliers in Line? Judicial Review of State Laws by the U.S. Supreme Court." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(2): 395-409 (June).
- [10] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. "Looking Back to Move Forward: Quantifying Policy Predictions in Political Decision Making." *American Journal of Political Science* 56(4): 802-816 (October).
- [9] Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2012. "US Supreme Court Agenda Setting and the Role of Litigant Status." *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 28(2): 286-312 (June).
- [8] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. "Consider the Source (and the Message): Supreme Court Justices and Strategic Audits of Lower Court Decisions." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(2): 385-395 (June).
- [7] Black, Ryan C. and Christina L. Boyd. 2012. "The Role of Law Clerks in the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda-Setting Process." *American Politics Research* 40(1): 147-173 (January).

- [6] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. "Solicitor General Influence and Agenda Setting on the United States Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4): 765-778 (December).
- [5] Black, Ryan C., Michael S. Lynch, Anthony J. Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. "Assessing Congressional Response to Growing Presidential Powers: The Case of Recess Appointments." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(3): 570-589 (September).
- [4] Black, Ryan C., Sarah A. Treul, Timothy R. Johnson, and Jerry Goldman. 2011. "Emotions, Oral Arguments, and Supreme Court Decision Making." *Journal of Politics* 73(2): 572-581 (April).
- [3] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. "Analyzing the Reliability of Supreme Court Justices' Agenda Setting Records." *Justice System Journal* 30(3): 254-264 (December).
- [2] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. "Agenda Setting in the Supreme Court: The Collision of Policy and Jurisprudence." *Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1062-1075 (July).  
 Research findings described in Seth Stern. 2010. "In Criticizing Kagan's Writings as Clerk, Republicans Trod a Well-Worn Path." *CQ Today Online News – Legal Affairs*. June 11, 2010.
- [1] Black, Ryan C., Anthony J. Madonna, Ryan J. Owens, and Michael S. Lynch. 2007. "Adding Recess Appointments to the President's "Tool Chest" of Unilateral Powers." *Political Research Quarterly* 60(4): 645-654 (December).

### 5.3 Editor-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- [19] Lane, Elizabeth A. and Ryan C. Black. "Agenda Setting and Case Selection" in William R. Thompson, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press (under contract).
- [18] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, and Justin Wedeking. Forthcoming. "Herding Scorpions: The Chief as Social Leader" in David J. Danelski and Artemus Ward, eds., *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*. University of Michigan Press.
- [17] Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. N.d. "The Policy Consequences of Term Limits on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Ohio Northern University Law Review* [Invited Submission].
- [16] Francis, Jeremy, Daphne O'Regan, and Ryan C. Black. Forthcoming 2016. "Designing Success: Motivating and Measuring Successful 1L Student Engagement in an Optional, Proficiency-Based Program Teaching Grammar and Punctuation." *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* 21 (Summer).
- [15] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. "The Success of Former Solicitors General in Private Practice: Costly and Unnecessary." *Michigan State Law Review* 2016(2): 325-367 [Symposium].

- [14] Wedeking, Justin, Anne Lippert, and Ryan Black. 2015. “(Re)Discover the Value of Nodes and Links: How Networks Can Further Law & Courts Research.” *Law & Courts* 25(1): 6-10 (Spring).
- [13] Black, Ryan C., Christina L. Boyd, and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. “Revisiting the Influence of Law Clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Agenda-Setting Process.” *Marquette University Law Review* 98(1): 75-109 (September) [Symposium].  
Excerpted in “Junior Judges or Assistants: The Role of Law Clerks.” *Marquette Lawyer: Marquette University Law School Magazine*. Fall 2015.
- [12] Johnson, Timothy R., David R. Stras, and Ryan C. Black. 2014. “Advice from the Bench (Memo): Clerk Influence on Supreme Court Oral Arguments.” *Marquette University Law Review* 98(1): 21-42 (September) [Symposium].  
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- [11] Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Daniel E. Walters, and Jennifer L. Williams. 2014. “Upending a Global Debate: An Empirical Analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Transnational Law to Interpret Domestic Doctrine.” *Georgetown Law Journal* 103(1).
- [10] Owens, Ryan J., Daniel E. Walters, Ryan C. Black, and Anthony J. Madonna. 2014. “Ideology, Qualifications, and Covert Senate Obstruction of Federal Court Nominations.” *University of Illinois Law Review* 2014(2): 347-387.
- [9] Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Supreme Court Agenda Setting: Policy Uncertainty and Legal Considerations” in Kevin T. McGuire, ed., *New Directions in Judicial Politics*. Routledge Press: 144-166.
- [8] Black, Ryan C., Amanda C. Bryan, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2011. “An Actor-Based Measure of Salience: Information Acquisition and the Case of the United States Supreme Court” in Kai Oppermann and Henrike Viehrig, eds., *Issue Salience and Foreign Policy Analysis*. Routledge Press: 240-257.
- [7] Black, Ryan C., Anthony J. Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “Obstructing Agenda-Setting: Examining Blue Slip Behavior in the Senate.” *The Forum* 9(4): Article #9.
- [6] Johnson, Timothy R., Ryan C. Black, and Justin Wedeking. 2009. “Pardon the Interruption: An Empirical Analysis of Supreme Court Justices’ Behavior During Oral Arguments.” *Loyola Law Review* 55(2): 331-351 (Summer) [Symposium].
- [5] Johnson, Timothy R., Ryan C. Black, and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2009. “Hear Me Roar: What Provokes Supreme Court Justices to Dissent from the Bench?” *Minnesota Law Review* 93(5): 1560-1581 (May) [Symposium].  
Research findings described in Adam Liptak. 2010. “In a Polarized Court, Getting the Last Word.” *New York Times*. March 8, 2010 (page A12).

- [4] Johnson, Timothy R., Ryan C. Black, Jerry Goldman, and Sarah A. Treul. 2009. “Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Do Justices Tip Their Hands With Their Questions at Oral Arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court?” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 29: 241-261 [Symposium].

Research findings described in Adam Liptak. 2009. “When the Justices Ask Questions, Be Prepared to Lose the Case.” *New York Times*. May 26, 2009 (page A10); and David Stras. 2009. “Academic Round-Up.” Supreme Court of the United States Blog (SCOTUS Blog). May 11, 2009.

- [3] Black, Ryan C. and James F. Spriggs, II. 2008. “An Empirical Analysis of the Length of U.S. Supreme Court Opinions.” *Houston Law Review* 45(3): 621-683 (Fall).

Research findings described and data featured in Adam Liptak. 2010. “Justices Are Long on Words but Short on Guidance.” *New York Times*. November 18, 2010 (page A1).

- [2] Black, Ryan C. and Lee Epstein. 2007. “(Re-)Setting the Scholarly Agenda on Transjudicial Communication.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 32(3): 791-807 (September) [Review Article].

- [1] Black, Ryan and Lee Epstein. 2005. “Recusals and the “Problem” of an Equally Divided Supreme Court.” *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* 7(1): 75-99 (Spring) [Symposium].

Research findings described in Adam Liptak. 2010. “Supreme Court Recusal Process a Mystery.” *New York Times*. November 16, 2010 (page A18).

#### 5.4 *Encyclopedia Entries*

McAdamis, Eric and Ryan C. Black. 2012. “Airport Searches,” “Border Searches,” “Drug Sniffs and Searches,” “Inventory Searches,” “Search and Seizure,” “Stomach Pumping,” and “Warrantless Searches.” *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. David Schultz, ed. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

Black, Ryan C. 2009. “Alexander Bickel,” “Federal Baseball Club v. National League,” “Lewis Powell,” and “Roger Taney.” *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Constitution*. David Schultz, ed. New York: Facts on File, Inc.

Black, Ryan C. 2008. “Billboards,” “FEC v. National Conservative PAC,” “Law Students Research Council v. Wadmond,” and “Secretary of State of Maryland v. Joseph H. Munson, Inc.” *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*. David Hudson, John Vile, and David Schultz, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

#### 5.5 *Research Grants*

##### EXTERNAL

Black, Ryan C. and Timothy R. Johnson (co-PIs). “Collaborative Proposal: Understanding Supreme Court Decision-Making Through Conference Note Transcription” (SES-1556270).

Law and Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation. March 2016-February 2019. Total award: \$394,000 (MSU portion of award: \$193,994).

Black Ryan C. (PI) and Rachel Schutte (co-PI). “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Shaping the Content of Majority Opinions on the U.S. Supreme Court” (SES-1228458). Law and Social Sciences Program of the National Science Foundation. August 2012-December 2013. Total award: \$25,200

Black, Ryan C. (subaward contract PI) and Ryan J. Owens (lead PI). “Estimating the Policy Preferences of United States Courts of Appeals Judges Across Circuits and American Political Institutions” (SES-0924236). Law and Social Sciences Program, National Science Foundation. September 2009-August 2012. Total award: \$111,314 (MSU subaward: \$27,564).

#### INTERNAL

Black, Ryan C. (PI), Maxwell Harder, Hailey Lobb, and Sean Weston. “Civic Knowledge in the State of Michigan: How Much and What Impact?” Michigan Applied Public Policy Research Grant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. November 2014-October 2015. Total award: \$12,000.

Black, Ryan C. “The United Kingdom Supreme Court Database.” Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University College of Social Science (undergraduate recipients: Hailey Lobb and Sean Weston). October 2014-May 2015. Total award: \$4000.

Black, Ryan C. “Supreme Court Oral Arguments and the Role of Legal Briefs.” Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University College of Social Science (undergraduate recipients: Eric Houghtaling and Jordan Hughes). October 2012-May 2013. Total award: \$4000.

Black, Ryan. C. “Precedent and Oral Argument on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University College of Social Science (undergraduate recipients: Sarah Falconer, Ryan Girmarc, and Kevin White). October 2011-May 2012. Total award: \$4000.

Black, Ryan C. “Interest Groups and the U.S. Supreme Court’s Agenda-Setting Process.” Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University College of Social Science (undergraduate recipients: Kara Charbarneau and Christian Schreiber). October 2010-May 2011. Total award: \$4000.

Black, Ryan C. “Judicial Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Pilot Data for Creating an Online Digital Archive.” Faculty Initiatives Fund, Michigan State University College of Social Science. July 2010-June 2011. Total award: \$6164.

Black, Ryan C. “Judicial Recusal and its Impact on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Making.” Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values, Washington University. May 2008-April

2009. Total award: \$2500.

Black, Ryan C. “Denied Access, Denied Justice? The Effect of Economic Status on the United States Supreme Court’s Agenda-Setting Process.” Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values, Washington University. May 2007-April 2008. Total award: \$2500.

### 5.6 *Under Review*

### 5.7 *Working Papers*

Black, Ryan C., Adam Candeub, and Eric Hunnicutt. “Agency Independence and Partisan Politics: How Presidents Use Independent Agencies to Circumvent Legislatures.” Article manuscript.

Black, Ryan C., Amanda C. Bryan, and Ryan J. Owens. “Examining Opinion Breadth on the United States Supreme Court.” Article manuscript.

Black, Ryan C., Amanda C. Bryan, and Ryan J. Owens. “How Lower Court Quality Constrains the United States Supreme Court.” Article manuscript.

Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. “The (Dis)Value of Former Law Clerks as Attorneys Before the U.S. Supreme Court.” Article manuscript.

Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. “Face Value and the Court: The Effect of Attorney Appearance on Supreme Court Victory.” Article manuscript.

Stone, Andrew R. and Ryan C. Black. “Moving Down the Ladder: The Post-Retirement Judicial Activity of U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” Article manuscript.

### 5.8 *Research in Progress*

Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. “What If? The Empirical Implications of Normative Reforms on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Book manuscript.

Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. *Supreme Court Justices, Their Motives, and Judicial Behavior*. Book manuscript under advanced contract with Cambridge University Press.

Lane, Elizabeth A., Ryan C. Black, and Ryan J. Owens. “Attorney Experience and U.S. Supreme Court Agenda Setting. Article manuscript.



## 6 Professional Activities

### 6.1 Conference Presentations

Complete listing available here: <http://ryancblack.org/webfiles/conferences.pdf>

American Political Science Association: 2008 – 2010, 2013.  
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies: 2007, 2009, 2012.  
Hawaii University International Conference: 2016.  
Law and Society Association: 2008, 2011 – 2012, 2015.  
Legal Writing Institute: 2014.  
Midwest Political Science Association: 2006 – 2016.  
Southern Political Science Association: 2007 – 2012, 2014 – 2016.  
Southwestern Political Science Association: 2008, 2014, 2016.  
Western Political Science Association: 2009, 2015.

### 6.2 Invited Presentations

Complete listing available here: <http://ryancblack.org/webfiles/invited.pdf>

MSU Alumni Association (2016); Northwestern University (2016); The Dean's Lecture at Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law (2016); Michigan State University College of Law (2015); Marquette University Law School (2014); Princeton University (2013); University of Chicago Law School (2013); Emory University (2012); U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (2010); University of Texas at Dallas (2008); Michigan State University (2008); University of North Texas (2008); Carnegie Mellon University (2006).

## 7 Service Activities

### 7.1 Professional

Award Committee Member. Lasting Contribution (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011).

Discussant. Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2009, 2015); Midwest Political Science Association (2010-2011, 2014, 2016); Southern Political Science Association (2014).

Editorial Board Member. *Law and Courts Newsletter* (2013-present). *Law and Society Review* (2013-2016). *Political Research Quarterly* (2016-2018).

Panel Chair. Midwest Political Science Association (2014, 2016); Western Political Science Association (2009).

Reviewer. *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, CQ Press, *Journal of Empiri-*

*cal Legal Studies, Journal of Law and Courts, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Politics, Judicature, Jurimetrics, Justice System Journal, Law and Policy, Law and Social Inquiry, Law and Society Review, National Science Foundation, Nature Human Behavior, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Red Cedar Undergraduate Research Journal, Routledge, SAGE, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, Swiss National Science Foundation.*

Section Chair. Midwest Political Science Association (2015, judicial politics).

### *7.2 College and University*

2014. Member. Lilly Teaching Fellowship Selection Committee.  
2012. Discussant. Michigan State University College of Law Junior Faculty Workshop.  
2010-2011. Seminar Presenter. Honors College Professorial Assistantship Program.  
2011. Member. Faculty Grievance Jurisdictional Appeals Panel.  
2010. Chair. College of Social Science Undergraduate Grievance Hearing Board.

### *7.3 Departmental*

2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017. Member. Department Advisory Committee.  
2015. Organizer. Graduate Student Orientation and Training Sessions (GOATS).  
2013-present. Director. Online Summer Teaching Program.  
2013-present. Facilitator. Working Group: The Team Analyzing Courts (TACO).  
2011-present. Responsible Conduct of Research Advisor.  
2015. Chair. Annual Performance Review Committee.  
2014-2015. Member. American Politics Faculty Search Committee.  
2014-2015. Chair. Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Assessment.  
2014. Chair. Best Graduate Student Paper Award.  
2011-2014. Member. American Politics Field Committee.  
2012-2014. Member. PhD Admissions Committee.  
2013-2014, 2015-2016. Member. Undergraduate Studies Committee.  
2013-2014, 2015-2016. First Year Graduate Student Mentor.  
2013-2014. Facilitator. Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Workshop.  
2012-2013. First Year Graduate Student Academic Advisor.  
2012-2013. Member. Self-Study Committee.  
2011-2012. Member. Ad Hoc Graduate Student Teaching Committee.  
2011-2012. Member. Annual Performance Review Committee.  
2011-2012. Member. Graduate Professionalization Committee.  
2010-2011. Member. Graduate Studies and Academic Standards Committee.  
2010-2011. Member. Ad Hoc Performance Evaluation Review Committee.  
2010. Member. Undergraduate Grievance Review Panel.  
2009-2010. Member. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.  
2009. Member. Ad Hoc Information Technology Needs Evaluation Committee.

## 8 Teaching

### 8.1 *Michigan State University*

American Constitutional Law. Undergraduate.  
American Political Institutions. Graduate.  
Honors Research Seminar. Undergraduate.  
Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis. Undergraduate.  
Introduction to Political Science. Undergraduate.  
Judicial Politics (formerly American Judicial Process). Undergraduate.  
Quantitative Analysis for Lawyers. Law School.  
Seminar in Political Science. Undergraduate.  
United Kingdom Summer Study Abroad. Undergraduate.

### 8.2 *University College, Washington University in St. Louis*

Introduction to Quantitative Methods. Undergraduate.  
Topics in American Politics: The Supreme Court. Undergraduate.

### 8.3 *Student Advising*

College of Social Science Dean's Assistantship (2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2015-2016).  
Graduate Student Directed Readings Supervisor (2014-present).  
Graduate Student First Year Mentor (2013-2014, 2015-2016).  
Graduate Student Guidance Committee Chair/Member (2012-present).  
Graduate Student Instructor Supervisor (2011-2015).  
Honors College Professorial Assistantship (2010-2013, 2015-2016).  
MSU Habitat for Humanity Faculty Advisor (2013-2014).  
Political Science Scholars Mentor (2014-present).  
Pre-Law Society Faculty Advisor (2013).  
Provost's Undergraduate Research Initiative (2010-present).  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (2010).  
Undergraduate Honors Option Supervisor (2010).  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Chair/Member (2011-present).  
Undergraduate Independent Study Supervisor (2010-2012, 2015).

## 9 Honors and Awards

College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award. 2016. Michigan State University.

Political Science Teaching Excellence Award. 2015. Michigan State University.

Teacher-Scholar Award. 2014. Michigan State University.

Title of Nobility (Lord) from the Royal Family. 2014. Principality of Sealand.

Lilly Teaching Fellowship. 2012-2013. Michigan State University.

Artinian Travel Award. 2012. Southern Political Science Association.

Featured in Michigan State University's Faculty Conversations Series (content available online at: [http://news.msu.edu/staff-faculty/story/7922/&topic\\_id=19](http://news.msu.edu/staff-faculty/story/7922/&topic_id=19)). 2010.

Recognized by Michigan State University's Division of Student Affairs and Services for Success in Teaching and Educational Leadership. 2010.

Faculty Mentor Award (for mentoring a student in the McNair Scholars program). 2010. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Faculty Support Award. Student mentored: Qasim Abbas.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award (for the best paper delivered at the 2008 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association). 2009. Paper: Ryan C. Black and Timothy R. Johnson, "Political Salience, U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments, and the Search for the Holy Grail."

2nd Place Poster Award. 2007. Social Science Division of the Graduate Student Research Symposium Poster Contest, Washington University in St. Louis. Poster: Ryan C. Black, "Assistants or Puppet Masters? Examining the Influence of Law Clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Prestage-Cook Graduate Student Travel Award. 2007. Southern Political Science Association.

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship. 2006. National Science Foundation.

1st Place Poster Award. 2006. Social Science Division of the Graduate Student Research Symposium Poster Contest, Washington University in St. Louis. Poster: Ryan C. Black, "Finding Needles in a Haystack: an Empirical Analysis of Case Selection on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship. 2005. National Science Foundation.