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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

**Associate Professor of Law**, University of Georgia School of Law, July 2008 to present.

*Courses:* Constitutional Law, Election Law, State and Local Government Law.

**Associate Professor of Law**, University of Kentucky College of Law, July 2006 to July 2008 (Assistant Professor, July 2002 to July 2006).

**Visiting Scholar**, Oxford Institute of European and Comparative Law, Summer 2003.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

*"I'm Sorry, I Can't Answer That": Positive Legal Scholarship and the Supreme Court Confirmation Process*, 10 UNIV. OF PENN. JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 331 (2008).

*The Rehnquist Court: A By The Numbers Retrospective*, 9 UNIV. OF PENN. JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 1033 (2007) (an early draft of this paper was selected from a competitive call for papers and was presented at the First Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, jointly sponsored by NYU, Cornell and the University of Texas law schools).

*The Changing Face of Judicial Activism: An Empirical Examination of Voting Behavior on the Rehnquist Natural Court*, 24 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 43 (2007).

*An Empirical Analysis of the Confirmation Hearings of the Rehnquist Court Justices*, with Jason Czarnezki and William Ford, 24 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 127 (2007).

*The Roberts Court: Year 1*, 73 TENN. LAW REV. 607 (2006).

*UK Election Law: A Critical Examination* (book review) 16 LAW AND POLITICS BOOK REVIEW 462 (2006).

*Fig Leaves, Fairytales, and Constitutional Foundations: Debating Judicial Review in Britain*, 43 COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW 865 (2005).

*Defining Democracy: The Supreme Court's Campaign Finance Dilemma*, 56 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 77 (2004).

*Concepts of Equality in British Campaign Finance Reform Proposals*, 22 OXFORD JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 253 (2002).

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Georgia State University School of Law, presenter, *Judicial Legitimacy and the Supreme Court Confirmation Process* (scheduled Fall 2008).

Vanderbilt University Law School, presenter, Works-in-Progress Workshop (Fall 2007).

University of Kansas College of Law, presenter, *The Supreme Court Confirmation Process* (Fall 2007).

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, presenter and commentator, *Justice Kennedy and the Rehnquist Court* (Summer 2007).

University of Pennsylvania Symposium, "Positive Approaches to Constitutional Law and Theory", presenter, "*I'm Sorry, I Can't Answer That*": *Supreme Court Confirmations, Judicial Independence, and Positive Legal Scholarship* (Spring 2007).

The First Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, presenter, *The Rehnquist Court: A By-the-Numbers Retrospective* (selected for presentation from a competitive Call for Papers; sponsored by NYU, Cornell and the University of Texas Law Schools) (Fall 2006).

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, presenter, *The Many Faces of Judicial Activism* (Summer 2006).

University of Tennessee, presenter, *Judicial Activism and the Rehnquist Court* (Fall 2005).

SLSA Annual Conference, University of Glasgow (Scotland), presenter and commenter, *Freedom of Expression: U.S. Campaign Law and the Role of Judicial Review* (2004).

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, presenter,  
*Debating Judicial Review in England* (Summer 2004).

### **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:**

*Umpires and Activists*, paper examining the role that the Supreme Court confirmation hearing process can play in legitimating judicial decisionmaking.

*The Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing Dataset*. I am in the process of developing a coded, searchable dataset containing information culled from the transcripts of the confirmation hearings of U.S. Supreme Court Justices. The dataset will, among other things, allow researchers to compare across all nominees the types of questions asked by Senators, the way those questions have changed over time, and the answers given by the nominees. It also will enable researchers to compare the answers given by nominees at their confirmation hearings with the nominee's voting patterns once confirmed.

### **EDUCATION and HONORS:**

**Oxford University**, BCL in European and Comparative Law, July 2001.  
Graduation with Distinction; Ralph Chiles CBE Award for Human Rights.

**University of Wisconsin Law School**, *Juris Doctorate*, May 1997. Graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> of 208 graduates; Wisconsin Law Review (articles editor, 1996-97, member, 1995-96); American Jurisprudence Award (Contracts I), CALI Awards (Contracts II, Remedies, Constitutional Law Seminar in First Amendment Law).

**Kirwan Scholarship Award**, Nominee, University of Kentucky Memorial Prize recognizing outstanding contributions to original research or creative scholarship.

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and SERVICE:**

**Planning Committee for the AALS 2008 Conference on Constitutional Law**  
(Mark Tushnet, chair).

**Foley & Lardner**, Attorney, September 1997 to August 2000. Litigation and Regulatory Departments. Duties included participation in large-scale litigation matters, including contract, constitutional, and dealership law disputes. Regulatory Department duties also included advising energy and telecommunications clients in transactional and litigation matters at the state, federal and agency levels.

**Wisconsin State Legislature**, Research Assistant to Representative Jeannette Bell, May 1993 - August 1994. Duties included researching and developing legislation, meeting with interest and constituent groups, advising elected officials

regarding political and policy matters, and coordinating the activities of the Ways and Means Committee.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

**American Bar Association**, August 1997 to present.

**Wisconsin Bar Association**, August 1997 to present.