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APPOINTMENTS University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016–present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2009–2016

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
Congressional Fellow, 2008–2009

EDUCATION Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Ph.D., Political Science, 2009
M.A., Political Science, 2007

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

B.A., Political Science, 2001

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS American Government
Interbranch Relations
Judicial Behavior & Policymaking
Congressional Politics
Constitutional Law
Elite and Public Attitudes toward Courts

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. Forthcoming. “Specifications Grading in Political Science,” *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2016. “Assessing the Effect of Breakout Sessions on Student Success and Satisfaction.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 49(1): 117–121.

Bethany Blackstone. 2015. “The Home Court Advantage: Organizational Identification and Supreme Court Decision Making.” *Journal of Political Science* 43: 7–38.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2015. “Discourse and Dissonance: Religious Agendas in the 104th Congress.” *Research and Politics* 2(3): 1–8.

Maryann E. Gallagher and Bethany Blackstone. 2015. “Taking Matters Into Their Own Hands: Presidents’ Personality Traits and the Use of Executive Orders.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 45(2): 221–246.

Bethany Blackstone and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2014. "Strategy and the Decision to Dissent on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal* 35(3): 269–286.

Bethany Blackstone and Greg Goelzhauser. 2014. "Presidential Rhetoric Toward the Supreme Court." *Judicature* 92(4): 179–187.

Bethany Blackstone, Tetsuya Matsubayashi, and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2014. "Israeli Attitudes on Synagogue and State." *Politics and Religion* 7(1): 122–147.

Bethany Blackstone. 2013. "An Analysis of Policy-Based Congressional Responses to the U.S. Supreme Court's Constitutional Decisions." *Law & Society Review* 47(1): 199–228.

Micheal W. Giles, Bethany Blackstone, and Richard L. Vining, Jr. 2008. "The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-Making," *Journal of Politics* 70(2): 293–306.

AWARDS,
GRANTS, &
FELLOWSHIPS

UNT Team Mentoring Grant Recipient, "Innovative Pedagogies in the Social Sciences" with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon and Michael Greig.

American Political Science Association Law & Court's Section Teaching and Mentoring Award, 2018.

UNT President's Council Teaching Award, 2018.

UNT Department of Political Science Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2017.

University of North Texas CLEAR Course Design Institute Participant, Summer 2017

Description: UNT's Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment, and Redesign offers grants of \$1,250 to accepted participants to design or redesign a course according to an outcomes-based model. My CDI project is a team-based learning design of an Honors U.S. Political Behavior course.

University of North Texas 'Fessor Graham Award, 2015

Description: The 'Fessor Graham Award is a university-wide teaching award presented to one faculty member per year for "outstanding and unselfish service to students." It is the highest honor given by the student body at UNT.

University of North Texas Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 2012, Award: \$5,000

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2007–2008, Award: \$7,680

Emory University Dean's Teaching Fellowship, 2007–2008

COURSES TAUGHT	<p><u>Undergraduate</u></p> <p>American National Government</p> <p>The Legislative Process</p> <p>The U.S. Supreme Court</p> <p>The American Legal System</p> <p>Constitutional Law (institutional powers)</p> <p>Judicial Policymaking (<i>taught as directed reading</i>)</p> <p><u>Graduate Seminars</u></p> <p>American Politics</p> <p>Public Law & Judicial Behavior</p> <p>Judicial Policymaking (<i>taught as directed reading</i>)</p>
RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	<p>Presenter. “Overruling Precedent in the U.S. Courts of Appeals,” with Micheal W. Giles, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, 2017.</p> <p>Presenter. “Specifications Grading in Political Science,” with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, 2017.</p> <p>Chair and Discussant. The Structure and Influence of Supreme Court Decisions, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.</p> <p>Presenter. “Evaluating the Success of Responses to the Supreme Court’s Constitutional Decisions,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.</p> <p>Presenter. “Assessing the Effect of Breakout Sessions on Student Success and Satisfaction,” with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.</p> <p>Discussant. Precedent, Legal Doctrine, and Judicial Constraint, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2015.</p>
SERVICE TO UNT & THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSCI)	<p>Faculty in Residence, August 2015–May 2018</p> <p><i>Description:</i> The Faculty in Residence Program is a collaboration between UNT’s Honors College and the Department of Housing and Residence Life. The primary goals of the program are to increase informal interactions between residents and faculty outside of the classroom and to provide personal and academic role models for students.</p> <p>Member, University of North Texas Faculty Senate, March 2018–present</p> <p>Member, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Political Science Field of Study Advisory Committee, January 2018–present</p> <p>Chair, PSCI Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2017–present</p> <p>Member, Fall 2010–Spring 2011 and Fall 2016–present</p>

Member, PSCI Ad Hoc Committee on Charter and Bylaws, Fall 2017–present.

Member, Search Committee for Hire in Political Theory, Fall 2017.

Faculty Advisor for Political Science Student Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, Fall 2016–present.

Member, PSCI Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop Committee, Fall 2014–Spring 2017.

Member, Honors College Curriculum Committee, Fall 2015–Spring 2016.

Member, PSCI Executive Committee, Fall 2011–Spring 2012 and Fall 2015–Spring 2016.

PSCI Election Judge, Fall 2009–Spring 2010 and Fall 2014–Spring 2016

Member, Search Committee for Hire in American Politics–Intermediary Institutions, Fall 2015.

Coordinator, Pizza & Politics (PSCI graduate student research workshop), Fall 2013–Spring 2015.

Member, PSCI Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Fall 2012–Spring 2014.

Member, PSCI Banquet Committee, Fall 2012.

Member, PSCI Space Committee, Fall 2011–Spring 2012.

Member, Search Committee for Hire in Comparative Political Behavior, Fall 2011.

Judge, Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association Tournament, 2011, 2012

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE Member, Executive Committee, American Political Science Association Section on Law and Courts, Fall 2016–present.

Member of the selection committee for the American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section’s Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2013 and 2018.

Member of the selection committee for the C. Herman Pritchett Award (awarded by the American Political Science Association Law and Court’s Section for the best book written on law and courts in the previous year), 2017

Member of the selection committee for the American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section’s Service Award, 2016.

Member of the selection committee for the Southern Political Science Association’s Neal Tate Award for the outstanding judicial politics paper presented at the 2012 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Journal*

of Politics, Justice System Journal, Law & Social Inquiry, Law & Society Review,
National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program, W.W. Norton
& Company, Oxford University Press, *Political Research Quarterly, Politics &*
Policy, TESS (Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences), Wadsworth
Cengage Learning

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

- Section on Law and Courts
- Section on Legislative Studies
- Section on Political Science Education
- Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Attendee, University of North Texas Equity & Diversity Conference, February 2018.

Attendee, American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2018

Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2016

Attendee, Association of College and University Housing Officers–International Living–Learning Programs Conference, St. Pete Beach, Florida, 2015.