

## **BETHANY BLACKSTONE**

Curriculum Vitae, December 2021

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### **EDUCATION**

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, Denton, Texas

M.B.A., Strategic Management, 2021-present, anticipated completion Spring 2023

EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, Georgia

Ph.D., Political Science, 2009

M.A., Political Science, 2007

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, Indiana

B.A., Political Science, 2001

### **HONORS APPOINTMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS (UNT)**

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The University of North Texas, located in Denton, Texas, is a Carnegie Tier 1 public research university enrolling over 40,000 students. UNT is a Hispanic Serving Institution and has a majority-minority student population; more than 40% of UNT undergraduates are first-generation college students. The university offers 113 bachelor's degrees, 94 master's degrees, and 37 doctoral degree programs.

The Honors College at UNT helps more than 2,000 undergraduate students build their ideal undergraduate education by providing academic and co-curricular experiences that are broader, deeper, or more complex than the norm. Membership is open to students from all undergraduate majors; the college seeks students committed to academic success, creativity, collaboration, community, and leadership.

**Associate Dean for the Honors College**, January 2020-present

Currently reporting to the Dean of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) and the Honors College. Oversee all aspects of the Honors College student experience and supervise a team of nine that includes full-time faculty, advisors, a recruiter, and student life personnel. Coordinate with the Divisions of Student Affairs and Enrollment and with academic units across campus to recruit and retain high-achieving students and support their development in and out of the classroom.

#### *Accomplishments*

- Established Honors College presence on UNT's branch campus at Frisco.
- Partnered with Division of Enrollment to provide automatic admission to the Honors College for select merit-based scholarship recipients.
- Worked with departments to establish combined-section courses to increase Honors offerings in 3000/4000-level classes.
- Created First-Year Experience course (HNRS 1000) to help students transition to college.
- Created Honors Experiential Learning Seminar (HNRS 4200Z) to allow students to earn Honors credit for internships, practicums, and student teaching.
- Partnered with Office of Orientation & Transition Programs and the Department of Housing and Residence Life to create Honors College Pre-Flight. Students move in early and participate in a day and a half of programming and events that build community and introduce students to the Honors College.

- Designed and launched university-wide competition for TAMS and Honors College faculty awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring.

**Special Assistant to the Dean, May 2019-December 2019**

Worked with the Dean of TAMS and the Honors College to evaluate Honors College academic initiatives. Designed and implemented strategies to expand Honors course offerings and increase faculty engagement with the Honors College.

**Faculty-in-Residence, August 2015-May 2018**

Served as live-in faculty member in a first-year Honors College residence hall to promote informal interaction between residents and faculty outside of the classroom. Worked with Department of Housing and Residence Life and Honors College staff to provide programming and mentoring for residents. Taught Honors political science courses in the hall.

**OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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**Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, UNT, 2016-present**

**Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, UNT, 2009-2016**

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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS IN HONORS EDUCATION**

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Texas Honors Deans and Directors Group, organized by the Texas Council of Public University Presidents & Chancellors, 2020-present

Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities (APLU) Council on Honors Education, 2021-present

National Collegiate Honors Council, 2019-present

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

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Texas Academic Leadership Academy (TALA) Fellow, Cohort 4, August 2021-present  
Participant in a year-long leadership development program for aspiring academic leaders supported by the Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers (TCCAO). Topics include higher education finance, conflict management, diversity, assessment, accreditation, and strategic planning. Nominated to participate by UNT's Provost.

Academic Associate Deans Council, Office of the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, UNT, 2020-present

Chairs Academy, Office of the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, UNT, 2020-present

Art of Participatory Leadership, Office of the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, UNT

Workshop, August 2019

Advanced Practice Cohort, January 2020-August 2020

Community of Practice Mentor, March 2021-present

The Art of Successful Coaching, UNT World Learning, July 2020

UNT System Student Success Summit, March 2020

37<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference, Savannah Georgia, February 2020

Beginning in Honors, National Collegiate Honors Council, November 2019

## **LEADERSHIP AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI)**

Chair. Honors College Curriculum Review for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Fall 2021-present

Facilitator. Cultural Humility 101 Workshop, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, UNT, Fall 2020-present

Facilitator. UNT Deans Retreat, Office of the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, August 2021

Founder and Co-Chair. Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for TAMS and the Honors College, June 2020-August 2021

Facilitator. TAMS and Honors College Deans and Directors Leadership Retreat, March 2020

### *Accomplishments*

- Designed and implemented holistic application process for Honors College applicants.
- Incorporated unit on diversity, equity, and inclusion in Honors College First-Year Experience course.
- Oversaw launch of a new student programming group for students of color in the Honors College.
- Incorporated contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion into faculty and staff annual performance evaluations.
- Established expectation that all staff members complete UNT's Inclusion, Equity, and Community Building Series, a 20-hour program that explores community building, cultural humility, bias awareness, identity development, microaggressions and inclusive language, anti-racism, privilege and allyship, and change leadership.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Racial Awareness Training, UNT, November 2021

Working with Inclusive Pedagogy and Cultural Responsiveness, UNT, October 2021

Gender and Sexuality Equity in the Workplace, UNT, April 2021

Supporting Male Students of Color, UNT, April 2021

Promoting Equity through Inclusive Teaching Practices, UNT, March 2021

Pedagogical Approaches for Dialogues about Social Identities in the Classroom, UNT, February 2021

Inclusive Excellence Training, UNT, December 2020

Equity Now!, University of Southern California Race and Equity Center, October 2020

UNT Equity & Diversity Conference, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Inclusion, Equity, and Community-Building Workshop, UNT Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Fall 2018.

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

UNT Team Mentoring Grant Recipient, "Innovative Pedagogies in the Social Sciences" with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon and Michael Greig, 2018-2019.

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.

UNT CLEAR Course Design Institute, Summer 2017

Received \$1,250 grant from UNT's Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment, and Redesign to develop an outcomes-based Honors U.S. political behavior using team-based learning.

UNT 'Fessor Graham Award, 2015

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.

UNT Texas Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 2012.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2007-2008.

Emory University Dean's Teaching Fellowship, 2007-2008

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Government

Constitutional Law

Interbranch Relations

Congressional Politics

Judicial Behavior and Policymaking

Higher Education Pedagogy

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Bethany Blackstone and Greg Goelzhauser. 2019. "Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court's Constitutional and Statutory Decisions," *Justice System Journal* 40(2): 91-109.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2019. "Simulating the Legislative Process with LegSim," *Journal of Political Science Education*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2019.1574586>

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2018. "Specifications Grading in Political Science," *Journal of Political Science Education*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1447948>

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.

### **Editor-Reviewed Publications**

Bethany Blackstone. 2020. "Judicial Selection" in *New Directions in Congressional Politics Research*, 2nd edition. Jamie Carson and Michael Lynch, eds. New York, NY: Routledge.

Bethany Blackstone and Sherri L Wallace. 2020. "TLC at APSA: Take Two at APSA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 53(1): 191-195.

Bethany Blackstone. 2019. "Kisor v. Wilkie on Deference to Federal Agencies" in *SCOTUS 2019: Major Decisions and Developments of the U.S. Supreme Court*. David Klein and Morgan Marietta, eds. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Honors Introduction to Research  
Honors Thesis Proposal Development  
Honors Experiential Learning Seminar  
American National Government (traditional, Honors)  
The U.S. Supreme Court (traditional, Honors)  
The American Legal System  
Constitutional Law (institutional powers)  
The Legislative Process  
Judicial Policymaking (directed reading)

#### **Graduate Courses**

American Politics  
Public Law & Judicial Behavior  
Judicial Policymaking (directed reading)

#### **Student Advising**

Doctoral Committee Member, Amy Friesenhahn, completed 2020  
Master's Committee Member, Alaina McGuffee, completed 2020  
Master's Committee Chair, Ben Vail, completed 2015  
Master's Committee Member, DeAnne Roark, in progress  
Master's Committee Member, Jared Perkins, completed 2014  
Master's Faculty Academic Advisor, Sarah Eckberg, 2015-2016  
Master's Faculty Academic Advisor, Rachel Kamman, 2014-2015  
Honors Undergraduate Thesis Chair, Holly Mathews (in progress)  
Honors Undergraduate Thesis Chair, Alaina McGuffee, completed 2019  
Undergraduate Research Fellow Mentor, Holly Mathews, 2021  
Undergraduate Research Fellow Mentor, Alaina McGuffee, 2018  
Undergraduate Research Fellow Mentor, Ian Layden, 2018

### **RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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Discussant and Chair. Panel for Undergraduate Research, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2021 (virtual).

Discussant. Panel on the Supreme Court and Public Opinion, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2021 (virtual).

Presenter. "The Supreme Court's Policy Agenda," with Christine C. Bird, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2021 (virtual).

Presenter. "Staying Out of It: The Influence of External Actors on the Supreme Court's Agenda," with Christine C. Bird, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2020 (virtual).

Presenter. "The Policymaking Court," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2019.

Discussant and Chair. Panel on Courts and the Separation of Powers. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois 2019.

Facilitator. Pedagogy Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Maryann E. Gallagher. Boston, Massachusetts, 2018.

## **SERVICE**

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### **To the University of North Texas**

Digital Strategies and Innovation Committee, AY2020-present

Graduate Council, AY2020-present

Courseleaf Implementation Task Force, AY2020

Study Abroad Task Force, January 2020-present

EAB Navigate Implementation Group, Analytics Committee, AY2019-AY2020

Faculty Senate Senator, March 2018-December 2018

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Member, September 2018-December 2018

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Political Science Field of Study Advisory Committee, 2018

### **To the Honors College at UNT**

Faculty Awards Committee, AY2020 (chair)

Curriculum Committee, AY2015, AY2020-present

Search Committee for Honors Lecturer Hire, Summer 2020 (chair)

### **To the Department of Political Science at UNT**

Graduate Studies Committee, AY2010, AY2016, AY2017 (chair)

Ad Hoc Committee on Charter and Bylaws, AY2017

Search Committee for Hire in Political Theory, AY2017

Political Science Student Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, Faculty Advisor, AY2016-AY2018

Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop Committee, AY2014-AY2016

Executive Committee, AY2011, AY2015

Election Judge, AY2009, AY2014-AY2015

Search Committee for Hire in American Politics-Intermediary Institutions, AY2015

Graduate Student Research Workshop Coordinator, AY2013-AY2014

Undergraduate Studies Committee, AY 2009, AY2012-AY2013

Banquet Committee, Fall 2012

Space Committee, AY2011

Search Committee for Hire in Comparative Political Behavior, AY2011

Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association Tournament Judge, AY2010, AY2011

### **To the Political Science Discipline**

*American Political Science Association*

Program Committee Member. TLC at APSA (Teaching and Learning Conference at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2020.

Program Co-Chair. TLC at APSA (Teaching and Learning Conference at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association), Washington, D.C., 2019.

American Political Science Association Section on Law and Courts  
Executive Committee Member, Fall 2016-Summer 2018  
Selection committee for Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2013, 2018  
Selection committee for C. Herman Pritchett Book Award, 2017  
Selection committee for Section Service Award, 2016

*Southern Political Science Association*

Program Committee Member. Judicial Politics Section Co-Chair. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2022.

Program Committee Member. Undergraduate Research Section Chair. Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021.

Selection committee for Neal Tate Award for outstanding judicial politics paper presented at the annual meeting, 2012, 2021.

Referee for

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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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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

Southern Political Science Association

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2016  
Selected through a competitive application process to attend the institute for training in the creation and critique of qualitative research designs.

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