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- APPOINTMENTS University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
- Special Assistant to the Dean, UNT Honors College and Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, May 2019–present
- 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  
Higher Education Pedagogy
- PEER–REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Bethany Blackstone & Greg Goelzhauser. Forthcoming. “Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court’s Constitutional and Statutory Decisions,” *Justice System Journal*.
- 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.

BOOK CHAPTERS Bethany Blackstone. Forthcoming. "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.

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

AWARDS,  
GRANTS, &  
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 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

RECENT  
CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

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.

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.

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.

SERVICE TO  
UNT & THE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
POLITICAL  
SCIENCE (PSCI)

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

University of North Texas Faculty Senate  
Senator, March 2018–December 2018  
Executive Committee Member, September 2018–December 2018

UNT Honors College & UNT Department of Housing and Residence Life  
Faculty in Residence, August 2015–May 2018

*Description:* 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.

PSCI Graduate Studies Committee

Chair, Fall 2017–Spring 2018

Member, Fall 2010–Spring 2011, Fall 2016–Spring 2018

PSCI Ad Hoc Committee on Charter and Bylaws

Member, Fall 2017–Spring 2018

Search Committee for Hire in Political Theory

Member, Fall 2017

Political Science Student Association and Pi Sigma Alpha

Faculty Advisor, Fall 2016–present

PSCI Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop Committee

Member, Fall 2014–Spring 2017

Honors College Curriculum Committee

Member, Fall 2015–Spring 2016

PSCI Executive Committee

Member, Fall 2011–Spring 2012, Fall 2015–Spring 2016

PSCI Election Judge

Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Fall 2014–Spring 2016

Search Committee for Hire in American Politics–Intermediary Institutions

Member, Fall 2015

Pizza & Politics (PSCI graduate student research workshop)

Coordinator, Fall 2013–Spring 2015

PSCI Undergraduate Studies Committee

Member, Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Fall 2012–Spring 2014

PSCI Banquet Committee

Member, Fall 2012

PSCI Space Committee

Member, Fall 2011–Spring 2012

Search Committee for Hire in Comparative Political Behavior

Member, Fall 2011

Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association Tournament

Judge, 2011, 2012

SERVICE TO THE American Political Science Association

DISCIPLINE

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

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

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

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.