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Research Interests

American Political Institutions, Judicial Politics, Judicial Appointments, Interbranch Relationships, Quantitative Political Methodology, Computational Models

Academic Employment

Lecturer, College of Law, University of Illinois, 2026-present
Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015-2026
Lecturer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014-2015

Education

Washington University in Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

Ph.D., Political Science, 2014

Dissertation: Power to Appoint: A Model of Appointments to the United States Federal Judiciary (chair: James F. Spriggs, II)

Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Political Methodology

A.M., Political Science, 2011

University of California, Davis, Davis, California, USA

A.B., Political Science, 2006

High Honors

Publications

Hager, Lisa, and Alicia Uribe-McGuire. "Judicial Guardians: Court Curbing Bills and Supreme Court Judicial Review". *Journal of Law and Courts*, First View January, 2024)

Uribe-McGuire, Alicia. 2023. "Binders Full of Judges: A Model of the Interdependency of Appointments to the United States Federal Judiciary." *Journal of Law and Courts* 11(2): 329-349

Nelson, Michael J. and Alicia Uribe-McGuire. 2017. "Opportunity and Overrides: The Effect of the Court's Public Support on Congressional Policymaking". *Political Research Quarterly* 70(3): 632-643.

Schnakenberg, Keith, Ian Turner, and Alicia Uribe-McGuire. 2017. "Allies or Commitment Devices? A Model of Appointments to the Federal Reserve". *Economics and Policy* 29(2): 118-132.

Uribe, Alicia, Thomas G. Hansford, and James F. Spriggs II. 2014. "The Influence of Congressional Preferences on Legislation Overriding Supreme Court Decisions". *Law & Society Review* 48(4): 921-945.

Working Papers

"Single-Mindedly Seeking Reelection with Court-Curbing Bills: An Examination of Members of Congress in the 2006 and 2018 Midterm Elections" (Under Review)

"To Affirm or Reverse? A Study of the Role of Certiorari Determinants on Supreme Court Outcomes"

"Lower Court Confirmations and Senate Rule XXXI"

"Polarization and Division in Lower Court Confirmations"

"Preparing for the Future: A Model of Judicial Selection"

"Senior Judges and New Judicial Authorization"

"The Influence of Court-Curbing Bills on the Supreme Court: The Impact of the Bill's Target and Legislative Success"

"The Promotion Conundrum: A Model of Promotions Within the Judiciary"

Conference Participation

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2023

Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association: 2015

Invited Presentations

Washington-Illinois Student Exchange, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013

Presidential Power in the United States Conference, University of Michigan, 2014

Workshop in Methods, Indiana University, 2020

Publishing in Formal Models Roundtable, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2022

Awards

2014. Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Political Science Association: Law and Courts Section

2018. Clarence A. Berdahl Undergraduate Teaching Award. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Grants/Fellowships

COVID Revitalization Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, \$15,603

Campus Research Board, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, \$10,777

Teaching Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Law

Hot Topics in the Law (Fall 2026)

Legal Research and Writing (Fall 2026)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Political Science

U.S. Constitution I (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Judicial Politics (Undergraduate) (Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Fall 2025)

Separation of Powers (Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

U.S. Consitution II (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 202, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

Judicial Politics (Graduate) (Fall 2016)

Agent Based Models (Graduate) (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

Junior Honors Seminar (Fall 2020)

Democratic Institutions (Graduate) (Fall 2022)

Washington University in St. Louis

Teaching Assistant

Topics in Politics: Constitutional Politics in the United States (James F. Spriggs, II, Fall 2010)

The American Presidency (Gary J. Miller, Spring 2011)

Quantitative Methodology II (Jeff Gill, Fall 2011)

American Politics (William Lowry, Fall 2012)

Defendants' Rights (James F. Spriggs, II, Spring 2013)

University College at Washington University in St. Louis

Instructor

Introduction to Quantitative Methods (co-taught with Michael Nelson, Spring 2013)

Additional Training

Participant. 19th Annual Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity. Santa Fe Institute. June 16-29, 2013. Santa Fe, NM.

Memberships

Midwest Political Science Association, Member

American Political Science Association, Member

Southern Political Science Association, Member

Service

University Service

Representative, Graduate Council, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2013

Department Service

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Political Science, Internship Committee, 2014-2015; Alumni Committee, 2016; Search Committee for Director of Illinois in Washington Program, 2016; Website Committee, 2016; Speaker Committee, 2017-2018; Graduate Affairs Committee, 2019-2020, 2024-2025; Advisory Committee 2020-2021; Climate Committee 2020-2021, 2024-2025; Speaker Committee 2021-2022; Grant Review Committee 2021-2022; Political Institutions Search Committee 2022; American Exam Committee 2023, 2024; Salary Policy Committee 2023-2024

Discipline Service

Conference Chair and Discussant Duties: Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; American Political Science Association

Referee: American Political Science Review, American Politics Review, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Law and Policy, Journal of Law and Courts, American Journal of Political Science, New England Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Association, Law & Courts Section Awards Committees: Best Graduate Student Paper, Service Award, Pritchett Book Award

Midwest American Political Science Conference Program Committee, 2024

Blog Posts

February 25, 2016, "Why Obama should select Scalia's replacement from within the Federal Judiciary" *Mischiefs of Faction* blog post

July 24, 2018, "Confidence in the US Supreme Court is declining, and that puts its decisions at risk from Congress" *LSE US Centre Blog* (with Michael J. Nelson)

Interviews with Media

February 22, 2016, "The politics of seating a Supreme Court justice" *Illinois News Bureau*

February 22, 2016, *News Gazette* Podcast

February 1, 2017, "What should we expect in the Supreme Court confirmation battle?" *Illinois News Bureau*

February 1, 2017, *News Gazette* Podcast

February 28, 2017, Television interview on President Trump's Joint Address with Fox Illinois

August 8, 2018, *News Gazette* Podcast

July 2, 2020, *News Gazette* Podcast

September 19, 2020, *The 21st*, Illinois Public Media

Advising

Undergraduate Theses

Ejulus Adorno, Christopher Ponicki, Nadia Gonzalez, Peter Miles, Granger Gridley, Kanishk Patel, Cole Timmerwilke, Ali Mirza, Zachary Kowalski, Matthew Krauter, Nicole Arnold, Lindsay Mallak, Kate Garton, Emma Troy, David Volodarsky

Dissertation Students

Luzmarina Garcia (Chair), Søren Warland

Second Year Review Committees

Matt Pryor, Zach Jablow

Specialized Exam Committees

Luzmarina Garcia, Søren Warland