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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Dakota, Fall 2021-.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Dakota, Fall 2015-Summer 2021.

Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty, University of North Dakota, Fall 2015-.

Lecturer, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Dakota, 2014-2015

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, 2013-2014

EDUCATION *Ph.D.*, Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Awarded August 2013.

Dissertation: “The Impact of Ideology and Attorneys on Precedent Usage: An Analysis on State High Courts”, chaired by Donald R. Songer.

Additional Committee Members: Kirk A. Randazzo (University of South Carolina), Lee D. Walker (University of North Texas), and Wendy L. Martinek (State University of New York-Binghamton). Major Field: Public Law. Minor Field: Research Methods.

B.A., Political Science with minor in History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Awarded May 2007 (*Summa Cum Laude*).

RESEARCH INTERESTS *Public Law/Judicial Politics:*
The Influence of Legal Factors in Judicial Processes, Judicial Implementation and Impact, State High Court Decision-Making, U.S. Courts of Appeals Decision-Making.

American Politics:

American Political Institutions, Congressional Elections, State Politics.

PUBLICATIONS, *Peer-Reviewed University Press Book:*

ACCEPTANCES, Fix, Michael P., and Benjamin J. Kassow. 2020. *U.S. Supreme Court Doctrine in the State High Courts*. Cambridge University Press.

AND CONDITIONAL

ACCEPTANCES *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:*

Goelzhauser, Greg, Benjamin J. Kassow, and Doug Rice. “Measuring Supreme Court

Case Complexity.” Forthcoming 2022 in *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 38:

Masood, Ali S., and Benjamin J. Kassow. “The Sum of its Parts: How Individual Supreme Court Justices Disparately Shape Policy.” 2020. *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 842-860.

Masood, Ali S., Benjamin J. Kassow, and Donald R. Songer (deceased). 2019. “The Aggregate Dynamics of Lower Court Responses to the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 7(2) (**lead article**): 159-186.

Schorpp, Susanne, David Hoffman, and Benjamin J. Kassow. 2017. “‘Tilted Scales’: The Impact of Federal Courts on American Income Inequality.” *Justice System Journal*. 38(3) (**lead article**): 213-240.

Masood, Ali S., Benjamin J. Kassow, and Donald R. Songer (deceased). 2017. “Supreme Court Precedent in a Judicial Hierarchy.” *American Politics Research*. 45(3): 403-434.

Kassow, Benjamin J., Donald R. Songer, and Michael P. Fix. 2012. “The Influence of Precedent on State Supreme Courts.” *Political Research Quarterly* 65(2): 372-384.

Kassow, Benjamin J., and Charles J. Finocchiaro. 2011. “Responsiveness and Electoral Accountability in the U.S. Senate.” *American Politics Research* 39(6): 1019-1044.

Other Publications:

Kassow, Benjamin J. 2020. Book review of *Conservative Innovators: How States Are Challenging Federal Power* by Ben Merriman. Published in *Law and Politics Book Review*. Edited by Jennifer Bowie (Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Richmond.)

Kassow, Benjamin J. 2019. “State High Courts & Precedent: Questions of Usage and Spread of Precedents.” In *Elgar Research Handbook on Law and Courts*. **Peer-Reviewed**. P. 280-289. Edited by Susan Sterett (Professor of Public Policy at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County) and Lee D. Walker (Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of North Texas), Edward Elgar Publishing.

Kassow, Benjamin J. 2017. “Electoral College Alternatives: Tradeoffs.” In *Picking the President: Understanding the Electoral College*. Edited by Eric Burin (Professor of History at the University of North Dakota), The Digital Press at the University of North Dakota.

Kassow, Benjamin J. 2016. “Administrative Law Judges and Politics.” In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*. Edited by Ali Farazmand (Professor in Public Administration at Florida Atlantic University), Springer Publishing.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Causal Inference Workshop, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, IL. August 1-5, 2016: Causal Inference course.

Inter-consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Summer 2009: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis.

WORKING PAPERS REDACTED TO PRESERVE THE ANONYMITY OF DOUBLE-BLIND PEER-REVIEW.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION REDACTED TO PRESERVE THE ANONYMITY OF DOUBLE-BLIND PEER-REVIEW.

AWARDS AND HONORS Nistler College Faculty Research Award, 2019-2020. Awarded Fall 2020.
NSF Funding for Political Methodology Annual Meeting at Athens, GA. July 24-26, 2014.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. January 3-5, 2013.

Travel Grant from the Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina. Spring 2012.

Graduate Research Assistantship, University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science. Fall 2007-Spring 2008, Spring 2010.

Graduate Teaching/Instructional Assistantship, University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science. Fall 2008-Spring 2011.

Golden Key Honor Society membership. 2007.

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society membership. 2007.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE **Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina. *Worked for Donald Songer Spring 2010.*

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina. *Worked for Charles Finocchiaro and Andrea McAtee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.*

TEACHING INTERESTS *Public Law:*
Constitutional Law (Governmental Powers and/or Civil Liberties/Rights)
Judicial Processes/Politics
U.S. Supreme Court
Law and Society
Comparative Courts in Democratized Countries
Administrative Law (graduate).

American Politics:
Introduction to American Government (graduate/undergraduate)
American Political Development
American Political Institutions: Separation of Powers
Legislative Process
Public Policy.

Research Methods:
Introduction to Statistical Analysis (graduate/undergraduate)
Introduction to Research Design (graduate/undergraduate)
Linear Regression (graduate)
Maximum Likelihood Estimation (graduate)

Panel/Cross-Sectional Time-Series Data (graduate)
Data Manipulation, Project Management, and Advanced Graphical Techniques (graduate).

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Instructor of Record,

Department of Political Science & Public Administration, University of North Dakota.
Public Policy (POLS 432), Fall 2020-2021.

American Government I (POLS 115), Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015-2019, Spring 2020-2021.

Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers (POLS 305), Fall 2014-2021.

Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Rights (POLS 306), Spring 2015-2021.

Problems in Political Science: Law and Society (POLS 393), Spring 2015.

Problems in Political Science: Judicial Processes (POLS 393), Spring 2017.

Administrative Law (POLS 539-graduate level course), Spring 2019.

Research Methods (POLS 500-graduate level course), Fall 2021.

Department of Political Science, Georgia State University.

Introduction to American Government (POLS 1101), Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Constitutional Law (POLS 4130), Spring 2014.

Civil Rights and Liberties (POLS 4131), Fall 2013.

Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.

Introduction to American Government (POLI E201), Fall 2012.

Judicial Process (POLI 452), Summer II 2011, Spring 2012.

Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations (POLI E470), Fall (8 Week Course), 2011.

Teaching Assistant,

Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.

American Political Parties (POLI 360) for Donald Fowler, Fall 2009, Fall 2010.

Media and Mass Politics (POLI 362) for Donald Fowler, Spring 2011.

Politics of South Carolina (POLI 391) for Donald Fowler, Spring 2010.

Teaching Instructional Assistant/Discussion Leader,

Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.

Introduction to American Government (POLI 201) for M. Lance Briggs, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

University of North Dakota

University-Level Service

At-Large Senator for the University of North Dakota's University Senate (Fall 2019-Spring 2021).

Faculty Advisor for the University of North Dakota's Pre-Law Society (Fall 2018-).

Faculty Advisor for the University of North Dakota's Mock Trial teams (Fall 2018-).

Moot Court Judge for the University of North Dakota Law School's internal Moot Court competition (Fall 2016).

Co-Discussant for Constitution Day, University of North Dakota Law School (Fall 2016, Fall 2015).

College-Level Service

Chair of the Curriculum Committee of the Nistler College, Fall 2019-.

Member of the Journal Quality List (JQL) Committee of the Nistler College, Fall

2021-.

Member of the Curriculum Committee of the Nistler College, Fall 2018-.

Member of the Tech Committee for the Nistler College, Fall 2017-Spring 2019.

Member of Evaluation Committee for AACSB Accreditation for MBA Program (Fall 2016).

CoBPA Ambassador, Fall 2015-.

Department-Level Service

Chair of MPA Steering Committee (Fall 2018-). Chair of Independent Study Committee for: Shayna Ortiz (Spring 2017-), Richelle Ballenger (Spring 2019).

Member of Independent Study Committee for: Dani Thompson (Fall 2016), Nicholas Mostardo (Spring 2016), Thomas Ford (Spring 2018), Anthony Backora (Spring 2018), Kellie Hoverson (Spring 2018), Charles Pegg (Fall 2018), Whitney Klym (Spring 2019).

Member of Assessment Committee, Fall 2020-Spring 2021.

Member of Scholarship and Awards Committee, Spring 2017-Spring 2020.

Member of Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2016.

University of South Carolina

Department-Level Service

Co-Discussant, Political Science Graduate Student Association Conference, February 2013.

Panelist, Professionalization Workshop on Conference Presentation, May 2012.

Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Organization (PSGSO), 2011-2012.

Secretary, PSGSO, 2009-2010.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals: *American Political Science Review* (2016, 2015), *American Journal of Political Science* (2016, 2015, 2014), *Political Research Quarterly* (2016, 2015), *American Politics Research* (2020, 2018, 2015), *Justice System Journal* (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017), *Journal of Law and Courts* (2020, 2019), *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* (2019).

Reviewer for Book-Length Manuscripts/Book Proposals: Oxford University Press (2016), University of California Press (2018, 2017, 2016), Routledge Press (2015), Rowman & Littlefield (2016).

Panel Chair at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting: 2016.

Panel Chair at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting: 2015.

Panel Discussant at the MPSA Annual Meeting: 2017, 2019, 2021.

Panel Discussant/Co-Discussant at the SPSA Annual Meeting, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019..

Panel Co-Discussant at the MPSA Annual Meeting, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP American Political Science Association (Sections: Law and Courts, Legislative Studies, Political Methodology)
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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