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## Academic Appointment

The University of Texas at Dallas, EPPS

Associate Professor, September 2015 -

Assistant Professor, August 2009 - August 2015

Director of Graduate Studies & Associate Program Head, Political Science Program, 2014-

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009.

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2004.

B.A., History, Hendrix College, 2001.

## Research

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

#### *Book*

Miller, Banks, Linda Camp Keith, and Jennifer Holmes. *Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy*. 2015. Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights (Bert B. Lockwood, series editor). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

#### *Articles*

1. Curry, Brett and Banks Miller. 2017. "Case Citation Patterns in the U.S. Courts of Appeal and the Legal Academy." *Justice System Journal* 38: 164-182.
2. Miller, Banks and Brett Curry. 2017. "Small Group Dynamics, Ideology, and Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Law & Policy* 39: 48-72.
3. Curry, Brett and Banks Miller. 2015. "Judicial Specialization and Decision Making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Law & Social Inquiry* 40: 29-50.
4. Miller, Banks, Linda Camp Keith, and Jennifer Holmes. 2015. "Leveling the Odds: The Effect of Quality Legal Representation in Cases of Asymmetrical Capability." *Law & Society Review* 49: 209-239.
5. Keith, Linda Camp, Banks Miller, and Rachel McGuire. 2015. "Second-Order Evaluations of the European Court of Human Rights." *Journal of Law & Courts* 3: 67-93.

6. Keith, Linda Camp, Banks Miller, and Jennifer Holmes. 2015. "How Draconian are Changes to U.S. Asylum Law? A Monthly Time Series Analysis (1990-2010)." *Human Rights Quarterly* 37: 153-187.
7. Miller, Banks, Linda Camp Keith, and Jennifer Holmes. 2014. "Beyond Grant or Deny: A More Nuanced Ordering of U.S. Asylum Outcomes." *Judicature* 97: 172-178.
8. Miller, Banks and Brett Curry. 2013. "The Effect of *Per Se* Recusal Rules on Donor Behavior in Judicial Elections." *Justice System Journal* 34: 125-151.
9. Keith, Linda Camp, Jennifer Holmes, and Banks Miller. 2013. "Explaining Divergence in Asylum Grant Rates Among Immigration Judges: An Attitudinal and Cognitive Approach." *Law & Policy* 35: 261-289.
10. Miller, Banks and Brett Curry. 2013. "Experts Judging Experts: Agency Review on a Specialized Court." *Law & Social Inquiry* 38: 55-71.
11. Miller, Banks. 2010. "Describing the State Solicitors General." *Judicature* 93: 238-246.
12. Miller, Banks and Brett Curry. 2009. "Expertise, Experience and Ideology on a Specialized Court: The Case of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit." *Law & Society Review* 43: 839-864.
13. Scherer, Nancy and Banks Miller. 2009. "The Federalist Society's Impact on the Federal Judiciary." *Political Research Quarterly* 62: 366-378.
14. Curry, Brett and Banks Miller. 2009. "Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places? Foreign Law and Support for the U.S. Supreme Court." *Politics and Policy* 36: 1094-1124.

### Other Publications

Miller, Banks. 2014. Review of *Lives in the Balance: Asylum Adjudication by the Department of Homeland Security*, by Andrew Schoenholtz, Phillip G. Schrag, and Jaya Ramji-Nogales. *Law & Politics Book Review* 24: 558-562.

Miller, Banks. 2005. *Mississippi v. Johnson*. In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court* ed. David Schultz. New York: Facts on Files, Inc.

### Work in Progress

Benjamin Newman and Banks Miller. Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases [multiple projects].

Banks Miller and Brett Curry. Effective Monitoring and the U.S. Attorney Removal Controversy.

Banks Miller and Brett Curry. U.S. Attorneys in Context [book-length project].

## Fields of Research & Teaching Interest

Judicial Politics, Judicial Decision Making, Legal Policy (esp. Immigration), & Lawyers

## **Presentations (Conference and Invited)**

"Monitoring of U.S. Attorneys," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2017 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy," with Linda Camp Keith and Jennifer Holmes. Presented to the School of Public Policy and the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Riverside. March, 2016.

"Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy," with Linda Camp Keith and Jennifer Holmes. Presented to the Administrative Conference of the United States. April, 2015.

"Substantive/Descriptive Representation on the Bench: How Does the Public View Decisions Based on the Race of the Judge?," with Nancy Scherer. Presented at the 2015 American Political Science Association Conference.

"Ideology, Judicial Specialization, and the Diffusion of Precedent," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2015 Western Political Science Association Conference.

"Integrating Local Context into a Cognitive Model of Asylum Decision Making," with Linda Camp Keith and Jennifer Holmes. Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Evaluating the European Court of Human Rights," with Linda Camp Keith and Rachel McGuire. Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"Quality Representation in Asylum Hearings," with Linda Camp Keith and Jennifer Holmes. Presented at the 2014 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"Repeat Campaign Contributors and Decision Making in the U.S. Supreme Courts," with Bennet Min and Brett Curry. Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"The Influence of Specialization and Ideology on Appellate Court Decision Making in Anti-trust Cases," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Perceptions of the Efficacy of the U.S. Courts," with Nancy Scherer. Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Judicial Disqualification and Campaign Contributions in the U.S. States: The Case of Alabama." Presented at the 2011 American Political Science Association Conference.

"Subject Matter Expertise and Judging on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Presented at the 2011 Law & Society Association Conference.

"Understanding Subject Matter Expertise on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Experts Judging Experts: The Role of Expertise in Reviewing Agency Decision Making," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2010 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"Experts in Crime: The Effect of an Exclusively Criminal Docket on Judicial Behavior," with Dino Christenson and Brett Curry. Presented at the 2009 & 2011 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"State Solicitors in State Litigation." Presented at the 2008 American Political Science Conference.

"State Success in State Supreme Courts." Presented at the 2008 State Politics Conference.

"State Success in State Supreme Courts." Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Reassessing the Voting Behavior of Minority and Female Judges on the Federal Bench," with Nancy Scherer and Brett Curry. Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"Decision Making on the Federal Circuit Court," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2008 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

"The Supreme Court, Foreign Law, and its Consequences for Public Support," with Brett Curry. Presented at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

"The Federalist Society's Impact on the Federal Bench," with Nancy Scherer. Presented at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Conference.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Law & Courts Proseminar (graduate), UT Dallas 2011-2016

Instructor, Judicial Politics (undergraduate), UT Dallas 2010-2016

Instructor, Introduction to American Government (undergraduate), UT Dallas, 2010-2013

Instructor, Constitutional Law (graduate), UT Dallas, 2009-2015

Instructor, Law & the Policy Process (graduate), UT Dallas, 2009-2016

Instructor, Law, Science, & Policy, UT Dallas, (undergraduate), 2015

## Professional Activities & Service

Chair, Judicial politics faculty search, 2016.

Member, American politics faculty search, 2016.

Director of Graduate Studies & Associate Program Head, Political Science Program, UT Dallas, 2014- .

Program Committee, Political Science Program, UT Dallas, 2009-2011, 2013- .

Committee on the Core Curriculum, UT Dallas, 2016- .

Intellectual Property Advisory Committee, UT Dallas, 2015-2017.

Auxiliary Services Committee, UT Dallas, 2014-2015

EPPS Academic Review and Scholarship Committee, UT Dallas, 2014-2016.

Committee on Effective Teaching, EPPS, UT Dallas, 2010-2012.

Field Exam Committee (Law & Courts); Core Exam Committee (Political Science).

Mock Court/Moot Trial Judging, UT Dallas, 2009-2015.

Referee for Social Science Research Council Pre-Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship competition (SSRC DPDF), 2015-2016.

Reviewer: Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Society Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Publius*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.

## Grants

*EPPS Alumni Council Research Grant*, UT Dallas, to gather data on the decision making of the Board of Immigration Appeals. Spring 2015.

*EPPS Alumni Council Research Grant*, UT Dallas, to gather data on campaign contributions to state supreme court judges. Summer 2012.

*Dean's Seed Grant*, UT Dallas, to gather data on Immigration Judges and Asylum Officers from the federal government. Fall 2011.

*Catalyst Grant*, UT Dallas, to study the link between judicial decision and campaign contributions. Summer 2010- Summer 2011.

## Awards & Honors

Special Faculty Development Assignment, UT Dallas (awarded for Spring 2018 semester)

University of Texas System, Regents Outstanding Teaching Award, UT Dallas-EPPS Nominee, Tenure-track faculty, 2012.

EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award (nominee), 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2008.

Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association, 2008.

Dissertation Improvement Grant, Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship, Ohio State University, 2008.

Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2007-2008.

University Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2004-2005.

Associate Editor, *Texas Law Review*, 2003-2004.

Member, *Texas Law Review*, 2002-2003.

Dean's Achievement Award, University of Texas School of Law, Social Science and the Law, 2004.

## Professional Memberships

Member, Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University, 2004-2009

Member, State Bar of Texas (inactive), 2004-

Member, American Political Science Association, 2004-; Southern Political Science Association, 2007- ; Midwest Political Science Association, 2006-

## References

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