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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> Fields: Judicial Politics, Public Policy	ABD
Eastern Kentucky University Richmond, Kentucky <i>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Criminal Justice Minor</i> <i>Honors Program Graduate</i> Cumulative GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude	Dec. 2016

OTHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i> Courses: Categorical Data Analysis, Game Theory	Summer 2020
Preparing Future Faculty Certificate <i>University of South Carolina</i>	May 2019

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research

Operationalization and measurement of case outcomes at the U.S. Federal District Courts
Strategic litigant and attorney decision-making and intra-judiciary interactions

Teaching

Constitutional Law (Institutional Powers and Civil Liberties)
American Government

PRESENTATIONS

“The Effect of District Court Experiences on Losing Litigants’ Decisions to Appeal” <i>Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	Jan. 2021
“Threat of Removal, Judicial Independence, and the Mitigating Role of Parties” with Emily Harmon <i>Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	Jan. 2021
“Winning and Losing at the Federal District Courts” <i>Presidential Fellows, University of South Carolina</i>	Feb. 2020
“The Law of Inequality: Caseload Representation on High Courts” with Kelsey Martin-Morales, Susanne Schorpp, and Kirk Randazzo <i>Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	Jan. 2019
“Teaching Assistant Orientation Veteran TA Panel” <i>Invited Guest Panelist, University of South Carolina</i>	Aug. 2018

WORKING PAPERS

“Not If, But When: The Effect of District Court Experiences on Losing Litigants’ Decisions to Appeal”

“Under Pressure: Threat of Removal, Regime Characteristics, and Judicial Independence”
(with Emily Harmon)

“The Law of Inequality: Caseload Representation on High Courts”
(with Susanne Schorpp and Kirk Randazzo)

PUBLICATIONS, NON-PEER REVIEWED

Madison Shanks and Kirk Randazzo. *Forthcoming*. “Who Wrote the Constitution” in *The Constitution in Five Minutes*. eds. Joseph L. Smith and David Klein. Equinox Press.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Building a Multi-User Database of District Court Decisions Fall 2019 -
Principle Investigators Kirk Randazzo and Robert Howard Present
NSF Grant #1920991
Graduate Assistant

Polling Place Lines Project Fall 2018
Under Supervision of David Darmofal
Poll Observer

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record
POLI 451 - Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant
POLI 201 - Introduction to American Government Spring 2019
POLI 450 - Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers & Constraints Fall 2018
POLI 101 - Introduction to Global Politics (Section Leader) Fall 2017

AWARDS

Best Graduate Student Paper Spring 2021
University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science

Presidential Fellow Fall 2017 -
University of South Carolina Present

Arthur Y. Lloyd Award Fall 2016
Eastern Kentucky University, Department of Government

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences Commencement Speaker Fall 2016
Eastern Kentucky University

ORGANIZATIONS

Political Science Graduate Student Organization <i>Organization emphasizing Research and Professionalization</i> Officer roles including President (2018) and Secretary (2019)	Fall 2017 - Present
Pi Sigma Alpha - Theta Omega Chapter <i>Political Science Honor Society</i>	Ind. 2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association