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CURRENT POSITION:

Adjunct Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University.

EDUCATION:

- 2012 *Doctor of Philosophy.* Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Dissertation: "*Rules of Access: Congress, the Federal Courts, and Judicial Agenda-setting and Change*"
Committee: George Lovell (Chair), Michael McCann, John Wilkerson
Graduate Certificate in Law and Society
- 2008 *M.A.* Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Master's Thesis: "*Legislative Design and the Supreme Court's Agenda*"
- 2001 *M.A.* Political Science, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Thesis: "*Abortion and American Political Culture*"
- 2000 *B.A.* Political Science, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Public law: United States Supreme Court; judicial behavior; judicial review; judicial politics
American: American political institutions; separation-of-powers; inter-branch interactions
Public policy: Agenda-setting; decision-making; policy change

DISSERTATION:

Rules of Access: Congress, the Federal Courts, and Judicial Agenda-setting and Change

Abstract: What explains variation over the issues federal courts examine over time? Adopting an interbranch approach, I argue that this variation is a function of changes in rules of access that govern whether litigants can use the courts. I focus on two rules of access – jurisdiction and standing. During the legislative process, lawmakers decide how to grant policy-making authority to courts. These decisions create statutory environments that shape the courts' agendas. I examine how Congress varies jurisdiction and standing. Using original data, I explain how rules of access for the courts have changed over time and across policy issues and present a theory that links changes in rules of access to the courts' agendas. I employ both quantitative and qualitative methods to demonstrate the relationship between rules of access and judicial agendas.

PUBLICATIONS:

Greenfest, Seth W. "Explaining Congressional Grants of Jurisdiction to the Federal District Courts," forthcoming in *Justice System Journal*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

- Spring 2014 (upcoming):
 - Courts, Law, and Policy
 - U.S. Bureaucracy and Regulatory Law
 - Civil Rights and Wrongs (First Year Seminar)
- Fall 2013 (upcoming):
 - Introduction to U.S. Politics
 - Topics in Law: Sex, Drugs, Guns, and Money
 - Civil Rights and Wrongs (First Year Seminar)
- Spring 2013
 - Courts, Law, and Policy
 - Civil Rights and Wrongs (First Year Seminar)
- Fall 2012:
 - Introduction to U.S. Politics
 - Constitutional Law: Structure and Power
 - Civil Rights and Wrongs (First Year Seminar)

Instructor, Seattle University

- Winter 2012: Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law
- Spring 2012: U.S. Courts and Civil Liberties

Instructor, University of Washington

- Spring 2012: Law in Society
- Summer 2011: Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law
- Winter 2011: Judging the Courts – an introduction to the agenda-setting and decision-making processes of the federal district courts, courts of appeals, and U.S. Supreme Court
- Fall 2010: Law in Society
- Spring 2010: U.S. Courts and Civil Liberties
- Winter 2010: Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law
- Summer 2009: Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law

Extensive Teaching Assistant experience.

HONORS:

2011 Stuart Scheingold Award for Best Paper in Public Law for "Jurisdiction-Granting: Legislative Capacity and Ideological Distance" University of Washington

RESEARCH SUPPORT:

2005-2006 Donald R. Matthews Fellowship

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- August 2013 "The Politics of Judicial Supremacy." Presented at the 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (upcoming).
- April 2013 "Rules of Access and Judicial Agenda-setting." Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association 2013 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- March 2012 "The Dynamics of Standing: How Congress and the Supreme Court Determine Access to the Federal Courts." Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- September 2011 "The Dynamics of Standing," poster presentation at the 2011 APSA Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- March 2011, "Jurisdiction-Granting: Legislative Capacity and Ideological Distance."
May 2011 Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (March 2011) and the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Francisco, CA (May 2011).
- April 2010 "Jurisdiction and Agenda Change at the Federal Courts." Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- May 2009, "The Power to Decide." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and
March 2009 Society Association, Denver, CO (May 2009) and the Western Political Science Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. (March 2009).