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APPOINTMENTS University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2016–present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2009–2016

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
Congressional Fellow, 2008–2009

EDUCATION Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Ph.D., Political Science, 2009
M.A., Political Science, 2007

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
B.A., Political Science, 2001

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS American Government
Interbranch Relations
Judicial Behavior & Policymaking
Congressional Politics
Constitutional Law
Higher Education Pedagogy

PEER–REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. Forthcoming. “Simulating the Legislative Process with LegSim,” *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. Forthcoming. “Specifications Grading in Political Science,” *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2016. “Assessing the Effect of Breakout Sessions on Student Success and Satisfaction.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 49(1): 117–121.

Bethany Blackstone. 2015. “The Home Court Advantage: Organizational Identification and Supreme Court Decision Making.” *Journal of Political Science* 43: 7–38.

Bethany Blackstone and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2015. “Discourse and Dissonance: Religious Agendas in the 104th Congress.” *Research and Politics* 2(3): 1–8.

Maryann E. Gallagher and Bethany Blackstone. 2015. "Taking Matters Into Their Own Hands: Presidents' Personality Traits and the Use of Executive Orders." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 45(2): 221-246.

Bethany Blackstone and Paul M. Collins, Jr. 2014. "Strategy and the Decision to Dissent on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal* 35(3): 269-286.

Bethany Blackstone and Greg Goelzhauser. 2014. "Presidential Rhetoric Toward the Supreme Court." *Judicature* 92(4): 179-187.

Bethany Blackstone, Tetsuya Matsubayashi, and Elizabeth A. Oldmixon. 2014. "Israeli Attitudes on Synagogue and State." *Politics and Religion* 7(1): 122-147.

Bethany Blackstone. 2013. "An Analysis of Policy-Based Congressional Responses to the U.S. Supreme Court's Constitutional Decisions." *Law & Society Review* 47(1): 199-228.

Micheal W. Giles, Bethany Blackstone, and Richard L. Vining, Jr. 2008. "The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-Making," *Journal of Politics* 70(2): 293-306.

RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS

Policymaking at the Intersection of Legislative and Judicial Politics (*book manuscript in progress*)

"Overruling Precedent in the U.S. Courts of Appeals," with Micheal W. Giles.

"Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court's Constitutional and Statutory Decisions," with Greg Goelzhauser (invited to revise and resubmit to *Justice System Journal*)

AWARDS,
GRANTS, &
FELLOWSHIPS

UNT Team Mentoring Grant Recipient, "Innovative Pedagogies in the Social Sciences" with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon and Michael Greig.

American Political Science Association Law & Court's Section Teaching and Mentoring Award, 2018.

UNT President's Council Teaching Award, 2018.

UNT Department of Political Science Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2017.

UNT CLEAR Course Design Institute Participant, Summer 2017

Description: UNT's Center for Learning Enhancement, Assessment, and Redesign offers grants of \$1,250 to accepted participants to design or redesign a course according to an outcomes-based model. My CDI project is a team-based learning design of an Honors U.S. Political Behavior course.

University of North Texas 'Fessor Graham Award, 2015

Description: The 'Fessor Graham Award is a university-wide teaching award presented to one faculty member per year for "outstanding and

unselfish service to students.” It is the highest honor given by the student body at UNT.

University of North Texas Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 2012, Award: \$5,000

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2007–2008, Award: \$7,680

Emory University Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, 2007–2008

RECENT
CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION

Presenter. “Overruling Precedent in the U.S. Courts of Appeals,” with Micheal W. Giles, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, 2017.

Presenter. “Specifications Grading in Political Science,” with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, 2017.

Chair and Discussant. The Structure and Influence of Supreme Court Decisions, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.

Presenter. “Evaluating the Success of Responses to the Supreme Court’s Constitutional Decisions,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.

Presenter. “Assessing the Effect of Breakout Sessions on Student Success and Satisfaction,” with Elizabeth A. Oldmixon, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.

Discussant. Precedent, Legal Doctrine, and Judicial Constraint, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2015.

SERVICE TO
UNT & THE
DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL
SCIENCE (PSCI)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Political Science Field of Study Advisory Committee

Member, January 2018–present

University of North Texas Faculty Senate

Senator, March 2018–December 2018

Executive Committee Member, September 2018–December 2018

UNT Honors College & UNT Department of Housing and Residence Life Faculty in Residence, August 2015–May 2018

Description: The Faculty in Residence Program is a collaboration between UNT’s Honors College and the Department of Housing and Residence Life. The primary goals of the program are to increase informal interactions between residents and faculty outside of the classroom and to provide personal and academic role models for students.

PSCI Graduate Studies Committee

Chair, Fall 2017–Spring 2018
 Member, Fall 2010–Spring 2011, Fall 2016–Spring 2018

PSCI Ad Hoc Committee on Charter and Bylaws
 Member, Fall 2017–Spring 2018

Search Committee for Hire in Political Theory
 Member, Fall 2017

Political Science Student Association and Pi Sigma Alpha
 Faculty Advisor, Fall 2016–present

PSCI Graduate Student Professionalization Workshop Committee
 Member, Fall 2014–Spring 2017

Honors College Curriculum Committee
 Member, Fall 2015–Spring 2016

PSCI Executive Committee
 Member, Fall 2011–Spring 2012, Fall 2015–Spring 2016

PSCI Election Judge
 Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Fall 2014–Spring 2016

Search Committee for Hire in American Politics–Intermediary Institutions
 Member, Fall 2015

Pizza & Politics (PSCI graduate student research workshop)
 Coordinator, Fall 2013–Spring 2015

PSCI Undergraduate Studies Committee
 Member, Fall 2009–Spring 2010, Fall 2012–Spring 2014

PSCI Banquet Committee
 Member, Fall 2012

PSCI Space Committee
 Member, Fall 2011–Spring 2012

Search Committee for Hire in Comparative Political Behavior
 Member, Fall 2011

Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association Tournament
 Judge, 2011, 2012

SERVICE TO THE American Political Science Association
 DISCIPLINE Program Co–Chair. TLC at APSA (Teaching and Learning Conference at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association), Washington, D.C., 2019.

American Political Science Association Section on Law and Courts
 Executive Committee Member, Fall 2016–Summer 2018
 Selection committee for Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2013, 2018

Selection committee for C. Herman Pritchett Book Award, 2017
Selection committee for Section Service Award, 2016

Southern Political Science Association

Selection committee for Neal Tate Award for outstanding judicial politics paper presented at the annual meeting, 2012

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program, W.W. Norton & Company, Oxford University Press, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics & Policy*, TESS (Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences), Wadsworth Cengage Learning

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

- Section on Law and Courts
- Section on Legislative Studies
- Section on Political Science Education
- Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Inclusion, Equity, and Community-Building Workshop, UNT Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Fall 2018.

Attendee, University of North Texas Equity & Diversity Conference, February 2018.

Attendee, American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2018

Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer 2016

Attendee, Association of College and University Housing Officers–International Living–Learning Programs Conference, St. Pete Beach, Florida, 2015.