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Curriculum Vita
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University of Connecticut
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Education

Emory University: Ph.D. in Political Science, 1999

Areas of Concentration: Constitutional Law and Judicial Behavior, Public Policy Processes, Methodology of Empirical Research

Dissertation: "The Supreme Court as an Independent Policy Maker: Statutory Interpretation and the Separation of Powers"

Committee: Micheal W. Giles (Chair), Thomas G. Walker, Randall Strahan

Virginia Commonwealth University: MPA, Concentration in Policy Analysis, 1989

Indiana University: Bachelor of Arts, Majors in Economics and Folklore, 1983

Additional Training

University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

Categorical Data Analysis and Time Series Analysis, Summer 1996

Scaling and Dimensional Analysis and Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Summer 1995

Emory University

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity, August 1995

Departmental Seminar on Teaching Political Science, 1995-1996

SAS Institute

Multivariate Analysis, September 1993

Advanced Forecasting Methods, June 1990

Teaching Experience

University of Connecticut, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, August 2001-

Judicial Decision Making (Graduate)

The Judiciary in the Political Process

The Politics of Supreme Court Litigation
 Constitutional Rights and Liberties
 Constitutional Law
 Senior Thesis Seminar
 Applied Research Methods I
 Computer Applications for Administration
 Administrative Law
 Public Policy Analysis

Indiana University, Department of Political Science
 Assistant Professor, January 1999-May 2001
 Elements of Political Analysis
 Judicial Politics
 The Politics of Supreme Court Litigation
 American Constitutional Law I-Institutional Powers
 American Constitutional Law II-Rights and Liberties

Emory University, Department of Political Science
 Instructor, Spring and Fall 1998
 Constitutional Law
 Civil Liberties
 Teaching Assistant, American National Government, Spring 1997, Fall 1995
 Co-teacher, American Legal System, Spring 1996

Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Public Administration
 Co-instructor, Public Administration Methods (Graduate), Fall 1990
 Instructor, Public Administration Methods (Graduate), Spring 1990

Publications

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. 2006. *Judging on a Collegial Court: Influences on Federal Appellate Decision-Making*. University of Virginia Press

Hettinger, Virginia A. and Christopher Zorn. 2005. "Explaining the Incidence and Timing of Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 30: 5-28.

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. 2004. "Comparing Attitudinal and Strategic Accounts of Dissenting Behavior on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *American Journal of Political Science*, 48: 123-137.

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. 2003. "Acclimation Effects on the United States Court of Appeals." *Social Science Quarterly*. 84: 792-810.

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. 2003. "Separate Opinion Writing on the United States Courts of Appeals." *American Politics Research*, 31: 215-250.

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. 2003. "The Role and Impact of Chief Judges on the United States Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal*, 42: 91-117.

Giles, Micheal W., Virginia A. Hettinger and Todd Peppers. 2001. "Picking Federal Judges: A Note on Policy and Partisan Selection Agendas." *Political Research Quarterly*, 54: 623-641.

Peters, Lillian E., Allen S. Gouse and Virginia A. Hettinger. 1990. "Federal Cost Recovery in Child Support Enforcement: Incentives for Improving Long-Term Effectiveness." *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 10: 38-53.

Work in Progress

Giles, Micheal W., Virginia A. Hettinger, Christopher Zorn and Todd C. Peppers. "The Etiology of the Occurrence of En Banc Review in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Under review for publication.

Lindquist, Stefanie A. Lindquist, Wendy L. Martinek, and Virginia Hettinger. "Splitting the Difference: Modeling Appellate Court Decisions with Mixed Outcomes." Conditionally accepted at *Law and Society Review*.

Giles, Micheal W., Virginia A. Hettinger and Todd C. Peppers. "An Alternative Measure of Preferences for Federal Judges."

Hettinger, Virginia A. "A Dynamic Framework for Assessing the Risk of Congressional Overrides of Supreme Court Decisions."

Hettinger, Virginia A. "Signals and Responses in Statutory Interpretation Games."

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Judging on a Collegial Court: The Strategy of Dissent." Vanderbilt University School of Law, January 23, 2006, Nashville, TN.

Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Legitimacy and Judicial Decision Making: Mixed Outcomes on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005, Washington, DC.

- Hettinger, Virginia A. "American Courts and Politics." State Department Summer Institute for University Teachers, June 30, 2005, Amherst, MA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. and Christopher Zorn. "Explaining the Incidence and Timing of Congressional Responses to the Supreme Court." Vanderbilt University, October 15, 2004, Nashville, TN.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Splitting the Difference: Modeling Appellate Court Decisions with Mixed Outcomes." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2004, Chicago, IL.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Inter-Panel Dynamics and Separate Opinion Writing." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, IL.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Comparing Attitudinal and Strategic Accounts of Dissenting Behavior on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." Arleen Carlson Symposium on Judicial Decision Making at the University of Minnesota, February 2003.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "The Role and Impact of Chief Judges on the United States Courts of Appeals." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2002, Boston, MA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Dissenting on the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Testing a Signaling Model." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago, IL.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "Law and Courts Methodological Symposium II: Data Collection and Management." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, March 2002, New Orleans, LA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "Inviting Trouble: Supreme Court Signals and Congressional Responses." Conference on Institutional Games and the U.S. Supreme Court at Texas A&M University, November 2001, College Station, TX.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. Stefanie A. Lindquist and Wendy L. Martinek. "Acclimation Effects on the U.S. Court of Appeals." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August-September 2001, San Francisco, CA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "Federal Courts, Politics, and Rights." Fulbright American Studies Summer Institute for University Teachers, July 25, 2001, Amherst, MA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A., Katherine Vigilante O'Harra and Christopher Zorn. "Legal Arguments and Supreme Court Decision Making: An Experimental Approach." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001, Chicago, IL.

- Emrey, Jolly A., Virginia A. Hettinger and Christopher Zorn. "Initiating a Response: Term Limitations and the Games Institutions Play." *Politics and Policy Quarterly* Conference on Politics in the American States, March 2001, College Station, TX.
- Emrey, Jolly A. and Virginia A. Hettinger "Interest Group Litigation Strategies in Response to Statewide Initiatives." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2000, Washington, DC.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "Assessing Supreme Court Preferences in a Cross-Institutional Environment." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1999, Atlanta, GA.
- Giles, Micheal W., Virginia A. Hettinger and Todd Peppers. "Picking Federal Judges: A Note on Policy and Partisan Selection Agendas." The University of Massachusetts, April 1999.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. and Christopher Zorn. "Signals, Models, and Congressional Overrides of the Supreme Court." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1999, Chicago, IL.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "The Supreme Court as an Independent Policy-Maker: A Dynamic Framework for Assessing the Risk of Congressional Overrides." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1998, Boston, MA.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "The Supreme Court as an Independent Policy Maker: Statutory Interpretation and the Separation of Powers." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1998, Chicago, IL.
- Hettinger, Virginia A. "The Supreme Court as an Independent Policy Maker: Statutory Interpretation and the Separation of Powers." Second Annual Conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, November 1997, Atlanta, GA.
- Giles, Micheal W., Virginia A. Hettinger and Todd C. Peppers. "Majority-Minority Panels and Policy Making on the United States Courts of Appeals." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 1997, Washington, DC.
- Henry, Gary T., Kent C. Dickey and Virginia A. Hettinger. "Causal Modeling of Educational Outcomes: A Seemingly Unrelated Regression Approach." Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, November 1993, Dallas, TX.
- "Pitfalls and Promises of Stakeholder Involvement in Developing a Statewide Educational Accountability Program." Panel participant at Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, November 1992, Seattle, WA.

Henry, Gary T. and Virginia A. Hettinger. "Cost and Equity in School Funding: Educational Funding Changes in Virginia," Annual Meeting of the American Education Finance Association, March 1989, San Antonio, TX.

Research Experience

- 1997-1998 Research Assistant
National Science Foundation Project: State Legislative Database
- 1996-1997 Research Assistant
Atlanta Empowerment Zone Assessment Team
- 1994-1997 Graduate Research Assistant
Emory University, Department of Political Science
- 1994-1995 Database Consultant
Georgia State University, Applied Research Center
- 1991-1994 Associate Quantitative Specialist
Virginia Department of Education, Research and Evaluation Section
- 1989-1991 Quantitative Methods Analyst
Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, Evaluation Section
- 1988-1989 Policy Analysis Intern
Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission
- 1988 Evaluation Intern
Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, Evaluation Section

Honors, Grants, and Awards

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s Seed Grant for External Funding, May 2005.
- Alan Bennett Award for Outstanding Junior Faculty in the Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2003
- University of Connecticut Faculty Large Grant Award for “Supreme Court Decisions and Congressional Overrides: Playing the Policy-Making Game.”
- Honorable Mention, Edward S. Corwin Award for best doctoral dissertation completed and accepted in the field of public law in 1998 or 1999

Honorable Mention, The CQ Press Award for best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. For “The Supreme Court as an Independent Policy Maker: Statutory Interpretation and the Separation of Powers.” 1998

Emory University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, 1994-1998

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1989

Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Community and Public Affairs Scholar, 1989

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission/Virginia Commonwealth University Policy Analysis Intern, 1988-1989

Virginia Commonwealth University Tuition Fellowship, 1987-1988

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 1983

Professional Service

Discussant “Article One Courts.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2006, Atlanta, GA.

Discussant “Judicial Review and Interinstitutional Relationships.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

Nominations Committee, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2002-2003.

Chair, “Judges, Judging and Justice.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2002, Chicago, IL.

Award Committee, C. Herman Pritchett Award for best book published in Public Law in 2000. Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 2000-2001.

Discussant, “Separation of Powers Models.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 2003, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, “Supreme Court Decision Making.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2001, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, “Explaining how the Court Decides.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 2000, Atlanta, GA.

Discussant, “Supreme Court Research: Measuring Variables.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1999, Atlanta, GA.

Nominations Committee, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 1998-1999.

Reviewer: National Science Foundation, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law and Society Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*

Departmental and University Service

Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2004-2005

Odyssey Day 2004, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth at the University of Connecticut, March 2004

Honors Board of Associate Directors, University of Connecticut, 2003-present

Honors and Distinction Program Advisor, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2003-present

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2002-present

Honors Program Congressional Internship Committee, University of Connecticut, 2001-present

Intern Supervisor, Congressional Internship Program 2002-2005

Chair, Subcommittee on Ph.D. Examination Reform, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2003

Co-chair, Search Committee for Public Law/Human Rights appointment. Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2003

Odyssey Day 2002, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth at the University of Connecticut, March 2002

Personnel Committee, Department of Political Science, Indiana University, 2000-2001