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Employment

UW-Madison, 2019 - George C. & Carmella P. Edwards Professor of American Politics
UW-Madison, 2022-2023 - Interim Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy
UW-Madison, 2015 - Professor, Department of Political Science
UW-Madison, 2013 - 2015, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
UW-Madison, 2011 - 2013, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Harvard University, 2008 - 2011, Assistant Professor, Department of Government
Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, s.c., 2001 - 2003, Attorney
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, 1999 - 2000, Law Clerk
Governor's Pardon Advisory Board and Extraditions Assistant, 1998 - 1999

Education

Ph.D., Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2008.
M.A., Political Science. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2005.
J.D., Law. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 2001.
B.A., Political Science & History. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1998.

Books

- [4] *The Effects of Cognitive Aging on Federal Judges*. Under Contract. Oxford University Press. (With Ryan C. Black and Patrick Wohlfarth).
- [3] *The Conscientious Justice: How Supreme Court Justices' Personalities Influence the Law, the High Court, and the Constitution*. 2019. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick Wohlfarth).
- [2] *Supreme Court Opinions and Their Audiences*. 2016. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick Wohlfarth).

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- Discussed by Epstein, Lee. 2017. *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*.
- [1] *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Influence and Judicial Decisions*. 2012. New York: Cambridge University Press (with Ryan C. Black).
- Research findings described in *NBC Politics.com*. See Tom Curry. 2012. “Solicitor General’s Performance Inspires Both Critics and Defenders.” April 30, 2012. Available online.
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 - Reviewed by Thomas, Jerry D. 2012. *American Review of Politics* 34 (Fall/Winter): 356-359. *Concurring Opinions* Blog. August 28. Review available online
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Articles

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- [42] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. Forthcoming. “Considering Constitutional Change Survey Evidence on Public Attitudes Towards Term Limits for Federal Judges.” *New Political Science*.
- [41] Ryan C. Black, Timothy Johnson, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin Wedeking. April 18, 2023. “Cameras In The High Court: An Empirical Examination Of Support For Supreme Court Justices.” *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy Per Curiam*.
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- [39] Christopher Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2022. “How State Judicial Selection Methods May Influence Views of US Supreme Court Nominees: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 10(2): 189-212.
- [38] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Justin P. Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2021. “Conscientiousness and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee.” *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 10(3): 379-408.

- [37] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Justin P. Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. “On Estimating Personality Traits of US Supreme Court Justices.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 9(2): 371-396.
- [36] Christopher Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2021. “Public Support for Judicial Philosophies Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. 9(1): 89-110.
- [35] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2021. “The Influence of Personalized Knowledge at the Supreme Court: How (Some) Former Law Court Clerks Have the Inside Track.” *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 795-807.
- Research findings described in *New York Times*, Law.com, TaxProf Blog, Market Design, and Above the Law.
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- [33] Ryan J. Owens and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2019. “The Influence of Home-State Reputation and Public Opinion on Federal Circuit Court Judges.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 7(2): 187-214.
- [32] Ryan C. Black, Timothy R. Johnson, and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “Chief Justice Burger and the Bench: How Physically Changing the Shape of the Court’s Bench Influenced Oral Arguments.” *Journal of Supreme Court History* 43(1): 83-98.
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- [28] Ryan J. Owens and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Public Mood, Previous Electoral Experience, and Responsiveness Among Federal Circuit Court Judges.” *American Politics Research* 45(6): 1003-1031.
- [27] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Matthew Hall, and Eve Ringsmuth. 2016. “The Role of Emotional Language in Briefs Before the U.S. Supreme Court.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. 4(2): 377-407.
- Research findings described on *SCOTUSblog* (a.k.a., Supreme Court of the United States Blog) December 22, 2015. Available online.
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- Discussed on LexisNexis *Lextalk* March 29, 2016. Available online.
- [26] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Miles Armely. 2016. “A Well Traveled Lot: A Research Note on Judicial Travel by U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” *Justice System Journal*. 37(4): 367-384.
- [25] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2016. “The Success of Former Solicitors General in Private Practice: Costly and Unnecessary.” *Michigan State Law Review*. 2016: 325-367.
- [24] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Justin P. Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. “The Influence of Public Sentiment on Supreme Court Opinion Clarity.” *Law and Society Review*. 50(3): 703-732.
- [23] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Jennifer Williams. 2015. “We Are the World: The U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Foreign Sources of Law.” *British Journal of Political Science*. 46(4): 891-913.
- [22] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2015. “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 60(1): 30-43.
- Winner, Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section.
- [21] Ryan J. Owens, Alex Tahk, Patrick C. Wohlfarth, and Amanda Bryan. 2015 “Nominating Commissions, Judicial Retention, and Forward-Looking Behavior on State Supreme Courts: An Empirical Examination of Selection and Retention Methods.” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 15(2): 211-238.
- [20] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, Daniel Walters, and Jennifer Williams. 2014. “Upending a Global Debate: An Empirical Analysis of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Use of Transnational Law to Interpret Domestic Doctrine.” *The Georgetown Law Journal*. 103: 1-46.
- [19] Ryan J. Owens and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2014. “State Solicitors General, Appellate Expertise, and State Success Before the United States Supreme Court.” *Law and Society Review*. 48(3): 657-685.
- [18] Ryan J. Owens, Daniel Walters, Ryan C. Black, and Anthony Madonna. 2014. “Ideology, Qualifications, and Covert Senate Obstruction of Federal Court Nominations.” *Illinois Law Review* 2014(2): 347-388.
- [17] Ryan C. Black, Anthony Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2014. “Qualifications or Philosophy? The Use of Blue Slips in a Polarized Era.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 44(2): 290-308.
- [16] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2013. “Bargaining and Legal Development in the United States Courts of Appeals.” *American Politics Research*. 41: 1071-1101.

- [15] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2013. “A Built-In Advantage: The Office of the Solicitor General and the Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 66:454-466.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Judicial Review.” *National Affairs*. August 31, 2012. Available online.
- [14] Ryan J. Owens, Justin P. Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2013. “How the Supreme Court Alters Opinion Language to Evade Congressional Review.” *Journal of Law and Courts*. 1(1): 35-59
- [13] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Looking Back to Move Forward: Quantifying Policy Predictions in Political Decision Making.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 56(4): 802-816.
- Research findings described in the *National Law Journal*. See Marcia Coyle. 2010. “Need a Powerful Backer for Your Case? Try Meeting with the SG.” *National Law Journal*. July 7, 2010. Available online.
- [12] Ryan J. Owens and Justin P. Wedeking. 2012. “Predicting Drift on Politically Insulated Institutions: A Study of Ideological Drift on the United States Supreme Court.” *Journal of Politics*. 74: 487-500.
- Winner of the 2012 Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award for the Annual Southern Political Science Association Meeting.
 - Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Civil War.” *National Affairs*. May 11, 2012. Available online.
- [11] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Consider the Source (and the Message): Supreme Court Justices and Strategic Audits of Lower Court Decisions.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 65: 385-395.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2011. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Justice Served.” *National Affairs*. March 15, 2011. Available online.
- [10] Ryan J. Owens and David A. Simon. 2012. “Explaining the Supreme Court’s Docket Size.” *William and Mary Law Review*. 53(4): 1219-1285.
- Research findings described on *SCOTUSblog* (a.k.a., Supreme Court of the United States Blog) Academic Roundup. June 20, 2012. Available online.
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- Research findings described in the *New York Times*. See Adam Liptak. 2014. “When Justices Disagree, Public May Not Care.” *New York Times*. August 11, 2014. Available online.

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 - Included in Kevin Lewis. 2012. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Red Tape.” *National Affairs*. January 18, 2012. Available online.
- [8] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “Solicitor General Influence and Agenda Setting on the United States Supreme Court.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 64(4): 765-778.
- Included in Kevin Lewis. 2010. “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Law Review.” *National Affairs*. April 10, 2010. Available online.
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- [6] Ryan C. Black, Anthony J. Madonna, and Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “Obstructing Agenda-Setting: Examining Blue Slip Behavior in the Senate.” *The Forum* 9(4): 1-15.
- [5] Ryan J. Owens. 2011. “An Alternative Perspective on Supreme Court Agenda Setting in a System of Shared Powers.” *Justice System Journal*. 32(2): 183-205.
- [4] Ryan J. Owens. 2010. “The Separation of Powers, Judicial Independence, and Strategic Agenda Setting.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 412-427.
- [3] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. “Agenda-Setting in the Supreme Court: The Collision of Policy and Jurisprudence.” *Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1062-1075.
- Research findings described in Seth Stern. 2010. “In Criticizing Kagan’s Writings as Clerk, Republicans Trod a Well-Worn Path.” *CQ Today Online News - Legal Affairs*. June 11, 2010.
- [2] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. “Analyzing the Reliability of Supreme Court Justices’ Agenda Setting Records.” *Justice System Journal*. 30(3): 254-264.
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Book Chapters

- [6] Chris Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “The Concurring Behavior of Justice Scalia.” In *The Conservative Revolution of Antonin Scalia*, ed. David A. Schultz and Howard Schweber. Lexington Press.

- [5] Ryan C. Black, Tim Johnson, and Ryan J. Owens. 2018. “Building a Hot Bench: The Oral Argument Behavior and Legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia.” In *The Conservative Revolution of Antonin Scalia*, ed. David A. Schultz and Howard Schweber. Lexington Press.
- [4] Chris Krewson and Ryan J. Owens. 2017. “Historical Development of Supreme Court Research.” In *Handbook of Judicial Politics*, ed. Robert Howard and Kirk Randazzo. Routledge.
- [3] Ryan J. Owens and James Sieja. 2017. “Agenda-Setting on the United States Supreme Court.” In *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior*, ed. Lee Epstein and Stefanie A. Lindquist. Oxford University Press.
- [2] Ryan C. Black, Ryan J. Owens, and Justin P. Wedeking. 2016. “The Chief as Social Leader: Emotional Language, Opinion Content, and Collegiality on the Supreme Court.” In *The Chief Justice: Appointment and Influence*, ed. David Danelski and Artemus Ward. University of Michigan Press.
- [1] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. 2012. “Supreme Court Agenda Setting: Policy Uncertainty and Legal Considerations.” In *New Directions in Judicial Politics*, ed. Kevin T. McGuire. Routledge, Taylor and Francis.

Amicus Curiae

- [2] Brief of Senator Mike Lee, Senator Ted Cruz, Rep. Raul Labrador, and Rep. Rob Bishop As Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Utah Republican Party v. Spencer J. Cox, et al.* (18-450)(cert denied).
- [1] *Wisconsin Council of Religions and Independent Schools, et al. v. Janel Heinrich, et al.* (Wisconsin Supreme Court, 2020AP001420)

Other Publications

- [8] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. September 28, 2020. Appellate Advocacy Blog. Guest Post: Former Law Clerk Influence at the Supreme Court: How Personal Knowledge Gives Former Clerks an Edge.
- [7] Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens. “Estimating the Policy Preferences of Judge Neil M. Gorsuch.” 2017. Available at SSRN:<https://ssrn.com/abstract=2915233orhttp://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2915233>.
- [6] Ryan J. Owens “A Move to the Left? Catching the Drift.” *North Hall News, Political Science Alumni Newsletter, Winter 2012*.

- [5] Ryan J. Owens and Justin P. Wedeking. “Some (Potential) Applications of Computer Content Analysis to the Study of Law & Courts.” *Law and Courts Newsletter*, Winter 2012.
- [4] Ryan J. Owens and Lee Epstein. 2008 “Interest Groups.” In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- [3] Lee Epstein and Ryan J. Owens. 2007. “Judicial Decision Making.” In *Encyclopedia of Law and Society*, ed. David C. Clark. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- [2] Ryan J. Owens and Lee Epstein. 2005. “*Amici Curiae* During the Rehnquist Court Years.” *Judicature*. 89: 127-132 (Nov.-Dec. 05).
- [1] Ryan J. Owens. 2005. “The Judiciary Act of 1789.” In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*, ed. David Schultz. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc.

Working Papers

- [3] Congruence Without Compliance: Measuring Lower Court (Non)Compliance With Supreme Court Jurisprudential Regimes (with Chris Krewson and Alex Tahk)(Revise and Resubmit).
- [2] Policy Changes and the Supreme Court: A Proposal for More Briefing (with Ryan C. Black).
- [1] The Value of a Handshake: How A Simple Gesture Enhances Collegiality on the Court (with Ryan C. Black and Rachel Schutte).

Grants, Awards, Honorific Positions

- [23] George C. and Carmella P. Edwards Professor of American Politics.
- [22] Leon Epstein Faculty Fellow.
- [21] Keynote Address: Ideas Conference, April 10, 2021.
- [20] Faculty Affiliate UW Law School.
- [19] Faculty Affiliate La Follette School of Public Affairs.
- [18] Honorary Fellow, Institute for Legal Studies.
- [17] Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section: “Courting the President: How Circuit Court Judges Alter Their Behavior for Promotion to the Supreme Court” (with Ryan C. Black).

- [16] University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Fellowship (2014-2016).
- [15] Undergraduate Student Mentoring Award, Office of the Provost (Spring 2014).
- [14] Hilldale Award, “Supreme Court Public Information Offices and Strategic Outreach” (with Donya Khadem).
- [13] Neal Tate Award for outstanding judicial politics paper: “Minimizing Doctrinal Drift: The Role of Clarity in Protecting Supreme Court Opinions” (With Patrick Wohlfarth)(Paper presented at the 2012 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).
- [12] Pi Sigma Alpha Award for “Excellence in Scholarly Writing” for “Picking an Unsettled Brain: The Role of Cognitive Complexity in Ideological Drift on the United States Supreme Court” (With Justin Wedeking)(Paper presented at the 2011 meetings of the Southern Political Science Association).
- [11] National Science Foundation. “Estimating the Policy Preferences of United States Courts of Appeals Judges Across Circuits and American Political Institutions” (With Ryan C. Black).
- [10] Lyons Family Faculty Grant.
- [9] Rose Family Research Fellowship Grant.
- [8] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Supreme Court and the Media.”
- [7] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “The Legislative Process Across Branches: The Supreme Court and Statutory Interpretation.”
- [6] Wisconsin Graduate School Competition Grant. “Can Nominee Language Influence Confirmation Votes? An Empirical Examination of Supreme Court Nomination Hearings.”
- [5] Harvard Provost Fund for Instructional Technology. “Digital Archives of Supreme Court Justices, 1953-1985.”
- [4] Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis), Library of Congress Grant.
- [3] Associate, Center for Empirical Research in the Law (Washington University in St. Louis).
- [2] George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation O’Donnell Grant.
- [1] Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award.

Invited Presentations

- [34] University of South Carolina
- [33] University of Illinois School of Law
- [32] Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law (invited-COVID canceled)
- [31] University of Missouri
- [30] Purdue University
- [29] University of Massachusetts
- [28] Yale University
- [27] University of Georgia
- [26] Marquette Law School
- [25] Northwestern University School of Law
- [24] Michigan State University
- [23] University of California-Davis School of Law
- [22] University of Chicago Law
- [21] Vanderbilt University
- [20] University of California-San Diego
- [19] Harvard University
- [18] Louisiana State University
- [17] University at Buffalo—State University of New York
- [16] Grinnell University
- [15] George Mason University
- [14] University of Houston
- [13] American Democracy Forum
- [12] Keynote Speaker, Sifting and Winnowing Conference (April 2020).
- [11] Wisconsin’s Inaugural Statewide Federalist Society Conference. “Blue Slips and Judicial Appointments.”
- [10] Commentary on Neal Katyal’s “The Architecture of Government” UW Law School.

- [9] Rotary Club of Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [8] Kiwanis Club of Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [7] UW-Stevens Point LIFE Program. “Constitutional Interpretation, Original Intent or Living Document?”
- [6] Founder’s Day Speech, Pittsburgh, PA. “The Supreme Court Today and Into the Future: What Can We Expect?”
- [5] Wisconsin Hospital Association Public Policy Committee–U.S. Supreme Court Health Care Cases.
- [4] Wisconsin Alumni Connection: The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform.
- [3] Wisconsin Board of Visitors Presentation: How We Study the Supreme Court: Examining the Supreme Court’s Health Care Reform Case.
- [2] Center for the Study of the American Constitution.
- [1] Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference on Empirical Legal Methods.

Courses Taught

- [25] The Marshall Court
- [24] American Political Institutions
- [23] Conservatism, Liberalism, and the Idea of America
- [22] Law and Film
- [21] Administrative Law
- [20] The Supreme Court’s 2022 Term
- [19] The Supreme Court’s 2021 Term
- [18] The Supreme Court’s 2020 Term
- [17] The Supreme Court’s 2019 Term
- [16] The Supreme Court’s 2018 Term
- [15] The Supreme Court’s 2017 Term
- [14] The Supreme Court’s 2016 Term

- [13] The Supreme Court’s 2015 Term
- [12] The Supreme Court’s 2014 Term
- [11] The Founding Fathers
- [10] Law, the Separation of Powers, and Federal Courts
- [9] Judicial Internship
- [8] Seminar on American Courts
- [7] The Supreme Court and American Politics
- [6] The Politics of the United States Supreme Court
- [5] American Politics Workshop Series
- [4] Field Seminar in American Politics
- [3] Introduction to American Government
- [2] Constitutional Law
- [1] The American Presidency

Service

- [35] Interim Director, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy (2022-2023)
- [34] Editorial Board, *Journal of Law and Courts* (2021 - present)
- [33] Director, Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership (previously Acting Director) (2015-2021).
- [32] Chair, Lasting Contribution Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2020).
- [31] Post Tenure Review Committee (2021-2023).
- [30] Faculty Recruitment Committee (2019-2020, 2020-2021).
- [29] Speaker: Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [28] Graduate Recruitment Committee (2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2018-2019, 2020-2021).
- [27] Federalist Society Steering Committee: Madison Lawyers Chapter (2017-present).

- [26] Speaker: Rotary Club of Madison. “The Past, Present and Future of the United States Supreme Court.”
- [25] National Science Foundation Political Science Advisory Panel.
- [24] Institute for Research on Poverty, Search Committee.
- [23] Subfield Chair, American Politics (2015-2017).
- [22] Committee, Lifetime Achievement Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016-2017).
- [21] Committee, Awards for Mentoring Undergraduates in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (2016).
- [20] Chair, Lasting Contribution Award, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2016).
- [19] Executive Committee, Judicial Politics Section—American Political Science Association (2012- present).
- [18] Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2013-2014).
- [17] Undergraduate Program Committee (2013-2014).
- [16] Alumni Presentation (2013) “Institutions, Obstacles, and How American Politics Works and Doesn’t Work.”
- [15] Section Chair, Judicial Politics Section. 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- [14] Mock Trial Advisor (2011-2013).
- [13] Southern Political Science Association Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee Member, 2012.
- [12] Community Outreach Presentation, American Democracy Forum (Summer 2012).
- [11] Community Outreach Presentation, Center for the Study of the American Constitution (Fall 2011).
- [10] Community Outreach Presentation, UW-Madison Political Science Breakfast Briefing. The Collision of Law and Policy: The Supreme Court Reviews Health Care Reform (Spring 2012).
- [9] Nominations Committee (Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011).
- [8] Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, Journal of Politics, Justice System Journal, Law & Society Review, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly.

- [7] Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association.
- [6] University of Wisconsin: Graduate Student Admissions Committee (2012-2013); Computer Services Committee (2011-2012), Lectures and Colloquia Committee (2011-2012).
- [5] Harvard University: American Politics Faculty Search Committee (2009), Undergraduate Honors Committee (2010).
- [4] Center for American Political Studies: Executive Committee (2009-2011), Grants Committee (2009).
- [3] Senior Thesis Advisor (University of Wisconsin): Alexandra Hader; Rachel Zierden; Niklas Vakil; Donya Khadem; Rachelle Dorr (Harvard University): Kiran Bhat; Christopher Miller.
- [2] Master's Thesis Advisor (Harvard Extension Program): June Klein, "The Feminist Judicial Opinions of Sandra Day O'Connor" (Honorable Mention, Outstanding ALM Thesis in the Social Sciences).
- [1] Dissertations: Christopher Krewson (Chair)(Brigham Young University); Dan Walters (Chair)(Penn State Law); Jose Luis Enriquez (Chair)(In Progress).

Select Op Eds

- [31] Wall Street Journal. March 21, 2023. "The Danger of Cameras to the Supreme Court."
- [30] Wisconsin Daily Star. February 8, 2023. "Commentary: A Recent Survey Shows That There Are Two Different College Experiences Based on Students' Politics."
- [29] Washington Examiner. June 22, 2022. "Higher Education Needs an Intervention."
- [28] FoxNews. October 1, 2021. "State Attorneys General can help families get politics out of the classroom."
- [27] Real Clear Politics. October 28, 2020. "Court Packing Is Radical. Dems Must Say Where They Stand."
- [26] National Review. September 14, 2020. "A Constitutional Affront by Wisconsin's Attorney General."
- [25] National Review. August 26, 2020. "Our Elected Leaders Must Oppose the Growing Lawlessness in the Country."
- [24] The Hill. May 8, 2020. "Livestreaming Arguments? The Supreme Court Made the Right Decision."

- [23] The Hill. March 5, 2020. “The Supreme Court Must Stop the Trend of Judge-Shopping.”
- [22] The Dispatch. February 12, 2020. “The Misguided Case Against the Federalist Society.”
- [21] The Dispatch. February 6, 2020. “No to Court Packing but Yes to Term Limits?”
- [20] The Hill. June 28, 2019. “To Protect Liberty, the Supreme Court Must Apply the Non-Delegation Doctrine.”
- [19] Wispolitics.com. April 4, 2019. “Ryan Owens: Lessons and thoughts on Tuesday’s election.”
- [18] Wisconsin State Journal. March 16, 2019. “Ryan Owens: Turn a Wisconsin prison into a school.”
- [17] Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. August 3, 2018. “Is Walker practicing ‘politics of hate?’ Are Democrats ‘filled with hatred?’ Now we know.”
- [16] Weekly Standard. July 6, 2018. “Study: Americans Tend to Prefer an Originalist for SCOTUS.”
- [15] Weekly Standard. June 27, 2018. “Now It Really Is the Roberts Court.”
- [14] The National Review. June 4, 2018. “The Wisconsin Supreme Court Can Restore the Separation of Powers and Lead the Nation Forward.”
- [13] Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. May 3, 2018. “Gordon Giampietro’s orthodox Catholicism, not legal acumen, is under attack in court fight.”
- [12] Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. November 22, 2017. “Owens: Yes, even most politicians want to work together.”
- [11] Washington Examiner. July 14, 2017. “What is the Blue Slip, and Should it be Reformed?”
- [10] InsideSources. March 8, 2017. “The Supreme Court Case Few People are Talking About—But Should Be.”
- [9] The Federalist. March 6, 2017. “How Coddling Millennials On Campus Makes Them Bad American Citizens.”
- [8] Wispolitics.com. February 24, 2017. “Cast a Wide Net When Filling Federal Judicial Vacancies.”
- [7] Washington Examiner. February 20, 2017. “It’s time to fix the Supreme Court nomination process—Here’s how.”
- [6] The Washington Post, Monkey Cage. February 15, 2017. “Neil Gorsuch could be the most conservative justice on the Supreme Court.”

- [5] Washington Examiner. January 31, 2017. “Gorsuch delivers what Trump promised: A conservative judge who can pull the Supreme Court back to the Right.”
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