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### Academic Positions

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2015-2018

Yale Law School, Visiting Fellow, Information Society Project, 2014-2016

Dartmouth College, Lecturer, Department of Government, 2014-2015

### Education

Columbia University, M.A., 2008; M. Phil., 2010; Ph.D., 2015 (Political Science)

*Dissertation:* An Empirical Examination of Adjudications at the National Labor Relations Board

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2000

*Honors:* Cum laude

*Activities:* Board of Student Advisors

Harvard Legislative Research Bureau

*Harvard International Law Journal* - Book Review Editor

*Harvard Journal of Law and Technology*

Dartmouth College, A.B. in Government and History, 1997

*Honors:* Summa cum laude; Rufus Choate Scholar (top 5% of class);

Phi Beta Kappa; High Honors for Government Department Thesis

### Research and Teaching Interests

Administrative Law, Intellectual Property Law, Civil Procedure, Evidence, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Legislation, Property, Contracts, Labor Law, Empirical Legal Studies

### Publications/Works in Progress

*Administrative Adjudication: A Study of the Adjudicatory Process Across the Administrative State* (book manuscript in progress during postdoctoral time at Princeton)

Abstract: Administrative adjudication can take many forms and administrative agencies differ in their internal processes when they adjudicate cases. In this book/series of articles, I look at how internal processes can dictate outcomes. In particular, I undertake a comprehensive examination of how administrative agencies adjudicate cases across a

spectrum of topics, including in intellectual property law, labor law, securities law, privacy law and environmental law.

“Political Decision Making at the National Labor Relations Board: An Empirical Examination of the Board’s Decisions through the Clinton and Bush Years,” *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law* 37:2 (Spring 2016)

Abstract: Employing an original dataset of almost 3,000 National Labor Relations Board (“NLRB”) decisions from the Clinton and Bush years (1993-2007), this article presents one of the few recent studies of voting patterns at the NLRB on unfair labor practice disputes. I find that the propensity of a panel reaching a decision that favors labor increases with each additional Democrat added to the panel. I further find that political actors — such as the Congress, the President and the appellate courts — fail to have a direct impact on NLRB unfair labor practice decisions; rather, the decision of the lower court Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) and the partisan ideology of the Board have the most impact in influencing whether the NLRB rules for or against labor.

“*Bush v. Gore* in the American Mind: Reflections and Survey Results on the Tenth Anniversary of the Decision Ending the 2000 Election Controversy” (with Nathaniel Persily and Stephen Ansolabehere), published in *Election Reform in the United States: The State of Reform After Bush v. Gore*, edited by R. Michael Alvarez and Bernard Grofman (Cambridge University Press 2014)

Abstract: This chapter in a peer-reviewed book from Cambridge University Press examines public opinion on the *Bush v. Gore* case ten years later, finding that both the respondent’s race as well as their feelings toward President George Bush motivate their lingering feelings on the *Bush v. Gore* decision. The article also concludes that opinion on *Bush v. Gore* also impacts approval of and confidence in the Supreme Court overall.

“Specialized Trial Courts in Patent Law: A Review of the Patent Law Pilot Program at the Five-Year Mark” (under review) (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: Congress set up a ten-year pilot project to change the way patent cases are heard in the federal courts. Now that the five-year mark passed, my paper examines what impact the pilot project had in influencing patent law doctrine and court decision making generally. I find that pilot judges do not differ from non-pilot judges on how they are reviewed on appeal. I also surprisingly find that judges who previously sat by designation at the Federal Circuit are less likely to be reversed on appeal, underscoring the importance of personal connections.

“Statutory Interpretation from the Agency Perspective” (under review)

Abstract: I empirically examine the statutory methodologies used by the NLRB from 1993-2016 using an original dataset of NLRB cases. I also look at how Board majority and dissenting opinions compare in their use of statutory methodologies.

“Predicting Deference in Appellate Court Cases” (complete draft)

Abstract: I analyze an original dataset of over 1,300 decisions of appellate courts in NLRB cases from 1994-2014. I find that while partisanship impacts decision making, gender and other sociological factors influence decisions as well. For instance, female judges are more likely to issue a counter-ideological ruling. This article underscores the need for more focused studies on the role that gender and minority status plays in influencing court decision making.

“How Do Judicial Elections Affect Low-Salience Decisions?” with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Tom Clark (and a second follow-up article on campaign contributions) (complete draft)

Abstract: In a series of articles, we construct original datasets of all environmental, search and seizure and abortion cases from the state supreme courts since 1990 to discern the impact that both public opinion and campaign contributions have in impacting whether an individual supreme court justice will vote in a liberal direction.

“District Court Compliance with Appellate Court Decisions” (complete draft)

Abstract: Scholars have found that the Supreme Court issues more clear decisions to induce compliance in the lower federal courts, state supreme courts and administrative agencies. Using text analysis, I apply a similar reasoning to assess whether appellate courts also use opinion clarity to induce compliance among district courts and administrative agencies.

“An Empirical Analysis of District Court Decision Making in Patent Law Cases” (working draft)

Abstract: Using an original database of over 20,000 cases heard by the district courts from 2011-2017, I analyze what factors influence the district court’s decision to find infringement or invalidity in patent law cases.

“Network Analysis in Patent Law Cases” (data collection in progress)

Abstract: Using network analysis, I explore how precedent in patent law cases diffuses between and among the district and appellate courts. Certain district courts, such as the Eastern District of Texas or the Northern District of California, hear a disproportionate number of cases. Using network analysis, I map out whether district courts hearing many patent cases influence patent law doctrine to a greater degree than would be expected by chance.

“Specialized Appellate Courts in Trademark and Copyright Law” (data collection in progress)

Abstract: Using network and text analysis, I analyze the extent to which certain appellate courts have a disproportionate influence in copyright and trademark law.

“The Role of Political Networks in Citation Counts in State Supreme Courts” (working draft)

Abstract: This article uses the tools of network analysis to analyze the importance that legal doctrine plays in state supreme courts. I explore citation patterns when one supreme court cites a sister supreme court in another state. Looking at citation patterns by issue as well as by reviewing case contents to assess exactly how the court uses the citation in the case yields important information on how legal doctrine diffuses across state boundaries in a federal system.

“Exploring the Role of Sectionalism in Congressional Roll Calls Votes, 1885-1907” (complete draft)

Abstract: This article is an historical piece that examines how sectionalism impacted Congressional roll call votes in the late nineteenth century. Using an original dataset breaking down roll call votes by subject matter, I examine roll call votes during three Congresses in the late nineteenth century and conclude that sectionalism only impacted decision making with respect to certain subject areas.

“Comparing Public Support on the Sotomayor and Kagan Supreme Court Confirmation Battles,” with Nathaniel Persily and Stephen Ansolabehere (working draft)

Abstract: Using a unique dataset that surveyed public opinion immediately after both the Sotomayor and Kagan confirmations, this article compares and contrasts the underlying demographic and ideological basis of support for both nominees, finding that the basis of support for Kagan differed than the basis of support for Sotomayor.

“Profiling and Predicting Opinions on Gun Control: A Comparative Perspective on the Factors Underlying Opinion on Different Gun Control Measures,” with Stephen Ansolabehere (working draft)

Abstract: This article presented at the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies examines public opinion on four different types of gun control measures: handgun restrictions, assault weapons bans, concealed weapons permits and registration/background checks. It examines the differing demographic and ideological basis of support for each measure.

### **Conference Presentations**

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School, October 13-14, 2017 (paper and poster)

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2017 (2 papers and 1 poster)

Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Benjamin F. Cardozo School of Law, August 10-11, 2017

American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, Yale Law School, May 12-13, 2017

Empirical Methods in IP Conference, Benjamin F. Cardozo School of Law, May 18-19, 2017

PATCON7, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, April 7-8, 2017 (plenary speaker)  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 6-8, 2017 (2 papers and one poster)  
Quantlaw Conference, University of Arizona James R. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, February 17-18, 2017  
New Voices in Legislation Works in Progress, AALS Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 4, 2017  
Society for Political Methodology Summer Methods Annual Meeting, Rice University, Houston, TX, July 21, 2016 (poster)  
Political Networks Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, June 23-25, 2016  
Law and Society Association Early Career Workshop & Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, May 31-June 5, 2016  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 10, 2016  
Quantlaw Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, February 12-13, 2016  
Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Conference, New York, NY, October 10, 2015  
Dartmouth College, Government Department Faculty Workshop, February 3, 2015  
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., August 31, 2014  
American Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, University of Chicago Booth Business School, Chicago, IL, May 8, 2014  
Junior Law Scholars Colloquium, Federalist Society, Warrenton, VA, June 13-14, 2014  
Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 30, 2014  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2014  
Dartmouth College, Mini-APSA Conference, Government Department Faculty Workshop, September 16, 2014  
Columbia University, American Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, October 7, 2013  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 11, 2013  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 14, 2012  
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Northwestern University Law School, November 4, 2011  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, March 31, 2011  
Columbia University, Mini-APSA Conference, Department of Political Science, May 1, 2009

## **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer, Dartmouth College, Government Department, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

- GOVT 3: The American Political System (Spring 2015)
- GOVT 10: Quantitative Political Analysis (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- GOVT 34: Congress and the American Political System (Winter 2015)
- \*\*\* Median “Teaching Effectiveness” Score of “1” (Excellent) in most recent teaching evaluations for each class

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, Department of Political Science

- Professor Judith Russell, Introduction to American Government (Section Instructor), Spring

2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2013

- Professor Gregory Wawro, The American Congress, Fall 2012
- Professor Dorian Warren, Labor and American Politics, Fall 2009
- Professor Raymond Smith, Race and Ethnicity in American Politics, Fall 2008

Legal Reasoning and Argument Instructor for First Year Legal Writing Program, Harvard Law School, Board of Student Advisors, Fall 1998-Spring 2000

## **Legal Experience**

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Litigation & Intellectual Property Senior Associate, New York, NY, Summer 2000 & 2001-2007: Extensive experience in all aspects of trial preparation, including writing briefs, conducting depositions, working with expert witnesses and handling discovery inquiries for clients; Attended court daily as a member of the trial team for a two-month patent litigation bench trial in West Virginia involving a pharmaceutical product (case resolved in client's favor in a 120+ page decision and upheld on appeal by the Federal Circuit); Conducted due diligence on intellectual property assets in connection with mergers and securities filings; Involved in numerous pro bono projects including handling divorces and child support cases, assisting victims of 9/11 in obtaining relief from the 9/11 Victims' Compensation Fund and filing trademark applications for non-profit organizations.

The Honorable Paul Michel, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington D.C., 2000-2001

Arnold & Porter LLP, Summer Associate, Washington D.C., Summer 1999

Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, Summer Associate, Philadelphia, PA, Summer 1998, 1999

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Professor Abbe Gluck, Columbia/Yale Law School, Spring 2010, Spring 2012-Spring 2016 (assisted with data organization and statistical analysis of a survey on legislative drafting published in a two-part article in the *Stanford Law Review*; assisted with statistical analysis for a health law project)

Research Assistant, Professor Nathaniel Persily, Columbia Law School, Fall 2009-Fall 2012 (assisted with statistical analysis of a survey on constitutional attitudes for a project on originalism for an article published in the *Columbia Law Review*; assisted with various projects exploring health care, and public attitudes about Supreme Court decisions and Supreme Court nominees)

Research Assistant, Dean Lisa Schultz Bressman, Vanderbilt Law School, Spring 2012-Spring 2014 (assisted with data organization and statistical analysis of a survey on legislative drafting published in a two-part article in the *Stanford Law Review*)

Research Assistant, Professor Ira Katznelson, Columbia University, Fall 2010-Spring 2011, Spring 2012-Spring 2014 (assisted with compiling legislative histories and other historical research for books *Fear Itself; The New Deal and the Origins of Our Time* (2013) and *Southern Nation* (with John Lapinski); assisted with gathering material for book on Anglo-Jewish history)

Research Assistant, Professor Shigeo Hirano, Columbia University, Fall 2013-Fall 2014 (assisted with compiling information for a database on state-level officeholders as well as a database on primary elections)

Research Assistant, Professor Jamal Greene, Columbia Law School, Fall 2009-Spring 2011 (assisted with statistical analysis of a survey on constitutional attitudes for projects on originalism and gun rights published in *Columbia Law Review* and *Journal of Constitutional Law*)

Research Assistant, Professor W. Kip Viscusi, Harvard Law School, Fall 1998-Spring 1999

Presidential Scholar Research Assistantship, Government Department, Dartmouth College, Professor James Shoch, Fall 1996-Spring 1997

### **Awards and Fellowships**

National Science Foundation, Society for Political Methodology Summer Methods Meeting Travel Grant, Rice University, Houston, TX, July 21-23, 2016

National Science Foundation, Political Networks Conference Travel Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, June 23-25, 2016

Law and Society Association Early Career Workshop Travel Grant, New Orleans, LA, May 31-June 1, 2016

Quantlaw Conference Travel Grant, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, February 12-13, 2016

GSAS Research Fellowship with Professor Ira Katznelson, Columbia University Graduate Program in Political Science, 2010-2011, 2013-2014

GSAS Faculty/Teaching/Dissertation Fellowships, Columbia University Graduate Program in Political Science, 2007-2010, 2011-2013

Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Student Fellowship, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 (\$2,000/year) & 2017 Travel Grant to attend AALS Annual Conference (\$400)

Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Dissertation Travel Grant

GSAS Summer Fellowship, Columbia University Graduate Program in Political Science, Summer 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012

Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Summer Research Funding, Summer 2010, 2013

GSAS Conference Travel Grant, Columbia University, Spring 2011, Spring 2014

Department of Political Science Conference Travel Grant, Columbia University, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014

## **Professional Activities/Workshops**

Discussant, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School, October 13-14, 2017

Panel Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference (3 panels), San Francisco, CA, Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2017

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2 panels), Chicago, IL, April 6-8, 2017

Discussant, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Duke University Law School, Nov. 18, 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant (2 panels), American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2, 2016

Panel Discussant, Political Networks Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, June 24-25, 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 2, 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 10, 2016

Institute for Constitutional History, Annual Workshop on Law and History, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, June 13-June 19, 2014

Panel Chair and Discussant, Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 29, 2014

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2014

Institute for Constitutional History, Constituting Federalism Workshop, New York, NY, February 2014

Graduate Student Organizer, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress and History Conference hosted by Professors Ira Katznelson and Gregory Wawro, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, NY, June 21-22, 2013

## **Bar Admissions**

State: New York

Federal: Federal Circuit, S.D.N.Y.

## **Associations**

Society for Empirical Legal Studies, Law and Society Association, American Law and Economics Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

## **Skills**

STATA, R, Python, WinBugs and Gelphi Statistical Software

Certificate in “Fundamentals of College and University Teaching,” Summer 2010

Selected by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP to be one of two mid-level associates to participate in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy’s (“NITA”) intensive two-week national program in trial skills training, Louisville, CO, July 2006



## References

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Professor Nathaniel Persily, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, CA 94305, (917) 570-3223, [npersily@law.stanford.edu](mailto:npersily@law.stanford.edu)

Professor Abbe Gluck, Professor of Law, Yale Law School, P.O. Box 208215, New Haven, CT 06520, (203) 432-6703, [abbe.gluck@yale.edu](mailto:abbe.gluck@yale.edu)

Professor Tom Clark, Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Political Science and Law, Emory University and Emory Law School, 321C Tarbuton Hall, Atlanta, GA 30322; 404-727-4586; [tclark7@emory.edu](mailto:tclark7@emory.edu)

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