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Currently

Assistant Professor, Drake University. Department of Politics and International Relations. August 2001-present. Teaching responsibilities include Judicial Politics, Congress and the Legislative Process, The American Presidency, The American Political System, the Senior Seminar in Law, Politics, and Society, and an Honors course entitled Modern Political Satire.

Program and Research Consultant, American Judicature Society. Elmo B. Hunter Citizens Center for Judicial Selection. October 1, 2003-present. Responsibilities include initiating original research on judicial selection issues, preparing grant proposals for upcoming AJS research projects, organizing programs on judicial selection for AJS events, representing the organization at conferences and professional meetings, and serving as a media contact for the Hunter Center.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, January 2002
The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
Primary Field of Study: American Government and Politics
Secondary Field of Study: Methodology

Dissertation Topic: "Judicial Independence or Congressional Control: A Study of Congressional *Amicus* Activity at the Supreme Court"

Dissertation Defense: August 2001

Dissertation Committee: Forrest Maltzman, Paul Wahlbeck, and Christopher Deering

B.A. 1995. Hood College, Frederick, MD
Double Major: Mathematics and Political Science
Minor: Social Research

Research Interests

Judicial Politics, Judicial Selection, Congressional Politics, Legislative-Judicial Relations, The Presidency, Inter-branch Relations, Quantitative Methods of Analysis, Non-Linear Modeling Techniques and Political Satire.

Publications

Caufield, Rachel P. "In the Wake of *White* : How States are Responding to *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White* and How Judicial Elections are Changing." *The Akron Law Review*. 2005.

Caufield, Rachel P. "Campaigning for Judge: How the Tone and Tenor of Judicial Election Campaigns is Changing." In Streb, Matther, ed. *Running for Judge*. New York: New York University Press. Forthcoming summer 2006.

Caufield, Rachel P. "How the Pickers Pick: Finding a Set of Best Practices for Judicial Nominating Commissions and Suggestions for Effective Implementation." *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. Forthcoming fall 2006.

Caufield, Rachel P. "The Influence of 'Infoenterpropagainment:' Exploring Distinctions Within the Genre." In Morris, Jonathan S., and Jody C Baumgartner, eds. *Laughing Matters: Humor and American Politics in the Media Age*. New York: Routeledge. Forthcoming summer 2007.

Caufield, Rachel P. and Christine Nemacheck. "Giving Advice: Congressional Lobbying in Supreme Court Selection from 1930-1992." Currently under review at the *Journal of Politics*.

Academic Conference Presentations

Caufield, Rachel P. "Controversy in State Courts: The Effects of and on Judicial Selection Methods." Accepted for presentation at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Caufield, Rachel P. and Debra DeLaet. "Gay Marriage as a Religious Right." Accepted for presentation at the 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Caufield, Rachel P. "The Mocking of America: How Satire Influences the Political Opinions of New Voters." Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7-10, 2005, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. "In the Wake of *White*: Reevaluation and Revision of State Codes of Judicial Conduct and its Effects on Candidate Speech and Campaign Costs." Presented at the 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7-10, 2005, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. "Inter-institutional Preference Estimation: Finding a Single Ideological Scale for Legislators and Supreme Court Justices." Presented at the 2004 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15-18, 2004.

Caufield, Rachel P. and Michael T. Kotlarczyk. "Law, Ideology and Politics: How Strategic is the U.S. Supreme Court?" Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago, IL.

Nemacheck, Christine, and Rachel P. Caufield. "Congressional Endorsements in Supreme Court Selection Politics from 1930 to 1992" Presented at the 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. "A Credible Threat?: The Strategic Court and Political Accommodation." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-September 2, 2002, Boston, MA.

Caufield, Rachel P. "Addressing the Legislators: Do Supreme Court Opinions Respond to Congressional *Amici*?" Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 24-27, 2002, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. and Christine Nemacheck. "Giving Advice: Congressional Lobbying in Supreme Court Selection." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 24-27, 2002, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. "Case Characteristics as Determinants of Congressional *Amici Curiae* Participation." Presented at the 2001 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Caufield, Rachel P. "Look Who's Talking: Explaining Congressional *Amicus* Activity at the Supreme Court." Presented at the 2000 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Caufield, Rachel P. "The Language of Legislative-Judicial Relations: Congressional *Amicus* Activity at the Supreme Court." Presented at the 1999 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Deering, Christopher J., Rachel P. Caufield, and Jason A. MacDonald. "Party, President, and Electoral Change: The Case of the National Army." Presented at the 1998 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Paine, Rachel. "From the Daughter's Point of View: The Effects of Single Mother Families." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Regional Meeting, 1995.

Paine, Rachel. "Integrating Mathematical Tools and Social Science Theory: Why Mathematicians and Social Science Researchers Need to Cooperate." Presented at the Mathematics Association of America Annual Regional Meeting, 1995.

Baque, Merida, and Rachel Paine. "Modeling a Summer Rush: Queue Theory in the Ice Cream Industry." Presented at the Mathematics Association of America Annual Regional Meeting, 1993

Invited Talks and Presentations

Faculty and Organizer, The American Judicature Society Midyear Meeting Program, "Rethinking Strategies for Judicial Selection Reform." Organized the program for the Midyear Meeting of The American Judicature Society, February 24-25, 2006 at the Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, AL. The program focused attention on both practical and theoretical issues surrounding judicial selection reform efforts in the states, with particular focus on the southeastern United States.

Presentation, Fordham School of Law Symposium: "Rethinking Judicial Selection." Symposium (April, 2006) sought to reconsider appointive methods of judicial selection, with an eye toward designing an ideal appointive system. My presentation examined operating procedures used by Judicial Nominating Commissions (JNCs) and proposed better training and more standardized procedures.

Presentation, National Association of Bar Executives, State Legislative Workshop. Annual meeting of the ABA's National Association of Bar Executives in Austin, TX in November, 2005. My presentation examined national trends in state judicial selection, with particular attention to recent attacks on merit selection in the states.

Presentation, Iowa Judges Association. Annual meeting of the Iowa Judges Association in Des Moines, IA in June, 2005. My presentation was dedicated to the changing landscape of judicial elections in the states and how merit selection states can expect to experience these

changes. My comments are available online at:
http://www.ajs.org/selection/docs/caufield_ia_judges_conference.pdf

Faculty, “Judicial Ethics in the Spotlight: Balancing Judicial Independence and Judicial Independence After Republican Party of Minnesota v. White.” Symposium co-sponsored by Oklahoma City University College of Law and The American Judicature Society in February, 2005. My presentation focused attention on the ruling in *White* and the implications for judicial elections in the states.

Moderator, Judicial Independence and Accountability: Judicial Nominating Commissions. Seminar sponsored by the Judicial Excellence Foundation and Tulane Law School in New Orleans, March 2004. Other seminar moderators included Chief Justice Thomas Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court, 4th Judicial District Court Judge CaraLee Neville, and Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

Panelist, Leadership Iowa: Judicial Branch. Seminar brings together young professional leaders from around the state to offer an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Iowa state government.

Awards, Prizes, Fellowships, and Honors

Drake University Honors Program Professor of the Year. Conferred by the student honors advisory board for outstanding teaching and service in the Honors program. 2005-2006.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Workshop. Washington University in St. Louis. Received a National Science Foundation scholarship to attend. June 2003.

Robert Hartley Research Fellowship. The Brookings Institution, Governmental Studies Program. September 2000-August 2001.

CQ Press Award. Conferred annually for the best paper on law and courts written by a graduate student. Fall 2001.

University Fellowship. The George Washington University. August 1995-December 1999.

Teaching Assistantship. The George Washington University. August 1995-December 1999.

Beneficial-Hodson Scholar. Hood College. August 1991-May 1995

First Place, Carhart Prize for Excellence in Mathematics. Hood College. 1994.

Leah B. Allen Award for Excellence in Math and Science. Hood College. 1994.

Hood College Mathematics Award. 1994 and 1995.

Maryland Governor’s Summer Internship Program. Summer 1993.

Pi Mu Epsilon. National Mathematics Honor Society. Inducted 1994.

Institutional Research Grants

Recipient, Drake University Center for the Humanities Program for Research Support for Tenure-Track Faculty. Includes two course releases in the spring of 2005 to allow me to

begin work on a new book, *The Mocking of America: Political Satire as Political Discourse*, for publication during 2006-2007. The book is intended for use by undergraduate interdisciplinary courses as well as interested citizens and will include multi-media and web-based supplementary material.

Recipient, Drake University Faculty and Student Research Grant. Allowed me to bring a Drake student to Washington, D.C. as a research assistant to conduct original research using the files of Justices Marshall and Brennan at the Library of Congress. The resulting paper was presented, jointly, at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in April of 2003.

Recipient, Drake University Center for the Humanities Grant. Funded travel to Washington, D.C. to conduct original research using the files of Justices Marshall and Brennan and the Library of Congress. The resulting paper was presented in April of 2003

Professional Activities

Discussant, “Judicial Elections.” 2006 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Panel Chair, “Interbranch Interactions: Conflict or Cooperation?” 2004 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Panel Chair, “Courts, Congress, and the President.” 2001 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Selection Committee, CQ Press Award. 2004-2005.

Peer Review:

- National Science Foundation (Law and Courts Division)
- Roxbury Publishing
- *Politics & Policy*
- McGraw Hill.
- *Judicature*

Chapter Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Alpha Nu Chapter, 2002-present.

Environmental Science and Policy Advisory Board 2005-present

Law, Politics, and Society Advisory Board, 2001-present.

Drake University Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee, 2005-present

Drake University Honors Advisory Board, 2001-present. Appointed to a three-year term.

Drake University Arts and Sciences Council, beginning Fall 2003.

Drake University Arts and Sciences Faculty Cabinet, beginning Fall 2003.

Member, American Political Science Association, 1996-present.

Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2001-present.

Community and Volunteer Experience

State, County and District Central Committee member, Iowa Democratic Party.

2004 Precinct Caucus Chair, Iowa Democratic Party.

2004 County, District, and State Caucus Delegate, Iowa Democratic Party.

Animal Rescue League of Central Iowa, volunteer August 2002-July 2005.

Planned Parenthood of Central Iowa, volunteer September 2002-present.

Past Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor: *Scope and Methods of Political Science.* The George Washington University. Fall 1999.

This course was designed to introduce undergraduate students to the process of conducting political science research. As such, the course covered the conceptual, theoretical, and practical considerations of designing a research project as well as the statistical tools used to analyze quantitative data.

Teaching Assistant: *American Politics and Government.* The George Washington University.

Fall 1995 to Fall 1999

As a teaching assistant, I taught under the supervision of Professors Lee Sigelman and Forrest Maltzman, leading at least three discussion sections of approximately twenty students each semester. Responsibilities included writing exams, grading exams and term papers, and working with each student to develop a term paper topic that includes field research using Washington, D.C. resources.

Teaching Assistant: *Next Generation Leadership Program.* The George Washington University. Summer 1997.

Taught American Government to 65 high school students from around the country for a one month summer program coordinated by the George Washington Department of Political Science and the Office of Summer Programs. Responsibilities included arranging guest speakers, coordinating special trips to Washington sights, and organizing a congressional simulation exercise.

Teaching Assistant: *Calculus.* Hood College. 1994.

Relevant Research & Work Experience

Research Assistant to Professors Paul Wahlbeck, Forrest Maltzman, and James Spriggs. The George Washington University. Washington, D.C. (January 2000-August 2000).

Found, read, and analyzed materials from the files of Justices Marshall and Brennan at the Manuscript Reading Room of the Library of Congress to help research the book *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court: The Collegial Game* (2000). The book, published by Cambridge University Press, won the C. Herman Pritchett award for best book on Law and Courts, 2000.

Research Assistant to Professor Christopher Deering. The George Washington University. Washington, D.C. (August 1996-January 1997).

Collected data on congressional committee hearings, markups, and amendment activity on the floor of Congress for the book *Committees in Congress* (1997), published by Congressional Quarterly Press.

Research Assistant to Stuart Nolan. Capital Research Center. Washington, D.C. (January 1994-May 1994).

Maryland Secretary of States Office. Governor's Summer Internship Program. Annapolis, MD (May 1993-August 1993).

Personal

Born July 12, 1973 in Scotia, N.Y.

References, academic transcripts, writing samples, and teaching evaluations available upon request.
