

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Todd A. Curry**

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Political Science  
*Assistant Professor*, July 2013-present

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Western Michigan University, 2012  
Field Exams: American (High Pass), Comparative (Pass)  
Committee: Mark S. Hurwitz (Chair), J. Kevin Corder, Ashlyn Kuersten, Chris Bonneau  
Dissertation Entitled, "The Contours of Judicial Tenure in State Courts of Last Resort: Accountability v. Independence."

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), 2008  
University of Michigan  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models  
Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences  
Advanced Topics in Maximum Likelihood Estimation

M.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2006  
Thesis Entitled, "The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court: A Predictive Model for Individual Justice Voting."  
Nominated for Best M.A. Thesis in the College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

B.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2003

**PUBLICATIONS**

"Strategic Retirements of Elected and Appointed Justices: A Hazard Model Approach." with Mark S. Hurwitz. Forthcoming at *The Journal of Politics*.

"Institutional Effects on the Careers of State Supreme Court Justices." with Mark S. Hurwitz. *American Review of Politics*, (2016, 35: 1)

"A Look at the Bureaucratic Nature of the Office of the Solicitor General." *Justice System Journal*, (2015, 36: 2)

"Michigan: Republican Domination During a Population Exodus." with John A. Clark and Michael Romano. In *The Political Battle Over Congressional Redistricting*, edited by William J. Miller and Jeremy D. Walling, Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, (2013)

"South Carolina's Difficult Road to Pre-Clearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act: The D.C. District's South Carolina v. United States Decision." *Justice System Journal*, (2012, 33:3)

Review of *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Branch Influence and Judicial Decisions*, by Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens, *Law and Politics Book Review*, (2012, 22:9)

Review of *Oral Arguments and Amicus Curiae*, by Matthew M.C. Roberts, *Law & Politics Book Review* (2012, 22:7)

"A Quantitative Analysis of Public Law Programs Revisited." *Law & Courts Newsletter* (2009, 19:2), see also "Author's Response: Ranking the Journals." *Law & Courts Newsletter* (2009, 19:3)

"Judicial Legitimacy Overcomes the First Amendment: *Kraham v. Lippman*." *Justice System Journal* (2008, 29:2)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Communication, Insulation, and Influence on State Supreme Courts: The Impact of Lower Court Opinions on Higher Court Decisions." (With Michael K. Romano and Ricardo A. Romero) Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, 2016.

"Armed Conflict, Presidential Power and the Supreme Court: The Mitigating and Magnifying Effect of Public Opinion." Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, 2015.

"Changing Judicial Audiences, Changing Opinions? Leveraging Institutional Change in State Supreme Courts" (with Michael K. Romano) American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2014.

"Changing Judicial Audiences, Changing Opinions? Leveraging Institutional Change in State Supreme Courts" (with Michael K. Romano) Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.

"Who is the Audience? Leveraging Institutional Change in the New Mexico Supreme Court" (with Michael K. Romano) Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2014.

"A Random Walk or a Dog off its Leash? Examining the Representative Nature of State Supreme Courts" (with Michael K. Romano) State Politics and Policy Conference, Iowa City, IA, 2013.

"A Random Walk or a Dog off its Leash? Examining the Representative Nature of State Supreme Courts" (with Michael K. Romano) Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.

"Strategic Retirements of Elected and Appointed Justices in State Supreme Courts: A Hazard Model Approach" (with Mark S. Hurwitz) State Politics and Policy Conference, Houston, TX, 2012.

"Campaign Expenditure and Judicial Tenure: Does Money Buy Elections?" American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2011.

“The Influence of Judicial Selection Systems on the Careers of State Supreme Court Justices.” (with Mark S. Hurwitz) American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2011.

“Money and Elections: Does Campaign Expenditure Affect Judicial Tenure?” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2011.

“Does Accountability Vary? Examining Tenure of State Supreme Court Justices.” (with Mark S. Hurwitz) American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2010. *Under Review at State Politics and Policy Quarterly.*

“A Bureaucratic Model of Judicial Success in the Office of the Solicitor General.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2010.

“Unit Homogeneity, Aggregation Bias, and the Office of the Solicitor General.” Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, 2010.

“Galanter Revisited: Institutional Differences Internal to the Office of the Solicitor General.” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2008.

“Supreme Court, the Solicitor General, and the Advocacy Coalition Framework.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2008.

“Judicial Independence, Institutional Design, and the Prospects for Democratic Consolidation.” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2008.

“The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court: A Predictive Model for Individual Justice Voting.” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, 2007.

“The Gender Gap and the South, 1980 – 2004.” 2006 Graduate Research Forum at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2006.

“The Supreme Court and the President: A Study of Power, 1953 – 2003” (with Melissa Gifford). 2005 Graduate Research Forum at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2005.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“2010 Supreme Court Preview: Will Membership Change have an Effect on Outcomes?” Constitution & Citizenship Day Roundtable, Western Michigan University, Fall 2010.

“The Supreme Court and the Constitution: Change and Continuity with the Appointment of Justice Sotomayor” Constitution & Citizenship Day Roundtable. Western Michigan University, Fall 2009.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & HONORS**

Grant Proposal Preparation Program, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Texas, El Paso (2015)

All-University Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, Western Michigan University (2011)

Dept. of Political Science Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award, Western Michigan University (2011)

Dept. of Political Science Research Award, Western Michigan University (2010)

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship Award, Inter-University Consortium for Political Science and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan (2008)

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award (2008)

John R. Borsos Endowed Scholarship, Western Michigan University (2007, 2010)

Western Michigan University Graduate Student Travel Grant (2006)

Dept. of Political Science Travel Grant, Western Michigan University (2006, 2007, 2008, 2010)

Western Michigan University Graduate Fellowship (2006 – 2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, DEVELOPMENT, AND SERVICE**

### REVIEWER:

American Political Science Review  
National Science Foundation  
Political Research Quarterly  
American Politics Research  
State Politics and Policy Quarterly  
Justice Systems Journal  
Law & Society Review  
Politics & Policy  
Review of Policy Research

MEMBER: Editorial Board, *Justice Systems Journal*

CHAIR: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2014.

CHAIR: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2013.

CHAIR: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2013.

DISSCUSANT: State Politics and Policy Conference 2013.

DISSCUSANT: Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2013.

HEAD COACH: Western Michigan University Mock Trial Team 2012-2013.

CONFERENCE STAFF: Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting 2008.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: Incorporation of Program for International Student Assessment data with the Comparative Politics Data Set and Comparative Welfare States Data Set. Summer 2007. Under the direction of Dr. Gunther M. Hege.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: Data collection for diversity in the U.S. judiciary. 2005 - 2006. Under the direction of Dr. Drew Noble Lanier.

ASSISTANT: Personal Aid to the Director of the Lou Frey Institution of Politics and Government. 2005 – 2006. Under the direction of Dr. Drew Noble Lanier.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: University of Texas at El Paso  
Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods II (Graduate)  
Seminar in Public Law (Graduate)  
Seminar in American Institutions (Graduate)  
American Government and Politics  
Civil Rights & Liberties  
Constitutional Law  
Law & Society

INSTRUCTOR: Western Michigan University  
American Constitutional Law  
American Judicial Process  
Quantitative Methods in Political Science  
American National Government  
American National Government, Online  
Critical Thinking in Politics, Online

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
Law and Courts Section  
Political Methodology Section  
State Politics and Policy Section  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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