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## Academic Appointments

Syracuse University, Department of Political Science, Post-Doc, Fall 2015—

## Education

Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, September 2015

Dissertation: *Mobilizing Litigation: Private Enforcement of Public Laws*

Committee: Paul Frymer, Keith Whittington, and Charles Cameron

M.A., Politics, Princeton University, November 2012

Fields: Public Law, American Politics, Formal and Quantitative Methods

B.A. (summa cum laude), Political Science, Southern Methodist University, May 2010

## Research

### *Dissertation*

What happens when the responsibility for enforcing federal law is shifted away from the executive branch and is instead put in the hands of individual citizens? For a number of major statutes, from the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Civil Rights Act to antitrust and environmental laws, private lawsuits are an important mechanism for policy enforcement. Congress's creation of private rights of action, however, does not guarantee that there will be enforcement. Potential plaintiffs face a number of obstacles to litigating, obstacles that can be exacerbated or alleviated by political actors. Moreover, this policy mechanism leads support structures and interest groups to become entrepreneurial enforcers, shifting state functions into the private sphere to a degree beyond congressional intent.

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### *Forthcoming*

“Motivating Litigants to Enforce Public Goods: Evidence from Employment, Housing, and Voting Discrimination Policy,” invited chapter for edited volume, ed. Lynda Dodd, *The Rights Revolution Revisited: Perspectives on the Role of Private Enforcement of Civil Rights in the United States*.

“Private Enforcement of Constitutional Guarantees in the Ku Klux Act of 1871,” invited for publication at *Constitutional Studies*.

### *Under Review*

“Organized Interests in Private Enforcement: Access and Success in Clean Water Lawsuits.”

### *Working Papers*

“Appointing Private Enforcers: Can the Government Create Litigation?”

“The Effect of Media Framing on Public Support for the Supreme Court.”

“Interest Group Concentration, Courts, and Employment Discrimination: The Decision to Litigate”

“Policy, Institutions, and Judicial Legitimacy: The Role of Issue Preferences in Structuring Attitudes Toward Courts” (with Alex Bolton, Emory University)

### *Works in Progress*

“The Effect of Retrenchment Threat on Lawsuit Claiming” (with Sarah Staszak, City College of New York).

“The Determinants of Congressional Retrenchment of Court Rules” (with Sarah Staszak, City College of New York).

“Policy Outcomes after Congressional Responses to Supreme Court Decisions” (with Logan Strother, Syracuse University).

“Presidential Constraints on Supreme Court Review of Federal Statutes” (with Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University).

### *Conference Presentations*

“The Determinants of Congressional Retrenchment of Court Rules” (with Sarah Staszak). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016.

“Private Enforcement of Constitutional Guarantees in the Ku Klux Act of 1871.” Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, March 2016.

“Repeat Players and Private Enforcement: Access and Success in Environmental Lawsuits.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2016.

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“Appointing Private Enforcers: Can the Government Create Litigation?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2015.

“Citizen Suit Enforcement in a Mixed System: Evidence from the Clean Water Act.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015.

“The Effect of Media Framing on Public Support for the Supreme Court.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2015.

“Interest Groups, Courts and Employment Discrimination: The Decision to Litigate.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2015.

“Citizen Suit Enforcement in a Mixed System: Evidence from the Clean Water Act.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014.

“Crisis of Confidence? Judicial Selection Institutions and State Court Legitimacy.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2014. (with Alex Bolton)

### *Research Experience*

Research Assistant to Professor Sarah Staszak, Harvard University and The City College of New York—CUNY, 2015.

## Teaching & Advising

### *Instructor*

The Supreme Court in American Politics, *Syracuse University, Fall ‘15*

Law and Society, *Syracuse University, Fall ‘15, Spring ‘16 & ‘17*

American National Government and Politics, *Syracuse University, Fall ‘16, Spring ‘17*

### *Advisor*

Justin Mackin, *Plea Bargaining: The Deal-Making Culture of the Criminal Justice System* (Syracuse University Honors Thesis, ‘16).

### *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to American Politics, *Princeton University, Fall ‘12*

Mass Media and American Politics, *Princeton University, Spring ‘13*

Constitutional Interpretation, *Princeton University, Spring ‘13*

## Awards & Professional Service

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2016.

APSA Travel Grant, 2015.

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Stafford Funding for Conference Travel, 2014 & 2015.

Coordinator, Public Law Working Group, Politics Department, Princeton University, 2013-2014.

Member, Graduate Student Committee, Politics Department, Princeton University, 2012–2013.

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