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Education:

2007-Present	Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (Degree expected June 2010). The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. Major: American Politics Minor: Political Psychology
2005-2007	M.A. in Political Science The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. Major: American Politics Minor: Political Psychology
2002-2005	B.A. in Political Science, <i>Cum Laude</i> Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Major: Political Science Minor: History
1998-2002	Diploma Solanco High School. Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

Professional Experience:

2005-Present	Graduate Teaching/Research Associate The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.
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Research Interests:

- ❖ American Politics
- ❖ Judicial Politics, Public Law, and the American Courts
- ❖ Political Psychology
- ❖ Religion & Politics

Professional Affiliations / Memberships:

- ❖ American Judicature Society
- ❖ American Political Science Association
- ❖ Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies – Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University
- ❖ Center for the Study of Religion – The Ohio State University
- ❖ International Society of Political Psychology
- ❖ Midwest Political Science Association
- ❖ Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- ❖ Southern Political Science Association

Publications:

- ❖ Kyle C. Kopko. 2010. “Jury Nullification,” in David Shultz, ed., The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice. New York: Facts on File. (forthcoming)
- ❖ Monique Fournet, Kyle C. Kopko, Dana Wittmer, and Lawrence Baum. 2009. “Evolution of Judicial Careers in the Federal Courts, 1789-2008.” Judicature. 93(2): 62-74.
- ❖ Kyle C. Kopko. 2008. “Partisanship Suppressed: Judicial Decision-Making in Ralph Nader’s 2004 Ballot Access Litigation.” Election Law Journal. 7(4): 301-324.
- ❖ Donald B. Kraybill and Kyle C. Kopko. 2007. “Bush Fever: Amish and Old Order Mennonites in the 2004 Presidential Election.” The Mennonite Quarterly Review. April 2007. 81(2): 165-205.

Presentations:

- ❖ *Count What You Want to Count: Motivated Perception and the Counting of Challenged Ballots*, with Sarah Bryner, Jeffrey Budziak, Christopher Devine, and Steven Nawara. Thirty-Second Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. July 17, 2009. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. September 5, 2009.
- ❖ *Evolution of Judicial Careers in the Federal Courts, 1789-2005*, with Monique Fournet, Dana Wittmer, and Lawrence Baum. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 8, 2009.

- ❖ *Religious Identity and Political Participation in the Mennonite Church USA.* Fourth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics at Calvin College. Grand Rapids, Michigan. April 26, 2008.
- ❖ *Partisanship Suppressed: Judicial Decision-Making in Ralph Nader's 2004 Ballot Access Litigation.* Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 11, 2008.
- ❖ *Bush Fever: Amish and Old Order Mennonites in the 2004 Presidential Election,* with Donald Kraybill. Young Center Guest Lecture. October 31, 2006. The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Working Papers / On-Going Research:

- ❖ Dissertation: *The Effect of Partisanship in Election Law Judicial Decision-Making.* Committee Members: Lawrence Baum (Chair), Gregory Caldeira, and Thomas Nelson. Expected date of completion: June 2010.

Description of Dissertation: This dissertation seeks to determine if the interests of a judge's political party influence case votes in election law cases, after controlling for the ideological preferences of the judge. To answer this question, I examine the case votes of federal district court and courts of appeals judges appointed since 1960 through 2007 in campaign finance, political party right of association, and redistricting cases.

- ❖ *Count What You Want to Count: Motivated Perception and the Counting of Challenged Ballots,* with Sarah Bryner, Jeffrey Budziak, Christopher Devine, and Steven Nawara.
- ❖ *Federal Judge Career History Data Project,* with Professor Lawrence Baum, Monique Fournet, and Dana Wittmer.
- ❖ *Clergy & Public Affairs Survey 2008-09: Mennonite Church USA,* with Donald B. Kraybill and Christopher J. Devine.
- ❖ *Vice Presidential Home State Electoral Advantage: An Updated Analysis,* with Christopher J. Devine.

Honors and Awards:

- ❖ Louise B. Vetter Award, sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi
 - This award is presented to three Ohio State University graduate students every year for teaching and academic excellence.
- ❖ Graduate Associate Teaching Award Recipient, 2008-2009 Academic Year
 - This award is presented to ten Ohio State University graduate teaching associates every year for outstanding classroom instruction.
- ❖ Henry R. Spencer Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2008-2009 Academic Year.
 - This award is presented to a political science graduate teaching associate every year for outstanding classroom instruction.
- ❖ Fellow, Preparing Future Faculty Program. 2008-2009 Academic Year. Sponsored by The Ohio State University Graduate School.
- ❖ American Political Science Association Travel Grant, September 2009.
- ❖ Prestage-Cook Travel Award, January 2008. Sponsored by the Southern Political Science Association.

Methodological Training:

- ❖ Proficient in OLS regression, maximum likelihood analysis, survey methodology, and social psychology experimental methodology.
- ❖ Attended the 2007 Pollsters and Parishioners Workshop on Survey Research and American Religion at Calvin College. Grand Rapids, Michigan. June 21-27, 2007.
- ❖ Proficient in STATA and SPSS statistical software.

Manuscript Referee / Reviewer:

- ❖ Journal of Politics
- ❖ Politics & Policy

Courses Taught

2009-2010	PS 514: Women & the Law Winter and Spring Quarters 2010
	PS 101: Introduction to American Government Autumn Quarter 2009
2008-2009	PS 101: Introduction to American Government Winter and Spring Quarters 2009
	PS 516: Judicial Politics Summer and Autumn Quarters 2008

Teaching Assistant / Research Assistant Experience:

2008-2009	Research assistant for Professor Edward Foley, Director of <i>Election Law @ Moritz</i> , Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University. Summer 2008 – Present
2007-2008	Teaching assistant for PS 520: American Constitution with Professor Michael Esler. Spring 2008.
	Research assistant for Professor Gregory Caldeira. Winter 2008.
	Teaching assistant for PS 101: Introduction to American Politics with Professor Janet Box-Steffensmeier. Autumn 2007.
	Research assistant for Professor Gregory Caldeira. Summer 2007.
2006-2007	Teaching assistant for PS 517: Legislative Politics with Professor Randall Ripley. Spring 2007.
	Research assistant for Professor Gregory Caldeira. Summer 2006, Autumn 2006, and Winter 2007.
2005-2006	Teaching assistant for PS 516: Judicial Politics with Professor Elliot Slotnick. Spring 2006.

Teaching assistant for PS 514: Women & the Law with
Professor Nancy Scherer. Winter 2006.

Teaching assistant for PS 519: Civil Liberties with
Professor Nancy Scherer. Autumn 2005.