

# Patrick C. Wohlfarth

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Government and Politics  
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### Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2017–present

Co-Director of Graduate Studies and Placement, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2020–present

Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2011–2017

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Empirical Research in the Law & Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010–2011

### Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2010  
*Advisors:* Kevin T. McGuire (co-chair), Georg Vanberg (co-chair)

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006

B.A., Music, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 2004  
Linehan Artist Scholar; Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*; Departmental Honors  
Minor: Political Science

### Publications

#### *Scholarly Books*

- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. *The Effects of Cognitive Aging on Judicial Behavior*. — Under Contract with Oxford University Press.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2020. *The Conscientious Justice: How Supreme Court Justices' Personalities Influence the Law, the High Court, and the Constitution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

– Reviewed by:

- \* Fix, Michael P. 2020. “Giving the Strawman a Brain: Integrating Law and Politics in Understanding the Supreme Court.” *The Journal of Politics* 82(4).

- \* Howard, Robert M. 2020. *Law and Politics Book Review* 30(10): 154-157.
- \* Bowers, M. W. 2020. *Choice Reviews* (December).
- \* Sawa, Paul R. 2020. *Canadian Law Library Review* 45(3): 17.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. *U.S. Supreme Court Opinions and Their Audiences*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
  - Reviewed by:
    - \* Stephenson, Donald Grier, Jr. 2017. *Journal of Supreme Court History* 42(3): 337-355.
    - \* Bailey, Michael A. 2017. *Law and Politics Book Review* 27(3): 47-48.
  - Identified as: “Exemplary Legal Writing 2016: Books, Five Recommendations,” Lee Epstein. *The Green Bag 2017 Almanac and Reader*.

### *Journal Articles*

- Gimpel, James, Tristan Hightower, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. “The Geography of Law: Understanding the Origin of State and Federal Redistricting Cases.” *Political Research Quarterly*: Forthcoming.
- Ura, Joseph Daniel and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. “Greater Public Confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court Predicts More Jurisdiction Stripping.” *Political Science Research and Methods*: Forthcoming.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. “Conscientiousness and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee.” *British Journal of American Legal Studies*: Forthcoming.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2021. “On Estimating Personality Traits of U.S. Supreme Court Justices.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 9(2): 371-396.
- Fogarty, Brian, Nasser Qadri, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2020. “Personalizing the U.S. Supreme Court Through Attention to Individual Justices.” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 825-841.
- Owens, Ryan J. and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2019. “The Influence of Home State Reputation and Public Opinion on Federal Circuit Court Judges.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 7(2): 187-214.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Supreme Court Opinions and Audiences.” *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 54: 169-180.
- Owens, Ryan J. and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Public Mood, Previous Electoral Experience, and Responsiveness Among Federal Circuit Court Judges.” *American Politics Research* 45(6): 1003-1031.

- Enns, Peter K., Nathan Kelly, Takaaki Masaki, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Moving Forward with Time Series Analysis.” *Research and Politics* 4(3): 1-7.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. “The Influence of Public Sentiment on Supreme Court Opinion Clarity.” *Law & Society Review* 50(3): 703-732.
- Enns, Peter K., Nathan Kelly, Takaaki Masaki, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2016. “Don’t Jet-tison the General Error Correction Model Just Yet: A Practical Guide to Avoiding Spurious Regression with the GECM.” *Research and Politics* 3(2): 1-13.
- Owens, Ryan J., Alexander Tahk, Patrick C. Wohlfarth, and Amanda C. Bryan. 2015. “Nom-inating Commissions, Judicial Retention, and Forward-Looking Behavior on State Supreme Courts: An Empirical Examination of Selection and Retention Methods.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 15(2): 211-238.
- Owens, Ryan J. and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2014. “State Solicitors General, Appellate Ex-pertise, and State Success Before the United States Supreme Court.” *Law & Society Review* 48(3): 657-685.
- Enns, Peter K. and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2013. “The Swing Justice.” *The Journal of Politics* 75(4): 1089-1107.
- Owens, Ryan J., Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2013. “How the Supreme Court Alters Opinion Language to Evade Congressional Review.” *Journal of Law and Courts* 1(1): 35-59.
- Casillas, Christopher J., Peter K. Enns, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2011. “How Public Opinion Constrains the U.S. Supreme Court.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55(1): 74-88.
- Ura, Joseph Daniel and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2010. “‘An Appeal to the People’: Public Opinion and Congressional Support for the Supreme Court.” *The Journal of Politics* 72(4): 939-956.
- Wohlfarth, Patrick C. 2009. “The Tenth Justice? Consequences of Politicization in the Solicitor General’s Office.” *The Journal of Politics* 71(1): 224-237.

#### *Chapters in Edited Volumes*

- Enns, Peter K. and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2017. “Making Sense of the Supreme Court-Public Opinion Relationship.” In *Handbook of Judicial Behavior* (pp. 180-195), eds. Robert M. Howard and Kirk Randazzo. New York: Routledge Press.

#### *Book Reviews*

- Wohlfarth, Patrick C. 2019. Review of: *The Supreme Court: An Analytic History of Consti-tutional Decision Making*, by Tom S. Clark. *Law and Politics Book Review* 29(9): 110-113 (October 2019).

## **Awards & Fellowships**

### *Teaching Awards*

- Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park, 2015.

### *Research Awards*

- Elmer Plischke Faculty Research Award, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2021.
- Neal Tate Award for Outstanding Paper in Judicial Politics, Southern Political Science Association (with Ryan J. Owens), 2013.
- Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar Award, Midwest Political Science Association (with Christopher Ellis), 2012.
- James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research by a Graduate Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008 & 2010.

### *Fellowships & Grants*

- Research and Scholarship Award: “Supreme Court Justices, Their Motives, and Judicial Behavior,” University of Maryland Graduate School, 2016 (\$9,000).
- Dean’s Research Initiative Grant: “Collaborative Research: The Supreme Court, the Media, and Public Opinion,” University of Maryland, College Park, 2012 (\$15,030).
- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant: “How the Prospect of Judicial Review Shapes Bureaucratic Decision Making,” 2009–2010 (SES-0921670; \$12,000).
- Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2009.
- Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Summer Research Fellowship: 2006, 2007, 2008.
- Future Faculty Fellowship Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007.

## **Conference Presentations**

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017.
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020.
- Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association: 2014, 2016, 2017.

- Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association: 2015, 2017.
- Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association: 2018.
- Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association: 2018.
- Annual Meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association: 2018.

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Maryland, College Park*

- Law or Politics? The U.S. Supreme Court and the Meaning of the Constitution (undergraduate I-Series)
- Seminar in American Politics: The U.S. Supreme Court (undergraduate)
- American Government (undergraduate)
- Quantitative Methods for Political Science (graduate)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Political Science (graduate)
- Dissertation Prospectus Seminar (graduate)
- Time Series Analysis (graduate)

### *Washington University in St. Louis*

- Topics in Politics: Constitutional Politics in the United States (undergraduate)

### *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

- Introduction to Government in the United States (undergraduate)
- The Adversary Systems (undergraduate)

## Professional Service

- Editorial Board, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 2019–2020.
- Editorial Board, *Law & Society Review*, 2013–2016.
- Manuscript Referee:

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; British Journal of Political Science; CQ Press; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Political Science; The Journal of Politics; Justice System Journal; Law & Social Inquiry; Law & Society Review; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Norton Press; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Public Choice; Public Opinion Quarterly; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Sage Press; Social Science Quarterly; Socio-Economic Review; State Politics & Policy Quarterly; Statistics, Politics and Policy; Temple University Press.*

- Nominations Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017-2018.
- Law & Courts Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2017.
- Judicial Politics Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.
- Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2012-2013.
- Discussant, “The Politics of Confirmation,” Southern Political Science Association, 2019.
- Panel Chair & Discussant, “The Supreme Court in the Contemporary Political Landscape,” Northeastern Political Science Association, 2018.
- Discussant, “Public Opinion on Judicial Decision Making,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2018.
- Discussant, “Local and State Courts,” Western Political Science Association, 2017.
- Panel Chair, “Comparative Judicial Politics: Institutional Development and Change,” Southern Political Science Association, 2016.
- Panel Chair & Discussant, “The Supreme Court and the Separation of Powers,” Southern Political Science Association, 2015.
- Discussant, “Attorneys and Oral Argument on the U.S. Supreme Court,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.
- Panel Chair & Discussant, “Public Opinion and Judicial Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.
- Discussant, “Interest Groups in the Judiciary,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.
- Discussant, “The Political Environment of Bureaucracies,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.
- Discussant, “Legislatures and Courts,” Southern Political Science Association, 2011.
- Panel Chair & Discussant, “Assessments of Judicial Policymaking,” Southern Political Science Association, 2010.

## **University of Maryland Service**

### *University Service*

- Graduate Council, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2021-2024.
- Maryland Summer Scholars Award Selection Committee, 2021.

### *College Service*

- Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, 2021.
- College Awards Review Committee, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences: 2017, 2018.
- Excellence in Teaching Award Committee, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, 2016.

### *Departmental Service*

- Co-Director of Graduate Studies and Placement, 2020–present.
- Executive Committee, 2017–2019; 2020–present.
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2013–2015; 2019–present.
- American Politics Field Chair, 2017–2019.
- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2015–2019; 2020–present.
- Internal Review & Self-Study Committee, 2017–2018.
- American Politics Workshop Coordinator, 2015–2017.
- Merit Pay Committee: 2013, 2015.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2012–2014.
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:
  - Naina Soni, 2012–2013 (Duke University School of Law)
  - Erin Omahen, 2013–2014 (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
  - Ella Cady, 2016–2017 (University of California, Berkeley School of Law)
  - Emily Suter, 2020–2021
  - Abigail Holisher, In progress
- Dissertation Advisor:
  - Victoria Worley, In progress
- Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, 2013.

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