

# Patrick C. Wohlfarth

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Government and Politics  
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### Academic Appointments

- Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2023–present
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2023–present
- Associate Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2017–2023
- Co-Director of Graduate Studies and Placement, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2020–2023
- 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. 2024. *Cognitive Aging and the Federal Circuit Courts: How Senescence Influences the Law and Judges*. Oxford University Press: Forthcoming.
- 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.
  - \* Parker, Christopher M. 2021. *Political Science Quarterly* 136(2): 374-376.
  - \* 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*

- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2023. “Considering Constitutional Change: Survey Evidence on Public Attitudes Toward Term Limits for Federal Judges.” *New Political Science* 45(2): 335-358.
- Ura, Joseph Daniel and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2022. “Greater Public Confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court Predicts More Jurisdiction Stripping.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(4): 831-839.
- Black, Ryan C., Ryan J. Owens, Justin Wedeking, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2021. “Conscientiousness and Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee.” *British Journal of American Legal Studies* 10(3): 379-408.
- Gimpel, James, Tristan Hightower, and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2021. “The Geography of Law: Understanding the Origin of State and Federal Redistricting Cases.” *Political Research Quarterly* 74(4): 779-794.
- 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 Jettison 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. “Nominating 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 Expertise, 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 Constitutional 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, 2022, 2023.
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023.
- Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2023.
- 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 Individual Rights (Carillon Communities; undergraduate I-Series)
- 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*; *Cambridge University Press*; *CQ Press*; *De Gruyter 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*; *Political Science 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*.
- Discussant, “The U.S. Supreme Court in the News,” American Political Science Association, 2023.
- Discussant, “The Politics of Confirmation,” Southern Political Science Association, 2019.
- Nominations Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2017-2018.
- 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.
- Law & Courts Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2017.
- 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.
- Judicial Politics Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.
- Discussant, “Attorneys and Oral Argument on the U.S. Supreme Court,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.
- Teaching and Mentoring Award Committee, Law & Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 2012-2013.
- 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*

- Governance, Leadership, and Administration Working Group, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Accreditation, 2024.
- Plan of Organization Review Committee (Chair), University of Maryland Senate, 2023–2024.
- Faculty Representative, University of Maryland Senate, 2023–2026.
- Graduate Council, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2021–2023.
- Committee on Graduate Programs, Curricula, and Courses, University of Maryland Graduate School, 2022–2023.
- Search Committee, Director of Graduate Studies, School of Public Policy, 2022.
- 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*

- Executive Committee, 2017–2019; 2020–present.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (Chair), 2023–present.
- Faculty Workload Policy Committee (Chair), 2023–2024.
- Professional Track Faculty Search Committee, 2023.
- Director of Administrative Services Search Committee, 2023.
- Graduate Studies Committee (Chair), 2019–2023.
- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2015–2019; 2020–2023.
- American Politics Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, 2022.
- Merit Pay Committee: 2013, 2015, 2022.

- Faculty Workload Committee (Chair), 2020–2021.
- American Politics Field Chair, 2017–2019.
- Internal Review & Self-Study Committee, 2017–2018.
- American Politics Workshop Coordinator, 2015–2017.
- Graduate Studies 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 (University of Maryland Law School)
  - Abigail Holisher, 2020–2021 (George Washington University Law School)
- Dissertation Advisor: Victoria Worley, In progress
- Dissertation Committee Member:
  - Jonathan Hensley, 2015
  - Rebecca Richardson (Criminology), 2018
  - Zachary Scott, 2020
  - Robert Campana, 2022
  - Tristan Hightower, In progress
- Faculty Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, 2013.

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