

# Rachael K. Hinkle

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## EMPLOYMENT

*Associate Professor*, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, 2019-present

*Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo, 2014-2019

*Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, 2013-2014

*Law Clerk*, The Honorable David W. McKeague, USCOA, Sixth Circuit, 2005-2006

*Law Clerk*, The Honorable Robert C. Broomfield, USDC, District of Arizona, 2003-2005

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis (May 2013)

- Dissertation: The Role of U.S. Courts of Appeals in Legal Development: An Empirical Analysis (co-chairs: James F. Spriggs, II and Andrew D. Martin)
- Major Field: American Politics (high pass)
- Minor Field: Quantitative Political Methodology

**M.A.**, Political Science, University of Toledo (December 2007)

- Thesis: “Does Advocacy Matter? Examining the Impact of Attorney Expertise in Federal Courts” (chair: Samuel P. Nelson)

**J.D.**, with high distinction, Ohio Northern University College of Law (May 2003)

**B.A.**, summa cum laude, History, Huntington University (January 2000)

## GRANTS

Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Annual Research Grant, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2017-2018 (\$2,700).

Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Annual Research Grant, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2015-2016 (\$3,045).

National Science Foundation Grant SES-1155066. “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Role of the U.S. Courts of Appeals in Legal Development: An Empirical Analysis.” 2012-2013 (\$12,308).

# PUBLICATIONS

## Peer Reviewed Journals

Hinkle, Rachael K. Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Michael J. Nelson 2019 “Deferring, Deliberating, or Dodging Review: Explaining the Determinants of Counterjudge Success in the US Courts of Appeals.” *Journal of Law and Courts*, forthcoming.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and James F. Spriggs II. 2019 “The Influence of Unique Information in Briefs on Supreme Court Decisionmaking.” 40(2) *Justice System Journal* 126-157.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson 2018. “The Intergroup Foundations of Policy Influence.” 71(4) *Political Research Quarterly* 729-742.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson 2018. “How to Lose Cases and Influence People.” 8 *Statistics, Politics, and Policy* 195-221.

- Profiled on SCOTUSBlog.
- Profiled on Quartz.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Elizabeth A. Tillman. 2018. “Of Whites and Men: How Gender and Race Impact Authorship of Published and Unpublished Opinions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 5 *Research and Politics* 1-7.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson. 2018. “Crafting the Law: How Opinion Content Influences Legal Development.” 39 *Justice System Journal* 97-122.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2017. “Panel Effects and Opinion Crafting in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 5 *Journal of Law and Courts* 313-336.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2016 “Strategic Anticipation of En Banc Review in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 50 *Law & Society Review* 383-414.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Jee Seon Jeon. 2016. “Sound the Alarm? Judicial Decisions Regarding Publication and Dissent.” 44 *American Politics Research* 649-681.

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Michael J. Nelson. 2016. “The Transmission of Legal Precedent Among State Supreme Courts in the 21st Century.” 16(4) *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 391-410.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2015. “Into the Words: Using Statutory Text to Explore the Impact of Federal Courts on State Policy Diffusion.” 59 *American Journal of Political Science* 1002-1021.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2015. “Legal Constraint in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” 77 *Journal of Politics* 721-735. (Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2016)

Hinkle, Rachael K., Andrew D. Martin, Jonathan David Shaub, and Emerson H. Tiller. 2012. “A Positive Theory and Empirical Analysis of Strategic Word Choice in District Court Opinions.” 10 *Journal of Legal Analysis* 407-444.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Andrew D. Martin. 2010. “On Replication and the Study of the Louisiana Supreme Court.” 10 *Global Jurist* 85-91.

## **Other Journals**

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and James F. Spriggs, II. 2017. “The Long and the Short of It: The Influence of Briefs on Outcomes in the Roberts Court.” 54 *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 123-136.

Hinkle, Rachael K., Peter J. Wiedenbeck, and Andrew D. Martin. 2013. “Invisible Pension Investments.” 32 *Virginia Tax Review* 591-702.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2004. “Sex, Race and Sour Grapes: A Look at the Sixth Circuit’s Summary Judgment Jurisprudence in Title VII Hostile Work Environment Claims,” 30 *Ohio Northern Univ. Law Review* 85.

Hinkle, Rachael K. 2002. “INS v. St. Cyr,” 28 *Ohio Northern Univ. Law Review* 815.

## **Blog Posts**

Rachael K. Hinkle and Michael J. Nelson. March 13, 2018. “Trump Appoints Lots of White Men to be Federal Judges. Here’s Why it Matters.” The Monkey Cage. Available here.

Rachael K. Hinkle, Morgan L.W. Hazelton, and Michael J. Nelson. May 26, 2017. “Getting to Know You – The Unifying Effects of Membership Stability.” SCOTUSBlog. Available here.

Rachael K. Hinkle, Hazelton, Morgan L. W., and Jee Seon Jeon. July 6, 2016. “How One Circuit Court Judge Can Stop a Higher Court from Establishing a Legal Precedent.” London School of Economics United States Politics and Policy Blog. Available here.

Rachael K. Hinkle. January 13, 2016. “How States Learn from the Success or Failure of other States’ Laws in Federal Courts.” London School of Economics United States Politics and Policy Blog. Available here.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Papers**

Hinkle, Rachael K. Michael J. Nelson, and Morgan L. W. Hazelton, “How Interpersonal Contact Affects Appellate Review.” (Revised manuscript re-submitted to the *Journal of Politics*)

Hinkle, Rachael K. Morgan L. W. Hazelton, and Michael J. Nelson, “The Elevator Effect: How Collegiality Impacts Dissent.” (Best Conference Paper Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2018)

Hinkle, Rachael K. and Anthony Taboni, “Gatekeeping in Federal Courts: The Importance of Ideology and Issue Area.”

Hinkle, Rachael K. “Rendering Justice Invisible as Well as Blind: The Role of Peer Effects in Publication Decisions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.”

Hinkle, Rachael K. Jonathan David Shaub, and Emerson Tiller, “The Relationship of Ideology and Linguistic Markers in Supreme Court Majority Opinions.”

## **Book Manuscript**

Hinkle, Rachael K., Morgan L. W. Hazelton, *Information, Interests, and Persuasion in the Supreme Court: The Causes and Consequences of Informational Value in Briefs.*

## **INVITED TALKS**

“Deferring, Deliberating, or Dodging Review: Explaining the Determinants of Counterjudge Success in the US Courts of Appeals.” University of Illinois, October 2017.

“The Relational Foundations of Judicial Impact.” Binghamton University, October 2016.

“The Influence of Unique Information in Merit Briefs on Supreme Court Decision-making.” St. Louis University School of Law, March 2016; Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo School of Law, March 2016; Northwestern University School of Law, September 2016.

“The Execution of Judicial Discourse: A Positive Theory and Empirical Analysis of Pragmatic Linguistic Operators in District Court Opinions.” Northwestern University School of Law, Law and Political Economy Colloquium, February 2012.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: 2013, 2016-18, 2020.

Text Analysis in Law Conference, UC Berkeley: 2020.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: 2012, 2013, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: 2007, 2010, 2012-2019.

Conference on Political Economy and Public Law, Princeton: 2019.

Conference on Text Analysis and Law, Northwestern University: 2019.

Political Economy of the American Judiciary Conference, Northwestern University: 2016.

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies: 2015, 2017.

New Frontiers in the Study of Policy Diffusion, University of Iowa: 2014.

Visions in Methodology Conference, Florida State University: 2013.

Summer Methods Meeting, University of North Carolina: 2012.

Conference on Judicial Collegiality: Positive Theories and Empirical Analyses, University of Southern California: 2011.

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

Best Conference Paper Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2018

Milton Plesur Excellence in Teaching Award, University at Buffalo, 2017-2018

Lisa Hertel Memorial Political Science Teaching Award, University at Buffalo, 2016-2017

GSA Award for Exceptional Dedication to the Department, 2016-2017

Best Journal Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2016

Edward S. Corwin Award (for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of public law), 2014

First Place, Women's Equity Action League Graduate Writing Contest, 2007

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Member of the Bar, State of Illinois since 2004 (retired)

Member of the Bar, United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals since 2005

## **SERVICE**

Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Law & Courts*, *Justice System Journal*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Laws*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2015), and National Science Foundation.

APSA Law and Courts section: Best Journal Article Award (committee member 2018)

APSA Law and Courts section: Best Journal Article Award (committee member 2017)

APSA Law and Courts section: Best Conference Paper Award (committee member 2016)

SPSA 2018 Annual Conference: Conference-Within-a-Conference co-organizer

SPSA 2017 Annual Conference Section Chair (Judicial Politics)

University at Buffalo Faculty Senate: 2017-2019

*Justice System Journal* Editorial Board: 2018-present

National Science Foundation Law and Social Sciences panel member

Baldy Center Advisory Committee Member: 2018 - present

Outside Member of Linguistics Department Search Committee: 2019

Chair of Search Committee: 2019