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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, *Associate Professor of Law*, 2019-present
Courses: Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Empirical Legal Studies I & II

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, *Postdoctoral Fellow in Empirical Law and Economics*, 2017–2019

YALE LAW SCHOOL, *Visiting Researcher*, 2017–2018

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL
J.D., 2017

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019
Dissertation: “Essays on Courts, Randomization, and Experiments”
Committee: Donald Green (Chair), Ian Ayres, Shigeo Hirano, Jeffrey Lax, Gregory Wawro
M.Phil., Political Science, 2017
M.A., Political Science, 2015

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
B.A., Political Science and Korean, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

The Failure of Judicial Recusal and Disclosure Rules: Evidence from a Field Experiment, __ NW. U. L. REV. __ (2023) (forthcoming).

Formerly Titled: Why Judges Don’t Recuse Themselves and Attorneys Don’t Ask Them To: A Randomized Field Experiment Testing the Efficacy of Recusal and Disclosure

Pretrial Disparity and the Consequences of Money Bail, 81 MARYLAND L. REV. 557 (2022) (with Miguel de Figueiredo), available [here](#).

Campaign Donations, Judicial Recusal, and Disclosure: A Field Experiment, 83 J. POLITICS 4 (with Jonathon Krasno, Donald Green, Costas Panagopoulos, and Michael Schwam-Baird) (2021), available [here](#).

Formerly titled: Please Recuse Yourself: A Field Experiment Exploring the Relationship Between Campaign Donations and Judicial Recusal

Compliance Experiments in the Field: Features, Limitations, and Examples, in CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF COMPLIANCE (Daniel Sokol and Benjamin Van Rooij, eds.) (2021), available [here](#).

Randomness Pre-considered: Making Unbiased Causal Inference Through the Random Assignment of Judges, 17 J. EMP. LEGAL STUD. 342 (2020), available [here](#).

* Recipient of the Society for Empirical Legal Studies Theodore Eisenberg Prize, 2015

Trial by Skype: A Causality-Oriented Replication Exploring the Use of Remote Video Adjudication in Immigration Removal Proceedings, 59 INT'L REV. L. & ECON. 82 (2019) (with Joshua Mitts), available [here](#).

Field Experimentation and the Study of Law and Policy, 10 ANN. REV. L. SOCIAL SCI. 53 (2014) (with Donald Green), available [here](#).

WORKING PAPERS

Nudging Judges in the Shadow of Judge Shoves: A Field Experiment on Judicial Recusal (working paper) (with Ben Johnson and Newby Parton)

Exploring the Application and Boundaries of the “Fighting Words” Doctrine: A Randomized Survey Experiment (working paper) (with Erin Cranor)

Testing Williams-Yulee: An Experiment on Judicial Elections, Institutional Trust, and Tenuous Empirical Claims in the Supreme Court (working paper), early draft available [here](#).

The Legal and Ethical Challenges of Running Randomized Field Experiments in the Courtroom (working paper) (with Jacob Kopas), early draft available [here](#).

ONGOING EMPIRICAL PROJECTS

Unwarranted Warrants: An Empirical Analysis of the Search and Seizure Process (working project) (with Miguel de Figueiredo and Brett Hashimoto).

Very little empirical work has looked into the submission, review, and approval of criminal warrants. Using a novel dataset of criminal warrants in Utah, we look at how, when, and why judges approve criminal warrants. We are currently in the data analysis stage.

An Empirical Evaluation of Judicial Recusal and Large Banking Institutions in Federal Courts (working project) (with Ben Johnson and Newby Parton)

This project is using the financial disclosure forms of U.S. federal judges to evaluate the frequency of conflicts of interest and recusal relating to large banking institutions. We are currently in the data analysis stage.

Testing the Right to Counsel in Parole Hearings: A Randomized Field Experiment (working project; in partnership with the Parole Preparation Project) (with Jacob Kopas).

This empirical project arises from an ongoing collaboration with the Parole Preparation Project, a New York-based non-profit that connects volunteer attorneys and law students with individuals who are serving life sentences but are up for parole. In order to evaluate the efficacy of these services, we randomly assign the project’s volunteers, allowing us to compare the parole hearing outcomes for those who have received assistance against those who have not. We are currently in the experimental stage.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Nudging Judges in the Shadow of Judge Shoves: A Field Experiment on Judicial Recusal (with Ben Johnson and Newby Parton)

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference, December 2022

Exploring the Application and Boundaries of the “Fighting Words” Doctrine: A Randomized Survey Experiment (with Erin Cranor)

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2022

Unwarranted Warrants: An Empirical Analysis of the Search and Seizure Process (with Miguel de Figueiredo and Brett Hashimoto)

Southern Methodist University Deadman School of Law’s Deason Center, November 2022

Testing the Effect of Media and Academic Research on Judicial Behavior: A Randomized Field Experiment (working project) (with Ben Johnson)

International Legal Ethics Conference, August 2022

LDS Scholars Workshop, May 2022

Midwestern Political Science Conference, April 2022

Testing Restorative Justice as an Alternative to Juvenile Prosecution: A Randomized Controlled Trial (cancelled project)

USC-Michigan-Virginia Law and Economics Workshop, November 2021

Midwestern Law and Economics Conference, October 2021

The Failure of Judicial Recusal and Disclosure Rules: Evidence from a Field Experiment
Formerly Titled: Why Judges Don’t Recuse Themselves and Attorneys Don’t Ask Them To: A Randomized Field Experiment Testing the Efficacy of Recusal and Disclosure

International Legal Ethics Conference, August 2022

Utah State and Local Government Conference, March 2021

University of Utah Law School Faculty Workshop, January 2021

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, November 2020

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, October 2018

Political Economy and Public Law Conference, June 2018

Notre Dame Law School Workshop for Aspiring Legal Academics, March 2018

Yale Law School, Ethics Bureau, March 2018

Testing Williams-Yulee: An Experiment on Judicial Elections, Institutional Trust, and Tenuous Empirical Claims in the Supreme Court (working paper)

BYU Political Science Workshop, March 2021

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2019

Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Forum, October 2019

Pretrial Disparity and the Consequences of Money Bail

Pima County Courts Administration Report (venue of study), June 2020

QuantLaw Conference, February 2020

Trial by Skype: Identifying the Causal Impact of Remote Adjudication

Program on Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference, April 2018

Campaign Donations, Judicial Recusal, and Disclosure: A Field Experiment

Formerly titled: Please Recuse Yourself: A Field Experiment Exploring the Relationship Between Campaign Donations and Judicial Recusal

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2017

Western Empirical Legal Studies Conference, March 2016

Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop, November 2015

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, October 2015

Randomness Pre-considered: Making Unbiased Causal Inference Through the Random Assignment of Judges

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2017

Western Empirical Legal Studies Conference, March 2016

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, October 2015

Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, May 2015

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2014

The Legal and Ethical Challenges of Running Randomized Field Experiments in the Courtroom

Yale ISPS Experiments Workshop, November 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HON. ANDREW GORDON, U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, *Judicial Clerk*, 2018–2019

LATHAM & WATKINS, LLP, *Summer Associate*, 2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

UTAH SUPREME COURT TASKFORCE ON BAR LICENSURE, *Member*, June 2020 – present

UTAH SUPREME COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, *Member*, July 2020 – present

USGA BYU (LGBTQ+ GROUP), *Faculty Board Member* August 2020 – present

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

TRAC FELLOW, Research on the Effects of Video Conferencing on Immigration Removal Proceedings, 2018-2019

LAURA & JOHN ARNOLD FOUNDATION GRANT (\$80,000), Research on the Effects of Pretrial Detainment and Bail, 2016-2019

LAURA & JOHN ARNOLD FOUNDATION GRANT (\$74,000), Research on the Effects of Criminal Expungement, 2016-2019

DISSERTATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT (\$3,000), Columbia University, 2018

MEMBERSHIPS

SOCIETY OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES, since 2013

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, since 2013

AMERICAN LAW AND ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, since 2014

MIDWESTERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, since 2016

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, since 2019

REFEREE

AMERICAN LAW AND ECONOMICS REVIEW; AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH; CAMBRIDGE PRESS; INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF LAW AND ECONOMICS; JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES; JOURNAL OF LAW AND COURTS; JOURNAL OF LAW AND ECONOMICS; JOURNAL OF LAW, ECONOMICS, & ORGANIZATION; JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES; LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW

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