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### **Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor, University of Southern Indiana, 2010-present

### **Education**

Ph.D., Arizona State University 2010

Major Field: American Politics/Judicial Politics

Minor Field: Political Theory

Dissertation Committee: Valerie Hoekstra (chair), Kim Fridkin, and Patrick Kenney

M.A., Arizona State University 2007

Major Field: American Politics

B.A., University of Minnesota 2004

Major Fields: Political Science & History

### **Publications**

#### While at USI

1. LaRowe, Nicholas. Forthcoming. "Open Floodgates? Independent Spending in State Supreme Court Elections After Citizens United." *Judicature*, forthcoming, February 2016.
2. LaRowe, Nicholas. 2015. "Natural Law" in *Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*.
3. LaRowe, Nicholas (lead author), and Valerie Hoekstra. 2014. "On and Off the Supreme Court Beat: Differences in Newspaper Coverage of the Supreme Court and the Implications for Public Support." *Covering the Court in the Digital Age*. Richard Davis, ed. Cambridge University Press.
4. LaRowe, Nicholas. 2013. Review of Peter Robson and Jessica Silbey (eds.), *Law and Justice on the Small Screen*, *Law and Politics Book Review*, vol. 23(1): 1-4.
5. LaRowe, Nicholas, and Valerie Hoekstra (lead author). 2013. "Judging Nominees: An Experimental Test of the Impact of Qualifications and Divisiveness on Public Support for Nominees to the Federal Courts." *Justice Systems Journal*, 34 (1): 38-61.

#### Before USI

1. Review of James L. Gibson and Gregory A. Caldeira, *Citizens, Courts, and Confirmations: Positivity Theory and the Judgments of the American People*. *Journal of Politics*, January 2010.

### **Honors, Grants and Awards**

#### While at USI

1. Outstanding Advisor Award, Spring 2013

2. Liberal Arts Research Award, Fall 2013
3. Liberal Arts Research Award, Spring 2012

#### Before USI

1. Arizona State University Graduate College Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-10. Less than twenty awarded in university-wide dissertation fellowship competition. \$24,128.
2. Graduate College Block Grant Program, Summer 2009. Grant given to “promising” Ph.D. candidate in political science department to aid dissertation completion. \$3,300.

#### **Research in Progress**

1. Game Changer? Citizens United, Turnout, and Judicial Elections in 2012 (manuscript being revised for journal submission)
2. A boon to whom? The Partisan Balance of Independent Spending in State Supreme Court Elections (data collected; manuscript in progress)
3. The youth vote: does proximity matter? A natural experiment looking at the effect of voting booths on college campus (data collected; manuscript in progress)

#### **Conference Presentations**

##### While at USI

1. LaRowe, Nicholas. “Game Changer? Citizens United, Turnout, and Judicial Elections in 2012.” Indiana Academy of Social Sciences Annual Conference, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015
2. LaRowe, Nicholas. “A boon to whom? The Partisan Balance of Independent Spending in State Supreme Court Elections.” New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014
3. LaRowe, Nicholas. Forthcoming. “Open Floodgates? Independent Spending in State Supreme Court Elections After Citizens United.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 29-Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
4. LaRowe, Nicholas, and Melinda Roberts. “The youth vote: does proximity matter? A natural experiment looking at the effect of voting booths on college campus” Indiana Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.
5. LaRowe, Nicholas, and Melinda Roberts. “The youth vote: does proximity matter? A natural experiment looking at the effect of voting booths on college campus” 2013 Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2013
6. “On and Off the Supreme Court Beat: Differences in Newspaper Coverage.” 2010 American Political Science Association Conference in Washington, DC. September 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

##### Before USI

1. “Breaking Trust: How Beat and Non-Beat Newspaper Coverage Affects Public Support for the Supreme Court.” Presented at the 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, April 2010.

2. "Total Recall: Setting the Cognitive Foundations for Evaluations of Court Outputs." Presented at 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL. April 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
3. "Courts and Competing Loyalties: National Courts as a Socialization Mechanism for Transnational Institutions." Presented at 2009 Southwest Political Science Association Conference in Denver, CO. April 8-11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
4. "Yucca Mountain: Science, Uncertainty, and Political Gridlock." Presented at the annual meeting of Science and Technology in Society: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference (co-author Ryan Meyer). April 2006.

**Teaching (number of times taught, including multiple sections in same semester)**

1. POLS 102: Introduction to American Politics (10)
2. POLS 208: Law, Courts, and Justice (13)
3. POLS 309: American Political Theory (7)
4. POLS 331: Research Design (1)
5. POLS 445: Ancient Political Theory (2)
6. POLS 446: Modern Political Theory (2)
7. POLS 497: Legislative Internship (2)
8. POLS 498: Independent Study (7)
9. PA 615: Legal Aspects of Public Administration (3)

**Service**

Department

1. Pre Law Subcommittee (Fall 2010-present)
2. Assessment Subcommittee (Fall 2010-present)
3. Internship Coordinator (Fall 2013-present)
4. Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
5. Program Review Subcommittee (Fall 2014-present)

College

1. Liberal Arts Graduate Council (Fall 2013-present)
2. Interviewer: Social Science Secondary Education Interview (Spring 2012)
3. Search Committee, History (Spring 2012)
4. Faculty mentor for new faculty: Chad Gonnerman (Fall 2014)

University

1. Pre-Law Coordinator, University of Southern Indiana Fall 2010-present
2. Faculty Advisor, Pre Law Club (Fall 2010-present)
3. Faculty Advisor, College Republicans (Fall 2010-present)
4. MPA Admissions Committee (Fall 2013-present)
5. Member, Faculty Senate (Fall 2015-present)
6. Member, FASTER (Fall 2012)
7. Council of Chairs and Program Dirs. (Spring 2012)

Community

Law Day (2010-present)

1. Career Day Speaker, Mt. Vernon High School (2010, 2012, 2014)

2. Expert Source for Local Media (x10)
3. Panelist and Speaker for Ivy Tech's Constitution Day (paid) (2011)
4. Advisor, Harrison HS "We the People" competition (2014, 2015)
5. Organized Pre Law Alumni Reception (2014, 2015)
6. Organized Political Science Alumni Reception (2015)
7. Founder, Pre Law Advisory Board (Summer 2015-present)

#### Discipline

1. Reviewer, *Indiana Journal of Political Science* (x1)
2. Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science* (x1)
3. Panel Chair, NEPSA Conference (2014)
4. Committee, APSA Lasting Contribution Award (2014)
5. Reviewer, textbook for Introduction to American Politics (paid) (2015)
6. Panel Chair, IASS Conference (2015)

#### **Memberships**

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Campaign manager for Dan Washburn, candidate for Superior Court Judge, Pinal County, AZ.

#### **References**

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