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Research Interests American politics, American institutions, and judicial decision-making. My research focuses on external influence on Supreme Court decision-making, especially the role of public opinion, agenda-setting, and the Court's institutional structure and constraints.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

Associate Professor July 2020 - present Gannon Center Faculty Fellow Spring 2019

Assistant Professor

Fall 2014 - July 2020

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science

Spring 2014

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN

Community Faculty Member, Department of Social Science

Spring 2013, Spring

2014

**EDUCATION** 

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN

Ph.D., Political Science, 2014

Adviser: Timothy R. Johnson

**Dissertation**: Vox Populi, Vox Curiae: Public Opinion and the U.S. Supreme

Court

Fields of Study: American Politics, Quantitative Methodology

B.A., Political Science, May 2010

Summa cum laude, Presidential Scholar

Minor in History

Peer-Reviewed **Publications** 

Bryan, Amanda C., Rachael Houston, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2020. "Taking Note: Justice Harry A. Blackmun's Observations from Oral Argument about Life, the Law, and the U.S. Supreme Court." Journal of Supreme Court History. 45(1) 44-65. Available online here.

Bryan, Amanda C. 2020. "Public Opinion and Setting the Agenda on the U.S. Supreme Court." American Politics Research. 48(3) 377-390. Available online here.

Doherty, David, Amanda C. Bryan, Reid Willis, and Paul Witry. 2019. "Representation Imperatives in the Public Mind." Social Science Quarterly. 100(6) 1963-1983. Available online here.

Chen, Philip G. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2018. "Judging the Vapid and Hallow Charade: Citizen Evaluations and the Candor of U.S. Supreme Court Nominees." Political Behavior. 40(2) 495-520. Available online here.

Bryan, Amanda C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2017. "How Supreme Court Justices Supervise Ideologically Distant States." *American Politics Research* 45(3) 435-456. here.

Bryan, Amanda C. and Christopher D. Kromphardt. 2016. "Public Opinion, Public Support, and Counter-Attitudinal Voting on the U.S. Supreme Court" *Justice System Journal* 37(4): 298-317. **Link to Article.** 

Bryan, Amanda C. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2016. "Jeremiad or Weapon of Words? The Power of Emotive Language in Supreme Court Dissents" *Journal of Law and Courts* 4(1) Spring: 159-185. <u>Link to Article.</u>

Owens, Ryan J., Patrick Wohlfarth, Alexander Tahk 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) May: 211-238. **Link to Article.** 

Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. "Explaining the (Non)Occurrence of Equal Divisions on the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Politics Research* 42(6) November: 1077-1095. **Link to Article.** 

Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. "Calling in the Reserves: Judicial Replacements on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Justice System Journal* 35(1) March: 4-26. Link to Article.

Ringsmuth, Eve M., Amanda C. Bryan, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2013. "Voting Fluidity and Oral Arguments on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Political Research Quarterly* June 66(2): 429-440. <u>Link to Article.</u>

Black, Ryan C., Amanda C. Bryan, and Timothy R. Johnson. 2011. "An Actor-Based Measure of Issue Salience: Information Acquisition and the Case of the United States Supreme Court." In Kai Opperman and Henrik Viehrig (editors) *Issue Salience in International Politics*. New York: Routledge.

# Law Review Publications

Johnson, Timothy R., Amanda C. Bryan and Charles Gregory. 2016. "Loyalty and Deference at Oral Arguments: An Empirical Examination of How Supreme Court Justices Treat Solicitors General" *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* 48: 439-74.

Black, Ryan C. and Amanda C. Bryan. 2016. "The Policy Consequences of Term Limits on the U.S. Supreme Court," *Ohio Northern University Law Review* 42: 821.

Black, Ryan C., Christina L. Boyd, and Amanda C. Bryan. 2014. "Revisiting the Influence of Law Clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda Setting Process." *Marquette University Law Review* 78(1): 75-109. **Link to Article.** 

#### In Progress

"Empirically Identifying Mental Decrepitude on the United States Supreme Court" with Ryan Owens et al.  $In\ Progress$ 

"'You Break It You Buy It:' The Politics of Foreign Aid." with David Doherty,

Matthew Pajor (LUC undergraduate) and Dina Hanania (LUC undergraduate)  $Invited\ to\ Revise\ and\ Resubmit$ 

"The Roots Dissent and Emotion on the US Supreme Court" with Eve Ringsmuth. *In Progress*.

"Gender and the Evaluation of US Supreme Court Nominees: The Judicial Temperament Double-Standard" with Phil Chen. *Under Review* 

### Grants and Awards

Loyola University Chicago	Ignatius Award for Excellence in Teaching
Finalist	Spring 2017
Loyola University Chicago	Research Support Grant
\$5,000	Summer 2015
Loyola University Chicago	Summer Research Stipend
\$7,000	Summer 2015, Summer 2017
$National\ Science\ Foundation$ \$32,000/year plus tuition	Graduate Research Fellowship Spring 2012-Fall 2014

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

**UROP** 

Grant. \$1625. "The Supreme Court Docket as a Public Opinion Barometer: The Influence of Public Opinion on the Supreme Court's Decision to Grant Certiorari." Spring 2010.

# Conference Presentations

Bryan, Amanda C. with David Doherty, Reid Willis, and Paul Witry "Should Campaign Promises Respect Public Opinion?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

Bryan, Amanda C. with David Doherty, Matthew Pajor and Dina Hanania "Experiments on Views of Foreign Aid" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

Bryan, Amanda C. and Timothy R. Johnson, Ryan J. Owens and Marcy Shieth. "Examining Mental Decrepitude Among the Justices." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

Bryan, Amanda C. and Philip G. Chen. "The Legal Double Standard: Gender and Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, June 2017

Bryan, Amanda C. and Philip G. Chen. "The Legal Double Standard: Gender and Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017

Bryan, Amanda C., Charles E. Gregory and Timothy R. Johnson. "Deference at Oral Arguments: An Empirical Examination of How the Supreme Court Treats the Solicitor General." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

Bryan, Amanda C. and Ryan J. Owens. "Quality, Prestige, and Supreme Court Agenda Setting." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

Bryan, Amanda C. and Philip G. Chen. "Evaluating the President's Choice: How Citizens Form Judgements about US Supreme Court Nominees." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015

Bryan, Amanda C. and Philip G. Chen. "Evaluating the President's Choice: How Nominee Candor Affects Judgements about US Supreme Court Nominees." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 2015

Bryan, Amanda C. "Public Opinion and Agenda-Setting on the US Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014

Bryan, Amanda C. "Serving Two Masters: Public Opinion and Lower Court Compliance." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014

Bryan, Amanda C. and Eve M. Rinsgmuth. "Jeremiad or Strategic Weapon? The Impact of Emotive Language in Supreme Court Opinions on Case Salience." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2014

Bryan, Amanda C., Timothy R. Johnson and David A.M. Peterson "The Personality is Political: Measuring Image Construction During Confirmation Battles over US Supreme Court Justices." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2013

Bryan, Amanda C. and Christopher D. Kromphardt "Not Going Along to Get Along: Public Opinion and the Decision to Dissent." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting

of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013

Bryan, Amanda C., Timothy R. Johnson, and David A.M. Peterson "Judicial Temperament and Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013

Bryan, Amanda C. and Christopher D. Kromphardt "Losing Face, Losing Legitimacy: The Court, the Media, and Public Opinion." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2013

Bryan, Amanda C. and Charles E. Gregory "Firing a Warning Shot: the Effect of the Confirmation Process on the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012

Bryan, Amanda C. and Timothy R. Johnson "Bargaining and Strategic Adaptation on the U.S. Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012

Bryan, Amanda C. "Justices' Right Hands: Influence, Ideology, and Law Clerks on the U.S. Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2012

Black, Ryan C., Amanda C. Bryan and Timothy R. Johnson. "Precedent and Oral Argument on the U.S. Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2012

Bryan, Amanda C. "Strategic Avoidance: The Effect of Legislative and Executive Agendas on the Supreme CourtÕs Decision to Grant Certiorari." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011

Ringsmuth, Eve M., Amanda C. Bryan and Timothy R. Johnson. "Who Persuades Whom? The Persuasive Role of Questions during Oral Argument on the US Supreme Court." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2011

Bryan, Amanda C. "Strategic Avoidance: The Effect of Legislative and Executive Agendas on the Supreme CourtÕs Decision to Grant Certiorari." 2010. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2010

Bryan, Amanda C. and Ryan C. Black. "Explaining the (Non)occurrence of Evenly Divided Supreme Courts." 2010. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association April 2010.

Bryan, Amanda C. "Colleague Accommodation and Attitude Strength on the US Supreme Court." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009.

### Teaching Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

The Judicial Process Fall 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020; Spring 2015 Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties Spring 2015, 2020 Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers Fall 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020 Introduction to American Politics Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019 Spring 2017; January 2020; Summer 2019, 2020, Honors American Experience Spring 2016, 2021 Directed Readings: The Philosophy of Law Fall 2015 Honors Quantitative Methods in Social Science Spring 2017 Fall 2018 Political Numbers

#### Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Spring 2014

### Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN

Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers Spring 2013, Spring 2014

#### ADVISING Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunity, Provost Fellowship

Lauren Morrissey Summer 2018

Abortion Jurisprudence and State Supreme Court Selection Procedures – \$2,000 Johnson Fellow

Dina Hanania Fall 2017

Experimental Methods in Political Science – \$2,000

Matt Pajor Fall 2017

Experimental Methods in Political Science – \$2,000

Paul Witry Fall 2017

Experimental Methods in Political Science – \$2,000

Reid Willis Fall 2017

Experimental Methods in Political Science – \$2,000

Scarlett Winters Summer 2016

Selecting Law Clerks on the US Supreme Court - \$2,000

#### SERVICE

# Discipline

Editor- Law & Courts Newsletter

Program Coordinator – Law & Courts Section, 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Editorial Board Member – Law & Society Review

Occasional Reviewer – APSR, AJPS, JOP, PRQ, APR, Law & Society Review, Political Behavior, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, Law & Policy Review, Law & Social Inquiry

Member - APSA, MPSA, SPSA, WPSA, LSA

# Department and University

Undergraduate Studies Committee
Graduate School Fellowship Awards Committee
Loyola Student Trial and Advocacy Group, Faculty Advisor
Department Grant Director
American Politics Search Committee
Political Theory Search Committee
Fall 2018-present
Spring 2016-present
2015-present
Fall 2014-Fall 2017
Fall 2016, Fall 2017
Fall 2020