

Zachary Wallander

Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
NWQ B, Room 5424
2025 E. Newport Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Phone: 262.389.6462
Fax: 414.229.5021
Email: zdw@uwm.edu
Website: <http://zacharywallander.weebly.com>

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, expected May 2014
Exam Fields: American Politics and Public Administration & Public Policy

Dissertation: Informational Sources of Influence on Supreme Court Decision Making

Ways in which decision making by the Supreme Court influences political actors has prompted considerable attention from scholars. It seems reasonable, however, to suggest that guidance might come from those whom the Court influences. Analyzing pool memos from the Blackmun Papers, I extract information provided by law clerks, lower court judges, amici, attorneys, and litigants to determine if these groups and individuals provide the information justices need when making decisions on cert and setting the Court's agenda. Dissecting relevant information from that which is irrelevant makes decision making a complex process that often involves the justices seeking out information and advice given by other actors.

Committee: Sara Benesh (chair), Erin Kaheny, David A. Armstrong, Kathleen Dolan, and Artemus Ward (Northern Illinois University)

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, May 2010
Thesis: Judicial Decision Making and the Supreme Court: The "Judge Mention" Effect
Committee: Sara Benesh (chair), Erin Kaheny, David A. Armstrong

B.A., Political Science – Law Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, May 2008
Minor: History and Psychology
Magna Cum Laude (with honors in the major), Dean's List
Capstone Paper: Gender and Sex Discrimination

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Law and Society, Fall 2013, Spring 2014: Full course responsibility, including choice of text, syllabus preparation, course requirements, lecture and grading.

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Introduction to American Government and Politics (for Kathleen Dolan), Fall 2011, 2012, Spring 2013 (*including discussion sections*); (for David Helpap) Spring 2012 (*including discussion sections*); (for Sara Benesh), Spring 2010: Lead weekly discussion sections, held one-on-one office meetings with students outside class, and graded weekly discussion papers.

The Supreme Court (for Sara Benesh), Fall 2010: Generated mock Supreme Court cases, aided students in writing mock petitions to the Supreme court, graded papers and student exams.

The Presidency (for Lara Wessel), Spring 2011 (online): Graded papers and student responses to weekly online questions.

Women and Politics (for Kathleen Dolan), Fall 2009 (online): Engaged in discussion with student's online posts to weekly questions and graded student papers and exams.

Constitutional Law – Civil Rights and Liberties (for Sara Benesh), Spring 2009: Corrected student case briefs and exams.

Constitutional Law – Government Powers and Federalism (for Erin Kaheny), Fall 2008 (online); Fall 2009; Spring 2010 (online): Graded online posts, exams, and weekly written case briefs.

Women and the Law (for Erin Kaheny), Fall 2010 (online): Initiated academic debate with students in weekly online posts and graded papers.

Law and Society (for Erin Kaheny), Fall 2008 (online); Spring 2011 (face-to-face): Responded to student's online posts, graded legal research papers, debate papers, exams, and met individual students for academic guidance.

Guest Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Guest Lecture, "Political Parties." Spring 2013. For undergraduate Introduction to American Government and Politics Class. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Guest Lecture, "The Judiciary – The Federal Courts." Fall 2011, 2012. Spring 2010, 2012, 2013. For undergraduate Introduction to American Government and Politics class. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Guest Lecture, “The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties.” Spring 2012. For undergraduate Introduction to American Government and Politics class. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Guest Lecture, “Search and Seizure.” Fall 2011. For undergraduate Constitutional Law – Civil Rights and Liberties class. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Guest, Lecture, “The Bureaucracy.” Spring 2010. For undergraduate Introduction to American Government and Politics class. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 2013

“Courting Diversity” (for Erin B. Kaheny, John Szmer, and Rob Christensen)

Work Under Review

Wallander, Zachary and Timothy R. Lynch. “Judicial Campaign Funds and the Legitimacy of State Courts. Under review at *State and Local Government Review*.

Wallander, Zachary and Sara C. Benesh. “The Influence of Law Clerks: Evidence from the Blackmun Papers.” Under review at *Law and Society Review*.

Working Papers

“Decision Making and the Supreme Court: The ‘Judge Mention’ Effect”

“The Blackmun Papers: Understanding Decision Making through the Eyes of Justice Blackmun”

“Career Effects on Review and Reversal: A Longitudinal Analysis of Circuit Court Judicial Behavior,” with Sara C. Benesh.

Conference Presentations

“The Influence of Amici, Attorneys, and Litigant Expertise: A Look at the Blackmun Papers.” Proposed for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

“Decision Making and the Supreme Court: The “Judge Mention” Effect.” Presented at the 2013 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Judicial Campaign Funds and the Legitimacy of State Courts” (with Timothy R. Lynch). Presented at the 2012 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“The Influence of Law Clerks: Evidence from the Blackmun Papers” (with Sara Benesh).
Presented at the 2010 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Computing Skills

Stata, SPSS, R

Professional References

Sara C. Benesh
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
sbenesh@uwm.edu
414.229.6720

Erin B. Kaheny
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
ekaheny@uwm.edu
414.229.5021

Kathleen A. Dolan
Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
kdolan@uwm.edu
414.229.3892