

# Thomas R. Gray

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## Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Science; University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (August 2017 - present)

## Education

Ph.D., Government, University of Virginia (August 2017).

Dissertation: "Elite Influence on State Supreme Courts through Retention Pressures"  
Committee: Jeff Jenkins (chair), David Klein (Eastern Michigan University), Sidney Milkis, and Craig Volden

Major Field: American Politics; Minor Field: Comparative Politics

M.A., Government, University of Virginia (May 2013).

J.D., Western New England College (now University) School of Law (May 2010, *Magna Cum Laude*).

B.A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland - College Park (May 2007).

## Research

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Andrew J. Clarke, Thomas R. Gray, and Adam Hughes. Forthcoming. "Advertising Ideology: Using Crowd-sourced Measurement to Understand Campaigns." *The Journal of Political Marketing*.

Thomas Gray and Jeff Jenkins. First View 2017, Forthcoming 2019. "Pivotal Politics and the Ideological Content of Significant Laws." *Journal of Public Policy*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0143814X1700023X>.

Thomas Gray. 2017. "The Influence of Legislative Reappointment on State Supreme Court Decision-Making." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 17(3): 275-98.

Thomas Gray and Jeff Jenkins. 2017. "Unpacking Pivotal Politics: Exploring the Differential Effects of the Filibuster and Veto Pivots." *Public Choice* 172(3-4) 359-76.

### Editor-Reviewed Publications

Andrew J. Clarke, Thomas R. Gray, and Kenneth Lowande. First View and Forthcoming 2018. "Causal Inference from Pivotal Politics Theories." *The Journal of Politics*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1086/697950>.

Kenneth Lowande and Thomas R. Gray. 2017. "Public Perception of the Presidential Toolkit" *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 47(3): 432-47.

Lawrence Baum, Thomas R. Gray, and David E. Klein. 2017. "Measuring the Impact of Election Outcomes on Voting in State Supreme Courts." In *Judicial Elections in the 21st Century*, edited by Chris W. Bonneau and Melinda Gann Hall. New York: Routledge 195-216.

## Under Review

“Executive Influence on State Supreme Court Justices: Strategic Deference in Executive Reappointment States.” (Winner of the 2016 APSA Law & Courts Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award, invited to revise and resubmit at *The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*)

“The Political Economy of Daylight Savings Time.” (with Jeff Jenkins)

## Working Papers

“Racial Bias in Appellate Criminal Outcomes: Evidence from Texas.”

“Spillover Effects in Political Advertising: Evidence from Judicial Elections.” (with Adam Hughes)

“The Congressional Politics of Export-Import Bank Policy.” (with Jonas Bunte)

“The Impacts of Foreign Direct Investment on Congressional Voting on Trade Policy.” (with Jonas Bunte and Paulo Cavallo)

“The Direct Election of Senators and the Emergence of the Modern Presidency.” (With Phil Potter and Jeff Jenkins)

“The effect of grades on student performance: Evidence from a quasi-experiment.” (with Jonas Bunte)

## Law Reviews

*An Empirical Assessment of Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Decision-Making on Criminal Law from 1995 to 2014*, 38 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. 285 (2016).

Student Note: *I’m Just Following Orders: A Fair Standard of Immunity for Military Service Contractors*, 32 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. 373 (2010).

## Other Writings

Book Review of *Justices on the Ballot: Continuity and Change in State Supreme Court Elections*, by Herbert Kritzer, in *The Journal of Politics* (2016).

## Research Featured at the Following Conferences

APSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Congress and History 2018 (Princeton University)

SPSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

EPSA 2017, 2018

MPSA 2016, 2017

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies 2015 (Washington University in St. Louis)

PolMeth 2013 (University of Virginia; poster)

## Research Presented at the Following Invited Talk

Universite Paris II - Pantheon Assas, Law and Humanities Research Center - "*Tribunaux Americains, Amis ou Ennemis?* [American Courts, Friends or Foes?]" (Paris, France; March 15, 2018)

## Academic Journal Experiences

*The Journal of Politics* (August 2016 - August 2017)  
Editorial Assistant

*The Journal of Law and Courts* (November 2011 - August 2017)  
Editorial Assistant

## Fellowships and Awards

APSA Law & Courts Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2016)

University of Virginia Graduate Teaching Award - A Department of Politics Nominee (2015)

Huskey Graduate Research Conference (University of Virginia), 1st Place for best paper presentation on politics and economics panel (2015)

Political Psychology Working Group 2014 Elections Grant - \$800 (2014)

University of Virginia Quantitative Collaborative Fellow (2012 - 2013, 2016 - 2017)

Oliver W. Holmes Scholar, Western New England College (now University) School of Law - full tuition, merit scholarship (2007 - 2010)

## Miscellaneous

### *Technical Skills*

STATA, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, LimeSurvey, MTurk

### *Additional Training*

EITM Summer Institute (2016); Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2013 - Introduction to Bayesian Modeling)

### *References*

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Craig Volden - [cv4w@eservices.virginia.edu](mailto:cv4w@eservices.virginia.edu)

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