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## Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science; University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (September 2023 - Present).

Assistant Professor of Political Science; University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (August 2017 - August 2023).

Congressional Fellow; American Political Science Association (November 2021 - August 2022).

## Education

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

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

Thomas R. Gray and Adam G. Hughes. Forthcoming. "Spillover Effects in Political Advertising: Evidence from Judicial Elections." *The Journal of Political Marketing*. DOI: 10.1080/15377857.2022.2047136

Thomas R. Gray and Daniel S. Smith. 2023. "Lineage or Legions?: On the Determinants of Rule Duration of Roman Emperors." *International Studies Quarterly* 67:1. DOI: 10.1093/isq/sqad004

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2022. "Messaging and Policy: Do Members Vote Differently When Policy is on the Line?" *The Journal of Public Policy* 42(4): 637-55.

Thomas R. Gray and Daniel S. Smith. 2022. "Retrospective Voting in the Pre-Modern World: The Case of Natural Disasters in the Roman Republic." *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 2(3): 477-97.

Thomas R. Gray and Jonas Bunte. 2022. "The Effect of Grades on Student Performance: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment." *College Teaching* 70(1): 15-28.

Thomas R. Gray and Carlos Gutierrez Mannix. 2022. "Twitter and the Electoral Connection." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(6): 2881-93.

Thomas R. Gray, Jeffery A. Jenkins, and Philip B. K. Potter. 2022. "The Direct Election of Senators and the Emergence of the Modern Presidency." *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(1): 188-97.

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2021. "The Political Economy of the National Endowment for the Arts." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(4): 1553-68.

Andrew J. Clarke, Thomas R. Gray, and Adam G. Hughes. 2021. "Advertising Ideology: Using Crowd-sourced Measurement to Understand Campaigns." *The Journal of Political Marketing* 20(2): 198-218.

Thomas R. Gray and Banks Miller. 2021. "Swineherds and Hogs on Ice: Leadership Effects for State Chief Judges." *American Politics Research* 49(3): 319-27.

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2020. "A Bridge Too Far? Examining Bridging Assumptions in Common-Space Estimation." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 45(4): 531-54.

Thomas R. Gray. 2019. "Executive Influence on State Supreme Court Justices: Strategic Deference in Executive Reappointment States." *The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 35(2): 394-421. (Winner of the 2016 APSA Law & Courts Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award.)

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2019. "Congress and The Political Economy of Daylight Saving Time, 1918-1985." *Social Science Quarterly* 100(5): 1664-84.

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2019. "Pivotal Politics and the Ideological Content of Significant Laws." *The Journal of Public Policy* 39(1): 115-42.

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

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

## Editor-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Jeffery A. Jenkins and Thomas R. Gray. 2023. "Congress and the Political Economy of the Indian Removal Act." *The Journal of Historical Political Economy* 3(2): 237-76.

Daniel S. Smith and Thomas R. Gray. 2021. "Looking for Leadership in Historical Context: An Extension of the RIFLE Method of Randomization Inference." *The Journal of Historical Political Economy* 1(2): 215-34.

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. 2021. "Yellow Fever and Institutional Development: The Rise and Fall of the National Board of Health." *The Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 2(1): 143-67.

Andrew J. Clarke, Thomas R. Gray, and Kenneth Lowande. 2018. "Causal Inference from Pivotal Politics Theories." *The Journal of Politics* 80(3): 1082-87.

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, pgs. 195-216.

## Textbooks & Textbook Chapters

Brunell, Tom, Robert Lowry, Banks Miller, and Thomas R. Gray. 2022. *An Introduction to American State Politics*.

Brunell, Tom, Robert Lowry, Banks Miller, and Thomas R. Gray. 2022. *An Introduction to American Politics*. Top Hat.

## 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).

## Book Reviews

Thomas R. Gray. 2021. Book Review. "*The Jeffords Switch: Changing Majority Status and Causal Processes in the U.S. Senate*, by Chris Den Hartog and Nathan Monroe." *Congress & the Presidency* 48(1):109-10.

Thomas R. Gray and Daniel S. Smith. 2020. Review Essay. "Vox Populi: Popular Politics before Liberal Democracy." *The Journal of Politics* 82(2): e21-e26.

Thomas R. Gray. 2016. Book Review. "*Justices on the Ballot: Continuity and Change in State Supreme Court Elections*, by Herbert Kritzer, Book Review." *The Journal of Politics* 78(2): e15-e16.

## Other Writings

Daniel S. Smith and Thomas R. Gray. "What Does 'Historical' Mean in Historical Political Economy?" Broadstreet Blog (June 4, 2021).

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. "The Filibuster as a Majoritarian Check on Minority Tyranny," Niskanen Center Blog (September 23, 2020).

Philip B. K. Potter, Jeffery A. Jenkins, and Thomas R. Gray. "Direct Election and the Foreign Policy President," LegBranch.org (July 23, 2020).

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. "Is the Clock Ticking on Daylight Saving Time? Here's What it Would Take to Change It," *The Washington Post - The Monkey Cage* (November 3, 2019).

Thomas R. Gray and Jeffery A. Jenkins. "Honest Messengers: How Symbolic Messaging Votes in Congress Match Vote Choices on 'Real' Votes," LegBranch.org (May 20, 2019).

## Articles Under Peer Review

"Measuring Voter Disenfranchisement in the United States, 1870-1970." (with Jeffery A. Jenkins).

## Book Projects Under Contract

"Untitled Project on the History of Voter Disenfranchisement in the United States" (with Jeffery A. Jenkins, under contract with Oxford University Press).

## Working Papers

"State Attorneys General as Ideological Partisans and Chief Prosecutors."

"Coalitions and the Power of State Supreme Court Chief Justices." (with Banks Miller).

"Twitter and Congressional Blackout Rules." (with Carlos Gutierrez-Mannix).

## Work Presented At (Myself or a Co-Author)

### Annual Conferences

MPSA 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023

SPSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023

APSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

EPSA 2017, 2018

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

PolMeth 2013 (University of Virginia; poster)

### Invited Talks, Workshops, and Small Conferences

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Working Group on Race and Stratification, "Measuring Voter Disenfranchisement in the United States, 1870-1970." (with Jeffery A. Jenkins; Cambridge, MA; March 31, 2023).

University of Southern California, Antebellum Political Economy Conference - "The Political Economy of the Indian Removal Act." (with Jeffery A. Jenkins; Los Angeles, CA; scheduled February 21, 2023)

Political Institutions and Political Economy Collaborative Webinar Series (University of Southern California, Price School of Public Policy) - "State Attorneys General as Ideological Partisans and Chief Prosecutors." (Online webinar due to COVID-19; March 26, 2021).

Université Paris II - Panthéon Assas, Law and Humanities Research Center - "How State Attorneys General Are Shaping National Policy in the United States." (Paris, France; March 12, 2020).

University of Southern California, Bedrosian Center, Political Institutions and Political Economy Workshop - "Lineage or Legions? Rule Duration in the Roman Empire." (Los Angeles, CA; March 15, 2019).

University of Texas at Dallas, Center for Teaching and Learning - "The Effect of Grades on Student Performance." (with Jonas Bunte; Richardson, TX; November 6, 2018).

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

University of Southern California, Bedrosian Center, Pivotal Politics Symposium - "Causal Inference with Pivotal Politics Theories" (with Andrew Clarke and Kenneth Lowande; Los Angeles, CA; November 7, 2017).

## Teaching

### Courses as Instructor of Record

Civil Liberties, American National Government, Law and Terrorism, Proseminar in American Political Institutions and Politics (Graduate), Civil Liberties (online), Congress, Congress (Graduate), Civil Liberties (American and French comparative).

## Service

### Departmental

Director, Working Paper Series (2022 - present).

Director of Graduate Studies, Public Policy and Political Economy and Cyber-Security (2022 - present).

Political Science Program Committee (2017 - 2021, 2022-present).

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (2019 - present).

Political Science Faculty Search Committee (2017 - 2018, Comparative Courts; 2020 - 2021, Comparative Courts).

### University

Library Committee (2023-24).

Provost's Academic Continuity Committee's Faculty Retention and Morale Subgroup (2020).

### Discipline

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *American Politics Research*, the *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, the *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Research & Politics*, the *Journal of Public Policy*, the *Journal of Law and Courts*, and De Gruyter Books.

### Academic Journals

*The Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* (2019 - 2022).  
Editorial Board Member

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

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

*Western New England Law Review* (August 2008 - July 2010).  
Associate Member (2008 - 2009)  
Articles Editor and Editorial Board Member (2009 - 2010)

### Media Appearances

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on the first 2024 Republican Primary debate (August 22, 2023).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on the notable end-of-term decisions by the Supreme Court (June 30, 2023).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on the (second) indictment of former President Donald Trump (June 9, 2023).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on the (first) indictment of former President Donald Trump (March 31, 2023).

Quoted in "Is time running out on changing clocks twice a year? U.S. Sunshine Protection Act may hold key," by Mark Gollom, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, on Daylight Saving Time (March 11, 2023).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), Ask the Expert, on the Speaker election in the U.S. House of Representatives (January 6, 2023).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), Election Analyst for Live Election Night Coverage (November 8, 2022).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on Daylight Saving Time (November 3, 2022).

Quoted in "Why It's Harder than Ever to Reliably Poll Texas Voters Before Elections." Jeremy Wallace, *San Antonio Express-News*, on the 2022 Election (October 29, 2022).

Spectrum News 1 Texas, *Capital Tonight*, on polling in the 2022 election (October 24, 2022).

CBS DFW *Eye on Politics*, on polling in the 2022 election (October 24, 2022).

Quoted in "Senate Plan for Permanent Daylight Saving Time Faces Doubts in the House," Dan Diamond, *The Washington Post*, on Daylight Saving Time (March 19, 2022).

Partners Podcast, by the Illinois Farm Bureau, on Daylight Saving Time (March 11, 2022).

Quoted in "Texas' New Political Maps Create Safer Districts for Incumbents - and Put an End to Some Challengers' Runs," by James Barragán, *The Texas Tribune*, on 2021 redistricting in Texas (October 22, 2021).

Quoted in "After Republicans keep the House in political dogfight, where does Texas politics go?," by James Barragán, *The Dallas Morning News*, on the 2020 Election in Texas (November 19, 2020).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on Daylight Saving Time (October 31, 2020).

NBC 5 (Dallas, TX), on Daylight Saving Time (October 30, 2020).

Quoted in "The Battle Over Daylight Saving Time; 'The Change Is Deeply Unpopular'," by Aparna Zalani, and interviewed for television, on CBS 11 - DFW, on Daylight Saving Time (October 30, 2020).

Quoted in "Texas College Student Flies Home from California to Cast his Ballot as Voter Turnout Surges," by James Barragán, *The Dallas Morning News*, on the 2020 Election in Texas (October 20, 2020).

Fox 4 (Dallas, TX) *Good Day*, on the 2020 Presidential Election (October 2, 2020).

KRLD Radio (Dallas, TX), on the 2020 Supreme Court Nomination (September 23, 2020).

## Fellowships and Awards

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship (2021 - 2022).

University of Texas at Dallas Special Faculty Development Assignment (2021 - 2022).

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

Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia (2016 - 2017).

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).

University of Virginia Political Psychology Working Group 2014 Elections Grant - \$800 (2014).

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

## Non-Academic Professional Experience

Legislative Fellow; United States House of Representatives, Rep. David Joyce (February 2022 - July 2022).

Fitzgerald Attorneys at Law; East Longmeadow, MA; Legal Intern (September 2009 - July 2010).

Proskauer Rose, LLP; New York, NY; Summer Associate (Summer 2009).

Massachusetts District Court; Springfield, MA; Legal Extern (Spring 2009).

## Miscellaneous

### *Technical Skills*

STATA, R,  $\LaTeX$ , MTurk, Twitter API

### *Additional Training*

UT-Dallas Junior Faculty Reflective Teaching Seminar (2018-2019).

EITM Summer Institute (2016, Duke University).

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2013 - Introduction to Bayesian Modeling).

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