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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., The Ohio State University, Political Science, 2023. Dissertation titled *Application of Spatial Analysis to Contemporary Problems in Political Science*, September 2023.

M.A.S. (Master of Applied Statistics), The Ohio State University, 2019.

J.D., Duke University School of Law, *cum laude*, 2001; Duke Law Journal, Research Editor.

M.A., Duke University, *cum laude*, Political Science, 2001. Thesis titled *The Making of an Ideological Court: Application of Non-parametric Scaling Techniques to Explain Supreme Court Voting Patterns from 1900-1941*, June 2001.

B.A., Yale University, with distinction, History and Political Science, 1995.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Law Clerk, Hon. Deanell R. Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 2001-02.

Associate, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Washington, DC, 2002-05.

Associate, Hunton & Williams, LLP, Richmond, Virginia, 2005-09.

Associate, David, Kamp & Frank, P.C., Newport News, Virginia, 2009-10.

Senior Elections Analyst, RealClearPolitics, 2010-present.

Columnist, Center for Politics Crystal Ball, 2014-17.

Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 2018-present.

## BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *The Red Ripple*, Ch. 15 (2023).

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *A Return to Normalcy?: The 2020 Election that (Almost) Broke America* Ch. 13 (2021).

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *The Blue Wave*, Ch. 14 (2019).

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *Trumped: The 2016 Election that Broke all the Rules* (2017).

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *The Surge: 2014's Big GOP Win and What It Means for the Next Presidential Election*, Ch. 12 (2015).

Larry J. Sabato, ed., *Barack Obama and the New America*, Ch. 12 (2013).

Barone, Kraushaar, McCutcheon & Trende, *The Almanac of American Politics* 2014 (2013).

*The Lost Majority: Why the Future of Government is up for Grabs – And Who Will Take It* (2012).

## PREVIOUS EXPERT TESTIMONY AND/OR DEPOSITIONS

*Dickson v. Rucho*, No. 11-CVS-16896 (N.C. Super. Ct., Wake County) (racial gerrymandering).

*Covington v. North Carolina*, No. 1:15-CV-00399 (M.D.N.C.) (racial gerrymandering).

*NAACP v. McCrory*, No. 1:13CV658 (M.D.N.C.) (early voting).

*NAACP v. Husted*, No. 2:14-cv-404 (S.D. Ohio) (early voting).

*Ohio Democratic Party v. Husted*, Case 15-cv-01802 (S.D. Ohio) (early voting).

*Lee v. Virginia Bd. of Elections*, No. 3:15-cv-357 (E.D. Va.) (early voting).

*Feldman v. Arizona*, No. CV-16-1065-PHX-DLR (D. Ariz.) (absentee voting).

*A. Philip Randolph Institute v. Smith*, No. 1:18-cv-00357-TSB (S.D. Ohio) (political gerrymandering).

*Whitford v. Nichol*, No. 15-cv-421-bbc (W.D. Wisc.) (political gerrymandering).

*Common Cause v. Rucho*, No. 1:16-CV-1026-WO-JEP (M.D.N.C.) (political gerrymandering).

*Mecinas v. Hobbs*, No. CV-19-05547-PHX-DJH (D. Ariz.) (ballot order effect).

*Fair Fight Action v. Raffensperger*, No. 1:18-cv-05391-SCJ (N.D. Ga.) (statistical analysis).

*Pascua Yaqui Tribe v. Rodriguez*, No. 4:20-CV-00432-TUC-JAS (D. Ariz.) (early voting).

*Ohio Organizing Collaborative, et al v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al*, No. 2021-1210 (Ohio) (political gerrymandering).

*NCLCV v. Hall*, No. 21-CVS-15426 (N.C. Sup. Ct.) (political gerrymandering).

*Szeliga v. Lamone*, Case No. C-02-CV-21-001816 (Md. Cir. Ct.) (political gerrymandering).

*Montana Democratic Party v. Jacobsen*, DV-56-2021-451 (Mont. Dist. Ct.) (early voting; ballot collection).

*Carter v. Chapman*, No. 464 M.D. 2021 (Pa.) (map drawing; amicus).

*NAACP v. McMaster*, No. 3:21-cv-03302 (D.S.C.) (racial gerrymandering).

*Graham v. Adams*, No. 22-CI-00047 (Ky. Cir. Ct.) (political gerrymandering).

*Harkenrider v. Hochul*, No. E2022-0116CV (N.Y. Sup. Ct.) (political gerrymandering).

*LULAC v. Abbott*, Case No. 3:21-cv-00259 (W.D. Tex.) (racial/political gerrymandering/VRA).



*Moore et al., v. Lee, et al.*, (Tenn. 20th Dist.) (state constitutional compliance).

*Agee et al. v. Benson, et al.*, (W.D. Mich.) (racial gerrymandering/VRA).

*Faatz, et al. v. Ashcroft, et al.*, (Cir. Ct. Mo.) (state constitutional compliance).

*Coca, et al. v. City of Dodge City, et al.*, Case No. 6:22-cv-01274-EFM-RES (D. Kan.) (VRA).

*Milligan v. Allen*, Case No. 2:21-cv-01530-AMM (N.D. Ala.) (VRA).

*Nairne v. Ardoin*, NO. 22-178-SDD-SDJ (M.D. La.) (VRA).

*Robinson v. Ardoin*, NO. 22-211-SDD-SDJ (M.D. La.) (VRA).

*Republican Party v. Oliver*, No. D-506-CV-2022-00041 (N.M. Cir. Ct. (Lea County)) (political gerrymandering).

*Palmer v. Hobbs*, Case No. 3:22-CV-5035-RSL (W.D. Wash) (VRA; remedial phase only).

*Clarke v. Evers*, No. 2023AP001399-OA (Wisc.) (Political gerrymandering; remedial phase only).

## COURT APPOINTMENTS

Appointed as Voting Rights Act expert by Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (2020)

Appointed Special Master by the Supreme Court of Virginia to redraw maps for the Virginia House of Delegates, the Senate of Virginia, and for Virginia's delegation to the United States Congress for the 2022 election cycle.

Appointed redistricting expert by the Supreme Court of Belize in *Smith v. Perrera*, No. 55 of 2019 (one-person-one-vote).

## INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Panel Discussion, European External Action Service, Brussels, Belgium, Likely Outcomes

of 2012 American Elections.

Selected by U.S. Embassies in Sweden, Spain, and Italy to discuss 2016 and 2018 elections to think tanks and universities in area (declined Italy due to teaching responsibilities).

Selected by EEAS to discuss 2018 elections in private session with European Ambassadors.

## **TEACHING**

American Democracy and Mass Media, Ohio Wesleyan University, Spring 2018.

Introduction to American Politics, The Ohio State University, Autumns 2018, 2019, 2020, Spring 2018.

Political Participation and Voting Behavior, Springs 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Survey Methodology, Fall 2022, Spring 2024.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

James G. Gimpel, Andrew Reeves, & Sean Trende, "Reconsidering Bellwether Locations in U.S. Presidential Elections," Pres. Stud. Q. (2022) (forthcoming, available online at <http://doi.org/10.1111/psq.12793>).

## **REAL CLEAR POLITICS COLUMNS**

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