

# EmiLee Smart

Curriculum Vitae

## Contact Information

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## Education

*University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, Expected 2023*

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science  
Major Field: American Politics  
Minor Field: Political Institutions

*Dissertation:* Ruling in the Shadows: The Supreme Court's Use of the 'Shadow Docket' and its Effects

*Abstract:* The Supreme Court has increased its policy making ability through a shadow docket built of cases that do not follow normal court procedures. My research asks what explains this institutional process and its impact. Using a variety of approaches, such as computer text analysis, a survey experiment, and other causal inference methods, I seek to understand the legal and extralegal factors that influence judicial decision making on the shadow docket as well as the justifications provided for these abnormal yet influential decisions. In my survey experiment, I found decreased public support for decisions made on the shadow docket as well as an increased support to diminish the power of the Supreme Court when the Justices utilize this docket. This research demonstrates the important implications that the shadow docket has for democratic governance in the United States.

*Committee:* Justin Wedeking (Chair), Michael Zilis, Jilliene Haglund, and Mark Lauersdorf (Dept. of Linguistics)

*University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, Expected 2023*

Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning

*Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, 2019*

BA, English Professional Writing  
Minor, Political Science

## Relevant Courses Completed

Strategies of Inquiry  
Intro to Quantitative Research  
American Political Institutions

American Presidency  
Judicial Process  
College Teaching and Learning

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed

Shane A. Gleason, EmiLee Smart. "You Think; Therefore I Am: Gender Schemas & Context in Oral Arguments at the Supreme Court, 1979-2016." *Political Research Quarterly* 2023.

### Other

EmiLee Smart. "Part-of-Speech Tagging: Basics and Application." *Law and Courts Newsletter, Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association*, Pages 15-19. Volume 32, Number 1, Spring 2022.

Article was part of a larger 2-part symposium on "Text Analysis Tips and Tricks."

### Working Papers

Smart, EmiLee. "A Shadow's Influence: How the Supreme Court's use of the Shadow Docket Influences Public Opinion." Under Review

Smart, EmiLee., Justin Wedeking. "Connecting News of Native American Court Decisions Across Space."

Smart, EmiLee., Jake Truscott. "Canary in the Coal Mines: Sentiment of Tweets In Response to Nontransparent Government Outcomes."

## Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant 2020-2023

Dr. Justin Wedeking & Dr. Michael Zilis, Political Science Dept., University of Kentucky  
NSF Sponsored Research on Media Coverage of the US Supreme Court

Trio McNair Research Project 2018

Dr. Shane Gleason, Social Sciences Dept., Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2017-2018

Dr. Maliga Och, Global Studies Dept., Idaho State University  
Project on Women's Representation in the German Parliament

## Teaching

### Courses Taught

Instructor of Record

1. Diversity and the Courts PS 391  
Online Summer 2023

2. Introduction to Political Analysis PS 372  
Online Summer 2022, In-Person Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
Course focuses on research design, methods of research collection, and historical, quantitative, and comparative techniques of analysis
3. Politics of Law and Courts PS 360  
Online Summer 2021, In-Person Spring 2022  
Course focuses on the American Judiciary including the structure and processes of both state and federal courts.
4. Intro to American Government PS 101  
Fall 2021

#### Graduate Teaching Assistant

1. Intro to American Government PS101  
2019-2020

### Training and Experiences

1. Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning  
University of Kentucky, Expected Spring 2023  
A 12-hour certificate providing a rich integration of the theory and practice of teaching to develop the skills needed for the full range of faculty responsibilities at a range of institutions of higher education.
2. Head Teaching Assistant  
Department of Political Science, 2022-2023
3. Microteaching Group Leader  
University of Kentucky, 2022, 2023

### Workshops

1. Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy: A Mindful Practice
2. Group Activities for Synchronous, Virtual Classes
3. Inclusive and Student-Centered Teaching

## Conference Participation

### Presentations

- “Statements of Opinions: Changes in Language on the Shadow Docket” Accepted for *Western Political Science Association* San Francisco, CA April 2023
- “Statements of Opinions: Changes in Language on the Shadow Docket” *Southern Political Science Association* Saint Petersburg, FL January 2023
- “Public Perceptions of the Supreme Court’s Shadow Docket on Social Media” *Southern Political Science Association* Saint Petersburg, FL January 2023

- “A Shadow’s Influence: How Citizens View the Supreme Court’s Use of the Shadow Docket” *Midwestern Political Science Association* Chicago, IL April 2022
- “An analysis of Supreme Court Majority Opinions” *UMASS New Directions in Law and Society*, Virtual, October 2021.
- “The Impact of Attorney & Justice Gender on Attorney Success at Oral Arguments, 1956-2016” *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX, January 2019.
- “Petticoats and Top Hats: The Presence of Female Justices and Gender Norms at the U.S. Supreme Court” Poster *Idaho Undergraduate Research Conference*, Boise, ID, 2018.
- *Pacific Northwest PhD Prep Conference on Doctoral Competencies and Academic Culture*, Pullman, WA, 2018.

## Other

- Discussant/Chair Judicial Decision Making Panel  
*Kentucky Political Science Association* Lexington, KY, March 2022

## Awards and Honors

*Woman’s Club Fellowship*

University of Kentucky, 2022

*Crum Emerging Scholar Award in American Politics*

University of Kentucky, 2022

*Graduate Student Congress Research Award*

University of Kentucky 2021-2022

*Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Summer Fellowship*

University of Kentucky, 2020-2022

*S. Sidney and Margaret L. Ulmer Endowed Scholarship*

University of Kentucky, 2019-2020,2022

*Wimberly C. Royster Graduate Excellence Award*

College of Arts and Science, University of Kentucky, 2020

*Emerging Scholar Research Stipend*

University of Kentucky 2019-2020

*Trio McNair Scholar*

Idaho State University, 2017- 2019

## Professional Activities

### Winter Institute in Computational Social Science, Participant

University of Arizona, January 2021

## **Editorial Assistant**

Journal of Law and Courts, Summer 2020

## **CITI Training**

Social/Behavior Indicators and Key Personnel

Responsible Conduct of Research

## **Service**

Led In-Person Training for Responsible Conduct of Research, Spring 2023

Mentor, Start to Finish Program, University of Kentucky, 2022-2023

Student Government Graduate Policy Coordinator, University of Kentucky, 2022-2023

Head Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Graduate Student Secretary, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Peer Mentor Committee, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., 2022-2023

Graduate Handbook Committee, University of Kentucky, Political Science Dept., Fall 2020

## **Computing Skills**

Stata, R, Python, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## **Language**

Portuguese: proficient reading, writing, & speaking

Spanish: intermediate reading