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Research Interests

Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Adjudication Systems, Judicial Decision Making, Algorithms and Law, Evidence, Criminal Law & Policy, Empirical Legal Studies, Law & Economics

Education

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. , Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Expected 2017)
M.A., Biostatistics (Expected 2017)

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor Kevin Quinn
 Research Assistant for Professor Bob Cooter
 President of JSP Student Government

Committee: Kevin Quinn (Chair), Sean Farhang, Justin McCrary, Anne Joseph O'Connell

Harvard Law School, J.D., June 2007, *cum laude*

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor Louis Kaplow

University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in Philosophy and Sociology, May 2004, Honors

Awards : University of Texas Dean's Distinguished Graduate
 Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Professional Experience

Federal Judicial Center , Washington D.C. <i>Research on Bell Atlantic v. Twombly and Ashcroft v. Iqbal.</i>	Summer 2013
Goodwin Procter L.L.P. , Boston, MA <i>Associate, Commercial Litigation</i>	2008-2009
Hon. David C. Godbey, United States District Judge , Dallas, TX <i>Judicial Clerk</i>	2007 - 2008

Working Papers

Targeting Inconsistency: The Why and How of Studying Judicial Disagreement, with Ryan Hubert. Working paper available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2812914.

Machines Learning Justice: A New Approach to the Problems of Inconsistency and Bias in Adjudication, with Hannah Laqueur. Working paper available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2694326.

Entertainment as Crime Prevention: Evidence from Chicago Sports Games, with Hannah Laqueur. Working paper available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2429551.

Presentations

Machines Learning Justice: The Case for Judgmental Bootstrapping of Legal Decisions, with Hannah Laqueur. 2015 American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Machines Learning Justice: The Case for Judgmental Bootstrapping of Legal Decisions, with Hannah Laqueur. Poster presentation, 2015 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, St. Louis, MO

The Uses of Predicting Legal Decisions: A Case Study of California Parole Hearings, with Hannah Laqueur. 2015 Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Judicial Citation Clubs: Social Networks in the Federal Judiciary, with Alan Kluegel. 2015 Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Entertainment as Crime Prevention: Evidence from Chicago Sports Games, with Hannah Laqueur. 2014 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies. Berkeley, CA.

The Mass Production of Precedent: The Rise of District Courts as Law Makers. 2014 Annual Law and Society Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Inconsistent Adjudication: Measuring Judge-Dependent Variation in the United States Courts of Appeals, with Cait Unkovic. Poster presentation, 2013 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies. Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching Experience

Immigration and Citizenship. Graduate Student Instructor for Leti Volpp. University of California, Berkeley, 2016.

Law and Economics. Graduate Student Instructor for Bob Cooter, Eric Talley, & Justin McCrary. University of California, Berkeley, 2012, 2014, and 2015.

Law and Psychology. Graduate Student Instructor for Victoria Plout. University of California, Berkeley, 2013.

The Supreme Court and Public Policy. Graduate Student Instructor for Kevin Quinn. University of California, Berkeley, 2011 and 2013.

Introduction to Statistics for Lawyers. Graduate Student Instructor for Justin McCrary. University of California, Berkeley, 2012.

Awards

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship: Ambassador Frank & Kathy Baxter Fellow