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Academic Appointment **Emory University**, Department of Political Science
Assistant Teaching Professor, 2023-Present

Education **University of Georgia**, School of Public and International Affairs
Ph.D., 2023
Dissertation: *Framing the Law: Judges and Jury Instructions*
Committee: Christina L. Boyd (chair), Susan B. Haire, Geoffrey Sheagley,
Roberto F. Carlos (UT-Austin), and Morgan Hazelton (Saint Louis University)
Field Exams: American Politics (major); Methodology (minor)

University of Florida, Levin College of Law
J.D., *cum laude*, 2013

University of Central Florida
B.A., Political Science, Minor in History, *magna cum laude*, 2009

Publications “From Roadside Stops to the Courthouse Stairs: Defendant Race and the
Attorney’s Role in Routine Cases”
Todd A. Collins and **Matthew E. Baker**, *Journal of Law and Courts* (2023)

“Congressional Constraint? The Review *In Absentia* Immigration Removal
Orders in the Federal Circuit Courts”
Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, Margaret H. Taylor,
Matthew E. Baker and Elise Blasingame, *Political Research Quarterly* (2023)

“Release Roulette: The Rural-Urban Pretrial Detention Divide in Florida”
Matthew E. Baker, *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy*,
32(1): 1-48 (Fall 2021)

“The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions”
Ethan D. Boldt, Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and **Matthew E. Baker**,
Justice System Journal 42(3-4): 341-358. (2021)

“Book Review: *The Judicial Tug of War* by Adam Bonica and Maya Sen”
Matthew E. Baker and Christina L. Boyd, *Law and Politics Book Review*
Vol. 31(6) (2021)

External Funding Law and Science Dissertation Grant (Funded by the National Science Foundation
SBE #2016661): “Doctoral Research: Framing the Law: Judges and Jury
Instructions” Matthew Baker (PI) and Christina L. Boyd (Co-PI). 2022. \$16,654

Teaching

Emory University, Department of Political Science

POLS208: Research Design and Methods (Undergraduate)

POLS354: Criminal Justice

POLS494: U.S. Trial Courts

University of Georgia, Department of Political Science

Criminal Law

University of Central Florida, Department of Legal Studies

Legal Research

Professionalism and Civility in the Law

Law and Society

Law and the Legal System

Legal Writing

Individual Liberties and the Law

University of Central Florida, Department of Political Science

American National Government

Research In Progress

“Race and Gender in Judicial Selection in the United States.”

with Christina L. Boyd, Aidan Gonzalez, and Karson Pennington
in Michael P. Fix and Matthew Montgomery, eds. *Research Handbook on
Judicial Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing. (Final Manuscript Submitted)

“How the Politics of Federal Judicial Selection Affect Judicial Diversity and
Public Confidence in Courts” with Christina L. Boyd, Jennifer B. Hickey,
and Adam G. Rutkowski (Draft in Preparation)

“Attorney Characteristics and Outcomes in State Criminal Trial Courts”
with Todd A. Collins (In Progress)

“Why the ‘Haves’ Don’t Always Come Out Ahead: When Federal Prosecution Fails”
with Ethan D. Boldt (In Progress)

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

American Political Science Association, 2023,

“Thumb on the Scale: Judge Drafted Jury Instructions”

University of Virginia: Law & Social Science Colloquium, 2023 (Invited)

“Implicit Bias Jury Instructions: A Window into Judicial Behavior”

Southern Political Science Association, 2023

“Why the ‘Haves’ Don’t Always Come Out Ahead: When Federal Prosecution Fails”

New Directions in Law & Society Conference, UMass Amherst, 2022

“Thumb on the Scale: Judge Drafted Jury Instructions”

Midwest Political Science Association, 2022

“Who Tips the Scale? Judge Characteristics and Jury Instructions”

UCF Undergraduate Law Forum, 2022

“Who Tips the Scale? Judge Characteristics and Jury Instructions”

Research Experience

Graduate Student Project Manager, 2022-2023

“*Creating the Judicial Database and Research Agenda*”

Under NSF Grant SES-2141551 held by Christina L. Boyd

Graduate Research Assistant, 2021-2022

David Cottrell. *Incumbency and Gerrymandering*. University of Georgia.

Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-2021

Christina L. Boyd. *Judicial Politics*. University of Georgia.

Teaching Certifications	University of Central Florida IDL 6543 Interactive Distributed Learning Certified, Summer 2019 <i>10 Week training to develop completely online courses</i> <i>Completed development of “Law and Society” course</i>
Awards and Fellowships	University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Award, <i>APSA</i> 2023 Graduate School Travel Award, <i>New Directions in Law & Society Conference</i> 2022 Lauth Fellowship 2019-2020 UGA Mekis Scholarship 2019-2020 Zell Miller Scholarship Fall 2019 Askew Scholarship Fall 2019 University of Florida Dean’s List: Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012 Pro Bono Outstanding Achievement Certificate University of Central Florida Political Science “Shining Knight” Alumnus, July 2017 Burnett Honors College Graduate, 2009
Research Skills	Stata, R, \LaTeX
Discipline Service	Reviewer Political Research Quarterly, Justice System Journal, Socius Discussant Southern Political Science Association Meeting 2023
Department Service	Undergraduate Policy Committee, 2023-2025 Working Group on Experiential Education, 2023-2025 Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2023-2025
Professional Experience	Law Offices of Matthew Baker, P.A November 2018-July 2019 Public Defender’s Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit , Orange County, Florida September 2013-November 2018 <i>Assistant Public Defender, Circuit Court</i> Conducted 25 jury trials as counsel of record. University of Central Florida, Mock Trial Program Coach August 2016-July 2019 <i>Trial Team Coach</i>
Professional Memberships	The Florida Bar , September 2013-Present American Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator (inactive)

Community
Engagement

Guest Speaker, Prelaw Society Meeting,
Troy University, March 2023

Volunteer Attorney, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition,
Fines and Fees Modification, 2021

Instructor, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course
Digital Evidence, February 2019

Instructor, Public Defender Summer Intern Seminar
Digital Evidence, May 2018

Guest Speaker, Florida Virtual School Safe Driving Seminar
Effects of a DUI, April 2017

Guest Lecturer, UCF Legal Studies
Evidence Course, Spring 2017, Patricia Cashman

Guest Speaker, UCF Legal Studies,
Capstone Course Fall 2016, Marc Consalo

References Christina L. Boyd, J.D., Ph.D.
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