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Academic Appointments

Emory University, Department of Political Science
Associate Teaching Professor, 2026-Present
Director of Experiential Learning, 2024-Present
Affiliate Graduate Faculty, Laney Graduate School, 2023-Present
Assistant Teaching Professor, 2023-2026

Education

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs
 Ph.D., 2023
Dissertation: *Framing the Law: Judges and Jury Instructions*
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

“Thumb on the Scale: An Empirical Study of Judge Drafted Jury Instructions”
 2026. **Matthew E. Baker**, *Political Research Quarterly*.
 “Political Change and Federal Prosecutor Communications” 2026.
Matthew E. Baker, Ethan D. Boldt, Jason S. Byers, and Hayley Munir,
Journal of Law & Courts.
 “How the Politics of Federal Judicial Selection Affect Judicial Diversity and
 Public Confidence in Courts” 2024. **Matthew E. Baker**, Christina L. Boyd,
 Jennifer B. Hickey, and Adam G. Rutkowski, *Law & Contemporary Problems*,
 87(1): 85-118.
 “Race and Gender in Judicial Selection in the United States” In *Research Handbook
 on Judicial Politics*. Michael P. Fix and Matthew D. Montgomery, eds.
 Edward Elgar Publishing. 2024. **Matthew E. Baker**, Christina L. Boyd,
 Aidan N. González, and Karson A. Pennington.
 “From Roadside Stops to the Courthouse Stairs: Defendant Race and the
 Attorney’s Role in Routine Cases” 2024. Todd A. Collins and
Matthew E. Baker, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 12(1):67-86
 “Congressional Constraint? The Review of *In Absentia* Immigration Removal
 Orders in the Federal Circuit Courts” 2023. Christina L. Boyd,
 Roberto F. Carlos, Margaret H. Taylor, **Matthew E. Baker**,
 and Elise Blasingame. *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(4): 1674-1690.
 “Release Roulette: The Rural-Urban Pretrial Detention Divide in Florida”
 Fall 2021. **Matthew E. Baker**, *University of Florida Journal of Law and
 Public Policy*, 32(1): 1-48.
 “The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions” 2021.
 Ethan D. Boldt, Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and
Matthew E. Baker, *Justice System Journal* 42(3-4): 341-358.
 “Book Review: *The Judicial Tug of War* by Adam Bonica and Maya Sen” 2021.
Matthew E. Baker and Christina L. Boyd, *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol.31(6).

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Teaching	Emory University, Department of Political Science POLS190: The American Jury Trial POLS208: Research Design and Methods (Undergraduate) POLS350: American Legal System POLS352: Constitutional Law POLS354: Criminal Justice POLS386: Professional Development in Political Science and Beyond POLS494: U.S. Trial Courts University of Georgia, Department of Political Science Criminal Law (Spring 2023, Spring 2022) University of Central Florida, Department of Legal Studies Legal Research (Fall 2022, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019) Professionalism and Civility in the Law (Summer 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021) Law and Society (Spring 2021, Summer 2020, Spring 2020) Law and the Legal System (Summer 2019) Legal Writing (Spring 2019) Individual Liberties and the Law (Fall 2018) University of Central Florida, Department of Political Science American National Government (Spring 2019, Spring 2018)
Research In Progress	“Implicit Bias Jury Instructions: A Window into Judicial Behavior” “Shrinking Margins: the Nuclear Option and the Impact of Judges with Partisan Backgrounds” with Adam G. Rutkowski “Performing Prosecution: Criminal Immigration Enforcement” with Ethan D. Boldt, Jason S. Byers, and Hayley Munir “Differences in Indigent Defense Attorney Advocacy” with Ethan D. Boldt “Running up the Score: Judicial Confirmation Rates and Popular Acceptance of Judicial Decisions” with Jonathan M. King, Jessica A. Schonherr, and Adam G. Rutkowski “Federal Judicial Nomination Simulations in the Political Science Classroom” with Nancy Arrington and Adam Rutkowski
Conference Presentations & Invited Talks	Southern Political Science Association, 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023 American Political Science Association, 2026, 2023 Law & Science Dissertation Grant Conference, 2025 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, 2025 Midwest Political Science Association, 2024, 2022 University of Virginia: Law & Social Science Colloquium, 2023 (Invited) New Directions in Law & Society Conference, UMass Amherst, 2022 UCF Undergraduate Law Forum, 2022

Discipline Service	Listserv Moderator APSA Law & Courts Section, 2024-Present Reviewer Political Research Quarterly; American Politics Research; Socius; Justice System Journal; Journal of Psychology, Crime, and Law Discussant Conference on Empirical Legal Studies 2024 Southern Political Science Association Meeting 2025, 2024, 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting 2024
Department & University Service	Undergraduate Policy Committee, 2023-Present Working Group on Experiential Education (Chair), 2023-Present Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2023-Present University Senate, Campus Development Committee, 2025-Present Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees 2026: Elizabeth Brubaker (Co-Chair) 2025: Maya Rezak (Chair), Sophie Ravina Scholarly Inquiry Research Experience Students 2026: Joshua Kho; 2025: Rachel Jiang
Professional Development	Emory University Teagle Foundation First Year Seminar Summer Workshop, ECAS, 2025 University of Central Florida IDL 6543 Interactive Distributed Learning Certified, Summer 2019
Awards and Fellowships	Emory University 2024-25 Faculty Career Champion of the Year, Pathways Center 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 Experience	Graduate Student Project Manager, 2022-2023 <i>"Creating the Judicial Database and Research Agenda"</i> Under NSF Grant SES-2141551 held by Christina L. Boyd Graduate Research Assistant, 2021-2022 David Cottrell. <i>Incumbency and Gerrymandering</i>. University of Georgia. Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-2021 Christina L. Boyd. <i>Judicial Politics</i>. University of Georgia

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 , 2013-2026 (inactive status 2026-present)
	American Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator (inactive)
Community Engagement	<i>Guest Speaker</i> , Prelaw Society Meeting, Troy University, March 2023
	<i>Volunteer Attorney</i> , Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, Fines and Fees Modification, 2021
	<i>Instructor</i> , Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course Digital Evidence, February 2019
	<i>Instructor</i> , Public Defender Summer Intern Seminar Digital Evidence, May 2018
	<i>Guest Speaker</i> , Florida Virtual School Safe Driving Seminar Effects of a DUI, April 2017
	<i>Guest Lecturer</i> , UCF Legal Studies Evidence Course, Spring 2017, Patricia Cashman
	<i>Guest Speaker</i> , UCF Legal Studies, Capstone Course Fall 2016, Marc Consalo