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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Texas at Arlington

Assistant Professor of Political Science

2020 – Present

EDUCATION

University of California, Merced

Ph.D. in Political Science

2016 – 2019

M.A. in Political Science

2013 – 2016

California State University, Stanislaus

M.A. in History

2008 – 2010

B.A. in History

2005 – 2008

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Boyea, Brent D., David A. Hughes, Marcy Shieh, and Kayla S. Canelo. 2026. "The Evolution of State Courts Research in the 21st Century." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Canelo, Kayla S., Brent D. Boyea, and Danielle Myers. 2026. "Facing the Public: Voter Assessments of Judicial Scandal." *Journal of Law and Courts* 14(1):27-43.

Canelo, Kayla S., and Melissa N. Baker. 2025. "Intersecting Identities and Perceptions of Judicial Misconduct." *Social Science Quarterly* 106(5):1-11.

Baker, Melissa N. and Kayla S. Canelo. 2025. "Judges Behaving Badly: Judicial Misconduct and a Threat to Rights." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 12(2):151-160.

Canelo, Kayla S. 2025. "Gender and Public Perceptions of Judges who Refuse to Recuse." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 13(3):614-627.

Hansford, Thomas G., Sarah Depaoli, and Kayla S. Canelo. 2022. "Estimating the Ideal Points of Organized Interests in Legal Policy Space." *Justice System Journal* 43(4): 564-575.

Canelo, Kayla S. 2022. "Citations to Interest Groups and Acceptance of Supreme Court Decisions." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 19(1): 189-222.

Canelo, Kayla S. 2022. "The Supreme Court, Ideology, and the Decision to Cite or Borrow from Amicus Curiae Briefs." *American Politics Research* 50(2): 255-264.

Canelo, Kayla S. 2020. "State Coalitions, Informational Signals, and Success as Amicus Curiae at the United States Supreme Court." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 20(1): 108-130.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Hansford, Thomas G., Sarah Depaoli, and Kayla S. Canelo. 2019. "Locating U.S. Solicitors General in the Supreme Court's Policy Space." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(4): 855-869.

Canelo, Kayla S., Thomas G. Hansford, and Stephen P. Nicholson. 2018. "The Paradoxical Effect of Speech-Suppressing Appeals to the First Amendment." *The Journal of Politics* 80(1): 309-313.

Coe, Chelsea M., Kayla S. Canelo, Kau Vue, Matthew V. Hibbing, and Stephen P. Nicholson. 2017. "The Physiology of Framing Effects: Threat Sensitivity and the Persuasiveness of Political Arguments." *The Journal of Politics* 79(4): 1465-1468.

WORKING PAPERS

Boyea, Brent D., and Kayla S. Canelo. "Scandal and Incumbent Defeat in State Supreme Court Elections." (Book chapter)

Canelo, Kayla S., and Brent D. Boyea. "Scandal and the Ballot: Electoral Consequences for State Supreme Court Judges."

Canelo, Kayla S., and Stephen P. Nicholson. "Ruled by Emotions: The Emotional Aftermath of *Dobbs v. Jackson* on Public Support for the Court and Political Engagement."

Canelo, Kayla S., and Stephen P. Nicholson. "Emotional Fallout: The Effect of *Dobbs v. Jackson* on Political Attitudes."

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Boyea, Brent D., Paul Brace, and Kayla S. Canelo. 2023. "Giving to Governors: State Contribution Limits and the Incumbency Advantage." *Beijing Law Review* 14(3): 1432-1455.

Canelo, Kayla S. 2023. "Book Review of *Persuading the Supreme Court: The Significance of Briefs in Judicial Decision-Making*: by Morgan L.W. Hazelton and Rachael K. Hinkle." *Interest Groups and Advocacy*.

Nicholson, Stephen P., and Kayla S. Canelo. 2016. "Direct Democracy in the United States." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press.

INVITED TALKS

"The Supreme Court, Ideology, and the Decision to Cite or Borrow from Amicus Curiae Briefs" University of Houston, April 2021

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Boyea, Brent D. and Kayla S. Canelo. "Scandal and Incumbent Defeat in State Supreme Court Elections." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026.

Canelo, Kayla S. and Stephen P. Nicholson. "Ruled by Emotions: The Emotional Aftermath of *Dobbs v. Jackson* on Public Support for the Supreme Court and Political Engagement." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2026.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Canelo, Kayla S., and Brent D. Boyea. "The Personal and Professional: Voter Assessments of Judicial Scandal." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025.

Canelo, Kayla S., Brent D. Boyea, and Danielle Myers. "Facing the Public: Voter Assessments of Judicial Scandal." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025.

Canelo, Kayla S., and Stephen P. Nicholson. "Emotional Fallout: The *Dobbs v. Jackson* Decision and its Influence on Political Attitudes and Engagement." Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025 (co-author presented).

Canelo, Kayla S., Brent D. Boyea, and Danielle Myers. "Facing the Public: Voter Assessments of Judicial Misconduct." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024.

Canelo, Kayla S., and Melissa N. Baker. "Intersecting Identities and Perceptions of Judicial Misconduct." U.S. Supreme Court Nominations and Confirmations: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow Conference at the University of Georgia, 2024.

Canelo, Kayla S., and Melissa N. Baker. "Intersecting Identities and Perceptions of Judicial Misconduct." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024.

Baker, Melissa and Kayla S. Canelo. "Judge Misconduct and Perceptions of a Threat to Rights." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.

Canelo, Kayla S., and Thomas R. Marshall. "Do Interest Groups Represent the American Public? Evidence from the Roberts Court." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.

"Interest Group Ideology and Citations to Amicus Curiae Briefs." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023

Baker, Melissa and Kayla S. Canelo. "Controversial Judges and Women's Rights." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021

Baker, Melissa and Kayla S. Canelo. "Controversial Judges and Women's Rights." Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021

"The Supreme Court and Citations to Legitimacy-Inducing Amicus Curiae in Majority Opinions." Poster presentation at the Text as Data Conference, University of Washington, 2018

"Public Acceptance of Citations to Interest Groups in Majority Opinions" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), 2018

"The Supreme Court and Citations to Legitimacy-Inducing Amicus Curiae in Majority Opinions." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

"Public Perceptions of Organized Interests." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“The Supreme Court and Citations to Legitimacy-Inducing Amicus Curiae in Majority Opinions.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018

“The United States Supreme Court and the Use of Amicus Curiae Briefs to Legitimize Outcomes.” APSA Annual Meeting, 2017

“State Coalitions, Informational Signals, and Success as Amicus Curiae at the United States Supreme Court.” MPSA Annual Meeting, 2017

“Women, Scandal, and the Erosion of the Double Standard?” Junior Scholar Symposium at the MPSA Annual Meeting, 2016

Theodoridis, Alexander, Kayla S. Canelo, Chelsea M. Coe, Stephen Goggin, and John Henderson. “Matching Red & Blue: Partisan Intensity, Compensation, and Potential Outcomes.” Presented with Chelsea M. Coe at the MPSA Annual Meeting, 2016

Theodoridis, Alexander, Kayla S. Canelo, Chelsea M. Coe, Stephen Goggin, and John Henderson. “Matching Red & Blue: Partisan Intensity, Compensation, and Potential Outcomes.” Presented as poster with Chelsea M. Coe at the Summer Methods Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 2015

Coe, Chelsea M., Kayla S. Canelo, Kau Vue, Matthew Hibbing, and Stephen Nicholson. “Physiology of Framing Effects.” Presented with Chelsea M. Coe at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference, 2015

Coe, Chelsea M., Kayla S. Canelo, Kau Vue, Matthew Hibbing, and Stephen Nicholson. “Biological Traits Condition Citizens’ Responses to Issue Framing.” Presented with Chelsea M. Coe at the Hendricks Symposium at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2015

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UTA Professional Development Travel Award Amount: \$1,000	2025
COLA Faculty Research Endowment Amount \$2,030	2024
APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant Amount: \$2,500	Summer 2023
Graduate Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship Amount: \$18,600	Spring 2019
UC Merced Political Science Skill Building and Research Fellowships Total amount: \$24,487	2014 – 2018
Nina Dolores Wack Family Fellowship Amount: \$500	2016

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (continued)

National Science Foundation, Political Methodology Scholarship 2015
Amount \$500

AWARDS AND HONORS

Jewell Limar Prestage Best Paper Award 2025
Awarded for best paper on the intersection of gender, race, ethnicity, and political behavior presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting

Co-Recipient of SPSA's Marian Irish Award 2022
Awarded for best paper on women and politics at the 2021 Annual Meeting

Greatest Achievement Award: California State University, Stanislaus 2010
Awarded for work on Turlock Assembly Center Commemoration

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington 2020 – Present

Assistant Professor

POLS 2311: Government of the United States

POLS 2312: State and Local Government

POLS 3310/5310: Research Methods & Political Analysis

POLS 3330: Judicial Politics

POLS 4332: Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights

POLS 5301: Judicial Politics & the U.S. Supreme Court

POLS 5344: Public Perceptions of Law and Courts

University of California, Merced

Lecturer

2019 – 2020

POLI 110: Governmental Power and the Constitution

POLI 001: Introduction to American Politics

POLI 102: Judicial Politics

Teaching Assistant

ECON 10: Statistical Inference

POLI 175: Advanced Analysis of Political Data

POLI 110: Governmental Power and the Constitution

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, International Sports Law Journal, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Law and Courts, The Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Publius, State Politics & Policy Quarterly

Southwestern Political Science Association

2026-2027

Council Member

APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant Reviewer

2025

Reviewer

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (continued)

Lasting Contribution Award Committee Law and Courts Section of APSA <i>Committee Chair</i>	2025
Marian Irish Award Committee SPSA <i>Committee Member</i>	2024
Lasting Contribution Award Committee Law and Courts Section of APSA <i>Committee Member</i>	2024
WPSA Best Dissertation Award Committee <i>Committee Member</i>	2023
UC Merced GRAD EXCEL <i>Peer Mentor</i> Served as a peer mentor for first year graduate students	2016 – 2019
Turlock Assembly Center Commemoration <i>Project Lead</i> Installed monument to honor former internees of the TAC and educate the public on the Japanese American internment of World War II	2008 – 2010

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Committees

Chair, Curriculum Committee, POLS and representative to COLA 2023-Present
Member, Undergraduate Archer Fellowship Selection Committee, 2025, 2026
Member, Planning and Steering Committee, POLS, 2024, 2025
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, POLS, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Member, Student Grievance Committee, POLS, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
Member, Teaching and Retention, POLS/COLA, 2023
Chair, Public Policy Search Committee, POLS, 2024
Member, Planning and Steering Committee, POLS, 2024, 2025
Member, Ad-Hoc Dept Policy Documents Committee, POLS, 2023
Member, Digital Analysis/Visualization Search Committee, POLS, 2023
Member, Department Chair Search, POLS, 2022
Member, Merit Evaluation Committee, POLS 2022, 2023, 2025
Member, Graduate Archer Fellowship Selection Committee, 2022
Member, Retention and Diversity Committee, POLS, 2022
Member, Technology Committee, POLS, 2021, 2022, 2023
Member, Alumni and Community Outreach, POLS, 2021, 2022, 2023
Member, Student Competency Committee, POLS, 2021, 2022
Member, Strategic Planning Committee, POLS, 2021

Presentations

“Latest News from the Supreme Court” POLS Talk	2024
“The Constitution, Civil Liberties, & the Supreme Court” Constitution Day, UTA Library	2024
“The Current Supreme Court Term: What We’ve Seen and What’s Ahead” Honors College	2023
“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” POLS Constitution Day Event	2022

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE (continued)

Other

Coordinator for Undergraduate Student Success, Political Science, 2025-Present

Pre-Law Advisor, 2021- Present

Organizer, POLS Alumni Event Spring 2024

Department Liaison, COLA Spotlight Event 2021- Present

Judge, COLA Spotlight Event, 2025, 2026

Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, 2022-2024

Faculty Mentor, Graduate Mentor Program, POLS, 2020-2021