

# Patrick C. Wohlfarth

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science  
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### Education

#### **Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, expected 2010**

*Concentrations:* American Politics and Methodology

*Dissertation:* "How the Prospect of Judicial Review Shapes Bureaucratic Decision Making"

*Committee:* Kevin T. McGuire (co-chair), Georg Vanberg (co-chair), James Stimson,  
Jason Roberts, Stephen Gent

#### **M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006**

#### **B.A., Music, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 2004**

Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

Major: Music (Departmental Honors), Minor: Political Science

### Publications

- Wohlfarth, Patrick C. 2009. "The Tenth Justice? Consequences of Politicization in the Solicitor General's Office." *The Journal of Politics* 71(1): pp. 224-237.

### Articles Under Review

- "How Public Opinion Constrains the Supreme Court" (with Christopher Casillas and Peter Enns), Under review at the *American Journal of Political Science*
- "'An Appeal to the Public': Public Opinion and Congressional Support for the Supreme Court" (with Joseph Ura), Under review at *The Journal of Politics*

### Working Papers

- "Different Spheres of Influence? The Solicitor General in a Time of Politicization" (with Richard Pacelle)
- "The Solicitor General as a Strategic Gatekeeper on the Supreme Court"
- "Public Opinion and Decentralized Policymaking by the Environmental Protection Agency" (with Christopher Ellis and Erik Godwin)

### Research Grants & Fellowships

- National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant: "How the Prospect of Judicial Review Shapes Bureaucratic Decision Making," 2009-2010 (\$12,000)
- Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2009

- Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Summer Research Fellowship, 2006, 2007, 2008
- Future Faculty Fellowship Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007
- Prestage-Cook Travel Award to present research at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, 2009
- University of North Carolina Department of Political Science Travel Grant to present research at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, 2008
- University of North Carolina Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Grant to present research at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, 2007
- University of North Carolina Graduate School Travel Grant to present research at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, 2006

### **Awards**

- James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research by a Graduate Student, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008
- University of Maryland Baltimore County, Department of Music Academic Achievement Award, 2003, 2004
- Linehan Artist Scholar, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1999-2004

### **Research Interests**

- Judicial Politics - The Solicitor General's Office, Public Opinion and the Supreme Court
- Interinstitutional Politics - Executive Branch Litigation on the Supreme Court
- Executive Politics - Bureaucratic Politics
- Time Series Analysis

### **Conference Presentations**

- "How the Prospect of Judicial Review Shapes Bureaucratic Decision Making: Courts and the Federal Trade Commission." Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- "How the Prospect of Judicial Review Shapes Bureaucratic Decision Making: The Environmental Appeals Board." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Different Spheres of Influence? The Solicitor General in a Time of Politicization" (with Richard Pacelle). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- "How Public Opinion Constrains the Supreme Court" (with Christopher Casillas and Peter Enns). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.

- “The Solicitor General as a Strategic Gatekeeper on the Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Public Confidence and the Dynamics of the Supreme Court’s Institutional Capacity” (with Joseph Ura). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Revised and presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Probing Judiciary-Bureaucracy Relations: Politics and Anticipatory Agencies.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Tenth Justice? The Politicization of the Solicitor General’s Office.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, Illinois.

### Invited Presentations

- “How Public Opinion Constrains the Supreme Court” (with Christopher Casillas and Peter Enns). February 6, 2009. Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group.

### Teaching Experience

- Instructor: *Introduction to Government in the United States*, Fall 2007, Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Summer 2009
- Instructor: *The Adversary Systems* (online class), Summer 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Fall 2008
- Teaching Assistant: *Introduction to Government in the United States*, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009

### Teaching Interests

- *Undergraduate*: Judicial Politics, U.S. Presidency, U.S. Supreme Court, Congress, Constitutional Law, American Government, State & Local Politics, Quantitative Research Methods
- *Graduate*: Judicial Politics, Time Series Analysis, Executive Politics, Interinstitutional Politics

### Service

- Referee, *American Politics Research*, 2008-2009
- Duke-UNC American Politics Research Group Coordinator, 2009-2010
- President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008-2009
- Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007-2008
- American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006-2007

## Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association  
Law & Courts Section Member
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

## References

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