

WILLIAM D. BLAKE
Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Academic Appointments

2015-17 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY
Assistant Professor of Political Science

2014-15 IUPUI CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURE
Faculty Research Fellow

2013-15 INDIANA UNIVERSITY, IUPUI
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Education

2013 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Ph.D. in Government

2012 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
M.A. in Government

2004 COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY
A.B. in Government, *magna cum laude* and with high honors

Research Interests

Constitutional Attitudes, Judicial Decisionmaking, Religion and Law, Baseball and Politics

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2017 Blake, William. "Judicial Independence on Unelected State Supreme Courts." Accepted for publication at *Justice System Journal*.

2016 Blake, William and Sanford Levinson. "The Limits of Veneration: Public Support for a New Constitutional Convention." *Constitutional Studies* 2(1): 1-22.

2015 Blake, William D., Hans J. Hacker and Shon R. Hopwood. "Seasonal Affective Disorder: Clerk Training and the Success of Supreme Court *Certiorari* Petitions." *Law & Society Review* 49(4): 973-97.

- 2015 Blake, William D. "Pine Tar and the Infield Fly Rule: An Umpire's Perspective on the Hart-Dworkin Jurisprudential Debate." In *The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture: 2013-2014*, ed. William J. Simons. Jefferson City, NC: McFarland, 244-57.
- 2013 Blake, William D. and Amanda Friesen. "The Politics of Denying Communion to Catholic Elected Officials." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 11(4): 671-82.
- 2013 Blake, William D. "Pyrrhic Victories: How the Secularization Doctrine Undermines the Sanctity of Religion." *Journal of Church and State* 55(1): 1-22.
- 2012 Blake, William. "God Save This Honorable Court: Religion as a Source of Judicial Policy Preferences." *Political Research Quarterly* 65(4): 814-26.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Umpires as Legal Realists." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45(2): 271-76.
- 2010 Blake, William D. and Hans J. Hacker. "The Brooding Spirit of the Law: Supreme Court Justices Reading Dissents from the Bench." *Justice System Journal* 31(1): 1-25.

Other Publications

- 2016 Levinson, Sanford and William Blake. "When Americans Think About Constitutional Reform: Some Data and Reflections." *Ohio State Law Journal* 77(2): 211-36.
- 2014 Blake, William D. Review of *The Black Sox in the Courtroom* by Charles Lamb. *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture* 22(2): 147-49.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Lochner v. New York." In *Social History of Crime and Punishment in America: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Wilbur R. Miller. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- 2005 Hacker, Hans J. and William D. Blake. "The Neutrality Principle: The Hidden Yet Powerful Legal Axiom at Work in *Brown v. Board of Education*." *Berkeley Journal of African-American Law and Policy* 8(1): 5-59.
- 2005 Blake, William. "Jurisprudence Transcending Time and Space: Affirmative Action and the Revolution of 1937." *Dartmouth Law Journal* 2(2): 19-28.
- 2003 Blake, William. "The Filibuster, the Constitution, and the Founding Fathers." *Parliamentary Journal* 44(2): 43-53.

Current Research Projects

"Economic Voting and Support for Constitutional Conventions." Under review.

"Constitutional yet Unconstitutional: Public Perceptions of FDR's Court-Packing Plan." Under review.

"Constitutional Hermeneutics." In progress (with Andrew Lewis, Amanda Friesen, and Stephen Mockabee).

"Chase Utley and *Bush v. Gore*: The Decline of Political Questions Doctrine in Baseball and Law." In progress.

"Country Over Party? Patriotism, Partisan Identities, and Support for Core Political Institutions." In planning (with Ian Anson, Carolyn Forestiere, and Simon Stacey).

“Kill the Umpire: Baseball Ejections and Free Speech Doctrines.” In planning (with Hans Hacker).

“Public Opinion and FDR’s Court-Packing Plan.” In progress (book-length project).

Honors and Awards

- 2015 Favorite Professor Nominee, IUPUI Athletics.
- 2013 Dissertation nominated for the American Political Science Association’s Edward S. Corwin Award.
- 2011 Best Conference Paper, American Political Science Association Law & Courts Section (with Stefanie Lindquist and Pamela Corley).
- 2004 Governor’s Fellow, Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2004 President’s Award for Excellence in Parliamentary Writing, American Institute of Parliamentarians.

Research & Teaching Grants

- 2017 \$3,500 Alternative Delivery Program, Department of Information Technology, UMBC.
- 2017 \$500 Teacher Scholar Faculty Learning Community, Faculty Development Center, UMBC.
- 2016 \$3,000 Dean’s Research Fund, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UMBC.
- 2016 \$6,000 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research, UMBC.
- 2016 \$1,000 Dean’s Travel Fund, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UMBC.
- 2015 \$1,500 Undergraduate Research Assistantship Support Award, UMBC.
- 2014 \$5,000 Summer Research Grant, IUPUI School of Liberal Arts (declined due to departure to UMBC).
- 2012 \$8,500 Joe R. Long Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin Department of Government.
- 2012 \$2,400 Faculty Research Grant from Arkansas State University for project on Supreme Court law clerk influence on *certiorari* decisionmaking.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 Blake, William. “Aside the Baseline: Takeout Slides and Political Questions Doctrine in Baseball.” Paper presented at the 29th Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture.
- 2017 Blake, William. “Constitutional Yet Unconstitutional: Public Perceptions of the New Deal Constitutional Crisis.” Paper presented at the Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism.
- 2017 Blake, William and Ian Anson. “Economic Voting and Support for Constitutional Conventions.” Paper presented at the American Politics Workshop of the National Capital Area Political Science Association.

- 2016 Blake, William and Ian Anson. "Economic Voting and Support for Constitutional Conventions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2016 Blake, William. "Federalism and the Formation of Constitutional Attitudes." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science of Association.
- 2016 Blake, William and Amanda Friesen. "The Intersection of American Religious and Constitutional Faith." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science of Association.
- 2016 Blake, William and Sanford Levinson. "The Limits of Veneration: Public Support for a New Constitutional Convention." Paper presented at the Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism.
- 2016 Blake, William. "Popular Constitutionalism as Political Behavior: State Constitutional Convention Referenda." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2015 Blake, William and Sanford Levinson. "The Constitution, and Its Many, Public Critics." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2014 Blake, William. "The Constitutional Faith of American Evangelicals." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2014 Blake, William, Hans Hacker, and Shon Hopwood. "Seasonal Affective Disorder: An Explanation for Success of Supreme Court *Certiorari* Petitions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.
- 2013 Blake, William. "Does Money Buy Justice? Campaign Contributions in State Supreme Court Elections." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science.
- 2013 Blake, William, Hans Hacker and Shon Hopwood. "Summer Doldrums: The Seasonal Variation in Success of Supreme Court *Certiorari* Petitions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2013 Blake, William. "Pine Tar and the Infield Fly Rule: An Umpire's Perspective on the Hart-Dworkin Jurisprudential Debate." Paper presented at the 26th Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Judicial Independence on State Supreme Courts: Do Justices 'Follow the Election Returns?'" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Dissensus and Judicial Independence on State Supreme Courts." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Principals, Agents, and Party Polarization on State Supreme Courts." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Judicial Independence on State Supreme Courts: Do Justices 'Follow the Election Returns?'" Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (conference cancelled due to inclement weather).
- 2011 Blake, William and Hans Hacker. "Comparing the Establishment of Judicial Review in Canada and the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

- 2010 Blake, William. "Assessing the Effect of Catholic Justices on Supreme Court Decisions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2010 Lindquist, Stefanie A., Pamela C. Corley and William Blake. "State Courts, State Legislatures, and U.S. Supreme Court Review." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2010 Blake, William and C. Welton Gaddy. "Pyrrhic Victories: How Government Secularization of Sacred Symbols Undermines the Sanctity of Religion." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2005 Kemper, Mark, Hans Hacker and William Blake. "Affirmative Action after *Grutter* and *Gratz*: Bureaucratic Discretion in Higher Education Admissions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2004 Blake, William. "Affirmative Action and the Revolution of 1937." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.
- 2003 Hacker, Hans and William Blake. "Toward an 'Integrated' Theory of Associative Right: The Lochnerian Foundations of Civil Rights Jurisprudence." Paper presented at the Supreme Court Historical Society Summer Seminar.

Teaching Experience

Appellate Advocacy; Baseball, American Politics, and the Law; Civil Rights; The Constitution: What It Says and Where It Comes From; Constitutional Law; The Constitutional Significance of the New Deal; First Amendment Freedoms; Judicial Politics; Introduction to American Politics; Introduction to Law; Politics and Film; Public Law and Policy (graduate seminar).

Professional Service

- 2010-17 Blogger at *Huffington Post*. Research has been cited by the *New York Times* (twice), *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Reuters*, *SCOTUSblog*, *International Bar Association Global Insight*, *New York Times* Best-selling books *The Oath* and *Notorious R.B.G.*, and the Center for Civic Education's 26th Annual High School National Finals of *We the People: Citizenship and the Constitution*.
- 2016-17 UMBC Moot Court Team Coach and Advisor.
- 2016-17 UMBC Constitution Day Organizer.
- 2016 Discussant, Short Course: "A Political Primer on the Periodic State Constitutional Convention Referendum." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 2015-16 Mentor, Criminal Justice in Interdisciplinary Studies Major, Wyatt Griffith.
- 2015-16 UMBC Department of Political Science Library Liaison.
- 2015 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2015 Committee Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Law & Courts Section, American Political Science Association.
- 2014-15 Faculty Advisor, IUPUI Pre-Law Society.

- 2014-15 IUPUI Master's Thesis Chair, Sean Byrne.
- 2014 IUPUI Political Science Department Tenure Committee Member, Jasper Sumner.
- 2014 Co-organizer, IUPUI Bulen Symposium on American Politics.
- 2014 Roundtable participant, Author Meets Readers: *Two Presidents Are Better Than One: The Case for a Bipartisan Executive Branch* by David Orentlicher. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2013 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012-13 Founding Advisory Board Member of the *Texas Undergraduate Journal of Political Science*.
- 2011-12 Intellectual Entrepreneurship Mentor, University of Texas at Austin. Recruited outstanding undergraduate into program designed to encourage him to consider of graduate-level education.
- 2004 Roundtable participant, "Commemorating *Brown v. Board*: The Past and Future of the Supreme Court's Desegregation Decision." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.
- 2003 Help America Vote Act Advisory Committee Member, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Law & Society Review, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Oxford University Press, W.W. Norton.