

WILLIAM D. BLAKE  
*Curriculum Vitae*

**Contact Information**

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**Academic Appointments**

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2015-19 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**

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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**

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

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

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2020 Blake, William and Ian Anson. "Risk and Reform: Explaining Support for Constitutional Convention Referendums." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* (forthcoming).

2020 Lewis, Andrew, William Blake, Stephen Mockabee, and Amanda Friesen. "American Constitutional Faith and the Politics of Hermeneutics." *Politics & Religion* 13(1): 57-88.

2019 Blake, William. "'One Difficulty...of a Serious Nature': The Overlooked Racial Dynamics of the Electoral College." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 17(2): 315-43.

- 2019 Blake, William. "Justice Under the Constitution, Not Over It': Public Perceptions of FDR's Court-packing Plan." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(1): 204-18.
- 2018 Blake, William. "Judicial Independence on Unelected State Supreme Courts." *Justice System Journal* 39(1): 21-38.
- 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.
- 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.

### ***Book Chapters and Law Review Articles***

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- 2020 Forestiere, Carolyn and William D. Blake. "Assessment and Intervention in Political Science Undergraduate Research Methods Courses to Increase Student Success." Accepted for publication in *Teaching Political Methodology*, ed. Jeffrey Bernstein. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.
- 2019 Blake, William. "'Don't Confuse Me With the Facts': Ideological Appeals to Social Science on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Maryland Law Review* 79(1): 101-40.
- 2016 Levinson, Sanford and William Blake. "When Americans Think About Constitutional Reform: Some Data and Reflections." *Ohio State Law Journal* 77(2): 211-36.
- 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 (**Peer-reviewed**).
- 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.

### ***Other Publications***

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- 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 Blake, William. "Jurisprudence Transcending Time and Space: Affirmative Action and the Revolution of 1937." *Dartmouth College Undergraduate Journal of Law* 2(2): 19-28.
- 2003 Blake, William. "The Filibuster, the Constitution, and the Founding Fathers." *Parliamentary Journal* 44(2): 43-53.

### ***Current Research Projects***

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"The Considered Judgment of the People: Public Opinion and FDR's Court-Packing Plan." In progress (book-length project).

"A Positivist, Baseball-Centric Critique of Originalism." Under review.

"Worshipping at the Altar of Janus: How Constitutional Veneration Mediates Support for Democracy in America." In progress (with Ian Anson and Scott Moser).

"Let's Talk About Intercourse: The Dysfunctional Treatment of the Commerce Clause in *NFIB v. Sibelius*." In planning (with Hans Hacker).

### ***Honors and Awards***

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- 2018 Professor Making a Positive Impact, UMBC Career Center.
- 2015 Favorite Professor Nominee, IUPUI Athletics.
- 2013 Dissertation nominated for the Edwin S. Corwin Award, American Political Science Association Law & Courts Section.
- 2012 Nominated for Malcom Jewell Award for Best Graduate Student Paper at the Southern Political Science Association.
- 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***

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- 2020 \$4,000 Dean's Research Fund, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UMBC.
- 2016-19 \$2,205 Dean's Travel Fund, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UMBC.
- 2018 \$6,000 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, UMBC.
- 2017 \$1,500 Supplement for Undergraduate Research Experiences Award, UMBC.

- 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.
- 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.

*Selected Conference Presentations*

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- 2020 Blake, William. “The New Deal: Retrospection, Realignment, or a Reconstituted Polity?” Paper accepted for presentation at the American Political Science Association.
- 2020 Forestiere, Carolyn and William D. Blake. “Assessment and Intervention in Political Science Undergraduate Research Methods Courses.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference.
- 2020 Blake, William. “The Role of ‘We the People’ During Constitutional Moments: The Promise and Limitations of Dualist Democracy.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2019 Blake, William. “Originalism, the Rule of Recognition, and Interpretive Discretion Over the Baseball Rulebook and the Constitution.” Paper presented at the 31st Annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture.
- 2019 Blake, William. “‘Don’t Confuse Me With the Facts’: Appeals to Science and Ideological Polarization on the U.S. Supreme Court.” Paper presented at the Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism.
- 2019 Blake, William and Ian Anson. “Risk and Reform: Explaining Support for Constitutional Convention Referendums.” Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2018 Blake, William. “‘The People’s Problem’: Constitutional Politics During the New Deal Era.” Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association.
- 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 National Capital Area Political Science Association.
- 2016 Discussant, Short Course: “A Political Primer on the Periodic State Constitutional Convention Referendum.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- 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 and Amanda Friesen. "The Intersection of American Religious and Constitutional Faith." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science of Association.
- 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 Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2014 Blake, William. "The Constitutional Faith of American Evangelicals." Presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2014 Roundtable participant, Author Meets Readers: *Two Presidents Are Better Than One: The Case for a Bipartisan Executive Branch* by David Orentlicher. Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2014 Blake, William, Hans Hacker, and Shon Hopwood. "Seasonal Affective Disorder: An Explanation for Success of Supreme Court *Certiorari* Petitions." Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association.
- 2013 Blake, William, Hans Hacker and Shon Hopwood. "Summer Doldrums: The Seasonal Variation in Success of Supreme Court *Certiorari* Petitions." Paper presented at 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 25th 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 Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012 Blake, William. "Dissensus and Judicial Independence on State Supreme Courts." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2010 Blake, William. "Assessing the Effect of Catholic Justices on Supreme Court Decisions." Paper presented at 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 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 Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2004 Roundtable participant, "Commemorating *Brown v. Board*: The Past and Future of the Supreme Court's Desegregation Decision." 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*

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Baseball, American Politics, and the Law; Civil Rights; The Constitution and American Democracy; Constitutional Law; The Constitutional Significance of the New Deal; Contemporary Constitutional Conflict (honors seminar); First Amendment Freedoms; Judicial Process; Judicial Politics; Introduction to American Politics; Introduction to Law; Moot Court; Politics and Film; Public Law and Policy (graduate seminar).

### *Departmental, University, and Professional Service*

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- 2010-20 Research has been cited by CNN, the *New York Times* (twice), *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *UPI*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Baltimore Sun*, *The Hill*, *Huffington Post*, *SCOTUSblog*, *The Conversation*, *International Bar Association Global Insight*, *New York Times* Best-selling books *The Oath* and *Notorious R.B.G.*, the Center for Civic Education's 26th Annual High School National Finals of *We the People: Citizenship and the Constitution*, and Amicus Curiae Brief of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, *In Re Marriage Cases*, 43 Cal.4th 757 (2008) (urging the California Supreme Court to strike a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union of one man and one woman).
- 2020 Invited to give a talk on the politics of the COVID-19 pandemic for the Coffee & Politics Series of the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service.
- 2018, 20 UMBC Faculty Senator
- 2015-19 Library Liaison, UMBC Department of Political Science.
- 2016-19 Organizer, UMBC Constitution Day.
- 2016-19 Faculty Advisor and Coach, UMBC Moot Court Team.
- 2019-20 Founding Member, Scholar Strategy Network, Baltimore Chapter.
- 2019-20 Member, Intellectual Sports Advisory Council, UMBC.
- 2019-20 Member, Time Grid Committee, UMBC Office of the Registrar.
- 2019-20 Member, Research Methods Course Evaluation Committee, UMBC Department of Political Science.
- 2019-20 Member, Promotion and Tenure Revision Committee, UMBC Department of Political Science.
- 2019-20 Advisor, UMBC Debate Team.
- 2018-19 Instructor, UMBC Summer Enrichment Experience (Moot Court).
- 2018 Member, Social Science Forum Workgroup, UMBC.
- 2015-16 Mentor, Criminal Justice in Interdisciplinary Studies Major, Wyatt Griffith.
- 2015 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.
- 2012-13 Founding Advisory Board Member of the *Texas Undergraduate Journal of Political Science*.
- 2011-12 Intellectual Entrepreneurship Mentor, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2003 Help America Vote Act Advisory Committee Member, Commonwealth of Virginia.

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