

CURRICULUM VITA

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PRIMARY RESEARCH & TEACHING SPECIALIZATION

Judicial Behavior & Process
Appellate Court Decision Making
Comparative Courts
Constitutional Law
Mock Trial

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1972-1975

Ph.D. Political Science, 1975

Fields: public law

American government

public policy

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 1963-1968

M.A. Political Science 1968

B.A. "with honors" - Political Science, 1967

Phi Beta Kappa _-April 1967

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 1993 - present

Associate Professor Aug. 1986- July 1993.

Director of Graduate Studies,

July 1988 - June 1992;

July 2000 - Aug. 2006.

Associate Professor, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, 1981-1986.

Assistant Professor, 1975-1981.

Tenured, 1981.

Instructor, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, 1970-1972.

Instructor, Macon Jr. College, Macon, GA, 1968-1970.

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

Canadian Embassy in the US, Canadian Studies Grant program, "Reconceptualizing the Role of Precedent in the Supreme Court of Canada" (**\$7,522**) (Jan. 1, 2009- Dec. 31, 2010)

National Science Foundation Grant, "The Role of Courts in the Protection and Expansion of Civil and Political Rights" (**\$143,539**) co-PI: Lee Walker, USC. (July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010) (Graduate Research Supplement, **\$7,500**) (Undergraduate Research Supplement, **\$15,000**)

Canadian Embassy in the US, Canadian Studies Grant program, "Decision Making in the Supreme Courts and Courts of Appeals in Canada and the United States" (**\$6,250**) (January 2004-November 2006)

National Science Foundation Grant, "Collaborative Research: Extending A Multi-Country Data Base and Program of Research" (**\$425,000**) co-PI with Neal Tate, North Texas; Reggie Sheehan, Michigan State; and Stacy Haynie, LSU. (July 1, 2002 - November 15, 2006).
Graduate Research Supplement, 2003, **\$15,000**
Undergraduate Research Supplement, 2005, **\$15,000**

National Science Foundation Grant, "Collaborative Research: Fitting More Pieces into the Puzzle of Judicial Behavior: A Multi-Country Data Base and Program of Research" (**\$200,000**) co-PI with Neal Tate, North Texas; Reggie Sheehan, Michigan State; and Stacy Haynie, LSU. (September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2002). Undergraduate Research Supplement, 2002, **\$7,500**

National Science Foundation Grant, "Updating the Appeals Court Data Base" (**\$108,000**) (July 1, 1996- Dec. 31 1998)

National Science Foundation Grant, Subcontract from State University of New York for NSF Grant, "The Hierarchy of Justice" (**\$15,050**)

National Science Foundation Grant, "A Multi User Data Base for the United States Courts of Appeals" (**\$660,000**)
supplemental grant, 1996 (**\$22,427**)

National Science Foundation Grant, "Planning for a Multi User Data Base for the U.S. Courts of Appeals" (**\$35,000**)

South Carolina Law Institute, grant to study: "Elite Knowledge, Information Processing and Legislative Decisions in South Carolina" (**\$1,200**)

Research and Productive Scholarship Grant, USC: "Rethinking Traditional Methods for the Study of Judicial Impact" (**\$2,400**)

Project 87 Grant, "The Impact of the Supreme Court on the Decisional Trends in the U.S. Courts of Appeals" (**\$12,000**)

TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVED: \$1,690,866

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Member:

American Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
American Judicature Society

Manuscript referee:

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Law and Society Review
Political Research Quarterly
Political Methodology
American Politics Quarterly
Judicature
Justice System Journal
Women & Politics
Canadian Journal of Political Science

Other Professional Service

Member, Editorial Board, *Justice System Journal*

Member, Executive Committee, American Judicature Society

Member of Executive Committee, Law & Courts Section of the APSA

Member, Boards of Overseers, of the National Science Foundation for 1)Supreme Court Data Project,
2)State Court Decision Making Project

Consultant, review process for law and social science grant applications, National Science Foundation.

External Reviewer for T&P decisions at University of Missouri, Texas Tech University, Louisiana State
University, University of Mississippi, Florida International University, University of Kentucky

Consultant, Appeals Court Data Base Extension, National Science Foundation
(Professors Susan Haire & Ashlyn Kuersten, Co-PIs)

Chair of various panels and Roundtable Discussions at meetings of the American Political Science
Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and Southern Political Science Association

Coach: USC Intercollegiate Mock Trial Team

Selected Honors & Awards

USC Educational Foundation Award for Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities,
2002 Winner

Mortar Board Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1993, 2003, 2008.

Pi Sigma Alpha award for Best Paper at the 1986 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Songer (2008) *The Transformation of the Supreme Court of Canada: An Empirical Examination*. University of Toronto Press.

Songer, Sheehan, and Haire (2000) *Continuity and Change on the United States Courts of Appeals*, University of Michigan Press.

Kuersten & Songer (2001) *Decisions on the U.S. Courts of Appeals*. Garland Publishers.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

Johnson & Songer. "Judge Gender and the Voting Behavior of Justices on North American Supreme Courts" Justice System Journal (in press)

Bowie & Songer. (2009) "Assessing the Applicability of Strategic Theory to Explain Decision Making on the Courts of Appeals" Political Research Quarterly 62:393-407

Ostberg, Wetstein, Songer, & Johnson. (2009) "Ideological Consistency and Attitudinal Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. and Canadian Supreme Courts" Comparative Political Studies 42:763-792.

Songer & Siripurapu . (2009). "The Unanimous Decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada as a Test of the Attitudinal Model" Canadian Journal of Political Science 42:65-92.

Lindquist, Haire & Songer. (2007). "Supreme Court Auditing of the United States Court of Appeals: an Organizational Perspective" Journal of Public Administration and Theory (JPART)17: 607-624.

Songer & Johnson (2007). "Judicial Decision Making in the Supreme Court of Canada: Updating the Personal Attribute Model." Canadian Journal of Political Science 40 (4): 911-934.

Savchak, Hansford, Songer, Carp & Manning (2006). "Taking It to the Next Level: The Elevation of District Court Judges to the U.S. Courts of Appeals" American Journal of Political Science 50:478-493.

Szmer & Songer (2005). "The Effects of Information on the Accuracy of Presidential Assessments of Supreme Court Nominee Preferences" Political Research Quarterly 58: 151-160

Massie, Hansford & Songer (2004). "The Timing of Presidential Nominations to the Lower Federal Courts" Political Research Quarterly 57:145-154.

Kuersten & Songer (2003). "Presidential Success through Appointments to the United States Courts of Appeals" American Politics Research 31: 107-137.

Songer, Ginn & Sarver (2003). "Do Judges Follow the Law When There is No Fear of Reversal ?" Justice System Journal 24:137-161

Lindquist, Haire & Songer (2003). "One Principal and Multiple Agents: Supreme Court Auditing of the United States Courts of Appeals" Law and Society Review 37:143-168.

Published Refereed Articles (cont.)

Songer, Johnson & Stidham (2003). "Presidential Success through Appointments to the United States District Courts" Justice System Journal 24:283-300 (2003).

Songer & Humphries (2002). "Assessing the Impact of Presidential and Home State Influences on Judicial Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals" Political Research Quarterly 55:299-328

Johnson & Songer (2002). "The Influence of Presidential Versus Home State Senatorial Preferences on the Policy Output of Judges on the United States District Courts." Law and Society Review 36:657-676.

Haire, Humphries, & Songer (2001). "The Voting Behavior of Clinton's Courts of Appeals Appointees" Judicature 84: 274-281.

Songer & Crews-Meyer (2000). "Does Judge Gender Matter? Decision Making in State Supreme Courts" Social Science Quarterly 81:750-762.

Songer, Kuersten & Kaheny (2000). "Why the Haves Don't Always Come Out Ahead: Repeat Players Meet Amici Curiae for the Disadvantaged" Political Research Quarterly 53: 537-556.

Cameron, Segal & Songer (2000). "Strategic Auditing in a Political Hierarchy: An Informational Model of the Supreme Court's Certiorari Decisions" American Political Science Review 94:101-116

Humphries & Songer (1999). "Law and Politics in Judicial Oversight of Administrative Agencies" Journal of Politics 61:207-220.

Songer & Tabrizi (1999). "The Religious Right in Court: the Decision Making of Christian Evangelicals in State Supreme Courts" Journal of Politics 61:507-526.

Songer, Sheehan & Haire (1999). "Do the Haves Come Out Ahead Over Time? Applying Galanter's Framework to Decisions of the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1925-1988" Law and Society Review 33: 811-832.

Songer & Lindquist (1996). "Not the Whole Story: the Impact of Justices' Values on Supreme Court Decision Making" American Journal of Political Science 40:1049-1063.

Carp, Stidham, & Songer (1996). "The Voting Behavior of President Clinton's Judicial Appointees" Judicature 80:16-20.

Songer & Kuersten (1995). "The Success of Amici in State Supreme Courts" Political Research Quarterly 48:31-42.

Songer, Cameron & Segal (1995). "An Empirical Test of the Rational Actor Theory of Litigation" Journal of Politics 57:1119-1129.

Songer, Davis & Haire (1994). "A Reappraisal of Diversification in the Federal Courts: Gender Effects in the Courts of Appeals" Journal of Politics 56:425-439.

Songer, Segal & Cameron (1994). "The Hierarchy of Justice: Testing a Principal-Agent Model of Supreme Court-Circuit Court Interactions" American Journal of Political Science 38:673-696.

Published Refereed Articles (cont.)

Songer & Sheehan (1993). "Interest Group Success in the Courts: Amicus Participation in the Supreme Court" Political Research Quarterly 46:339-354.

Davis, Haire & Songer (1993). "Gender Effects in the Voting of Judges on the United States Courts of Appeals" Judicature 77:129-133.

Carp, Stidham, Songer & Richey-Tracy (1993). "The Bush Judges: A Return to Republican Moderation or the Reorganization of the Judiciary Continued" Judicature 76:298-303.

Stidham, Carp, Songer & Surratt (1992). "The Impact of Major Structural Reform on Judicial Decisionmaking" Western Political Quarterly 45:143-152.

Songer & Sheehan (1992). "Who Wins on Appeal ? Uppercuts and Underdogs in the United States Courts of Appeals" American Journal of Political Science, 36:235-258 .

Sheehan, Mishler & Sheehan (1992). "Ideology, Status and the Differential Success of Direct Parties Before the Supreme Court" American Political Science Review 86: 464-471.

Songer & Haire (1992). "Integrating Alternative Approaches to the Study of Judicial Voting: Obscenity Cases in the U.S. Courts of Appeals" American Journal of Political Science 36:963-982.

Songer (1990). "Criteria for Publication of Opinions in the United States Courts of Appeals: Formal Rules Versus Empirical Reality" Judicature 73:307-313.

Songer & Davis (1990). "The Impact of Party and Region on Voting Decisions in the United States Courts of Appeals, 1955-1986," Western Political Quarterly 43:317.

Songer & Sheehan (1990). "Supreme Court Impact on Compliance and Outcomes: Miranda and New York Times in the United States Courts of Appeals," Western Political Quarterly 43:297- 316.

Davis & Songer (1989). "The Changing Role of the United States Courts of Appeals: The Flow of Litigation Revisited," Justice System Journal, 13:323-340.

Rowland, Songer & Carp (1988). "Presidential Effects on Criminal Justice Policy in the Lower Federal Courts: the Reagan Judges" Law and Society Review, 22:191-200.

Songer (1988). "Nonpublication in the United States District Courts: Official Criteria Versus Inferences from Appellate Review" Journal of Politics, 50:206-215.

Songer & Davis (1988). "Carter's Nominating Commissions for the U.S. Courts of Appeals: An End Run Around Senatorial Courtesy?" Southeastern Political Review 16:61-82.

Songer (1988). "Alternative Approaches to the Study of Judicial Impact: Miranda in Five State Courts," American Politics Quarterly, 16:425-444.

Songer (1988). "Case Selection in Judicial Impact Research" Western Political Quarterly, 41:569-582.

Songer (1988). "The Influence of Empirical Research: Committee vs. Floor Decision Making" Legislative Studies Quarterly, 13:375.

Published Refereed Articles (cont.)

Songer (1987). "The Impact of the Supreme Court on Trends in Economic Policy Making in the United States Courts of Appeals" Journal of Politics, 49: 830-841.

Songer, Dillon, Jameson, Kite & Underwood (1986). "The Influence of Issues in Choice of Voting Cues Utilized by State Legislators," Western Political Quarterly, 39:118-125.

Songer, Underwood, Dillon, Jameson, & Kite (1985). "Voting Cues in Two State Legislatures: A Further Application of the Kingdom Model," Social Science Quarterly, 66:983-990.

Songer (1984). "Government Closest to the People: Constituent Knowledge in State and National Politics," Polity 17:387.

Songer, Alexander & Shoulders (1983). "Issues, Ideology and the Nature of Electoral Choice," Southeastern Political Review, 2:35-47.

Songer (1982). "The Policy Consequences of Senate Involvement in the Selection of Judges in the United States Courts of Appeals," Western Political Quarterly, 35:107.

Songer (1982). "Consensual and Nonconsensual Decisions in Unanimous Opinions of the United States Courts of Appeals," American Journal of Political Science, 26:225-239.

Songer (1981). "Voter Knowledge of Congressional Issue Positions: A Reassessment," Social Science Quarterly, 62:424-431.

Songer (1979). "Concern for Policy Outputs as a Cue for Supreme Court Decisions on Certiorari," Journal of Politics, 41:1185-1194.

Songer (1979). "The Relevance of Policy Values for the Confirmation of Supreme Court Nominees," Law and Society Review, 13:927-948.

Book Chapters and Law Reviews

Segal, Songer, & Cameron (1995). "Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals" chapter 10 in Lee Epstein, Contemplating Courts (CQ Press)

Songer (1990). " An Overview of Judicial Policymaking in the United States Courts of Appeals" in Gates and Johnson, American Courts: A Critical Assessment (Congressional Quarterly Press).

Songer, Smith, & Sheehan (1989). "Nonpublication in the Eleventh Circuit: An Empirical Analysis," Florida State University Law Review, 16:963-984.

Songer (1988). "Tort Reform in South Carolina: The Effect of Empirical Research on Elite Perceptions," South Carolina Law Review, 39:585-605.

Songer (1986). "Factors Affecting Variation in Rates of Dissent in the U.S. Courts of Appeals," in Sheldon Goldman and Charles M. Lamb, editors, Judicial Conflict and Consensus: Behavioral Studies of American Appellate Courts, (University of Kentucky Press).

Recent Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

Susanne Schorpp, Donald R. Songer, Tajuana Massie, Rebekkah Boxt, and Mary L. McDonald , “The Effect of War on the U.S. Federal Courts of Appeals: An Analysis of U.S. Appeals Court Treatment of War Related Cases” , Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 3, 2009.

Donald R. Songer, Susan W. Johnson, & Nadia Jilani, “Judge Gender, Critical Mass & Decision Making in the Appellate Courts of Canada. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, May 29, 2009, Ottawa

Ben Kassow, Donald Songer & Michael Fix, “The Influence of Precedent on State Supreme Courts” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Jan. 9, 2009, New Orleans.

Songer, Johnson, & Bowie, “Do Bills of Rights Matter ? A Reconsideration of Epp’s Conclusions” 2008 meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies of the International Political Science Association, Montreal.

Urribarri, Songer, & Schorpp, “Towards a Multivariate Model to Explain Changes in Rights Litigation Comparaitvely.” 2008 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Schorpp, Songer, & Urribarri, “What Rights Revolution ? Analyzing Criminal and other Civil Rights Cases Separately.” 2008 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

Songer, Urribarri, Schorpp, & Portela, “The ‘Rights Revolution’ and Institutional Change.” 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Urribarri & Songer, “A Cross-National Examination of the ‘Strategic Defection’ Theory” 2006 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Barnes & Songer, “Decision Making on the Courts of Appeals: Do Judges Have the Knowledge Assumed by Advocates of Strategic Models?” 2006 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

Hansford, Savchak & Songer, “Future Career Expectations and Strategic Retirements from the U.S. District Courts.” 2005 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

Haynie, Songer, Tate, & Sheehan, “Winners & Losers: Appellate Court Outcomes in a Comparative Perspective” 2005 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

Songer & Roy, “A Critical Test of the Attitudinal Model” 2005 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

Ostberg, Johnson, Wetstein & Songer, “The Nature and Extent of Attitudinal Decision Making in the Supreme Court of Canada” 2004 meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago.

Savchak, Hansford & Songer, “Taking it to the Next Level: The Elevation of District Judges to the US Courts of Appeals” 2004 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

Recent Papers (cont)

Songer, Clark & Wood, “The Effects of Judge Gender in appellate courts: a Comparative Cross-National Test” 2003 Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia.

Songer & Strigle, “The Effects of Judge Gender in Appellate Courts: A Comparative Cross-National Test” 2003 Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. San Antonio, TX.

Songer & Clark , “Judge Gender and Voting in Appellate Courts: a Cross National and Cross Institutional Analysis” 2002 Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Savannah, GA.

Haynie, Tate, Sheehan, & Songer, “Regime Support and Appellate Courts” 2002 meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

Songer and Johnson , “Attitudinal Decision Making on the Supreme Court of Canada” 2002 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.

Massie, Hansford & Songer, ‘The Timing of Presidential Nominations to the Lower Federal Courts’ 2001 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta.

Kaheny, Songer, & Carp, ‘Judicial Elevation: A Cross-Court Analysis of District Court Judges Elevated to the U.S. Courts of Appeals’ 2001 meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco.

Haynie, Tate, Sheehan & Songer, ‘Winners and Losers: A Comparative Analysis of Appellate Courts and Litigation Outcomes’ 2001 meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco.

Haire, Lindquist & Songer, ‘Hierarchical Relationships in the Federal Courts’ 2001 meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco.

Placement Record of Students Whose Ph.D. Dissertations I Directed

Student	Year Completed	Placement
Ruth Ann Strickland	1988	Appalachian State University
Abdulrahman Al Osail	1989	government service, Saudi Arabia
Reggie Sheehan	1990	Michigan State University
Susan Haire	1993	University of Georgia/ National Science Foundation – Director of Program in Law & Social Sciences
Stefanie Lindquist	1995	University of Texas, College of Law
Ashlyn Kuersten	1997	Western Michigan University
Martha Humphries	2001	University of Connecticut
Tammy Sarver	2002	Benedictine College
Erin Kaheny	2003	University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
Susan Johnson	2004	University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Tajuana Massie	2004	SC State University
John Szmer	2005	University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Jennifer Barnes Bowie	2008	George Mason University
Elisha Savchak	2009	North Carolina State University
A.J. Barghothi	2009 (expected)	University of Wyoming