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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, University of Colorado-Boulder, 2007-present

Assistant Professor, University of Colorado-Boulder, 2000-2007

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, (Political Science) University of Houston, 2000

Bachelor of Arts with University Honors (German Area Studies): University of Houston, 1993

RESEARCH

BOOKS

Baird, Vanessa A. 2007. *Answering the Call of the Court: How Justices and Litigants Set the Supreme Court Agenda*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. 2013. "Institutional Persuasion to Support Minority Rights in Russia" *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 21, 1: 33-58.

Liu, Amy and Vanessa A. Baird. 2012. "Linguistic Recognition as a Source of Confidence in the Judicial System." *Comparative Political Studies*, 20 (10): 1-27.

Javeline, Debra and Vanessa A. Baird. 2011. "The Surprisingly Nonviolent Aftermath of the Beslan School Hostage Taking." *Problems of Post-Communism*, 58(4-5): 3-22.

Fitzgerald, Jennifer, and Vanessa Baird. 2011. "Taking a Step Back: Teaching Critical Thinking by Distinguishing Appropriate Types of Evidence". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3) 619-624.

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. 2010. "The Effects of National and Local Funding on Judicial Performance: Perceptions of Russia's Lawyers." *Law and Society Review* 44(2): 331-64.

Baird, Vanessa A. and Tonja Jacobi. 2009. How the Dissent Becomes the Majority: Using Federalism to Transform Coalitions in the U.S. Supreme Court, *Duke Law Review* 59 (November; 2): 183-238.

Baird, Vanessa A. and Tonja Jacobi. 2009. Judicial Agenda Setting through Signaling and Strategic Litigant Responses." *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* 29: 215-239.

- Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. 2007. "The Persuasive Power of Russian Courts," *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 60 (3): 429-42.
- Javeline, Debra and Vanessa A. Baird. 2007. "Who Sues Government? Evidence from the Moscow Theater Hostage Case," *Comparative Political Studies* 40 (July): 858-85.
- McLaren, Lauren, and Vanessa A Baird. 2006. "Of Time and Causality: A Simple Test of the Requirement of Social Capital in Making Democracy Work in Italy," *Political Studies* 54 (December): 889–897.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Amy Gangl. 2006. "Shattering the Myth of Legality: The Impact of the Media's Framing of Supreme Court Procedures on Perceptions of Fairness," *Political Psychology* 27 (August): 597-614.
- Baird, Vanessa A. 2004. "The Effect of Politically Salient Decisions on the U.S. Supreme Court's Agenda," *Journal of Politics* 66 (August): 755-72.
- Baird, Vanessa A. 2001. "Building Institutional Legitimacy: The Role of Procedural Justice," *Political Research Quarterly*, 54 (June): 333-54.
- Gibson, James L., Gregory A. Caldeira and Vanessa A. Baird. 1998. "On the Legitimacy of National High Courts," *American Political Science Review*, 92 (June): 343-358.
- Baird, Vanessa, and Alan Stone. 1998. "Why Privatization: The Case of German Telecommunications," *Social Science Quarterly*, 79 (March): 193 – 211.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Works in Progress

- Barwick, Corey, Vanessa Baird and Lauren Strauss. Support for the Rule of Law: An Exploratory Study into the Difference between Abstract Law and Concrete Laws. Status: submitted to Law and Society Review.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Identity Threats and the Rule of Law. Near complete, planned submission to Perspectives on their call for manuscripts on the 2016 election.
- Javeline, Debra and Vanessa A. Baird. Political Responses to Violence: Citizen Participation after Beslan, book manuscript. Status: near completion.
- Baird, Vanessa and Corey Barwick. What is in a Political Grievance? Status: data analysis.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Ditching Justice: Hobbes and Political Psychology. Status: Submitted to *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*
- Gibson, James L., Corey Barwick, Vanessa Baird and Christopher Claussen. The Legal Culture of the Fifty States. Status: Rejected, *Journal of Politics*. Being revised with new data collection.
- Kernn-Jespersen, Asbjørn and Vanessa Baird. The Impact of Mayoral Political Cycles on Police Hiring in Major Cities. Status: full draft written, but we are collecting more data corruption to test an interaction between mayoral elections and corrupt environments. (UROP student helping with intensive data collection on time series of corruption).
- Baird Vanessa A. Trust, Alienation and Grievance: New Insights into the Miller-Citrin Debate.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Why the Supreme Court Cannot Make Liberal Economic Policy: The Effect of Profit Minded Litigants' Strategies on the Supreme Court's Agenda. Status: pending more data collection to update.
- Jacobi, Tonja and Vanessa Baird. Stop and Frisk: The Impact on Social and Economic Capital. Status: data analysis.

Baird, Vanessa. STEM Education and Political Psychology.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Gibson, James L., and Vanessa A. Baird. 1997. "Legitimacy of the United States Supreme Court: A Conceptual and Empirical Analysis." In *Perspectives on American and Texas Politics: A Collection of Essays*. Edited by Donald S. Lutz, Kent L. Tedin, and Edward P. Fuchs. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 1997. Pp. 89-113.

BOOK REVIEWS

Designing Democracy: What Constitutions Do, Cass Sunstein. Law and Politics Book Review, 12 (May 2002): 246-249.

The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model, Revisited, Jeffrey Segal and Harold Spaeth. Journal of Politics, forthcoming.

SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Baird, Vanessa Anne. 2009. Advice to New Faculty and Young Faculty for Prospering in the Field of Judicial Politics. Law and Courts: Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 19 (2: spring): 7-8.

Baird, Vanessa A. 2008. Research Spotlight: Merging Phase I and Phase II of the United States Supreme Court Judicial Database. Law and Courts: Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, 19 (1: Winter): 17-18.

GRANTS*

Research - External

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. After Violence: Participation over Retaliation in Beslan, proposal submitted to The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, February 2008; status: funded (\$67,000).

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. Political Responses to Tragedy: Citizen Participation after Beslan, proposal submitted to Kellogg, June 2006; status: funded (\$10,000).

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. University of Notre Dame's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Pilot Fund for Social Sciences, "Political Responses to Tragedy: Citizen Participation After Beslan," matched by University of Notre Dame's Office of Research, 2006 (\$30,000).

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. University of Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute, Collaborative Research Grant, survey research workshop to develop and refine questionnaire for "Political Responses to Tragedy: Citizen Participation After Beslan," 2006 (\$4,000).

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. United States Agency for International Development, three-year study of attitudes of Russian public, judicial professionals, and NGO leaders toward the Russian judicial system, 2002-04 (\$389,527).

Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. National Science Foundation Small Grants for Exploratory Research, "Judicial Pioneers: Litigants in the Moscow Theater Hostage Case," grant SES-0317122, 2003 (\$40,824).

Research – Internal

Baird, Vanessa A. Judicial Decisions and Compliance: The Electoral Connection. Vertically Integrated Research and Teaching Team (VIRTT) Grant. Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts through the American Political Science Association, Council of Graduate Schools and the American Association of Universities and Colleges, through the Center for the Advancement of Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS), University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2004 (\$2000).

Teaching - External

Baird, Vanessa A. Michael Ferguson and David Mapel. 2005. Ford Foundation Initiative. Difficult Dialogues: Promoting Pluralism and Academic Freedom on Campus. (\$10,000).

Teaching - Internal

Baird, Vanessa A. Michael Ferguson and David Mapel. 2005. Institute of Civic and Ethic Engagement. (\$10,000).

*Grant authorship is listed alphabetically.

AWARDS

Nominee, Boulder Campus Faculty Assembly Excellence in Teaching Award, 2006
Teacher of the Year, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, 2006

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

January 2016, University of Colorado Law
November 2015, Social Science Forum
November 2012, Northwestern Law School
April 2009, Northwestern Law School
November 2008, Brooklyn Law School
November 2008, University of Houston Law School
June 2007, CSPAN BookTV
May 2006, University of Colorado Law School
January 2006, University of Washington
August 2005, University of Colorado Law School
October 2003, University of Houston
June, 2002, Oxford University
May, 2001, University of Notre Dame
July, 1999, Texas A&M University
November, 1998, University of New Mexico

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Javeline, Debra and Vanessa A. Baird. Democracy through Deference? Institutional Persuasion to Support Rights in Russia, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 10-11, 2009.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. Judicial Independence in Russia: The Effects of Diversified Funding, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 10-11, 2009.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. 2007. The Persuasive Power of Russian Courts, Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6, 2008.
- Javeline, Debra and Vanessa A. Baird. "Who Sues Government? Evidence from the Moscow Theater Hostage Case," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007.
- Baird, Vanessa A. What is Wrong with Justice? Giving up the Summum Bonum Presented at the Annual Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 14-18, 2006.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Tonja Jacobi. How the Dissent Becomes the Majority: Federalism and the Supreme Court's Agenda. Presented at the Annual Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 14-18, 2006.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Why the Supreme Court Cannot Make Liberal Economic Policy: The Effect of Profit Minded Litigants' Strategies on the Supreme Court's Agenda. Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April, 2005.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Tonja Jacobi. Heresthetics and Federalism Signaling on the U.S. Supreme Court Agenda. Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April, 2005.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. Judicial Pioneers: Litigants in the Moscow Theater Hostage Case, Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, August, 2004.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Debra Javeline. Judicial Pioneers: Litigants in the Moscow Theater Hostage Case, Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April, 2004.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Amy Gangl. The Etiology of Perceptions of Fairness in Judicial Procedures: An Exploratory Investigation, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin, July 14 - 20, 2002.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Mark Hurwitz. Can the Supreme Court 'Go Public?', Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, August 29 - September 2, 2001.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Profit, Political Context and Judicial Power: Why the Supreme Court Cannot Make Liberal Economic Policy, Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 18-22, 2001.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Pathways of Judicial Power, Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 2000.
- Baird, Vanessa A. An Information Theory of Interest Group Litigation, Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 22 - 24, 1999.

- Baird, Vanessa A. The Expanding Issue Agenda of the United States Supreme Court, Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, September 2 – 6, 1998.
- Baird, Vanessa A. and Mark N. Franklin. Economic Rationality and Pathways to Electoral Change, Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, August 27 – 29, 1997.
- Caldeira, Gregory A., James L. Gibson and Vanessa A. Baird. On the Legitimacy of National High Courts: The Role of Legal Culture, Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, August 27 – 29, 1997.
- Caldeira, Gregory A., James L. Gibson and Vanessa A. Baird. On the Legitimacy of National High Courts, Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 9-10, 1997.
- Baird, Vanessa A. Diffuse Support, Procedural Justice and Compliance with the German Federal Constitutional Court, Presented at the Law and Society Association, May 27 - 30, 1997.
- Sanders, Joseph, James L. Gibson and Vanessa A. Baird Individualism, Democracy, and Conceptions of Social Justice: A Cross-National, Cross-Level Analysis, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, May 27 - 30, 1997.
- Baird, Vanessa A. The Judicialization of Politics in the European Union: The Case of Industry Liberalization, Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, August 27 – 29, 1997.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Undergraduate

1101H, The American Political System (Honors)

1101, The American Political System

JUDICIAL POLITICS

Graduate

5077/7077, Behavioral Approaches to Public Law

Undergraduate

2481, Introduction to the Legal System

3261, Judicial Behavior and Process Undergraduate

3671, Law and Society (I proposed this as a new course)

4771, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

Graduate

5085/7085, Introduction to Political Science Data Analysis

THEORY

Undergraduate

Modern Political Thought (University of Houston)

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (University of Houston)

Introduction to Political Theory (University of Houston)

Democratic Theory (University of Houston)

DOCTORAL THESIS ADVISOR

Thomson W. McFarland (Primary Advisor)

DOCTORAL THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER

David Doherty

Gregory Young (2005)

Patricia Jaramillo (2003)

FIRST YEAR PAPER (MASTERS)

Shelley Murphy

Meghan Callahan (2007)

Keeley Wynne (2006)

David Doherty (2005)

Thomson W. McFarland (2005)

Britt Cartwright (2003)

HONORS THESIS PRIMARY ADVISOR

Bryanna Jean Goecke, 2007

Mongthu Nguyen, pending, 2007

Andrew Comer (Magna Cum Laude, 2006)

Amy Hutmacher (Summa Cum Laude, 2006)

Cody Doig (2005)

Owen Wick (Magna Cum Laude, 2004)

Adam Regoli (Summa Cum Laude, 2004)

Meghan Foulke (Magna Cum Laude, 2004)

Brandy Womack (Summa Cum Laude, 2002)

Elissa Lunney (Summa Cum Laude, University of Colorado recipient of the campus wide Most Outstanding Student Award, 2002)

HONORS THESIS COMMITTEE

Amy C. Van Arsdale (Summa Cum Laude, 2003)

Sarah Sutherland (Summa Cum Laude, 2002)

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Service

Discussant, Inter-institutional Courts Panel (Law and Courts Section), Annual Western Political Science Association Meeting, March 15 -18, 2006.

Participant, Roundtable, "From Dissertation to Alternative Careers in the Academy: Women's Tales from the Field," Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 25-28, 2002.

Section Chair, Public Law, Annual Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, March 27-31, 2002.

Symposium Participant, "The Supreme Court Database and Amici Participation: Changing the Unit of Analysis," Law and Courts Methodological Symposium, Annual Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, March 27-31, 2002.

Discussant, Comparative Courts Panel (Law and Courts Section), Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 27 -30, 2000.

Discussant, Public Support and Courts: Comparative Analyses (Law and Courts Section), Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, August 30 – September 2, 2000.

Discussant, Social Capital Panel (Political Culture Section), Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 23-25, 1998.

Manuscript and Grant Reviewer

American Political Science Review

American Journal of Political Science

Journal of Politics

Political Research Quarterly

Social Science Quarterly

Law and Society Review

American Politics Quarterly

Political Studies

National Science Foundation

Professional Committees

Chair, Southwestern Political Science Association Committee to Select Best Graduate Student Paper Award Presented at the Annual Meeting, 2002, 2003.

Member, American Political Science Association Public Law Section Committee to Select the Best Article Published in the Field of Public Law in the Last Ten Years, 2002.

UNIVERSITY

Faculty Teaching Excellence Program, Social Sciences Director for New Faculty, 2006

BFA Student Affairs Committee (2005-2006)

University New Faculty Social Club, Founder (2003-2006)

DEPARTMENT

Commencement Speech, Department of Political Science (2006)

Budget Committee (2005-2006)

Policy Committee (2003-2005)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2001-2002; 2006)

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2000-2001)

Chair, American Politics Workgroup (2002-2004)

American Politics Recruitment Committee (2001-2003)

Department Faculty and Graduate Student Social Club, Founder (2000-2006)