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## Academic Appointments

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Associate Professor of Politics and Government  
Illinois State University, 2019–present

Assistant Professor of Politics and Government  
Illinois State University, 2014–2019

## Education

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Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2005–2010

Dissertation: The Departing Justice and US Supreme Court Nominations  
Committee: Chris W. Bonneau, chair. George A. Krause. Kristin Kanthak. Charles R. Shipan

M.Ed. in Teaching and Curriculum, Penn State Harrisburg, 2003–2005

Secondary Teacher Certification, Robert Morris University, 1998–2001

Coursework, Community College of Beaver County, Fall 1996

B.S. in Engineering, Geneva College, 1993–1996

Started coursework at Penn State Beaver Campus, 1991-1993

## Honors

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Pi Sigma Alpha Excellence in Teaching Award, 2020 and 2022

Hibbert R. Roberts Teaching Excellence Recognition Award, 2020

Research Initiative Award, 2018

Illinois State University award for "faculty members who have initiated a promising research agenda early in their academic careers"

Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008

Recognized by the University of Pittsburgh Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization for excellence in graduate student teaching in the social sciences, based in part on letters of support from students

## University Teaching Experience

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Illinois State University, 2014–present

Instructor for:

Quantitative Reasoning in Political Science (POL 138)  
U.S. Judicial Process (POL 215)  
The Politics of Legal Decision Making (POL 212)  
Political Science Professional Development (POL 296)  
Data Analysis and Data Visualization in Political Science (POL 309)  
Constitutional Law: Functions and Powers (POL 325)  
Constitutional Law: Equality and Free Expression (POL 327)  
The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality (POL 334)  
Topics in Public Law [Illinois Law] (POL 324)  
Topics in Public Law [Independent topics] (POL 324)  
Topics in Public Law [Science and the Law] (POL 324)  
Topics in American Politics [graduate seminar: Inequality in the United States] (POL 412)  
Introduction to Research Methodology [graduate course] (POL 497)  
LSAT prep sessions (2016–2019)

University of Pittsburgh, 2007–2011, 2013

Instructor for:

American Constitutional Law  
Constitution and Civil Liberties  
Judicial Politics  
Media & Politics  
Religion & Politics

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Zigerell, L.J. 2023. "Racial Bias and U.S. Presidential Candidate Preference". *The Forum* 21(4): 597-608.

Zigerell, L.J. 2022. "Introducing Political Science Students to Data Visualization Strategies". *Journal of Political Science Education*: 1-15.

Malhotra, Neil, and L.J Zigerell. 2022. "Publication Bias in the Social Sciences". In Lee Jussim, Jon A. Krosnick, and Sean T. Stevens (eds.) *Research Integrity: Best Practices for the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Oxford University Press.

Zigerell, L.J. 2021. "Perceived Discrimination against Black Americans and White Americans". *Meta-Psychology*. Vol. 5: MP.2019.1778.

Zigerell, L.J. 2020. "US Public Perceptions of an Intelligence Quotient Test Score Gap Between Black Americans and White Americans". *Political Studies Review* 1478929920917843.

Zigerell, L.J. 2020. "Understanding Public Support for Eugenic Policies: Results from Survey Data". *The Social Science Journal*. 57(3): 281–287.

Zigerell, L.J. 2019. "Left Unchecked: Political Hegemony in Political Science and the Flaws It Can Cause". *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 54(2): 720–723.

—Pre-tenure publications below

Zigerell, L.J. 2018. "Black and White Discrimination in the United States: Evidence from an Archive of Survey Experiment Studies". *Research & Politics* 5(1) DOI: 10.1177/2053168017753862.

Zigerell, L.J. 2017. "Potential Publication Bias in the Stereotype Threat Literature: Comment on Nguyen and Ryan (2008)". *Journal of Applied Psychology* 102(8): 1159–1168.

Franco, Annie, Neil Malhotra, Gabor Simonovits, and L.J Zigerell. 2017. "Developing Standards for Post-Hoc Weighting in Population-Based Survey Experiments". *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 4(2): 161–172.

Zigerell, L.J. 2017. "Reducing Political Bias in Political Science Estimates". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50(1): 179–183.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Distinguishing Racism from Ideology: A Methodological Inquiry". *Political Research Quarterly* 68(3): 521–536.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Is the Gender Citation Gap in International Relations Driven by Elite Papers?". *Research & Politics* 2(2) DOI: 10.1177/2053168015585192.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Inferential Selection Bias in a Study of Racial Bias: Revisiting 'Working Twice as Hard to Get Half as Far'". *Research & Politics* 2(1) DOI: 10.1177/2053168015570996.

Zigerell, L.J. 2013. "Rookie Mistakes: Preemptive Comments on Graduate Student Empirical Research Manuscripts". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(1): 142–146.

Zigerell, L.J. 2013. "Justice Has Served: US Supreme Court Justice Retirement Strategies". *Justice System Journal* 34(2): 208–227.

Zigerell, L.J. 2012. "Science Knowledge and Biblical Literalism". *Public Understanding of Science* 21(3): 314–322.

Reilly, Jonathan, and L.J Zigerell. 2012. "Don't Know Much about Democracy: Reporting Survey Data with Non-Substantive Responses". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45(3): 462–467.

Zigerell, L.J. 2011. "Midpoint Misperceptions on 1-to-10 Scales". *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 23(2): 205–213.

Zigerell, L.J. 2011. "You Wouldn't Like Me When I'm Angry: List Experiment Misreporting". *Social Science Quarterly* 92(2): 552–562.

Zigerell, L.J., and David C. Barker. 2011. "Safe, Legal, Rare...and Early: Gender and the Politics of Abortion". *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 21(1): 83–96.

Zigerell, L.J. 2011. "Of Publishable Quality: Ideas for Political Science Seminar Papers". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44(3): 629–633.

Zigerell, L.J. 2010. "Senator Opposition to Supreme Court Nominations: Reference Dependence on the Departing Justice". *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35(3): 393–416.

## Editorially-Reviewed Publications

Zigerell, L.J. 2021. "Technical comment on: 'Racial resentment predicts eugenics support more robustly than genetic attributions'". *Personality and Individual Differences* 180: 111113.

Zigerell, L.J. 2021. "Did Brett Kavanaugh's overt partisanship cause severe harm to the legitimacy of the US Supreme Court?". *Social Science Quarterly*.

Zigerell, L.J. 2021. "Reply to 'Powerless Conservatives or Powerless Findings?'". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(2): 270.

Zigerell, L.J. 2019. "Critical Comment on 'Revisiting the Asian Second-Generation Advantage'". *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(13) 2270–2271.

—Pre-tenure publications below

Zigerell, L.J. 2017. "A Reponse [sic] to Maliniak, Powers, and Walter". *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50(1): 186.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Maintaining the Technological Neutrality of the Fourth Amendment". In N. Lind and E. Rankin (eds.), *Privacy in the Digital Age: 21st-Century Challenges to the Fourth Amendment*. Praeger.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Promoting Sex Equality in the United States: Navigating Equal Treatment for Non-Identical Groups". Essay in the ABC-CLIO online American Government database for higher education.

Zigerell, L.J., and Heather Marie Rice. 2012. "Intense Ambivalence: Report on the 2006 and 2008 ANES Abortion Attitudes Measures". In J. Aldrich and K. M. McGraw (eds.), *Improving Public Opinion Surveys: Interdisciplinary Innovation and the American National Election Studies*. New York: Princeton University Press.

## Posted Preprints

Zigerell, L.J. 2018. "Does Racial Resentment Predict Anti-Black Discrimination?". SocArXiv. May 17. doi:10.31235/osf.io/65x8z.

## Editorially-Reviewed Guest Posts

Zigerell, L.J. 2017. "Researchers have a lot of freedom about which findings to emphasize. That can be a problem". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. Sept 18.

Zigerell, L.J., and Arafat Kabir. 2016. "Not all whites are ethnocentric. That also affects our politics". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. Mar 18.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Will Trump's view on immigration hurt the GOP? Maybe not". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. Aug 25.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Southern white support for the Confederate flag reflects Southern heritage, not just racial hate". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. July 7.

Zigerell, L.J. 2015. "Is the gender citation gap limited to top articles?". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. May 18.

Zigerell, L.J. 2014. "Stop trusting other researchers". Political Science Replication. Nov 26.

Zigerell, L.J. 2014. "Are Republicans really driving congressional polarization? Maybe not". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. Sept 11.

Zigerell, L.J. 2014. "Waiting for Ruth Bader Ginsburg to retire? Keep waiting". The Monkey Cage blog at the Washington Post. May 19.

## Other Honors and Awards

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New Faculty Start-Up Support, Illinois State University, 2016, \$2,500

New Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University, 2015, \$3,500

University of Pittsburgh Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2009–2010

Merit-based scholarship awarded to pursue completion of the dissertation

Selected Proposal, American National Election Studies Pilot Contest, 2006

Second author, with David C. Barker and Heather Marie Rice

Proposed "New Abortion Items" that appeared, with modifications, on the 2006 ANES Pilot Study

Selected Proposal, University of Pittsburgh Political Science Department Contest, 2006

For space on the University of Pittsburgh 2006 Cooperative Congressional Election Study module

## **Presentations and Roundtables**

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Presentation: "U.S. Racial Attitudes and Support for Police"

2021 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Presentation: "U.S. Public Support for Restricting the Choices of the Poor".

2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Brownbag presentation: "New Survey Data on Inequality and Race".

ISU Department of Politics and Government. Jan 24, 2018

Presentation: "Problems with Racial Resentment Measures".

2017 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Presentation: "Sex and Race Bias".

ISU Informal Physics Seminar Series. Nov 11, 2016

Presentation: "From the Social Science File Drawer: Sex Discrimination in Mock Employment Evaluations".

2016 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Presentation: "Black and White Bias in the United States: Evidence from a Population of 16 Survey Experiments".

2015 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association

Presentation: "A Troublesome Belief? Social Inequality and Belief in Human Biological Differences".

2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Brownbag presentation: "A Troublesome Belief? Social Inequality and Belief in Human Biological Differences".

ISU Department of Politics and Government. April 15, 2015

Roundtable: "Teaching Research and Research Methods in the Undergraduate Classroom".

2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association

Presentation: "US Supreme Court Nominations: The Memory of the Departing Justice".

Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, January 28, 2010

## **Student Advising**

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Thesis chair for: Kate Brunk, 2018–2019

Capstone project advisor for: Kirk Richardson, 2017

Master's thesis committee member for: Steven Richardson, 2016. Grace Burgener, 2022

Undergraduate research advisor for: Sydney Alcaraz, 2016

## **ISU and Scholarly Service**

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Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Curriculum Committee. August 2022 to Present.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Ad Hoc Committee on Engagement. September 2022 to Present.

Discussant for "Culture Wars and American Public Opinion" at the 2021 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Department Faculty Status Committee. August 2019 to August 2021.

ISU Department of Politics and Government new faculty mentor for Scott Smith, 2018–2019.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Curriculum Committee. August 2018 to July 2020.

Chair and Discussant for a panel on "Policy Attitudes and Evaluations" at the 2018 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Judge, ISU Mock Trial Tournament. November 19, 2017.

Discussant for "Taiwan in a New Era: Democracy, Cross-Strait Security, and International Relations". Conference at ISU. Normal, IL. October 15, 2017.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Department Faculty Status Committee. August 2017 to August 2018.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Legal Studies Search Committee. August 2017 to November 2017.

Judge, ISU Mock Trial Tournament. November 6, 2016.

Discussant, panel on the Freedom of Speech. Illinois State University Student Government Association. Normal, IL. October 11, 2016.

Member, ISU Department of Politics and Government Graduate Committee. August 2016 to May 2017.

Discussant, panel discussion the 2016 US presidential primary elections: "Explaining the Trump Candidacy: What the Republican Primary Tells Us". Illinois State University Department of Politics and Government. Normal, IL. March 17, 2016.

Editorial review board member. *Open Quantitative Sociology Political Science*. October 27, 2015, to March 22, 2017.

Director of Assessment, Illinois State University Department of Politics and Government August 17, 2015 to Present.

Discussant, panel for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Presented a talk at the ISU University Galleries on the political implications of Richard II. Normal, IL. August 8, 2015.

Roundtable participant for "Teaching Research and Research Methods in the Undergraduate Classroom" at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Illinois State University College of Arts and Sciences Elections Committee. 2015–2019. Chair from April 14, 2017 to April 9, 2018.

Political science department TA/TF mentor, University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science, 2008 to 2009.

Editorial assistant for Jon Hurwitz at *Political Behavior*, 2006 to 2007.

Peer reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Educational Psychology*, *Critique*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Meta-Psychology*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *PLOS One*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science Politics*, *Psychological Science*, *Psychological Science Accelerator*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Public Understanding of Science*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Research Politics*, *Sage Open*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

## **Employment**

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Illinois State University, 2014–present

Associate Professor of Politics and Government, 2019–present

Assistant Professor of Politics and Government, 2014–2019

Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, 2010–2014

Virtual Classroom Instructor: Chemistry. Earth Science. Physics

Member: PA Cyber STEM Committee

University of Pittsburgh, 2005–2010, 2011, 2013

Graduate student, graduate student assistant, and instructor

Ambridge Area School District, 2002–2005

Teacher: Mathematics. Computer Applications. Criminal and Civil Law



Avonworth School District, 2001–2002

Long-term substitute teacher: Accounting. College in High School Statistics. Mathematics

Community College of Beaver County, 2001–2002

Instructor: Calculus. College Algebra. Probability and Statistics

Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, 1996–2001

CAD Designer. Assistant Engineer I