

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Todd A. Curry**

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Western Michigan University, expected 2011  
Field Exams: American (High Pass), Comparative (Pass)

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), 2008  
University of Michigan  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models  
Intro. to Applied Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences  
Advanced Topics in Maximum Likelihood Estimation

M.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2006  
Thesis Entitled, "The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court: A Predictive Model for Individual Justice Voting."  
Nominated for Best M.A. Thesis in the College of Sciences, University of Central Florida

B.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2003

**PUBLICATIONS**

"A Quantitative Analysis of Public Law Programs Revisited." *Law & Courts Newsletter* (2009, 19:2), see also "Author's Response: Ranking the Journals." *Law & Courts Newsletter* (2009, 19:3)

"Judicial Legitimacy Overcomes the First Amendment: *Kraham v. Lippman*" *Justice Systems Journal* (2008, 29:2)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Does Accountability Vary? Examining Tenure of State Supreme Court Justices." (with Mark Hurwitz) American Political Science Association, *Washington, D.C.*, Sept. 2 – 5, 2010, scheduled.

"A Bureaucratic Model of Judicial Success in the Office of the Solicitor General." Western Political Science Association, *San Francisco, California*, Apr. 1 – 3, 2010,

"Unit Homogeneity, Aggregation Bias, and the Office of the Solicitor General." Southern Political Science Association, *Atlanta, Georgia*, Jan. 6 – 9, 2010.

"Galanter Revisited: Institutional Differences Internal to the Office of the Solicitor General." American Political Science Association, *Boston, Massachusetts*, Aug. 28 – 31, 2008.

"Supreme Court, the Solicitor General, and the Advocacy Coalition Framework." Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago, Illinois*, April 3 – 6, 2008.

“Judicial Independence, Institutional Design, and the Prospects for Democratic Consolidation.” Southern Political Science Association, *New Orleans, Louisiana*, Jan. 10 - 12, 2008.

“The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Midwest Political Science Association, *Chicago, Illinois*, April 12 – 15, 2007.

“The Adjudication of Presidential Power in the U.S. Supreme Court: A Predictive Model for Individual Justice Voting.” Southern Political Science Association, *New Orleans, Louisiana*, Jan. 3 – 7, 2007.

“The Gender Gap and the South, 1980 – 2004.” 2006 Graduate Research Forum at the University of Central Florida, *Orlando, Florida*, March 29, 2006.

“The Supreme Court and the President: A Study of Power, 1953 – 2003” (with Melissa Gifford). 2005 Graduate Research Forum at the University of Central Florida, *Orlando, Florida*, March 23, 2005.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“The Supreme Court and the Constitution: Change and Continuity with the Appointment of Justice Sotomayor” Constitution & Citizenship Day Roundtable. Western Michigan University, Fall 2009.

“Presidential Power before the Supreme Court: What We Thought We Knew” The Institute of Government and Politics. Western Michigan University, Spring 2007.

“Judicial Independence, Institutional Design, and the Prospects for Democratic Consolidation” The Institute of Government and Politics. Western Michigan University, Fall 2007.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & HONORS**

Dept. of Political Science Research Award, Western Michigan University (2010)

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship Award, Inter-University Consortium for Political Science and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan (2008)

Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award (2008)

Western Michigan University Graduate Fellowship (2006 – present)

John R. Borsos Endowed Scholarship., Western Michigan University (2007, 2010)

Western Michigan University Graduate Student Travel Grant (2006)

University of Central Florida Graduate Fellowship (2003 – 2006)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

REVIEWER: *Law & Society Review*, *Review of Policy Research*

CONFERENCE STAFF: Southwest Social Science Assoc. annual meeting 2008.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: Incorporation of Program for International Student Assessment data with the Comparative Politics Data Set and Comparative Welfare States Data Set. Summer 2007. Under the direction of Gunther M. Hege.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT: Data collection for diversity in the U.S. judiciary. 2005 - 2006. Under the direction of Drew Noble Lanier.

ASSISTANT: Personal Aid to the Director of the Lou Frey Institution of Politics and Government. 2005 – 2006. Under the direction of Drew Noble Lanier.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

INSTRUCTOR: Western Michigan University  
“National Government – Online” – Summer 2010  
“Quantitative Methods” – Spring 2010  
“National Government” – Fall 2009  
“Critical Thinking in Politics – Online” – Summer 2009  
“National Government” – Spring 2009  
“National Government” – Fall 2008

TEACHING ASSISTANT: Western Michigan University  
“Constitutional Law” – Spring 2008, under Mark S. Hurwitz  
“Civil Rights & Liberties” – Spring 2008, under Mark S. Hurwitz  
“Judicial Process” – Fall 2007, under Frederick Wood  
“Intro to Political Science” – Spring 2007, under John A. Clark  
“Intro to Political Science” – Fall 2006, under John A. Clark

TEACHING ASSISTANT: University of Central Florida  
“Constitutional Law II” – Spring 2006, under Drew Noble Lanier

INVITED LECTURER: Western Michigan University  
“Separation of Powers Models – External Constraints on Supreme Court Decision Making” – Fall 2007  
- For “Judicial Politics”  
“Courts of Last Resort from a Comparative Prospective” – Summer 2007  
- For “Intro to Comparative Politics”  
“European Courts – The Cases of Germany, Hungary, and Russia” – Summer 2007  
- For “European Politics”

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
Law and Courts  
Society for Political Methodology  
Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

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